

2 suspected ringleaders arrested

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DHAKA, Bangladesh - Two of the suspected ringleaders of a mutiny by the Bangladesh Rifles were among five men arrested Tuesday, authorities said.

More than 1,000 members of the border guard force have been named in a criminal case, The Daily Star reported. Five junior commissioned officers and a sepoy, or non-commissioned officer, have been singled out as leaders.

Many of the suspects left their compound dressed in civilian clothes as the mutiny came to an end.

Officials said Monday that six officers believed to have been victims of the mutiny were still missing, CNN reported. At least 73 bodies had been recovered.

Soldiers in the Bangladesh Rifles are not considered part of the regular army, although their officers are. The force is used for border security.

The soldiers' grievances include low pay and limited opportunity to serve in U.N. peacekeeping operations, where the pay is better.

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