



Riva Ganguly Das tipped to be next Indian envoy

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Senior Indian diplomat Riva Ganguly Das, currently serving as Director General of Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), is expected to be the next High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh, diplomatic sources in Dhaka and New Delhi said.

She will replace incumbent Indian High Commissioner in Dhaka Harsh Vardhan Shringla, who is going to be the next Indian Ambassador to the United States.

However, the changes will take place after four to five months time.

Diplomatic sources said the government of India has almost finalised the decision to bring the changes, but official announcements are yet to be issued, as the change in Dhaka will take place early next year.

Shringla, who joined as the High Commissioner of India (HCI) to Bangladesh in November 2015, is expected to leave Dhaka after the upcoming general election slated for the end of December.

Though tenures of some other key Indian High Commission officials in Bangladesh have almost been completed and their new postings have already been announced, but important officials will leave Dhaka early next year, sources said.



On Dhaka-Sylhet highway, slow-moving Tomtoms -- locally made three-wheelers powered by batteries -- roam free. At the same place, a motorcyclist talks over the phone, driving one-handed. The photo was taken from Humayun Rashid Square area, just outside Sylhet city, recently.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

DEATH PENALTY FOR WAR CRIMES

3 Patuakhali men challenge sentence

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three war criminals from Patuakhali yesterday filed an appeal with the Supreme Court challenging the death sentence they were given for committing crimes against humanity and war crimes during the Liberation War in 1971.

Convicts Abdul Goni Hawlader, 72, Md Awal alias Awal Moulavi, 69, and Solaiman Mridha, 86, collectively filed the appeal through their lawyer seeking acquittal of charges.

Citing from the petition, their lawyer Advocate Abdus Sattar Palowan told The Daily Star the convicted men are innocent, and the prosecution has failed to prove the charges before the tribunal beyond reasonable doubt.

The Sector Commanders' Forum had conducted an inquiry against them, but the forum did not place any investigation report to the tribunal, he said, adding the prosecution had brought the charges against them to have them punished.

The apex court will decide whether to hear the appeal, said the lawyer. The International Crimes Tribunal-1 on August 13 found five Patuakhali men guilty of crimes against humanity in 1971 and sentenced them to death.

The five Razakar men were found guilty of participating and assisting Pakistan army in the killing of 17 people, rape of 15 women and torture of several others in Itbaria village of Patuakhali Sadar upazila in May 1971.

All five convicts including the aforementioned three hail from Patuakhali Sadar and are behind bars. Two of them Esahq Shikder, 83, and Abdus Sattar Pyada, 65, are yet to submit any appeal, said their lawyer.

Land grabbing: Ragib Ali and son back in jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A Sylhet court yesterday rejected the bail petition of industrialist Ragib Ali and his son Abdul Hye and sent them to jail for a second time in a case filed for grabbing the endowment property of Tarapur Tea Estate by forging land documents.

Mohammad Mostain Billal, additional chief metropolitan magistrate in Sylhet, sent them to jail after they appeared following the order of a special Sylhet court, said advocate Shamim Ahmed, additional public prosecutor of the former court.

Earlier on August 9, Special District and Sessions Judge Dilip Kumar Bhoomik upheld the verdict of Sylhet's Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (CMM)

after hearing the appeal of Ragib and his son. The special court also ordered the duo to surrender before the lower court concerned before September 17.

On February 2 last year, they were sentenced to 14 years' rigorous imprisonment each by the CMM court and fined Tk 10,000 each, in default of which they will have to serve another three months in jail.

In 1990s, Ragib started grabbing the land of the estate after forcing its legal Shebayet (caretaker) Pankaj Kumar Gupta to leave the country.

After grabbing 422.96 acres of the estate, Ragib built a medical college hospital, sold 337 plots, and established some other structures on the land. In 1999, a parliamentary watch-

dog on land affairs found the allegations against Ragib true and recommended legal action.

