

BDR, BSF discuss cross-border terrorism

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A flag meeting between the Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) and the Indian Border Security Force (BSF) was held at Basantapur BOP in Kaliganj upazila yesterday.

They discussed cross-border terrorism, smuggling, barbed-wire fencing, push-in, push back, and other border-related issues, sources said.

Lt Col Mahbubur Rahman commanding officer of 12 Rifles Battalion and Lt Col Sarkar commanding officer of 1 Rifles Battalion of BDR and RC Gour commanding officer of 106 BSF battalion and SK Barna commanding officer of 72 BSF battalion led their respective side.

BDR sources said, the flag meeting is a routine one and it will continue in future to strengthen relations between the two border security forces.



Prime Minister Khaleda Zia addresses a huge public meeting at the Chatkhil High School ground in Noakhali yesterday.

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Three of a family killed in Comilla road accident

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Comilla

Three members of a family were killed and four others injured in a road accident on the Dhaka-Chittagong Highway in Comilla on Tuesday night.

Police and witnesses said the accident occurred at about 11:30pm when a Dhaka bound truck from Chittagong collided head on with a Chittagong bound microbus from Dhaka at Sayedpur under Chowddagram upazila of the district.

The three died on the spot. They are Babul Miah, 26, his sisters Jeba, 17, and Sadia, 7. The injured, identified as Murni, 18, Abdur Rahim, 20, Nasiruddin, 27, and Raushni, 16, are now undergoing treatment at the upazila health complex.

INDIAN RIVER-LINKING PROJECT

UNEP urged to conduct study on possible ecological disaster

BSS, Dhaka

Environment and Forest Minister Shajahan Siraj has reiterated his call to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) for conducting a study on a possible ecological disaster that would be created by unilateral withdrawal of waters from the Brahmaputra and the Ganges by India through its mega river-linking project.

He was addressing the debriefing session on 'Global Ministerial Forum', held in South Korea last week. Forum of Environmental Journalists of Bangladesh (FEJB) with support from the Ministry of Environment and Forest (MoEF) and the UNDP organised the session under the sustainable environment management programme.

Environment and Forest Secretary Syed Tanveer Hussain and IUCN Country Director Dr Aminul Nishat also addressed the session with FEJB chairman Quamrul Islam Chowdhury in the chair.

Shajahan Siraj mentioned that the Bangladesh proposal for considering coastal zones as an integral part of the freshwater management was included in the declaration of the ministerial forum.

"The concept of integrated coastal area and river basin management should be promoted, and scientific management and institutional links between freshwater and coastal/marine management facilitated, considering existing experiences at national and regional levels," he added.

Quoting the Indian representative at the ministerial forum that India would conduct a rigorous and transparent environmental impact assessment before implementing the river inter-linking project, he said now New Delhi has to undergo this mandatory EIA before initiating its destructive river-linking project in consultation with Bangladesh.

Syed Tanveer Hussain emphasised on taking immediate measures to tackle saline water intrusion in the face of climate change caused by global warming and feared that it be aggravated if India go ahead with its river-linking project for withdrawing upstream waters from the common rivers.

He said Bangladesh should try to access global carbon fund to introduce renewable energy, hydropower and solar power so that the country could protect the people from environmental disasters.

Quamrul emphasised the need for formulation of a national position for

the up-coming 12th session of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development to be held in New York at the end of this month.

Dr Nishat underscored the need for

carrying forward the position taken in South Korea at the CSD preparatory Global Ministerial Forum.



A post-shradha social gathering was held in memory of late Krishna Pada Bhowmik, father of Prof. Dr Nim Chandra Bhowmik, general secretary of Hindu Bouddha Christian Oikya Parishad, at the Dhakeswari Temple on Tuesday. Political leaders, diplomats and journalists attended the programme.

Obituary



Dr Mahmud Hasan Jamali, a renowned surgeon, died at Baltimore in Maryland, USA, on Tuesday, says a press release.

His namaz-e-jaanaza will be held at Paribagh mosque in Dhaka after Juma prayers on Friday.

An alumnus of Dhaka Medical College, Dr Jamali is survived by his wife, two brothers and two sisters.

Death anniversary



Today is the 11th death anniversary of Humayun Zahir, former chief legal ad-viser to Janata Insurance Company Ltd., says a press release.

Founder of Dhaka Mahila College, he was also the vice-chairman of United Commercial Bank.

A milad mahfil will be held at the head office of the Janata Insurance Company at 11.00am on April 10 instead of today.

Kazi Mojibur Rahman



Kazi Mojibur Rahman, a former UP chairman and Thana Unna-yan Committee chairman, died on Tuesday at the age of 72, says a press release.

He is survived by his wife, one son and two daughters.

A milad mahfil will be held at Hilltown Community Centre, 23/4 Mirpur Road, after Maghrib prayers on Friday.

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Advertisement for Opsonin Chemical Industries featuring a blood donation program and a woman holding a child.

Opsonin Chemical Industries organised a blood donation programme in the city on Tuesday on the occasion of sixth death anniversary of its founder-chairman Abdul Khaleque Khan.