

Indian air chief in city

UNB, Dhaka

Indian Air Chief Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria arrived in Dhaka yesterday on a three-day visit.

The visit will further "strengthen the close and fraternal ties" between the armed forces of the two countries, officials said.

He is visiting Bangladesh at the invitation from the Chief of Air Staff, Bangladesh Air Force.

The Indian air chief is scheduled to pay courtesy calls to all senior officers of the Bangladesh Armed Forces and will meet other senior officers from the Bangladesh Air Force, said the Indian High Commission in Dhaka.

He will also be visiting major BAF air bases across Bangladesh during the course of his visit.

The air chief would also be paying tribute to the members of the Bangladesh Armed Forces, who made the supreme sacrifices during the 1971 Liberation War, by laying wreath at the altar of Shikha Anirban.



Newly-appointed army chief SM Shafiuddin Ahmed visited Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's mausoleum at Gopalganj's Tungipara yesterday, and placed floral tributes at the grave.

PHOTO: ISPR

Two teens die as bus hits bike in Jamalpur

Three others killed in M'singh

OUR CORRESPONDENT, MYMENSINGH

Five were killed and another was injured in three separate road crashes in Mymensingh and Jamalpur during the last two days.

In Jamalpur, two teenagers were killed as a bus hit a motorbike they were riding on Sarishabari-Dighpait road in Bausi Bazar area under Sarishabari upazila on Friday.

Selim Mia (18) and Kabir Hossain (17) died on the spot following the accident around 7pm, said Sarishabari Police Station Officer-in-Charge Mir Rakibul Haque.

Police recovered the bodies and handed those to the families. Separate cases were lodged.

In Mymensingh, a vegetable vendor and a passenger of a pickup van were killed and its driver was injured as the vehicle hit a truck parked beside Dhaka-Mymensingh highway in Bhoraduba Nishida area of Bhaluka upazila early yesterday.

The deceased -- identified as Azizur Rahman (50), the vegetable vendor; and Shafiqul Islam (40), the passenger -- hailed from Jungledia area in Sherpur, said police.

Quoting locals, Bhoraduba Highway Police Station OC Md Mashiur Rahman said the Gazipur-bound pickup hit the truck from behind around 1am, killing the two on the spot.

The injured -- Romzan Ali (26) -- was taken to Bhaluka Upazila Health Complex from where he was referred to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital, said the OC.

Police seized both the vehicles.

In another accident, a representative of a pharmaceuticals company, was killed after his motorbike collided head-on with another vehicle at Uttar Khoyrakuri in Haluaghat upazila of Mymensingh on Friday.

The victim -- Enamul Hasan Shakil (28) -- hailed from Joypurhat, police said.

Shakil succumbed to his injuries at MMCH around 6:30pm hours after he was admitted there, said Mahmudul Hasan, OC of Haluaghat Police Station.

Will come

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vaccine will arrive Bangladesh soon.

"We cannot say exactly when it will come. But the amount of vaccine will be good. We have to keep secrecy. When the vaccine arrives you all will know."

The minister said talks with Russia over Sputnik-V vaccine is going on and it is in the final stages. "We will get vaccine but couldn't say exactly how many vaccines we will get."

The minister said the government in talks with China and Russia over joint production of vaccine in the country.

"We have told them that they can go for co-production with government or with private organisations."

Zahid said Moderna's vaccine will also arrive in the country soon, adding the government wants to rely on vaccine instead of lockdown. "If the lockdown is enforced and the general people adhere to the hygiene rules, it will be possible to prevent the infections very quickly," he added.

Indian

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Nine more Indian citizens were arrested for the same allegations, said the district police officials.

Contacted, SM Mizanur Rahman, additional superintendent of police (Naria circle) told The Daily Star, "We are looking into the matter with utmost importance. It's mysterious that all of them were arrested under similar circumstances."

"When we detained them, all of them were behaving abnormally," he said, adding that if new information came out during investigation, a fresh case will be filed against them.

BPSA elects new leaders

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief of Special Branch and additional inspector general of police Md Monirul Islam has been elected president and deputy commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police Md Asaduzzaman secretary of Bangladesh Police Service Association (BPSA).

Both of them were elected unopposed yesterday at the 41st annual general meeting of the association at Rajarbagh Police Lines Auditorium.

The 121-member committee of the BPSA was also formed in the AGM, according to a statement of police headquarters.

Inspector General of Police Benazir Ahmed was present there as chief guest with DMP commissioner and BPSA president Shafiqul Islam in the chair.

IGP Benazir said BPSA is playing a significant role in solving professional problems as an important organization for the members of the Police Cadre Service.



Monirul Islam Asaduzzaman

10th death anniv of Shafur Rahman today

CITY DESK

Today is the 10th death anniversary of Shafur Rahman,

a pioneer of the movement for promotion of classical music in the country, according to a press release.

He was the founding general secretary of "Shuddha Sangeet Proshar Goshthi". Shafur Rahman dedicated his life to the cause of classical music.



I have nothing

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And whatever I've earned has no value; I'm departing with empty hands. I'm going back from where I came. This gesture will remind everyone that they, too, will have to depart empty handed.

DS: But you have children...

