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### FFs hold rally in Tangail

## Vow to oust 'killers' of Bangabandhu from AL

From Mizan Ali and Bazlur Rashid

He further added, those who

counived in the killing of

Bangabandhu have now un-

leashed a reign of terror in the

district and are patronising

armed cadres against the

my brother he will surrender

before the court of law", and

added that he would also see as

to what steps are taken against

Muktijoddha Sangsad would

also attend the rally called by

the district Awami League in

among others, by Masudur

Rahman, Nurul Islam, Abdur

Razzak, Enayet Karim, Anwar

Hossain Pahari, Azizul Huq.

Habibur Rahman, A Sabur

Khan, Advocate Suhrawardy,

Fazlur Rahman and Abdul Latif

Young man held

with arms near

Jamuna Guest

House remanded

By Staff Correspondent

young man arrested on Monday

evening from near the State

Guest House, Jamuna, where

Indian Prime Minister H D

Deve Gowda was staying during

The members of the Special

Security Force (SSF) challenged

Masrur Ahmed Sumon, 30

when he was roaming suspi-

ciously around the house at

Hare Road at 7:40 pm, said po-

Sumon was later handed

over to the Ramna police, who

produced him before the Chief

Metropolitan Magistrate's

(CMM) court yesterday morn-

remand for interrogation.

cording to police sources.

commerce graduate.

behaving abnormally.

vesterday afternoon.

morning.

this connection.

Mudasser

Green Panel

Khondekar.

panel.

ing. The court granted a two-day

During interrogation.

Sumon said that he resides in

North Shajahanpur in the city

and his father is an advocate of

the High Court. His brother is a

doctor at a city hospital, ac-

that his family comes from

Kaligani under Debghata thana

in Satkhira district. He is a

insurance company in Dhaka.

He recently got a job with an

Police who are verifying his

statement, said he appears to be

Kidnapped garments

worker rescued

By DMC Correspondent

female garments worker from a

house in the city's Adabar area

napped from Road No 14,

Dhanmondi the previous day

when she was going to her

workplace at about seven in the

Two persons were arrested in

RUTA polls

From Page 1

RUTA are: President, Prof M

Shahidul Islam (Applied

Chemistry), general secretary

M Abbas Ali (Philosophy), vice

president, M Azizul Islam, trea-

surer, M Zahidul Hasan and

joint secretary, M Fayek-

uzzaman. The 10 elected

members are: Aminul Haq Beg

M Rezaul Karim (Badal)

Mamunur Rashid, Mahbubul

Kabir, Abdul Muttalib

Mamunul Keramat, M Habibur

Rahman, Idris Ahmed and

Muhammad Younus. Only the

posts of a VP has gone to the

members, all from the Yellow

panel are M Entajul Haq. M

Saidur Rahman Khan, Habibur

Rahman Akhon, Saiful Islam

members, all from the Yellow

panel are Shamsuddin Ahmed,

Wajed Ali Pramanik, Jamshed

Ali Sarkar, M Saiful Islam,

Sayeed Ziauddin and

In the Dean election of 6

The elected Deans are: Prof

M Yakub Ali (Arts Faculty from

Green), Prof M Mizanuddin

(Social Science), Prof M

Fakhrul Islam (Science), Prof M

Abdul Khaleq (Life and Earth

Science), M Sha Nawaj Ali

(Commerce) and Prof M Fayez

Uddin (Law from Green panel).

Faculties 4 candidates came out

successful from the Yellow

panel while two from the Green

The 6 elected academic

Farugee and Md Elias.

The 5 elected syndicate

Chowdhury

The elected office-bearers of

Police rescued a kidnapped

Amena Akhtar, 14, was kid-

Sumon further told police

his visit to Bangladesh.

Police were interrogating a

The rally was addressed

the town on January 9.

Siddiky, MP.

Kader Siddiky said that the

He said, "if Murad Siddiky is

valiant freedom fighters."

