

Nurul Islam appointed new CAG

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has appointed Md Nurul Islam as the new Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of Bangladesh.

Islam, who is currently serving as the Controller General of Accounts (CGA), will serve as the CAG for the next five years, according to a circular of the government issued on July 13.

He will replace Mohammad Muslim Chowdhury, whose tenure ended yesterday.

Islam, who worked in various capacities at the Audit and Accounts Department, joined as the CGA on January 31, 2021.

Islam joined the Bangladesh Civil Service in December 1989 as an audit and accounts cadre of the 8th batch.



Court order to sue

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They in statements given to the Senior Judicial Magistrate of Lalpur Cognisance Court complained that they were tortured at Lalpur Police Station to make them falsely confess to the carjacking incident.

The five cops are Additional Superintendent of Police of Baraigram Sharif Al Rajib, OC Md Ujjal Hossain of Lalpur Police Station, SI Md Zahid Hasan and SI Omar Farooq Shimul, and a constable.

The magistrate saw the injuries on their bodies and directed the Natore jail superintendent and Natore

Modern Sadar Hospital's superintendent to examine the accused and submit a medical report on July 13. The reports on Shamim and Salam mentioned evidence of torture.

The judge also ordered the SP to report to the court on July 15. However, following a petition, the court granted three working days to file the case as the SP was on leave.

Contacted, criminal law expert and senior Supreme Court lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan said the Natore PP's action was "illegal and highly unusual" as he favoured the accused of this case.

Eriko gets custody

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last year, seeking custody of his children, said advocate Mohammad Shishir Manir, lawyer for Eriko.

On January 29, Judge Durdana Rahman of Dhaka's Second Assistant Judge and Family Court gave the custody of the children – Nakano Jasmine Malika, 11, and Nakano Laila

Lina, 9 – to Eriko.

The court said it reached the decision, considering the wellbeing of the children.

The same court also dismissed the case filed by Sharif on February 28 last year, seeking the custody of the children. Sharif's lawyer Nasima Akhter said they will challenge it with the higher court.

Declare 'public health

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Haque, rheumatologist and the chairman of the BMA Journal, said the physicians should follow the treatment protocol while treating the dengue patients.

Meanwhile, Md Anwar Hossain Hawlader, secretary of the health services division at the health ministry, said the government will consider announcing the dengue situation as a public health emergency if needed.

"I would not say it is beyond control or anything else. But we will analyse your suggestion," he said in response to a query about the public health emergency.

He stressed on early intervention to prevent any patient developing severe illness due to dengue.

Speaking at the press conference, Prof Abul Bashar Mohammad Khurshid Alam, director general of the health directorate, said they had previously feared that the dengue cases would surpass previous records this year. For this, the city corporations were notified earlier, he said.

About the huge pressure of patients at Mugda Medical College Hospital, he said that the number of nurses there will be increased soon.

He claimed that there has been no crisis in dengue management at hospitals yet.

"But we will fall into a crisis if the situation deteriorates further," he said.

A 'Bhalobashar Neer'

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we will inspire others to take up similar initiatives. The set up is not expensive but it is very rewarding when it comes to sheltering and saving these little wing flappers," mentioned Hasanat.

According to the initiators, 20 other pots were set up in the second phase of the initiative while

50 more are being prepared for the third phase.

"Many pots have been damaged or fallen off, but we try and replace them as frequently as possible. Though I am no longer posted here, I still call the officials and make sure the nests are taken care of. We also try and make up for any damages caused by the pots we installed," shared Ziaur.

A school for mothers

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said Rumana Quader, deputy executive director of CPD.

"This school prepares mothers from all socioeconomic backgrounds, including the wealthy and the poor, to deal with any pressing issues brought up by their kids," she added.

"I often neglected my children when they shared their thoughts or problems and instructed them to make peace with the situation. However, the school educated me about the importance of listening to them, which led to the formation of a strong bond between me and them," added Rani Akter.

The sessions also equipped her to identify abnormal traits and their remedies, which proved beneficial as a parent as she can now assess the mental state of her children and help them, she said.

Sharmeen Rahman, a mother from Mohammadpur, said, "The training taught me to read signs, especially in children when they suddenly become more conservative regarding their faiths. Such children may be on the verge of embracing beliefs that turn them into militants. The sessions teach us ways of protecting and guiding them to come out of such harmful practices in due time."

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Step down right away

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Sramik Dal in front of BNP's party office "Nasiman Bhaban" in Chattogram.

The rally was held from 2:00pm to 6:00pm.

"Awami League has a double standard. They are now showing the foreigners that they are allowing the opposition parties to hold rallies, processions and other political programmes. But they are conspiring to hold another rigged election as they did in the past," alleged Fakhrlul.

