

Indian troops deployed at two border points

JS body on Defence Ministry told

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The Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Defence was informed at a meeting on Monday that there had been deployment of Indian troops, although not mentionable, along the Bangladesh borders.

"There was no mentionable deployment in the frontiers as reported in a section of newspapers, but deployment was there at two points," chief of the Directorate General of Forces Intelligence (DGFI) Major General Nazrul Islam was quoted as saying.

He was replying to a query from Faruk Khan, a ruling party member, about the latest development in the frontiers.

The DGFI has reported about deployment of Indian troops in two bordering points, which may have something to do with the upcoming elections in India, meeting sources said quoting the DGFI chief.

The DGFI chief, however, did not mention the points where the troops have been deployed. He said the deployment by no means poses threat to Bangladesh. "We are keeping a watchful eye on the bordering areas," he was quoted to

have told the meeting.

Raising the border issue, BNP lawmaker Prof. Rezaul Karim asked Defence Secretary Idris Ali about the latest position along the India-Bangladesh borders following the recent BSF-BDR encounter at Rourami frontier that left 16 Indian border security personnel and three BDR personnel killed.

The defence secretary said the matter is related to the Ministry of Home and Foreign Affairs. "We have nothing to say about it," Ali was quoted to have said by one source. He added that the Bangladesh army has no such deployment in the borders.

Chaired by committee Chairman Lt. Gen. (ret'd) K M Shafiqullah, the meeting also discussed the killing of military officials in the 1975 putsch, effectiveness of the Mig-27 warplanes, latest status of the under-construction frigate to be procured from South Korea, irregularities in allotment of the DOHS plots and the pre-takeover activities by former military ruler H M Ershad.

The defence ministry officials informed the meeting that a court of inquiry was conducted regarding killing of military officers in the 1975 putsch and a report was

handed over to the government. "Now, the government would take the proper step in this regard," a defence ministry official told the meeting.

The committee suggested immediate implementation of the recommendations put forward by the court of inquiry.

The progress of the under-construction naval frigate is satisfactory and it is expected to arrive in Dhaka at the end of the month, the meeting was informed. A total of 111 navy officers were trained to operate the war vessel and some 40 others are likely to leave Dhaka for Seoul to undergo training, it was informed.

About the pre-takeover activities by the then Chief of Staff H M Ershad, the committee asked the defence ministry to submit a complete report in the next meeting as the previous one on the same was deemed insufficient by the committee.

As for the irregularities in allocation of the DOHS plots, the meeting also asked the authorities concerned to submit another report to a sub-committee.

The chiefs of army, navy and air force and other high officials also attended the meeting.



Devotees and admirers of the Peer Saheb of Biswa Zaker Manzil at Atrashi offering prayers at his namaj-e-jannaza at the Faridpur Darbar Sharif on Tuesday.

WEATHER TODAY

Thundershowers forecast

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty to squally wind is likely at a few places over Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Barisal and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Khulna divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today.

Little change in day temperature is expected over the country, Met Officials said.

The country's highest temperature recorded yesterday was 36.0 degree Celsius at Patuakhali and the lowest 20.8 degree Celsius at Sayedpur.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:28 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:22 am.

Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town		Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	32.2	24.2	84	91
Chittagong	31.8	26.4	73	73
Rajshahi	32.7	24.0	69	60
Khulna	35.2	26.5	63	64
Barisal	35.0	25.5	82	83
Sylhet	31.0	23.0	61	70
Cox's Bazar	35.5	25.5	70	71

HERE AND THERE

Discussion on child labour elimination

Dhaka Ahsania Mission organised a discussion meeting on April 30 to mark the International Day on Elimination of Child Labour, says a press release.

Presided over by Ehsanur Rahman, the meeting was addressed by Prof. Nurul Islam, Dr. Ahmadullah Mian, Principal M. Sadequeur Rahman and Wahidul Haque.

Two field level staff narrated their experiences regarding the implementation of Ahsania Mission's programmes for working children.

BCDJC

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Centre for Development Journalism and Communication (BCDJC) in cooperation with UNIC and UNESCO organized a discussion on "Intolerance" yesterday to mark World Press

Freedom Day

The discussion was moderated by Muhammad Hailuddin, Director of CCHRB while Azhar Aziz, Director BCDJC outlined the World Press Freedom Day and Saleem Samad, Correspondent of RSE, presented a paper on 'State of Press in Bangladesh'.

