

ACC Chairman resigns

Anti-Corruption Commission chairman Lt Gen (retd) Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury resigned on Thursday, at a changed time, after leading a vigorous campaign against corrupt politicians and businessmen for nearly two years under the emergency rule, reports UNB.

General Hasan sent his resignation letter to President Zillur Rahman at about 1pm, apparently having had a rough ride in his crusade after the regime change.

At a hurriedly called press briefing, he did not entertain any question nor explained the grounds for his resignation.

"Indication you have got is true," he said, confirming his unceremonious exit.

Hasan said the situation presently created in the ACC requires new leadership to bring new dynamism in the anti-graft watchdog body and carry forward the purge against corruption.

"The anti-corruption task has not completed. Still there is space to do many tasks," he said.

He feels time has not come to evaluate failure and success of his job as he said the matter is complicated. However, he said it would be a correct evaluation if the anti-corruption drive has primar-

ily cast a positive impact on society.

Hasan praised the role of the media in building public awareness against corruption and expressed his gratitude to the people at home and abroad for extending their support to the anti-corruption drive that had thrown many bigwigs behind bars after the 1/11 changeover following a political crisis over election issues.

Hasan, a former army chief, was appointed ACC chairman on February 22, 2007 during the past army-backed caretaker govern-

ment.

Before joining the ACC, he was appointed an Advisor of the caretaker government headed by former President Iajuddin Ahmed. But he resigned from the short-lived caretaker government.

During his tenure, nearly 200 top political figures, in-

cluding present Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and opposition leader Khaleda Zia and former ministers and MPs, were arrested in 2007 on charges of corruption.

Many prominent businessmen were also rounded up for forgery and corruption.



Lt-Gen (Retd) Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury on Thursday announced his resignation as ACC chief.