Tofail: I have a daughter, she and her husband are established doctors. After my elder brother passed away, a son was born. I raised him as my own. None of them are my dependents. That leaves my wife and I. If I talk about my property, I really don't have that much. I own a house in Banani, and another in Bhola. The Banani house was built upon a piece of land granted to me by Bangabandhu, on my wife's name. She donated it to our daughter. Now my daughter is building a big hospital in Bhola. I'm not sure from where she'll manage so much money. If needed, she'll sell the Banani house.

I have another property in Bhola. Maybe I will get Tk 20 crore from selling it. I've donated it to Tofail Ahmed Foundation. I have some tax-paid cash in bank. The poor and needy will receive help from that fund.

DS: Even now, you help many. Sometimes we get wind of such news.

Tofail: I do it because I feel good about it. I don't do it to let people know.

DS: How do you help them?

Tofail: A disabled person's car got stolen while he was praying. He was crying inconsolably. I bought him a car with Tk 1.73 lakh. Channel I had reported about a tenth grader who got burnt in an accident. I decided to give her Tk 1 lakh. Similarly, I have listed many children's names and contacts. Every month some money gets transferred to their accounts from my bank account. Many of my friends and well-wishers help me with the foundation. I have built "Fatema Khanam Complex" in my mother's name, which has establishments like a high school, degree college, mother and child development centre, Liberation War museum, etc. I have built a beautiful old home with all modern facilities. It has ten rooms; each can house eight persons. Whenever I visit, I share a meal with them, and my son takes care of the arrangements.

DS: Are you disappointed with anything, or is there any feeling of disappointment acting within you?

Tofail: I'm a very satisfied human being. This is because I was with Bangabandhu.

DS: Can you give us an idea of the total amount of wealth or money that you intend to donate?

Tofail: I have some land that I have procured during different times. In 1988, I bought a piece of land in Adabar with my brother-in-law for Tk 4 lakh. After giving it to a developer, we got 18 apartments, of which nine came into my possession. I sold five of those for Tk 2.5 crore. This amount will go to the foundation. I gave the remaining four to my impoverished family members. There is a nine-bigha land in Kaliakair. I will sell it and donate the money to the foundation, too. There is a 1.5-bigha land at the side of Rampura. One person owed me Tk 13 lakh. He gave me the land instead of money. I'll sell it and donate the money to the foundation.

I'm a common man from Bhola. Bangabandhu should get all the credit for the Tofail Ahmed I have become. He dedicated his life for the wellbeing of others. I have also tried to adapt that same motto. Whatever I have now, I have decided to give it away for the benefit of mankind. I've received everything in life and I've nothing more to ask.

(Translated from Bangla by Mohammed Ishtiaque Khan)

No one can

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The event was held at Chattogram Circuit House.

The minister said if the mills and industries are allowed to be set up on the river banks; it would pose a risk of polluting the river and illegal occupation.

Chattogram port and the country's economy are tied together and both are connected through the Karnaphuli. So the uniqueness of the river should be protected for the sake of the country.

The minister instructed the officials concerned to take tough actions against those responsible for polluting and occupying the river.

He said port city residents would be benefitted once the project to address waterlogging crisis in the city is completed. He also urged city dwellers to keep the canals and drains clean.

Chattogram city mayor Rezaul Karim Chowdhury, Zila Parishad chairman MA Salam, Chattogram Wasa managing director AKM Fazlullah and Chattogram Development Authority chairman Jahirul Alam Dohdash were present at the meeting.

DU readies

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However, within this time, the Persian Language and Literature department already took their 7th semester final exam in-person.

They were now supposed to hold the 8th semester's exams, but following the lockdown announcement, they had to postpone it again.

Prof Saiful Islam, a teacher of this department, told the Daily Star that he got the authorities' direction and postponed the 8th semester exam.

HOW THE EXAMS WILL TAKE PLACE:

The directive, which was sent to the departments, said the exam committee members of respective departments have to use Google Classroom to hold the exams, using institutional E-mail IDs.

Visually challenged students will get ten extra minutes for the exams. They have to select their audiographer and send their attested biodata to the department chairs at least seven days before the exams.

Examinees should use their roll

numbers instead of their names in Zoom platform, and have to join at least 15 minutes before the test.

They must participate in the test by keeping their device's video switched on. Students should write in A4 size papers and mention their role and page number in every page.

At the end of the exam, the candidates need to scan or take photos of their answer sheets and upload it to the same "Assignment" section of Google Classroom as a single pdf file along with the cover page.

An examinee will not be allowed to upload more than one file. Everyone should use a common format for naming the uploaded files as "course code_exam roll number".

The director also wrote that the Zoom platform could be used for taking vivas.

If anyone faces obstacles related to electricity or internet outage, examinees should inform the invigilators immediately, the directive said.

Keep labour

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Besides, it is necessary to keep the sector out of the purview of lockdown so that it can be ensured migrant workers are going to airport and other relevant places maintaining health guidelines, it said.

The platform urged the government to keep BMET and recruiting agencies out of the purview of lockdown at least on a limited scale.

The country will be put under a complete lockdown for seven days from Monday to stem the surge in Covid-19 cases. This time, nobody will be allowed to step out of home except for emergencies, said a statement from the Press Information Department (PID) issued on Friday.

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Right down the middle of Purana Paltan and Zero Point in the capital, Dhaka South City Corporation had constructed an environmentally passenger-shed for the people's convenience. However, it has now become a dumping ground for the area's waste, rendering it completely unusable. This photo was taken yesterday.

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