TANGAIL, Jan 7: Speakers at a rally of the district unit of Muktijoddha Sangsad today declared their firm resolve to 'purge' the killers of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman from the Awami League and free the people of the district from the clutches of 'ter-

Abdul Kader Siddiky, MP. was the chief guest at the rally held at Nirala Crossing while Fazlur Rahman. Bir Pratik. chaired the session. The rally was organised to protest the alleged threat on the lives of freedom fighters by the terrorists of the area and chart out a programme to fight out terrorism from the district and the coun-

"Gallantry awards of 11 freedom fighters are hereby submitted to the Prime Minister." it was announced at the

While making this announcement it was said that the Muktijoddha Sangsad had its full confidence in the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and demanded justice from her regarding the grievances of freedom fighters and protection against threats by terrorist on their lives. Similar announcements of

six other gallantry award holders of the 'Kaderia Bahini' would be made after they return to the country, it was said. The Muktijoddha Sangsad

also announced that it would attend the rally called by the district Awami League leadership on January 9. Abdul Mannan. MP. is scheduled to be the chief guest at the meeting organised to rally public support for the anti-terrorist campaign by the district Awami League. The rally decided to form

anti-terrorist committees in every thana of the district and carry out anti-terrorist opera tion. The district administration geared up the security measures around the town and deployed BDR, armed police and range reserve police around the venue of the rally. "Awami League will be freed

from the ghosts of Khandaker Mushtaque Ahmed and those who connived with him in the killing of Bangabandhu," said Abdul Kader Siddiky and an nounced, "1997 will be terrorism free year."

He described his differences with Awami League MP Abdul Mannan as totally ideological and claimed that as the disciple of Bangabandhu he was well trained in non-violent approach towards life.

The difference is that he shook hands with the killers of Bangabandhu and I did not. Siddiky said adding, "Awami League that spearheaded the struggle for freedom and led the liberation war cannot afford to keep the ghosts of Mushtaque and the parasites in the party."

## Rohingya repatriation

### Formal talks begin today CHITTAGONG, Jan 7: Ban-

gladesh-Myanmar three-day 21st senior official level talks on the repatriation of the Rohingva refugees began in Chittagong today, an official handout said, reports BSS. Formal session between the two sides will be held tomorrow

at the Chittagong Circuit House.

### Camel race

From Page 1 ther that his son had died in Dubai, police said.

According to police, Shafi Mia had handed over Rocky to one Ahsan who took the boy to Dubai in April. 1994. Rocky worked as a servant at Shafi's Paikpara residence in the town. Both Shafi and Ahsan once lived in Dubai together. On hearing the news of his

son's death. Rocky's father met Shafi Mia, a distant relation of him. Shafi Mia told Rocky's father that his son died of disease and gave him Tk 200,000 as compensation, taking an undertaking from him.

Later. Babul Mia filed a general diary with Demra police station in connection with his son's death. Demra police transferred the case to

Narayangani thana Babul Mia also filed a case with Narayangani thana Monday accusing Ahsan of

killing his son. Narayangani police raided

Ahsan's Keraniganj residence the same day but could not find

Meanwhile, Shafi told Narayangani thana police that Ahsan, who identified himself as Rocky's father, also received Tk 8,87,500, despatched from Dubai following Rocky's death, according to police.

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our speeches there.

ment.

She said the parliament could be made effective by resolving her party's 10-point demand through discussions "but the government is yet to take any effective measure in

sation from India for the huge losses Bangladesh incurred due to lack of water in the past About the planned Asian Highway, the BNP chief said.

