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Biggest reshuffle of SPs in decade

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In a major reshuffle, 50 superintendents of police have been transferred and given new posts yesterday.

Forty of them were transferred to as many districts in what officials said was the largest shake-up of SPs in a decade.

Since it is customary for SPs to work at a district for around three years, officials said it is understood that the newly posted SPs will be in the districts during the national election which is likely to be held in late December 2023 or early January 2024.

The home ministry yesterday issued a circular signed by Deputy Secretary Dhananjay Kumar Das ordering immediate implementation of the decision.

On July 13, the home ministry transferred 139 additional DIGs to different units and districts.

In 2008, a caretaker government transferred 18 SPs in a day.

According to yesterday's circular, the SPs who have been transferred from one district to another are Akbar Ali Munshi from Netrokona to Pabna, SM Shafiullah from Gazipur to Chattogram, Golam Mostofa Rashed from Madaripur to Narayanganj, Mohammad Abdullah Al Mamun from Feni to Sylhet, and Masum Ahmed Bhuyan from Joypurhat to Mymensingh.

It added that Saiful Hoque, a deputy commissioner (DC) of DMP has been made the SP of Shariatpur; Mohammad Ehsan Shah, DC of Khulna Metropolitan Police the SP of Sunamganj; Mahfuzzaman Ashraf, commandant of In-service Training Centre the SP of Lakshmipur; Mohammad Ashiqur Rahman, DC

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The rail tracks at Haiderabad of East Tongi have become somewhat of a "hangout spot", as at least 200 fast-food shops have sprouted up along the tracks over the past year or two. The visitors seem to be completely oblivious of the dangers even though multiple rail-crossing deaths have occurred just recently. Meanwhile, the Bangladesh Railway authorities are not doing anything either to evict these illegal shops.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Conspirators out again to oust AL govt Says PM



UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said the yet-to-be-executed killers and conspirators of the August 15 massacre are still working to oust her government as the country is heading towards another national election.

"They are still hatching their conspiracies. I know all of them [conspirators]," she said, adding she has all information about who is doing what.

Hasina said this while the newly elected board members of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society

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Should Bangladesh go for alternative currencies?

As the volatility in the forex market persists, leading chambers have urged the central bank to allow multiple currencies, including the Chinese renminbi, for international trade settlement to cut Bangladesh's over-reliance on the US dollar.

The suggestion has triggered debates among bankers and economists. They have described the idea as good in principle, saying that the use of other currencies for international trade can only be on a limited scale, but not at this difficult time when the global currency market is volatile.

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IMF stands ready to help Bangladesh

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

The International Monetary Fund yesterday conveyed its interest to support Bangladesh with its request for loan to prop up its strained foreign currency reserves.

Last month, Finance Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal wrote to the Washington-based multilateral lender's Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva seeking financial assistance as balance of payment and budget support as well as to mitigate the effects of climate change on Bangladesh.

"The IMF stands ready to support Bangladesh with this request," said its spokeswoman Huong Lan Vu.

Bangladesh has sought loan from the IMF's new Resilience and Sustainability Trust.

About three-quarters of the IMF's membership – including Bangladesh – are eligible for RST financing.

To qualify for the RST, all countries would need a concurrent financing or non-financing IMF-supported program.

"The RST is expected to be operationalised in the coming months and IMF staff will work with the Bangladesh authorities during this period to design a program most relevant to its economic and social dynamics."

The amount of support has not yet been discussed; it will be part of the programme design discussions, Lu said.

But there are immediate challenges

LOAN REQUEST

that need to be dealt with.

Just like many countries across the globe, Bangladesh is also facing macroeconomic challenges from recent global developments, the IMF said.

"External conditions have deteriorated sharply, and the unprecedented global shocks present countries like Bangladesh with significant uncertainties."

Bangladesh is taking measures to deal with the economic disruptions caused by the ongoing war in Ukraine

such as tightening of the monetary stance, allowing for a more flexibility in the exchange rate regime, temporary restrictions on non-essential and energy-related imports and rationing of electricity supply.

Steps are also being taken to reprimarise spending to protect the vulnerable.

"Even as Bangladesh tackles these immediate challenges, it recognises the need to respond to the long-term challenge posed by climate change, which could threaten its macroeconomic stability."

In recognition of its climate-financing needs – and given the need to take precautionary steps to further cushion its economy from ongoing challenges – Bangladesh proactively expressed interest in the RST and an accompanying IMF-supported programme to advance its efforts to manage fiscal, monetary and financial stability risks posed by climate change and recent global developments.

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Webb telescope captures colourful Cartwheel Galaxy

AFP, Paris



The James Webb Space Telescope has peered through time and huge amounts of dust to capture a new image of the Cartwheel Galaxy, revealing the spinning ring of colour in unprecedented clarity, Nasa and the European Space Agency said Tuesday.

Located around 500 million light-years from Earth in the constellation Sculptor, the Cartwheel gained its shape during a spectacular head-on collision between two galaxies.

The impact sent two rings expanding from the galaxy's centre, "like ripples in a pond after a stone is tossed into it", Nasa and the ESA said in a joint statement.

A smaller white ring remains closer to the galaxy's centre, while the outer ring, with its spokes of colour, has been expanding into the universe for around 440 million years, the statement added.

As the outer ring expands it runs into gas,

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A woman carries bags of essentials out of a TCB food centre in the capital's Motijheel. The area was crowded with hundreds of people as the TCB programme to provide essentials to one crore poor families began yesterday.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

Bilawal stops over in Ctg

Exchanges gifts with Bangladesh info minister

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Pakistan Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari made a stopover of about 40 minutes in Chattogram yesterday on his way to Cambodia. He exchanged gifts of books with Information and Broadcasting Minister Hasan Mahmud.

Bilawal was travelling to Cambodia to attend the 29th Ministerial Meeting of Asean Regional Forum (ARF), scheduled for August 4-6, according to a statement posted on the Facebook page of the Pakistan



High Commission in Dhaka.

The information minister received Bilawal at the Chattogram airport. The two ministers held a

meeting and exchanged gifts.

Bilawal conveyed his compliments and message of goodwill for his Bangladeshi counterpart AK Abdul Momen and the people of Bangladesh. Momen is also attending the ARF in Cambodia.

Visits to Bangladesh by Pakistani foreign ministers are not very common occurrences. The last Pakistani foreign minister to visit Bangladesh was Hina Rabbani Khar in 2012.

As the Pakistan state minister

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