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40 top, mid-ranking cops transferred

14 districts get new SPs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In a major reshuffle, 40 top and mid-ranked police officials were transferred to new postings yesterday, weeks before three of its top officials, including the IGP, are scheduled to retire.

The home ministry made the transfers through three circulars signed by Sirajum Munira, deputy secretary of its Public Security Division.

Among those transferred, Additional Inspector General (supernumerary) Krishna Pada Roy, commissioner of Chattogram Metropolitan Police (CMP), was reassigned to the Police Headquarters (PHQ) in Dhaka.

The other transferees include nine deputy inspectors general (DIGs), 15 recently promoted additional DIGs, and 15 superintendents of police (SPs).

Talking to this newspaper, a high official at the PHQ said that the transfers were long overdue and were on hold for the national election.

With the order, at least 14 districts — Rangpur, Kushtia, Cumilla, Sylhet, Patuakhali, Barguna, Bogura, Feni, Pabna, Tangail, Nilphamari, Jashore, Madaripur, and Sunamganj — have gotten new SPs.

Meanwhile, the current Inspector General of Police Chowdhury Abdullah Al Mamun is scheduled to retire on July 11, after the end of his one-and-half-year contractual appointment. Meanwhile, Police Bureau of Investigation (PBI) Additional Inspector General Banaj Kumar

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England's Jos Buttler and Phil Salt celebrate their 10-wicket victory against USA in a Super 8 fixture of the Twenty20 World Cup at Kensington Oval in Bridgetown, Barbados yesterday. Chris Jordan's hatrick helped dismiss USA for 115 before Buttler's unbeaten 83 and Salt's unbeaten 25 helped them chase down the target in 9.4 overs to book a place in the semifinals.

PHOTO: AFP

A strategic mishap by Tigers

ABDULLAH AL MEHDI

Bangladesh team management

made a few strategic mistakes in their 50-run defeat to India in a crucial Super Eight clash of the T20 World Cup in Antigua on Saturday. It leaves question marks over the Tigers' planning around the biggest matches on the biggest stages.

It is not regular for Bangladesh to make the Super Eight of a T20 World Cup.

If the bowlers had carried them to the Super Eight stage, the batters failed to live up to international standards throughout the tournament — especially in the two Super Eight matches against Australia and India.

The head coach had talked about playing with freedom, given that they had already achieved their target of making the Super

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Benazir again skips ACC quizzing

DIPAN NANDY

Former police chief Benazir Ahmed has again skipped the Anti-Corruption Commission's questioning over allegations that he amassed huge wealth through corruption.



He sent a letter to the commission on Friday, claiming the allegations were false, and not mentioning anything about why he was not responding to ACC's summons, said ACC Secretary Khorshed Yasmin yesterday.

She did not go into further details about the letter and said the team investigating him and his family members will decide what to do next.

On May 28, the ACC issued a notice, asking Benazir to appear at its office on June 6, and his wife and two daughters on June 9.

In separate letters, they requested the ACC to defer the appointment for 15 days.

The ACC then asked Benazir to appear on June 23 and his family members on June 24.

If Benazir's wife and daughters also skip the quizzing session today, the investigators will take action as per the law, according to Khorshed.

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47 more Palestinians killed in Israeli strikes

Residents say tanks at edge of Mawasi refuge zone

AGENCIES

Israeli forces bombed across the Gaza Strip yesterday, and tanks advanced to the edge of the Mawasi displaced persons' camp in the northwest of the southern Gaza city of Rafah in fierce fighting with Hamas-led fighters, residents said.

Images of two Israeli tanks stationed on a hilltop overlooking the coastal area went viral on social media.

"The fighting with the resistance has been intense. The occupation forces are overlooking the Mawasi area now, which forced families there to head for Khan Younis," said one resident, who asked not to be named, on a chat app.

More than eight months into Israel's offensive in the Palestinian enclave, its advance is focused on the two areas its forces have yet to seize: Rafah on Gaza's southern tip and the area surrounding Deir al-Balah in the centre.

Residents said Israeli tanks had pushed deeper into western and northern Rafah in recent days, blowing up dozens of houses, reports Reuters.

The Israeli military said it was continuing

"intelligence-based, targeted operations" in the Rafah area and had located weapons stores and tunnel shafts, and killed Palestinian gunmen.

The armed wings of Hamas and the Islamic Jihad movement said their fighters had attacked Israeli forces in Rafah with anti-tank rockets and mortar bombs and pre-planted explosive devices.

Elsewhere, an Israeli airstrike killed eight Palestinians in Sabra, a suburb of Gaza City in the north, and another strike killed two people in Nuseirat in central Gaza.

The military said it had struck dozens of targets throughout the Strip.

In Beit Lahiya in the northern Gaza Strip, health officials at Kamal Adwan Hospital said a baby had died of malnutrition, taking the number of children dead of malnutrition or dehydration since October 7 to at least 30,

a number that health officials say reflects under-recording.