Asian Highway . . . India will use the planned corridor for movement of its troops." BNP organised the rally to press its demands for with-

price-hike of essentials. Among other BNP leaders.

hury, Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, KM Obaidur Rahman, Salahuddin Kader Choudhury Moudud Ahmed, Tariqul Islam and Mir Shawqat Ali also addressed the rally, chaired by the city unit convenor of the party Sadek Hossain Khoka. In her 28-minute speech, Be gum Zia also blamed the gov-

country's economy, law and or der situation. "disaster" in the share market, and unleashing terrorism throughout the coun try. She demanded compensation to the small share in vestors who suffered loss due to slump in the share market. Commenting on cancella tion of the November 7 public

holiday, Begum Zia said, "No matter the government has cancelled the holiday. The people will continue enjoying the holiday . . . I doubt if this government will last till its decision comes to effect.'

The BNP chief observed that the people had voted for the party, now in power, due to its words of repentance before the polls. "But the people have meantime realised that their character has not yet changed. They're behaving worse than

# Coastguard

Chittagong Base of Bangladesh Coastguard, was formally commissioned today, reports

Home Minister Rafigul Islam inaugurated the base on the bank of river Karnaphuli hoping that the newly raised force would play a significant role in curbing the smuggling of contraband through sea area besides guarding marine re-

From Page 1 democracy. But the government is not allowing us to speak about its misdeeds and misrule. It is suppressing our voice on the floor of the House and not letting the people know about

Accusing the ruling party of trying to make the parliament ineffective, the Opposition leader said. "They want to establish one party rule in the country by forcing the Opposition out of the parlia-

this regard.

She termed the Ganges water-sharing treaty uneven and opposed to national interests. "Make public what you are giving India in return, she said. She also demanded compen-

"We're not opposed to the idea. But we can't accept giving corridor to India in the name of

drawal of "false" cases against Begum Zia and other party leaders and workers, release of detained party workers. restoration of the November 7 public holiday and to protest signing of the water-treaty, killings in Jessore jail and

ernment for "running" the

they did in the '72-'75 period."

# Ctg base of

CHITTAGONG, Jan 7: The

## Khaleda

Prof AQM Badruddoza Choud-

geles if there is a trial. White, who lives with her daughter in Beverly Hills, filed the suit here, demanding that

Khan provide a blood sample within 30 days that would prove his paternity. She is also seeking child support for an unspecified sum. "If he fails to do so, then we

## Second int'l congress on Bengal art opens

By Staff Correspondent

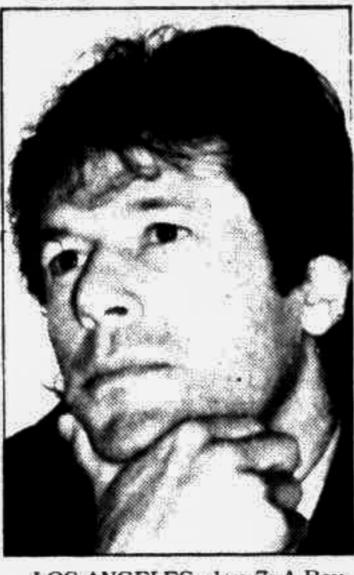
Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad yesterday said, art alone has the power to bring together people who are otherwise not so friendly to each other.

"Shakespeare. Beethoven, Rabindranath or Picasso had therefore played the role of some new kind of prophets of peace. The study of history of art would lead us to discover that pathway to peace", said Azad while inaugurating the Second International Congress on Bengal Art in the city.

The inaugural ceremony of the four-day Congress was held at the main auditorium of the National Museum. Over 50 art historians, academicians and art admirers from home and abroad are attending the congress being held under the auspices of the International Centre for Study of Bengal Art (ICSBA), a Dhaka-based organisation established in August. Minister of State for Youth.