To do that, the AL is placing their people at different positions in administration, he added.

He alleged, "With the

help of the administration, Awami League is now preparing to hold another election under its regime. It is now appointing their ministers' and lawmakers' PS and APS as the deputy commissioner of different districts. Their nominated persons are now becoming UNO in different upazilas."

"Besides, as a powerless institution, the EC is also engaging in controversial acts in different elections," he alleged.

Accusing AL of destroying the judiciary system, Fakhrlul said, "The government sent letters to all judges to dispose of violence cases filed against

the BNP activists in 2013, within two months. The High Court granted us bail but the lower court later sent our people to jail when they went there to extend it."

"Our back is now against the wall. There is no turning back. The July 19 programme will be our victory march," he said.

BNP standing committee member Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury, vice chairmen Abdullah Al Noman, Barkat Ullah Bulu, Mir Mohammad Nasir Uddin, Golam Akbar Khandokar, Advocate Shimul Biswas, Abul Hasem Bakkar and Abu Sufian also addressed the rally.

Bridge under threat

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Removing sand from beneath a bridge can contribute to an increased risk of floods in several ways.

The sand in riverbeds acts as a natural storage and filtering system. When sand is removed, the capacity of the riverbed to hold water decreases, leading to reduced water storage during high-flow periods like heavy rainfall, he said.

With reduced friction from the sand, water can flow faster. This can lead to more rapid flow rates during floods, exacerbating the intensity and extent of flooding downstream.

The removal of sand can alter the shape of the river channel, leading to changes in flow patterns and potentially causing the water to overflow into adjacent areas during flood events, he added.

WHAT WAS OBSERVED
Visiting the site recently, this correspondent saw sand being excavated by the banks of Manu river and around the bridge. Besides, the flood protection dam has also been breached for sand extraction.

Thousands of people in seven unions including Hajipur, Prithimpasha,

Sharifpur, Tilagaon of Kulaura upazila are in danger of being affected by floods as a result, said local residents like Syed Ashfak Tanvir.

Echoing the same, another local Alauddin said, "This was like our dream bridge. Now it's under threat of collapse even before inauguration."

Trucks are transporting the extracted sand to different places for sale, the locals claimed.

Contacted, Kibria Hossain Khokon said, "We need sand to fill up the connecting roads of the bridge. But we are not flouting any rules as sand is being brought from places far away from the bridge."

Confirming Tk 100 crore was spent for the bridge, Zia Uddin, executive engineer of Roads and Highways Department in Moulvibazar, said, "We have learned that sand is being extracted from near the bridge. The matter has been reported to the higher authorities."

Asked about the matter, Moulvibazar Deputy Commissioner Urmu Binte Salam said necessary legal measures will be taken after an enquiry.

BNP wants power

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BNP's balloon of falsehood has already started to deflate, while the party is involved in anti-state activities in the name of opposing the government, he said.

"They [BNP leaders] want power but are afraid to join elections. So, they have taken a stance in favour of the unelected government system," he added.

The AL general secretary said the so-called movement of BNP is a movement to grab power as there is no involvement of people in this movement.

Those who consider the

people as their enemies never get the support of commoners and the movement the BNP is waging relying on its foreign masters will weaken the country, he said.

BNP has made the country's people their opponents to make its foreign masters happy, he added. The AL general secretary said BNP leaders were over excited once the United States announced its new visa policy, and then the BNP leaders got crazy to implement their apolitical ambitions by violating the dignity of the government and the country's people.

We need

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She pointed out that the government has established 39 hi-tech parks. It is providing training in the computer and incubation centres, education in nano technology and artificial intelligence.

"We are doing this so the young generation can gain knowledge on science and technology," she said.

She requested the teachers to give lessons with more sincerity so that the students could acquire the required skills for turning the country into a smart one.

The prime minister handed over scholarship among 10 insolvent but meritorious and special need students.

A total of 12394 students – 11,285 insolvent meritorious and 1109 special need students – have got scholarship worth about Tk 6,19,70,000.

The PM also announced unveiling of some development projects including ICT master plan under the National University.

5 killed, 12 hurt

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Hospital. His wife is being treated there.

In Sirajganj, two women were killed and another was injured when a speeding truck hit a motorbike in Raiganj upazila on Saturday night.

The accident happened around 10:00pm on Sirajganj-Bogura highway at Chandaikona.

College student Fatema Khatun Jim, 18, and Khadiza Begum, 25, of Bogura died instantly. The motorbike carrying them was crossing a road, said the OC.

The biker – Md Sayem – was admitted to Bogura Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital in a critical condition. Police seized the truck but its driver managed to flee. A case was filed.

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