

7-member Council of Ministers sworn in

A seven-member Council of Ministers was sworn in at a simple ceremony held at Bangabhaban on Wednesday evening reports BSS.

The President and Chief Martial Law Administrator, Lt. Gen. H.M. Ershad, administered the oath of office of the newly-appointed ministers.

The President dissolved his cabinet on Tuesday in fulfilment of his commitment he made in his address to the nation on December 15.

The ministers are DCMLAs—Rear Admiral Sultan Ahmad and Air Vice-Marshal Sultan Mahmud, — Maj Gen Abdul Mannan

Siddiky, Maj Gen Shamsul Huq, Maj Gen Mohabbat Jan Chowdhury, Maj Gen M.A. Munim, Maj Gen Mahmudul Hassan.

The President also appointed three advisers. They are Mr Humayun Rasheed Chowdhury, Mr Mohammad Syeduzzaman and Mr Zaker Khan Chowdhury.

All the seven newly-appointed ministers were the members of the previous Council of Ministers.

The swearing-in ceremony was attended by high civil and military officers.

PORTFOLIOS

Following are portfolios of the newly-appointed Ministers and Advisers:

Rear Admiral Sultan Ahmad—Ministry of Communications, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and IWT and Ministry of Irrigation Water Development and Flood Control.

Air Vice-Marshal Sultan Mahmud—Ministry of Industry, Ministry of Commerce and Ministry of Jute and Textile.

Maj Gen Abdul Mannan Siddiky — Ministry of Home Affairs.

Maj Gen Shamsul Huq—Ministry of Health and Population Control.

Maj Gen Mohabbat Jan Chowdhury — Ministry of Food.

Maj Gen M.A. Munim—Ministry of Agriculture.

Maj Gen Mahmudul Hasan—

Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives and Ministry of Works.

The Advisers have also been assigned portfolios.

The Principal Foreign Secretary, Mr Humayun Rasheed Chowdhury, will act as Foreign Affairs Adviser, while the Principal Finance Secretary, Mr Mohammad Syeduzzaman will act as Finance Adviser. Both the Advisers will hold the rank and status of a Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission.

Mr Zaker Khan Chowdhury will be in charge of the Ministry of Youth and Sports Affairs. He will enjoy the rank and status of a State Minister.

Other ministries which have not been allocated will be under the President.