Sports and Cultural Affairs

## Paternity suit filed against Imran Khan



LOS ANGELES, Jan 7: A Bev erly Hills woman has filed a paternity suit against Imran Khan, a former Pakistani cricket star now running for prime minister in his homeland, reports AP. Sita White, 35, the daughter

of the late billionaire Lord Gordon "Gordy" White, contends in the Superior Court lawsuit filed Monday that Imran is the father of her daughter, Tyrian "It's devastating to me that it

and integrity." White said in a prepared statement. Imran's office said the former cricket star has refused to comment on the controversy although he has denied involvement with White and fa-

has become necessary to go

public to defend my character

thering the child in the past. His spokeswoman Nasim Zehra, who is also running as a candidate for the National Assembly on Imran's Pakistan Justice Party ticket, said, "There is no truth to this claim and we will not comment fur-

She added that Imran would "certainly not" travel to Los An-

believe that it is tantamount to an admission of paternity, said White's attorney Gloria Allred, a celebrity domestic law White, who is now married

to actor Alan Marshall, said her only interest in the suit is to protect her child.

### Obaidul Kader, President of Independent University and a vice chairman of the reception committee, Dr A Majeed Khan and Chairman of ICSBA, Prof Enamul Haque also addressed the inaugural function, chaired by Dhaka City Corporation Mayor and a vice chairman of the reception committee. Mohammad Hanif. Prof A B M Hussain of the Department of Islamic History and Culture,

Rajshahi University, presented

the key-note speech. At the function, the ICSBA awarded honourary fellowships to six eminent art historians. They are: Prof Ahmad Hasan Dani, Professor Emeritus, Quaid-e-Azam University of Pakistan, Prof Kalyan Kumar Ganguly, formerly Bagiswary Professor of Indian Art, Cal cutta University, Prof Debala Mitra, formerly Director General of Archaeological Survey of India, Prof Susan L Hunting ton. Department of Indian Art. Ohio State University, USA Prof A Karim, former Vice Chancellor of Chittagong University and Prof M R Tarafdar of Dhaka University. Two of them - Prof Dani and Prof Mitra - received citations and embroidered quilts from the chief guest Abdus Samad Azad

The Foreign Minister in his address noted with regret that although as sons of the soil "we all have our obligations to know deeply and appreciate the contents and significance of the arts created by our people over the past generations.

Welcoming the ICSBA's initiative. Abdus Samad Azad said, while the institutional efforts of the government sector were not always that effective

or successful, the private initiative might be more appropriate as that was likely to be more sincere and productive.

## Indemnity

From Page 1

tent with the Constitution is illegal and void and the Indemnity Ordinance being protected by the Constitution has been repealed without amending the Constitution and, as such, the repeal act is illegal and void. He also submitted that as per

the 1972 Constitution judges of the Supreme Court could only be removed by a two-third majority of Parliament, but by the 4th amendment to the Constitution made by the then government judges may be removed by the President in allegation of misconduct which is not only contemptuous but it also distorted the basic structure and principles of the Constitution. "By the anti-people activities of the then party in power vari-

ous sections of the people became agitated and impatient and felt the necessity to change the government which was achieved on 15th August, 1975," he argued. "Occurrences of 15th August.

1975 are not criminal offence. but it was a successful revolution," Barrister Qurban Ali "Though at the time of the revolutionary change of the government some killings took place, but those killings are not

punishable offences as it was done in state necessity," he submitted. • He said, "The Indemnity Ordinance was the outcome of a successful revolution and a successful government formed through that revolution pro-

claimed the ordinance."

During the hearing Barrister Rafique-ul Huq and Senior Advocate M Nurullah, amici curiae, and for the government Attorney General Barrister KS Nabi, Additional Attorney Gen eral Abdul Wadud Bhuiyan, AAG Bazlur Rahman Chhana were present in the court.



the National memorial at Savar vesterday. - PID photo

# President tells Indian PM

Indian Prime Minister Deve Gowda yesterday said his country has given tariff concessions to about 500 Bangladeshi items to ensure a congenial trade cooperation between the two countries, reports UNB.

called on President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban. Officials said the existing

trade imbalance between the two countries also came up for discussion between President

ter Deve Gowda. Welcoming the Indian Premier, the President said the excellent relations and the bonds of friendship that exist between

grow further in the days ahead.

