

Mahfuz Alam special asst to chief adviser

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mahfuz Alam has been appointed as special assistant to the Chief Adviser to the interim government Prof Muhammad Yunus, with the status of a secretary, on a contractual basis.

The public administration ministry, in a gazette notification issued yesterday, said Mahfuz will remain in office for the duration of the chief adviser's term or subject to his satisfaction and on condition of renouncing working relations with other institutions and organisations.

Mahfuz, a student of Dhaka University's Law Department for 2015-16 academic session, is the coordinator of Anti-Discrimination Student Movement.

The gazette notification said his appointment will be effective from the date of his joining.

We want a sustainable

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Deluti union Chairman Ripon Kumar said while locals repaired the dam's breached part, it is uncertain how long it can hold Bhadra's water. "Numerous houses were damaged, vast stretches of crop fields submerged, fish enclosures washed away, and hundreds of people were living in shelters and higher grounds after being displaced due to the flood. Without significant government assistance, there is hardly any scope to turn around from the situation," he said.

He too called for a sustainable embankment. Saikat Mallik, senior fisheries officer of Paikgachha upazila, said 305 tonnes of fish and 194 tonnes of prawns and shrimps from more than 600 farms and enclosures have been washed away, causing damage worth around Tk 28.83 crore.

Abdul Karim, district disaster and rehabilitation officer in Khulna, said at least 2,466 families from 13 villages have been affected. "So far, about 4,500 people are in shelters and on the embankment."

noting that the economy is in a total mess with a huge amount of debt. Nichols said Bangladesh must ensure labour rights in factories to continue to enjoy trade preferences from Canada. Prof Yunus said his government would uphold labour rights "as per the ILO standards".

Dr Yunus seeks int'l investment

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Marie Masdupuy said France is ready to support the interim government in their efforts to rebuild the country and expressed eagerness to extend expertise to fight corruption, human trafficking, forensic cybercrime, port and airport security, and financial crime.

The interim government's agenda to fight corruption would be a "key enabler" to further enhance trade and investments in Bangladesh, she said. French firms were interested in setting up three solar parks in Bangladesh and installing "lightning arresters" in 15 districts, she added.

The envoy also said French President Emmanuel Macron has invited him to visit France at a convenient time. Meanwhile, Prof Yunus urged Canada to invest in Bangladesh to help rebuild the country when Canadian High Commissioner Lilly Nichols called on him. "We need big investments," he said,

inviting sealed Quotations from the eligible Tenderers, who can participate the following tender as per terms & conditions stated below:

How will we live

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On August 5, he spoke to his mother over phone and told her that he would visit them again soon after the situation becomes normal. He also asked everyone to stay safe.

Later, he went to Mawna Bridge area at noon for some work, only to find himself in the middle of a clash between protesters and police. Amid the clash, Masum was hit by bullets in his chest twice. Locals rushed him to Bhaluka Upazila Health Complex in Mymensingh where doctors declared him dead.

On information, his family members came to the hospital and took his body to his village, where he was buried at the family graveyard on August 6, said his aunt Sabina Khatun.

Govt to probe model

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officials will be reassigned to field positions, while qualified and efficient field-level officers will be appointed to key roles at the head office.

The adviser criticised the recent deviations from the Foundation's core activities, vision, and mission, attributing these issues to political interference. He said

Music with a mission

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for the flood-affected people, I decided to contribute." Shadukul Alam, an expatriate, said, "It's an inspiring effort. It gives me hope that people will come together to support one another."

Milon Das, a battery run auto-rickshaw driver, said, "I have also contributed to help those in need." Mridul Ghosh, a student and cultural activist who is the key organiser of the initiative, said, "We organised the event to raise funds for the flood-hit people, and the response has been encouraging."

Home adviser seeks

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about the formation of a five-member neutral inquiry commission, led by a retired judge of the High Court Division, to investigate enforced disappearances that occurred during the previous Awami League-led government's tenure.