The health ministry in Hamas-run Gaza said yesterday that at least 37,598 people have been killed during more than eight months of offensive. The toll includes at least 47 deaths over the past 24 hours, a ministry statement said.

- Hamas fighters attack Israeli forces with anti-tank rockets
- Hezbollah targets Israeli barracks after commander's death
- Gaza death toll rises to 37,598

MP AZIM MURDER

Yet another investigator transferred

MOHAMMAD JAMIL KHAN and MUNTAKIM SAAD

Two officers supervising the ongoing investigation into the murder of lawmaker Anwarul Azim Anar have been transferred.

Deputy Commissioner of DB, Abdul Ahad, a supervising officer, was yesterday transferred to Pabna as the superintendent of police there. He was in the DB team that had gone to India for the probe.

On June 2, Shahidur Rahman Ripon, additional deputy commissioner of the Detective Branch of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, was transferred to Barishal. He was in Nepal for the investigation at the time.

Harun Or Rashid, additional commissioner of DMP, told The Daily Star that there was no pressure on police after they arrested two Jhenaidah AL leaders in connection with Azim murder.

On June 12, Azim's daughter Mumtazin

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8 killed in attack on synagogues, churches in Russia

AFP, Moscow

Gunmen yesterday attacked synagogues and churches in Russia's North Caucasus region of Dagestan, killing a priest, six police officers, and a member of the national guard, security officials said.

The attacks took place in Dagestan's largest city of Makhachkala and in the coastal city of Derbent, where gunfights were ongoing.

Russia's Investigative Committee said it had opened criminal probes over "acts of terror", while the hunt for the gunmen was ongoing.

Witnesses could hear shooting near a church in Makhachkala while shootouts were continuing in Derbent, the TASS state news agency reported. Dagestan's interior ministry said it had killed two of the gunmen in Makhachkala.

Sunday is a religious holiday in the Russian Orthodox Church called Pentecost Sunday. Dagestan is a largely Muslim region of Russia, neighbouring Chechnya.

"This evening in the cities of Derbent and Makhachkala armed attacks were carried out on two Orthodox churches, a synagogue and a police check-point," said the National Antiterrorism Committee in a statement to RIA Novosti news agency.

"As a result of the terrorist attacks, according to preliminary information, a priest from the Russian Orthodox Church and police officers were killed."

In all, six police officers had been killed and another 12 wounded in the attacks, the spokeswoman for Dagestan's interior ministry, Gayana Gariyeva, told RIA Novosti.

Russia's National Guard said one of its officers had been killed in Derbent and several others wounded.

A 66-year-old priest was killed in Derbent, the press secretary of Dagestan's interior ministry, Gariyeva told the agency.

Brazil start Copa America mission

REUTERS

Brazil open their 2024 Copa America campaign against Costa Rica on Monday in Los Angeles with a whole new look almost from top to bottom, with Real Madrid's rising star Vinicius Jr leading a group that were waiting for an opportunity for a fresh start.

The match will start on Tuesday at 7:00 am Bangladesh time.

After a heartbreaking shootout defeat by Croatia in the World Cup quarter-finals at Qatar 2022, Brazil went through two caretaker managers as they waited for almost an year trying to lure manager Carlo Ancelotti from Real Madrid.



But after the Italian extended his contract with the Spanish giants, Brazil settled on journeyman Dorival Jr.

Dorival built a reputation as a versatile coach specialising in working his magic as fixer by taking over struggling teams halfway through a season with a remarkable success.

He won the Copa Libertadores and the Copa do Brazil with Flamengo a few months after taking over and when his six-month contract was not renewed he joined Sao Paulo and led them to a Brazilian Cup

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Bones and horns of sacrificial animals are brought in by street children, butchers, cleaners and hawkers from different parts of the country to a factory in Dhaka's Hazaribagh. After being cleaned and processed, these would later be sold by different shops in the area. Bones and horns of cattle are used as raw material to make different products, such as medicine capsule covers and ceramics. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Ukraine missile attack on Crimea kills 5

Russia blames US for setting the missile's flight coordinate

REUTERS, Moscow

Russia said yesterday that the United States was responsible for a Ukrainian attack on the Russian-annexed Crimean peninsula with five US-supplied missiles that killed at least five people including three children and injured 124 more.

The Russian Defence Ministry said four of the US-delivered Army Tactical Missile System (ATACMS) missiles, equipped with cluster warheads, were shot down by air defence systems and the ammunition of a fifth had detonated in mid-air.

The ministry said US specialists had set the missiles' flight coordinates on the basis of information from US spy satellites, meaning Washington was directly responsible.

"Responsibility for the deliberate missile attack on the civilians of Sevastopol is borne above all by Washington, which supplied these weapons to Ukraine, and by the Kyiv regime, from whose territory this strike was carried out," the ministry said.

The United States began supplying Ukraine with longer range ATACMS missiles, which have a 300-km range, earlier this year.