Shahabuddin expressed his satisfaction that the process set in motion to further improve the relations between the two countries would continue to be strengthened for the mutual

recently concluded treaty on sharing the Ganges water and said it reflects the goodwill and determination of both the coun-

# JS body finalises

Jatiya Sangsad at a meeting vesterday finalised its report on three bills for consideration of parliament at its coming ses sion beginning January 15, re-

Securities and Exchange (Amendment) Bill 1996, and the mission (Amendment) Bill 1996, and finalised its report The meeting, held at the

Sangsad Bhaban in the morning with committee chairman advocate Rahmat Ali in the chair, also recommended for converting the last two bills into a single law. The three bills were earlier

placed before parliament and

lateral relations. He thanked the Indian

Prime Minister for his personal initiative in expediting the matter, saying that the treaty would no doubt create environment for further coopera-Later, President Shahabud-

din Ahmed hosted a luncheon in honour of Indian Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda.

### Soccer From Page 1

end of the day, the sky blues had to pay through their nose for spoiling at least three ample Although Malaysians drew

the first blood in the 16th

minute through midfielder Ahmed Shahrul who had also scored the second goal for his side in the second half, it was Abahani that enthralled the audience with some attacking brand of soccer. Undaunted by the early setback, Abahani who after a disappointing season perhaps played their best game last night, bounced back scoring two goals in a span of 14 minutes. Striker Mizan, who came as substitute for Tipu, scored the first goal for the vanguished in the 38th minute while Rumi stabbed in the second goal capitalising on a leftside Masum cross in the 51st minute.

But the spirited Malaysians killed off the brief celebration of the crowd with Sharul brilliantly heading the ball home from a right side Shanmugam cross leaving Dhanu completely freezed.

With yesterday's two goals, Sharul emerged out as the highest scorer of the 12-team meet. having scored three goals.

In the 30 minutes extra time. the locals strained every nerves to get a match-winner with an all-out football. But the Malaysians kept their cool and played a defensive game to take the match to the sudden-death

In today's second semifinal, Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club will take on PMS Football Club (Ujung Pandang) of Indonesia at the same venue at

### Appointments & transfers By Staff Correspondent

Some transfers and contractual appointments were made at the upper level of administration, according to a government announcement yesterday. Post and Telecommuni-

cation Secretary M M Reza has been transferred to the Election Commission as its Secretary. Additional Secretary of ERD Mahbub Kabir has been made the acting Secretary of Telecommunication Ministry.

Major General (retd) Mustafizur Rahman has been appointed as Director General of National Security Intelligence on a two-year contract. Acting DG of NSI, M Wahidul Haq (additional IG of police) has been transferred to the Directorate Immigration and Passport as its DG. Anisul Haq Chowdhury

Secretary, Cultural Affairs Ministry, has been transferred to Board of Investment as its Chairman on deputation. Former secretary Aminul

Islam has been appointed on contract for two years a fulltime Member of Public Administration Reform Commission while the Principal of Planning and Development Academy Jagannath Dey (an official of additional secretary rank), was appointed the Commission's Secretary on deputation. Abdur Rab Khan (joint secre

tary rank). Chairman of BRTC. has been appointed as Director General of the Prime Minister's Office. Besides, some others ap-

pointments, transfers and promotions were also announced.

### Indo-Bangla joint official level meet soon to discuss bilateral trade

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Bangladesh and India have agreed to hold a joint meeting at official level very soon to discuss the whole gamut of bilateral trade, reports UNB. The agreement reached at a

discussion between Indian Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda and Commerce and Industries Minister Tofael Ahmed when later called on the former at the state guest house Jamuna yesterday.

