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Errant DMP cops to face the music

700 transferred; they may face disciplinary actions if specific allegations found true

SHARIFUL ISLAM

About 700 lower-tier DMP officials, including 16 officers-in-charge of Dhaka metropolitan police stations, were transferred over the last two and a half months following information that they were involved in corruption and other criminal activities.

The Dhaka Metropolitan Police counter-intelligence unit received information that 200 of them were involved in corruption, said a top DMP official, preferring anonymity.

Most of these errant officers were sent out of the DMP through the Police Headquarters as punishment, the official said.

He said the officials have been transferred outside Dhaka and given less important positions as intelligence report primarily found their involvement in corruption and other crimes.

"If we receive any specific complaint against anyone, we will investigate. If the officials transferred are found guilty, they will face punitive action," the official told The Daily Star yesterday wishing anonymity.

Another official said, "We have taken the initiative to remove corrupt and inefficient officers in an attempt to

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Excavators knock down illegal structures built on grabbed part of the Turag river near Kamarpara Bridge in Gazipur's Tongi. During a daylong drive, the Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) demolished over 100 such structures in the area yesterday. More on page 13.

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Wins for Dhaka and Rajshahi

SPORTS REPORTER

While an all-round performance from Mahedi Hasan ensured a five-wicket win for Dhaka Platoon during their Bangabandhu Bangladesh Premier League (BBPL) encounter against Cumilla Warriors, it was an all-round team effort from Rajshahi Royals that helped them register a seven-wicket victory over Khulna Tigers under lights at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium in Chattogram yesterday.

Khulna were restricted to a modest 145 for nine thanks to brilliant bowling displays by the likes of Andre Russell, Kamrul Islam and Mohammad Irfan.

Rajshahi skipper Russell led the charge with the ball, SEE PAGE 2 COL 5

ATTACK ON DUCSU VP NUR, HIS SUPPORTERS

Two Moncho leaders detained by police

PM for action against attackers; no case yet; CCTV footage missing; DU forms probe body; protests on

DU CORRESPONDENT

Detectives yesterday detained two leaders of Muktiyuddho Moncho over the attack on Ducusu VP Nurul Haque Nur and his supporters on Sunday.

The detainees are Al Mamun, general secretary of the platform's central unit, and Yeasir Arafat Turjo, general secretary of its Dhaka University unit, Abdul Baten, additional commissioner of Detective Branch of the Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP), told The Daily Star yesterday noon.



Injured Tuhin Farabi

He said they detained the two in the capital's Shahbagh area.

Earlier in the day, Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina gave a "clear instruction" to take administrative and organisational action against the attackers.

Mamun is a former deputy liberation affairs secretary of the central unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League, the pro-AL student body. Turjo is the organising

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JHARKHAND ASSEMBLY POLLS

BJP concedes defeat amid citizenship row

AGENCIES

India's main opposition Congress party and its allies yesterday won Jharkhand state elections amid nationwide protests against the government's new citizenship law.

As the ruling BJP appeared for second place in the election, Chief Minister Raghubar Das conceded defeat.

"The BJP will accept the people's mandate, whatever it is," he said, as it became clear that the rival Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM)-Congress alliance was comfortably past the majority mark of 41. The Congress and JMM were leading in 44 of the 81 seats.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has congratulated JMM leader Hemant Soren

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PRIMARY EDUCATION QUALITY

Long way to go

Half of schoolkids lack expected level of competence in math, Bangla, finds National Student Assessment

MOHIUDDIN ALAMGIR

More than half of primary schoolkids do not have the expected level of competence in mathematics and Bangla, reveals a new government assessment, raising questions about the quality of the country's primary education.

The National Student Assessment (NSA) found that 66 percent of class-III students and 67 percent of class-V students did not achieve the desirable level of competence in mathematics in their respective grades.

In Bangla, 53 percent of third graders and 56 percent of fifth graders could not gain adequate competence, shows the NSA 2017, published by the Directorate of Primary Education (DPE) in October this year.

There has been a debate over the quality of education over the last several years though pass rates in public examinations are going up every year.

Experts blame lack of proper classroom teaching, high student-teacher ratio, shortage of teachers, lack of infrastructure, and insufficient budget, for such a gloomy picture of primary education.

Students mostly rely on private tuition and coaching classes as concerns remain over the quality of classroom teaching-learning, experts said.

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KEY FACTORS

- No proper classroom teaching
- High student-teacher ratio
- Shortage of teachers
- Lack of infrastructure
- Insufficient budget

LACK OF COMPETENCE

IN MATH

- Class III - 66%
- Class V - 67%

IN BANGLA

- Class III - 53%
- Class V - 56%



Some slum dwellers try to keep warm by lighting a fire near a pavement in the capital's Malibagh on Sunday night.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

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