Six years later, in 2005, then land commissioner of Sylhet Sadar SM Abdul Kadir filed two cases against six people, including Ragib, with Sylhet Kotwali Police Station – one for grabbing the endowment property after forging documents of the land ministry and the other for misappropriating Tk 1,000 crore, the aggregate value of the property and the cash deposited in the bank accounts of the tea estate.

After a long legal procedure, the then Chief Justice SK Sinha ordered resumption of the case proceedings on January 19, 2016, and on May 15 that

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BGB man held with 3,000 yaba pills

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Police arrested a Border Guard Bangladesh member in Chittagong's Bakalia area early yesterday, with 3,000 yaba pills in his possession.

The arrestee, Nazrul Islam, was posted at Teknaf's BGB Battalion-2.

However, Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) police officials did not want to talk about it on record.

A police official, seeking anonymity, said Nazrul was arrested from Shah Amanat Bridge area of Bakalia while he was coming from Cox's Bazar. He was in plainclothes at the time.

Contacted, Deputy Commissioner (South) of CMP SM Mostain Hossain said, "Police arrested a BGB member and seized the yaba pills. BGB authorities were informed about the incident and he was later handed over to them."

Talking to The Daily Star, Colonel Gazi Mohammed Ahsan, acting commander of BGB in Chittagong Region, said, "The detainee is posted at the Cox's Bazar region, so police have handed him over to Cox's Bazar BGB."

He added that Cox's Bazar BGB would investigate and take action accordingly.

Countrywide cleanup campaign on Saturday

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Poriborton Chai, a social organisation, will observe the fourth edition of "Lets Cleanup the Country Day" on Saturday, says a press release.

Over 1.5 lakh participants will cleanup and create awareness in 164 locations across the country on the occasion, Fida Haq, chairman of the organisation, said at a press conference held at Jatiya Press Club on Tuesday.

He requested people from all walks of life to join the movement on Saturday by cleaning the surroundings of their homes or workplaces between 11:00am to 1:00pm.

Former Jamaat MP Shahjahan denied bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chittagong court yesterday turned down the bail petition of eight leaders and activists of Jamaat-e-Islami including its former lawmaker Shahjahan Chowdhury and sent them back to jail in a case filed early last month under the special powers act.

Metropolitan Session Judge Akbar Hossen Mridha gave the order, said Public Prosecutor Fakhruddin Chowdhury.

Earlier, a court placed the eight on a two-day remand in the case on August 6, three days their arrest. Detectives of Chittagong Metropolitan Police detained them from a house in the city's Khulshi area.

After the arrest, detectives said Shahjahan and his seven associates gathered at the place to plot a sabotage plan taking advantage of the then ongoing road safety protests. Police later filed a case against them with Khulshi Police Station.

According to police, Shahjahan stands accused in 20 cases filed with different police stations in the district and city. He was elected MP from Lohagara constituency twice, and is the former nayeb-e-ameer of Jamaat's Chittagong unit.



From left, Rifayat Zafeer Wafee, Al Wasee M Fahmiddaula, Debojyoti Biswas and Bishal Podder of Sunnydale with their trophies.

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Sunnydale sweeps Asian debate competition

CITY DESK

Debaters of reputed Dhaka-based English medium school Sunnydale have taken the top two positions in the "high school" section of the Asian British Parliamentary (ABP) Debate Championships in Hanoi, Vietnam. "Sunnydale 2" team won the tournament, while "Sunnydale 1" became runners-up. Debojyoti Biswas of "Sunnydale 1" was named the best speaker (school) of the tournament, while his teammate Al Wasee M Fahmiddaula was named best speaker of the final, informed Salma Parvin, moderator of Sunnydale Debate Club. Jumanah Ahmed from

Viqarunnisa Noon School (VNS) was ranked second in the best speaker category of the tournament.

Eight school teams from Bangladesh took part in the event, among 30 teams from a number of Asian nations. Of them, two teams from VNS also made it to the semifinal.