The Bangladesh Commerce Minister requested the Indian Prime Minister to remove all tariff and non-tariff barriers and withdraw the quantitative restrictions on import of Bangladeshi goods to narrow the huge trade gap.

with special reference to bilateral trade. Referring to the Ganges water treaty, the minister said this

agreement is the gateway in

solving other outstanding is

sues between the two countries.

# Sylhet JCD

SYLHET, Jan 7: Nine vehicles were damaged by the pickets in Sylhet town today during the 8-hour hartal called by the pro-BNP student wing Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal

Police arrested six activists of JCD. Three others were injured during clashes with po-

## held with arms in Jessore

chiding an Indian national, were arrested arms from a frontier area in Sarsa thana on Monday night, reports UNB. BDR sources said Touhiduz-

zaman, 35, of Jhikorgachha

thana and Delwar Hossain, 32,

of Bongaon of Chabbish Parg-

ona in India were picked up from Baraachra area at about BDR jawans also recovered

seven revolvers and 20 bullets from their possession. The arrested were handed over to Sarsa police. A case was

From Page 1 Abul and Faruq from the spot The body was sent to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) for autopsy, hospital

der could not be known immediately. Police said that Jamal came under attack when some local people suspected him to be a thief. Jamal's mother filed a case

with Kotwali thana in this connection, police said.

### From Page 1 that the countries concerned

needed to take early actions for enhancing cooperation in the areas of taxation, customs and

dullah Harun in his welcomed address said the visit of the Indian Prime Minister would help to enhance bilateral cooperation in the sectors of trade, industry and investment through private sector participation.

The FBCCI President pointed out that while trade between the two countries is growing the trade imbalance continues to increase in India's favour. The main reason for this imbalance lies in the difference in trade policy regimes between Bangladesh and India, he said.

Imports from India shot up from 180 million US dollar in 1990-91 to 1 billion dollar in 1995-96 while Bangladesh's exports to India rose from 31 million dollar to 70 million in the corresponding years showing mounting imbalance of 830 million dollar against Bangladesh.

Bangladesh needs to be looked at not merely as a destination of goods but also as a competitive source of goods to India.

He hoped that both sides would initiate steps to increase trade cooperation through removal of tariff and non-tariff barriers to trade, setting up joint ventures, buy-back arrangements, marketing collaboration, infrastructure development, sub-contracting, joint marketing of commodities and collaboration for technology.

Guiral. Home Minister Indrajit

### Teesta next focus, JEC to take up transit ingfully enter into immediate gency is there and in future From Page 1 Hasina said that the Water more steps will be taken to cooperation in vitally impor-Resources Minister of India is tant areas, like trade and comeliminate them through dis-

that the Joint Working Group (JWG), comprising senior officials of the home and foreign ministries of the two countries. would meet at the end of the current month "to discuss border related issues to find effective ways and means for controlling smuggling, cross-border crime and terrorism by insurgent elements from both sides.

termined as friendliest neighbouring countries to eliminate any kind of terrorism or insurgency that may affect our national interest," Sheikh Hasina told the press conference. Deve Gowda noted that the signing of the Ganges water sharing agreement between the

two countries was a landmark

event and it should usher in a

new chapter of relations "based

"We are committed and de-

on trust ending past suspicions." The Indian prime minister added, "The relations between the two countries since the last 21-22 years in the areas of trade, business and industrial programmes was not so much encouraging because of the past

political circumstances."

He further said, "Now that the Ganges water agreement has been reached, I express my confidence that the outstanding issues between the two countries would be solved without any suspicion in mind. We shall now work at further modalities in different spheres like improving communication. transportation, border ways, road and rail links by sitting across the table."