Kazi Ali Reza, Officer-in-Charge UNIC read out the joint message of UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, Koichiro Matsuura and Mary Robinson.

Death anniversary

The third death anniversary of Sheikh Husein (Gora) will be observed today, says a press release. On this occasion, a Qurankhwan will be held at his mother's residence and free meal will be distributed in the orphanage.

Three win PIB-UNICEF Feature Award

UNB, Dhaka

Three journalists will receive PIB-UNICEF Feature Award for the year 2000.

The winners are Sarwar Hossain and Rafiqul Islam Montu of Manabjama, and Jannatul Mawa, a freelance writer.

The awards will be given under a UNICEF project, "Communication for Achieving Bangladesh's Goals for Children and Women."

State Minister for Information Abu Sayeed will distribute the awards at a function at PIB seminar room today, says a press release.

Obituary

UNB, Dhaka

Sajedul Islam (Lato), Senior Scientific Officer of Soil Resource Development Institute, died of brain hemorrhage at a city clinic on Monday morning. He was 48.

He was suffering from a kidney ailment.

Islam is survived by his wife, one son and two daughters, and a host of relatives.

He will be buried at his family graveyard at village Narikelbaria in Jhenidah district at 10 am today.

His kulkhwan will be held at his Narikelbaria residence tomorrow.

Chehlum

Chehlum of Dewan Mostafa Kamal, Senior Principal Officer of Agrani Bank, will be held at his village home at Barikandi of Nabinagar thana under Brahmanbaria district tomorrow after Juma prayers, says a press release.

A drama artist and president of Greater Comilla District Officer Welfare Association (Agrani Bank), Kamal died of a cardiac arrest on March 5 at the age of 52.

He was also associated with different social organisations. A *milad mahfil* and 'feeding of the destitute' programme have been arranged on the occasion.

Rabindra Sangeet festival

Bangladesh Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi Sangstha will inaugurate a 4-day long festival of Rabindra Sangeet. Venue: Shishu Academy auditorium. Time: 9:00 am & 7:00 pm.

Open discussion

Feni Sangbadik Forum, Dhaka will hold an open discussion on recent attacks on journalists in the country. Venue: VIP lounge of National Press Club. Time: 10:00 am.

Fashion exhibition

Altamira presents designer Moni Hossain's Summer Collection. Cartoonist Shishir Bhattacharya will inaugurate the show. Venue: Altamira Fashion Gallery, House No. 1, Road no. 2, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 10:00 am-9:00 pm everyday.

Seminar

Helen Keller International and the Institute of Public Health Nutrition will hold a seminar on "Progress of Bangladesh Towards the Nutrition Goals of the World Summit for Children." Venue: 1 PHM auditorium, Mohakhali. Time: 10:00 am-12:00 pm.

Award distribution ceremony

The PIB-UNICEF Feature Award 2001 will be handed over to recipients. Venue: PIB seminar room, Circuit House Road. Time: 12:00 noon.

Human chain

Sylhet Division Development Action Council will form a human chain in support of its various demands. Venue: In front of Bangladesh. Time: 4:30 pm.

DHAKA TOMORROW

Talk

Swadesh Chinta Sangha will hold a talk on Rabindranath. Keynote speaker: Syeda Nazneen Akhter. Venue: No. 25B, Rd No. 1, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 7:00 pm.

SNB conference

The Society of Neurologists of Bangladesh will inaugurate its first annual conference and scientific session. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 10:00 am.

Film show

Alliance Francaise de Dhaka will screen *Une femme ou deux* (A woman or two) by Daniel Vigne and Joanne d'Arc (Joan of Arc) by Luc Besson. Venue: 10:30 am & 8:00 pm.

DUPDAA reunion

Dhaka University Political Science Department Alumni Association (DUPDAA) will hold a reunion and annual general meeting. Venue: Teachers Students Centre. DU. Time: 10:30 am.

Rally

Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote will hold a rally and procession to mark the 140th birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore. Venue: Raman Park gate to National Press Club. Time: 11:00 am 11:30 pm.

