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Lt General Mainur made new chief of general staff
Changes made in other key posts too
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Bangladesh Army has reshuffled several key posts at the top level, including the chief of general staff (CGS), principal staff officer (PSO) and director general of the Directorate General of Forces Intelligence (DGFI).



According to a source at the defence ministry, Lt Gen Mainur Rahman, general officer commanding (GOC) of the Army Training and Doctrine Command (ARTDOC), has been made the Army's CGS. The previous CGS, Lt Gen Mizanur Rahman Shamim, recently retired.

Maj Gen Mir Mushfiqur Rahman, GOC of the 24 Infantry Division in Chattogram, has been promoted to lieutenant general and appointed PSO at the Armed Forces Division. The incumbent PSO, Lt Gen SM Kamrul Hasan, has been transferred to the foreign ministry for his next posting as an ambassador.

Brig Gen Mohammad Kaisar Rashid Chowdhury has been named the new DG of DGFI. He was

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Trade deal chains Dhaka to US tech orbit

Officials fear it may deprive Bangladesh of tax revenue

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Digital trade rules embedded in Bangladesh's new agreement with the US may deprive Bangladesh of tax revenues and also limit the expansion of digital economy, say experts.

Under Section 3 of the trade deal, Bangladesh has agreed not to impose customs duties on "electronic transmissions" that refer to digital products and services delivered online. They include software downloads, music and video streaming, e-books, mobile apps, online gaming and cloud-based services.

Simultaneously, Bangladesh is pledge-bound to support the US push for a permanent global ban

Under the agreement, Bangladesh has pledged not to introduce a digital services tax that "discriminates against US companies." That may effectively protect US tech companies from local taxation on sales revenue generated from Bangladeshi users, limiting a future revenue source for the government.

on customs duties on electronic transmissions, an issue that is likely to resurface at the 14th Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organisation to be held in Cameroon on March 26-29.

Trade officials in Dhaka fear this provision could further restrict Bangladesh's tariff policy in the digital sector.

Mustafizur Rahman, a distinguished fellow at the Centre for Policy Dialogue, suggested that Bangladesh, a net importer of digital services, should bring the issue to the table during the possible review of the trade deal

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RIDERS IN THE DISTANCE... Three young horse riders pause in the heart of a Shimul grove, where the red silk-cotton trees are in full bloom. In the sudden clearing, they take a break from offering rides to tourists all day and let their horses rest under the canopy of crimson blossoms. The photo was taken recently in Tahirpur, Sunamganj.

PHOTO: ORCHID CHAKMA

13th JS convenes on March 12

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 13th Jatiya Sangsad will go into its maiden session on March 12.

Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed disclosed the information yesterday while speaking to reporters after a meeting with Prime Minister Tarique Rahman at the Secretariat.

Ordinances promulgated during the tenure of the interim government will be placed before the House on the first sitting of the maiden session of the 13th parliament.

The home minister said a summary

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PM sets strict punctuality tone at Secretariat

BAHARAM KHAN and SAJJAD HOSSAIN

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman has begun his time at the Secretariat with a strict focus on administrative discipline, monitoring whether ministers, state ministers, and secretaries have been maintaining office hours since assuming office



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India ready for people-centric cooperation

Verma tells Khalilur; China vows strong, unaffected ties with Bangladesh

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh and India have expressed their willingness to build a progressive relationship based on mutual interests.

The matter came up during a meeting between Foreign Minister Khalilur Rahman and Indian High

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PHOTO: REUTERS

South Africa's Dewald Brevis celebrates with Keshav Maharaj after catching India captain Suryakumar Yadav during the Proteas' 76-run win in an ICC T20 World Cup Super Eights clash in Ahmedabad yesterday. David Miller's 63 and brisk cameo from Brevis (44) and Tristan Stubbs (44*) lifted South Africa to 187-7 before they bundled out defending champions India for 111 in 18.5 overs, ending the hosts' 12-match World Cup winning streak. Left-arm quick Marco Jansen claimed 4-22, while left-arm spinner Maharaj took 3-24 for the Proteas.

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JAMAAT 5-22	1-15	4-45	6-10	8-00

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

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RAMADAN	FEB	SEHRI	IFTAR
5	23		6:00
6	24	5:08	6:00
7	25	5:08	6:01

MILITANT TARGETS Pakistan air strikes kill 18 in Afghanistan

Taliban vow response

AFP, Afghanistan

Overnight air strikes by Pakistan on Afghanistan yesterday left at least 18 people dead including children, Taliban sources said, although Islamabad put the death toll at "more than 80 militants".

The strikes were the most extensive since border clashes in October that killed more than 70 on both sides and wounded hundreds.

Islamabad said it hit seven sites along the border region targeting Afghanistan-based militant groups, in response to suicide bombings in Pakistan.

A Pakistani security source told AFP yesterday that the strikes killed "more than 80" militants, adding the death toll was expected to rise.

AFP journalists in Afghanistan were not able to verify the toll, which was rejected by an Afghan security source.

"The figure of 80 martyrs given by the Pakistan regime is false and imaginary," the source told

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Car in MP's motorcade hits, kills 8-year-old

Police seize vehicle

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

An eight-year-old boy was killed yesterday afternoon after being hit by a vehicle in the convoy of Cox's Bazar-2 (Maheshkhali-Kutubdia) MP Alamgir Mohammad Mahfuzullah Farid in Chakarua upazila of Cox's Bazar.

The deceased, Md Khaled Bin Walid, was the son of Amanul and Sumaiya, of Kabirer Ghat in Techchipara, police said.

He was a class two student at a local madrasa.

The accident occurred around 4:30pm near Badarkhali Fazil Madrasa in Badarkhali. Khaled was taken to Badarkhali General Hospital, where doctors declared him dead.

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