Responding to a question on the progress in rooting out insurgency. Gowda replied "insur-

cussions." He said many outstanding problems had been discussed and a definite progress has been made in the last three months between the two countries. The Indian prime minister

said that such bodies as the Joint Economic Commission (JEC) and Joint Working Group (JWG) that existed earlier also were not operational, and these would now be made effective to sort out issues to make further Asked if the transit issue was being pursued by India,

Gowda replied that it would be

taken up in the next meeting of

the Joint Economic Commission which is now scheduled to meet in early March. At the outset of the press conference. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina read out a threepage written text while Deve Gowda made an extempore delivery detailing the new per-

Only three questions from the press were entertained, one on the sub-regional grouping, another on transit and the other on insurgency. Sheikh Hasina in her deliberation said the two countries have "agreed to work together to further strengthen regional co-

operation within SAARC, as

well as seek avenues for having

a faster track of development

involving countries of our re-

gion in a sub-regional ap-

spective of relations.

proach. She further said, "For example, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan and the region of India immediately contiguous to us could very fruitfully and meanmerce, production and transmission of power and harness ing and better managing the vast natural resources of this sub-region for economic upliftment of our people." Bangladesh is keen to de-

velop enhanced business relations with North-East India Sheikh Hasina said. "A Bangladesh delegation had already been to Guahati recently and we expect a return visit from the business representatives from the Indian North-

Later, replying to a question as to why there was a new thinking on the sub-regional grouping and whether it meant undermining SAARC, Sheikh Hasina said, "The Sub-regional group would be supplementary to SAARC. It is not competitive. It will help enlarge economic cooperation particularly in the north-eastern region."

However, the views of Deve

Gowda, who is also the current

chairman of SAARC could not

be elicited as the press confer-

ence was cut short by the organisers. In her statement Sheikh Hasina also said that the two governments have acknowledged the need for setting the issue of sharing of waters of other common rivers and that the Teesta river has been identified "as the next focus of our attention and intense reactivation of

She said, "Given the political will and determination of true friends, as we now have in between us, we do not think it will be difficult to reach settle-

the Joint River Commission."

expected to visit soon at the invitation of his Bangladesh counterpart. The prime minister said

tion facilities covering all modes, needs to be extended and improved upon." She further added. "The two countries will also support construction of regional transportation network under the

relations are sanctified by the blood of countless martyrs who laid down their precious lives for the liberation of Bangladesh. We pay tributes to the many gallant Indians who shed their blood and fought shoulder to shoulder with our valiant freedom fighters. With such solid foundation, I am confident that Bangladesh-India relations, which was first nurtured in the able hands of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the founding father of Bangladesh, will continue to flourish and grow from strength to strength in days

Minister Abdus Samad Azad Indian External Affairs Secretary Salman Haider and Bangladesh Foreign Secretary Farook Sobhan and to officials of the two countries were present during the joint press conference.

## Indian Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda placing wreath at

## Water treaty to help strengthen ties tries to move ahead in our bi-

Gowda said this when he

Shahabuddin and Prime Minis-Bangladesh and India would

benefit of the two peoples.

The President referred to the

report on 3 bills The Special Committee of

The Committee scrutinised the Bankruptcy Bill 1996, the Securities and Exchange Com-

with certain amendments.

sent to the special committee.

steps would be taken to "facilitate trade and economic contacts between Bangladesh and the contiguous parts of India. To this end, better transporta-

aegis of the Asian Highway and Asian Railway.' Sheikh Hasina, in her concluding remarks, observed: "Our

Indian External Affairs Minister I K Gujral, Foreign

They also discussed matters relating to mutual interests

Indian External Affairs Minister IK Gujral, Indian Foreign Secretary Salman Haider, Bangladesh High Commissioner to India CM Shafi Sami and Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Dev Mukherjee were present.

### observes hartal From Staff Correspondent

Indian national

JESSORE, Jan 7: Two people,

filed in this connection.

## Youngman

sources said. The motive behind the mur-

FBCCI

standards. FBCCI President Yousuf Ab-

The FBCCI President said

Indian Foreign Minister I K

Gupta. Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad, Commerce and Industries Minister Tofael Ahmed and Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria were present at the meeting at a local hotel.