The university-level segment of the competition saw nine Bangladeshi teams take part among 90 teams. Among them, two teams from Institute of Business Administration (IBA), Dhaka University, reached the open quarterfinals, among which Sajid Khandaker and Souradip Paul from "IBA 1" reached the open finals.

Road digging for BRT

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The minister said there is a good sign that most motorcyclists and pillions are using helmet now. But those who defy laws in this regard are young political activists. He directed police to take action irrespective of their political identities so that all, including children, use helmets.

Talking about poor condition of public buses in the city, he said, "In last seven years, I have talked about poor condition of buses 700 times but nothing happened."

He requested bus owners to at least paint the buses, "to save our faces to the foreigners."

Lawmakers and local representatives from Dhaka, Munshiganj, Savar, Manikganj, Narsingdi, several secretaries, top officials from BRTA, BRTC, Rajuk, DNCC and DSCC took part in the meeting held at DTCA's office.

The DTCA was established on September 2, 2012, to prepare strategic transport plan, provide regular supervision, and coordinate planning for transportation infrastructure development within Dhaka and nearby districts.

'Movement will continue'

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and it was asked to submit a report within 15 working days. On July 19, the committee was given 90 working days as it could not finish collecting information about the system.

However, the premier on July 12 citing a High Court order said it was not possible to reform freedom fighters' quota.

Cabinet Secretary M Shafiu Alam, who leads the seven-member committee, on August 13 told journalists that they had suggested abolishment of almost all quotas in civil service and to prioritise merit-based recruitment.

At present, about 56 percent of government jobs are reserved for candidates from various quotas.

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1.	P N 01	22137 0 & IRN:1 42	05 (Five) Items of Labor atory Equip- ment	24.09.20 18 17:00	25.09. 2018 11:55	25.09.2 018 11:55

The interested persons/firm may visit the website www.eprocure.gov.bd to get the details of the tender. This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copy will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal is required. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd). Project Name: "Strengthening of Spices Crop Research in Bangladesh".

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Package No.	Description of works	Tender ID No.	Tender last selling (date & time)	Tender closing & opening (date & time)
PWD/Syl/2018-19/eGP-20	Construction of Sylhet Metropolitan Police SMP Line (Sub-head: Site Development works of South portion).	222071	01/10/2018 17:00	02/10/2018 12:00
PWD/Syl/2018-19/eGP-21	Construction of Sylhet Metropolitan Police SMP Line (Sub-head: Site Development works of North portion).	222494	01/10/2018 17:00	02/10/2018 12:30

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e-Tender Notice (OTM)

Date: 05/09/2018

e-Tender Notice No-43/2018

Sl No.	Tender ID No.	Tender Ref. No.	Name of works	Tender closing date & time	Tender opening date & time
1.	210704	18.04.0000.424.07.170.18	Procurement of 04 (four) items of spare parts for 05 Ton capacity VMAX brand forklift (Model- CPCD50)	27-Sep-2018 12:30pm	27-Sep-2018 12:30pm
2.	218968	18.04.0000.424.07.046.17 (Re-Tendered)	Procurement of 100 Ton capacity shackle type, wireless digital Truction DYNAMOMETER with a hand held display for Chain/derigh Load testing.	27-Sep-2018 12:30pm	27-Sep-2018 12:30pm
3.	219512	18.04.0000.424.07.070.17 (Re-Tendered)	Procurement of 16 (sixteen) items of spare parts for 10 Ton capacity Sennebogen brand mobile crane (Model-613M).	03-Oct-2018 12:30pm	03-Oct-2018 12:30pm
4.	218445	18.04.0000.424.07.104.17 (Re-Tendered)	Procurement of 14 (fourteen) items of spare parts for 20 Ton capacity Manotti brand crane (Model: ARM350Z).	26-Sep-2018 12:30pm	26-Sep-2018 12:30pm

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