Sarah Cooke stressed the importance of delivering a fair trial for the violence and human rights violations that took place from June 5 to August 5. "Those involved in these incidents must be brought under the law and justice quickly," she urged the adviser.

The adviser also updated the high commissioner on the visit of the United Nations fact-finding mission to Bangladesh, which is involved in investigating these human rights violations.

The British high commissioner expressed the UK's readiness to provide all necessary support and cooperation to the interim government, highlighting that the UK has been actively collaborating with Bangladesh for several years in combating terrorism.

Regarding the issue of Bangladeshi nationals living illegally in the UK, Sarah Cooke sought the adviser's cooperation, mentioning that standard operational procedures (SOP) would be followed in this regard.

Additionally, the adviser requested UK support in the rehabilitation and repatriation of the Rohingya refugees. In response, the high commissioner said the UK is working with the UN Security Council to keep the Rohingya issue at the forefront of the international community's attention.

The adviser also sought the UK's assistance in supporting the victims of recent floods. A promising Family members said they had assumed that he had fallen asleep after reaching home, and had switched off his phone. It was only when Labannya had called from Australia and told them that she was unable to reach Zarraf for a long time that they suspected something was wrong.

They started making calls to various hospitals and police stations, and around evening their worst fears were confirmed. Rakibul Hasan, officer-in-charge of Darussalam Police Station, said they are trying to arrest the culprits. Zarraf's body will be taken to Naogaon after an autopsy and he will be buried today after Labannya reaches home.

He was just a boy

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His father, Majnu Miah, had recently taken loans and gone abroad to work, all in the hope of securing a better life for his family. He dreamt of his son completing his education and bringing pride to the family. But those dreams were shattered that fateful afternoon.

As Maruf joined a celebratory procession in Tangail town, the event spiraled into chaos near Tangail Sadar Police Station. Police opened fire, and the 10th grader was critically injured. He was rushed to a nearby hospital, where doctors declared him dead upon arrival.

His mother Morshida Khatun said, "Our son helped his four sisters get married. With him no more, our lives have become very uncertain now. Who will now look after us? We are at a loss."

The family members demanded proper investigation into Masum's killing to bring the perpetrators to book.

All our hope is gone

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around 5:00pm for his workplace in Mohammadpur. On the way, he fell in the line of fire when a clash was going on between student protesters and law enforcers.

Some students rushed him to a hospital in Mohakhali, where he was later admitted to the Intensive Care Unit on July 21. He was put on life support the next day as he fell into a coma. Eventually, Jasim did not regain consciousness and passed away after fighting for his life for 11 days.

Jasim's body was taken to his village home and buried at the family graveyard on August 1. Since then, Jasim's elder daughter Riya Moni, 11, has yet to stop her tears.

Jasim's wife Ruma Begum said, "We don't know how we will survive now. All our hope is lost. I demand justice for my husband's murder." Sekender Ali Mridha, Jasim's father-in-law, said, "Jasim was shot without any reason. My daughter has now become a widow, her three children became orphans. How are they going to live?" said.

He called upon the government to provide support to Jasim's family.

Shomaji new Dhaka public prosecutor

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The government has appointed senior lawyer Ehsanullah Ahsan as Dhaka Metropolitan public prosecutor.

A gazette notification was issued yesterday by the Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs in this regard. He has replaced public prosecutor Abdullah Abu, appointed by the previous Awami League government.



Criminal proceedings have already begun in connection with Maruf's death. Local coordinators of the Anti-Discrimination Student Movement demanded that a local road be named in Maruf's honour -- a request the administration promised to fulfill.

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Contempt

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FROM BOTH its Appellate and High Court divisions -- for three months over contempt of court by posting three derogatory comments about the judiciary on his Facebook.

The court also fined him Tk 25,000 and directed that he will have to serve 15 days of imprisonment if he fails to pay the fine.

PRAYER TIMING

AUGUST 29

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