



## Zia's call to Army

# Set example of discipline, dedication

The Chief of Staff, Bangladesh Army, Major-General Ziaur Rahman on Monday called upon the officers of the Bangladesh Army to set an example of discipline and dedication for others to follow, says a FID hand-out.

The Chief of Staff was addressing the officers of the Bangladesh Army at the Army Headquarters on Monday after assuming the office of the Chief of Staff.

While describing the Bangladesh Army as the National Army General Zia asked the officers to increase their professional efficiency by training, hard work and devotion.

The Chief of Staff urged the officers to perform their respective duties with the spirit of dedication and patriotism.

The out-going Chief of Staff Major General K.M. Safiullah in his farewell address asked the officers of the Bangladesh Army to maintain their glorious tradition at any cost.

He thanked all officers and jawans of the Bangladesh Army for the cooperation he received during his tenure as the Chief of Staff.

## Life-sketch

Major-General Ziaur Rahman, Chief of Army Staff, Bangladesh Army was born in Bogra in 1936. He joined the army in 1953 and got his Commission in 1955.

After serving for two years with the Punjab Regiment, Major-General Ziaur Rahman was transferred to East Bengal Regiment. He took a course in special intelligence training and worked in army intelligence from 1959 to 1964. During 1945 Indo-Pak war General Ziaur Rahman commanded a company of first East Bengal Regiment and fought courageously in the Khem Kharan Sector. It may be pointed out that he was (Continued on Page 8 Col 7)

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the only Bengali officer to command a company of the regiment. He joined the Pakistan Military Academy as an instructor in 1965 and in the same year joined the Staff College at Quetta.

In 1969 General Zia took over as Second-in-Command of the Second East Bengal Regiment at Joydebpur and proceeded to West Germany for a training at the end of the same year. He spent a few months with the British army.

General Zia was transferred to newly raised 'Eighth' East Bengal Regiment at Chittagong and while on service he rebelled against the Pakistan army and made the historic announcement on March 27, 1971.

In August 1971 General Zia was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and formed the First Brigade of Bangladesh Army with the Jawans of First, Second and Eighth Bengal Regiment.

After independence of the country Major-General Ziaur Rahman worked as the Brigade Commander, Comilla and was made Deputy Chief of Army Staff in the middle of 1972.

Major-General Ziaur Rahman was promoted to the rank of Colonel in 1972 and to the rank of Brigadier in 1973. He was promoted to the rank of Major-General on August 10, 1973 and took over as the Chief of the Army Staff on August 25, 1975.

General Zia is a paratrooper. He is a keen sportsman.

## Maj-Gen Khalilur Rahman

Major-General M. Khalilur Rahman, Chief of the Defence Staff, Ministry of Defence was born in 1927 in the village of Nandina in Mymensingh district, reports BSS.

He passed Matriculation Ex-



amination from his village school and obtained a First Grade scholarship. He was graduated from Presidency College in Calcutta in 1945.

He joined the Army in 1948 and was commissioned in 1950 as Senior Troop in the East Bengal Regiment.

Major-General M. Khalilur Rahman was selected for training in the Cavalry Staff College in the UK in 1959. It may be mentioned that he is one of the two Bengalis to have participated in this training course.

From 1960 to 1962 he discharged the responsibilities as Brigade-Major in Comilla and was appointed as Staff Officer at the CENTO headquarters in Ankara in 1964 and served there till 1966.

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Major-General M. Khalilur Rahman commanded the Fifth East Bengal Regiment during 1967-68 and later worked as the General Staff Officer, First Grade in the General headquarters. In 1970 he was appointed as Colonel General Staff in the headquarters of the First Corps.

Major General M. Khalilur Rahman was later promoted to the rank of Brigadier and worked as the Director, Research and Development in the Army headquarters in Rawalpindi.

Major-General M. Khalilur Rahman joined as the Director-General in the Bangladesh Rifles in February 1974 after his return from Pakistan.

He was promoted to the rank of Major-General in April 1975. Major-General M. Khalilur Rahman joined as the Chief of Defence Staff on August 25 this year.

### Maj-Gen. H.M. Ershad

Major General Hossain Mohammad Ershad, Deputy Chief of Army Staff Bangladesh Army was born in Rangpur on February 1, 1930. He got his B.A. Degree from Charnichael Col-



lege. He got his commission in 1953.

General Ershad did a course at Staff College Quetta in 1967. He was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and Commanded the Third East Bengal Regiment. He also Commanded the Seventh East Bengal Regiment. On his return from Pakistan in December 1973 he was made Adjutant General of the Bangladesh Army and was promoted to the rank of Colonel. He was made a Brigadier in June 1975. Currently he is on a training in India.

### Revson dead

NEW YORK Aug 25:—Charles Haskell Revson Revlon of cosmetics empire died Sunday in Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center. He was 68, reports ENA.

A hospital spokesman said Revson died at 12:15 p.m.

Revson began his career in cosmetics as a salesman for a small firm.

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