Discussion meeting

Jatiyatabadi Peshajbee Parishad will hold a discussion meeting on "May Day and the Movement for Democracy Today". Venue: VIP lounge, National Press Club. Time: 3:00 pm.

Conference

Bangladesh Udichi Shilpi Gosthi will begin its two-day long national conference. Venue: Mohanagar Natyamachana, Gulistan. Time: 4:00 pm.

Classical recital

The High Commission of India will present a classical vocal recital by Sulochana Brahmapur. Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, 754 Satmasjid Road. Time: 6:30 pm.

Workshop

Bangladesh Social and Economic Forum 2001 will begin a two-day long workshop. Venue: BIAM, 63 New Estakon.

STOCK

TODAY'S TRADED ISSUES MAY 02, 2001

Company	DSE					CSE					Financial Performance			Company	DSE				
	FMV (Tk.)	Price	Change	Turnover	Share	Price	Change	Turnover	Share	Last	EPS	DPS	AGM		FMV (Tk.)	Price	Change	Turnover	Share
BANK																			
AB Bank Ltd.	100.5	194.25	5.57	184.00	42585	175.00	Not	Traded	---	26.100	21.6	12.5	---	BDI Zapper Ltd.	100.50	---	---	---	---
City Bank Ltd.	100.5	194.00	-0.77	195.50	400	234.00	Not	Traded	---	25.110	90.1	---	---	Beximco Denims Ltd.	100.50	---	---	---	---
IFC Bank Ltd.	100.5	237.50	5.32	232.50	400	248.00	Not	Traded	---	25.070	23.3	---	---	Brac Bank Ltd.	100.50	---	---	---	---
Islami Bank Bangladesh Ltd.	100.20	242.00	0.04	240.50	400	248.00	-0.20	242.50	47	24.080	18.1	21.0	---	M. Hossain Garments	100.50	---	---	---	---
National Bank Ltd.	100.10	259.25	1.97	254.25	53140	260.00	2.56	254.00	960	18.110	18.3	20.0	---	Sajib Khanna Ltd.	100.50	---	---	---	---
People's Bank Ltd.	100.10	193.25	2.88	192.75	5800	200.00	Not	Traded	---	11.030	3.8	---	---	Uchi Tea Ltd.	100.50	---	---	---	---
UBBL	100.5	141.00	0.71	140.00	2925	132.00	Not	Traded	---	15.690	15.6	---	---	Strepro Textile Ltd.	100.50	---	---	---	---
Ujjala Bank Ltd.	100.5	200.25	-0.68	202.25	2295	---	Not	Traded	---	10.120	10.0	---	---	Monna Fabrics Ltd.	100.50	---	---	---	---
United Fincing Co. Ltd.	100.20	220.75	-4.77	241.25	4300	232.00	Not	Traded	---	21.050	37.3	27.5	---	Alres Industries Ltd.	100.50	---	---	---	---
Ujjala Finance and Inv.	100.50	507.00	2.83	1465.50	1075	518.00	3.44	1467.50	270	21.110	18.1	12.0	---	Soliman Textile & Dyeing	100.50	---	---	---	---
Prime Bank Ltd.	100.50	329.50	3.29	310.00	15350	311.00	Not	Traded	---	27.040	22.0	30.0	---	BD Textile Ltd.	100.50	---	---	---	---
South-east Bank Ltd.	100.50	263.00	2.85	255.75	4700	263.00	2.85	255.75	1770	17.010	28.4	15.0	---	GMK Knitex Ltd.	100.50	---	---	---	---
S.C.B. Bank Ltd.	100.50	279.00	-0.42	266.50	34850	280.00	4.00	269.00	850	21.060	34.3	25.0	---	C.M.C. Kamal Textile Ltd.	100.50	---	---	---	---
Social Investment Bank Ltd.	100.50	311.20	0.98	311.25	430	---	Not	Traded	---	---	---	---	---	Banmara Synthetics Ltd.	100.50	---	---	---	---
Dutch-Bangla Bank Ltd.	100.50	332.25	1.76	326.50	10750	---	Not	Traded	---	---	---	---	---	PHARMA & CHEM.	---	---	---	---	---
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