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High security plan for human wall

Opposition eyes record no-trust showdown; Rab to use choppers to patrol 900-km route

STAR REPORT

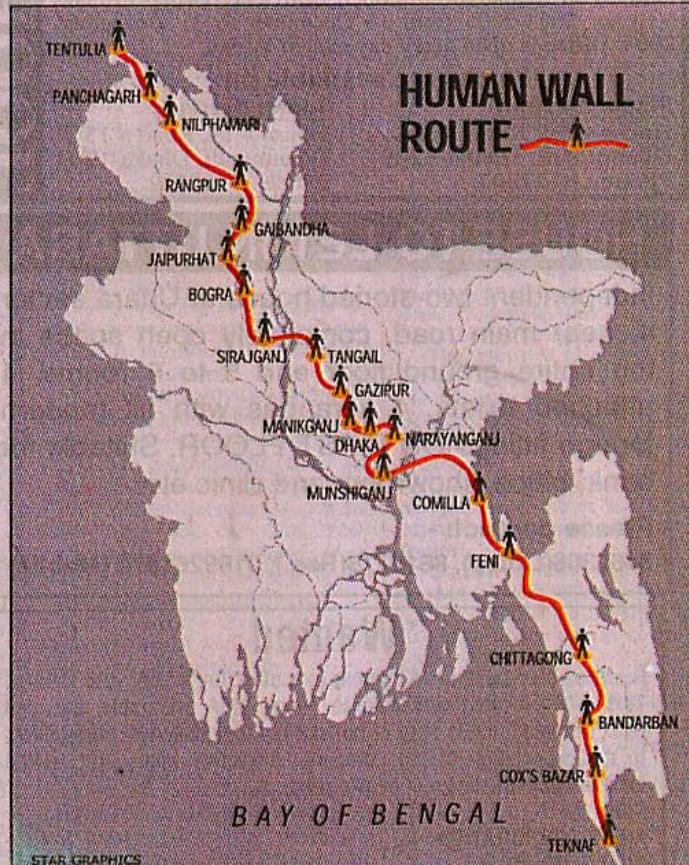
The government has designed unprecedented security measures to avert any 'subversive activities' as the opposition parties are fully prepared for staging their biggest-ever showdown tomorrow to show 'no-confidence' in the BNP-led coalition regime.

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab)

using three helicopters will patrol the 900-kilometre route of the 3:00pm to 4:00pm human wall from Teknaf to Tentulia, and take video footage from the sky, the home ministry decided at a meeting yesterday.

A huge contingent of the police, paramilitary Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) and Ansar will be deployed to

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STAR GRAPHICS

First Test from today

SPORTS REPORTER

Security fear and uncertainty over, the first Test between Bangladesh and India begins at Bangabandhu National Stadium today.

The tour opener of the much-talked about first full Indian series against Bangladesh will start at 9:30 am with Bangladesh Television and ESPN beaming the five-day game

live from the Big Bowl.

When Sourav Ganguly walks along with Habibul Bashar in front of a cheering holiday crowd, he will cherish a special personal moment of leading the Indian cricket team on both Bangladesh's inaugural Test in 2000 and the second one between the two neighbours after four years.

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Bangladeshi truck driver kidnapped in Iraq 'released'

ASHFAQ WARES KHAN

The Bangladeshi truck driver held hostage in Iraq was released by Iraqi resistant fighters yesterday, according to diplomatic sources.

Abul Kashem Faruk, 44, who was captured by the Islamic Army of Iraq (IAI) on October 28, is now

under the Iraqi Interior Ministry. "We have information that he has been released. But we are yet to get confirmation," Shamsher Mobin Chowdhury, foreign secretary, told The Daily Star last night.

Bangladesh Ambassador to Kuwait Nazrul Islam Khan told

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SAARC SUMMIT

Border watch upped, SSF to guard VIPs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will roll out a security blanket for the ensuing Saarc summit in the wake of the arrest in Dhaka of two outlaws with time

bombs and firearms and the reported threat to the Indian cricket team by a self-styled Islamist outfit.

Under a security rearrangement, Special Security Forces (SSF) will be

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Giant sharks give in after 28hr battle

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Fishermen caught two gigantic sharks in the Bay of Bengal after a 28-hour-long battle since Tuesday morning as killing of the carnivorous marine fish continues in the deep sea.

Hundreds of curious Chittagong people gathered from early morning yesterday at the Fishery Ghat in the city's Firingee Bazar area to have a glance at the two sharks, which weighed about eight and four tonnes.

The sharks, which were brought to the bank of the Fishery Ghat from the deep sea the previous night, were beached with a crane when this report was written at 4:00pm yesterday.

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PRIZED CATCH... a curious crowd looks at one of two gigantic sharks at Fishery Ghat in the port city's Firingee Bazar yesterday.

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