



Indian Army Chief General Deepak Kapoor pays homage to the memory of Armed Forces personnel martyred during the War of Liberation in 1971 after placing wreaths at Shikha Anirban at Dhaka Cantonment in the city yesterday.

## Armies of 2 countries can share experiences

President tells Indian army chief

UNB, Dhaka

President Iajuddin Ahmed yesterday said the Bangladesh and Indian armies can share their experiences in various fields and take part in joint training to help further develop and strengthen the existing friendly relations.

The president made the remark when Chief of Indian Army Staff General Deepak Kapoor called on him at Bangabhaban.

Welcoming the Indian army chief, Iajuddin expressed his satisfaction at the current relations between the two countries.

He hoped that Gen Kapoor's visit would help further strengthen the relations between the two close neighbours.

He apprised Indian army chief of Bangladesh's success in curbing militancy and said the people of the country would never support terrorism.

He also informed Gen Kapoor about the Bangladesh efforts to strengthen democracy in the country and its preparation for holding a credible general election by December this year.

The president also underscored the need for Bangladesh and India to work together to face the challenges of global warming and arsenic problem, as both the countries are highly vulnerable to the issues.

Gen Kapoor showed keen interest to avail different training facilities in Bangladesh for the Indian army officers.

He said Bangladesh and India have been facing similar challenges in the field of development and survival, particularly in poverty alleviation, curbing terrorism and

facing natural calamities.

The two countries, he said, can together work effectively in facing the problems successfully.

Gen Kapoor, who took part in 1971 operation during the War of Liberation of Bangladesh as a captain of Indian Army, also praised the Bangladeshi people for their courage and patience.

Indian High Commissioner in Dhaka Pinak Ranjan Chakravarty was present at the meeting.

**GEN KAPOOR PLACES WREATHS**  
Another report adds: Earlier, Gen Kapoor placed a wreath at 'Shikha Anirban' to pay tributes to the memory of the members of the Armed Forces martyred during the War of Liberation in 1971.

Then he went to Senakunja where he was presented a guard of honour by a smartly turned-out Army Contingent. Gen Kapoor inspected the guard and took salute. He planted a sapling on the Senakunja premises.

Later, the Indian army chief paid a courtesy call on Chief of Army Staff General Moeen U Ahmed at Army Headquarters. He discussed with the Army Chief matters of professional interest.

Then he was briefed about different activities of Bangladesh Army at Army Headquarters conference room. General Moeen U Ahmed, Principal Staff Officers of Army Headquarters and entourage of Indian army chief were also present at the briefing.

Gen Kapoor also called on Chief of Naval Staff Vice Admiral Sarwar Jahan Nizam at Naval Headquarters and Chief of Air Staff Air Marshal SM Ziaur Rahman at Air Headquarters.

## 'Observe Aug 15 as national mourning day in line with HC verdict'

UNB, Dhaka

Up to 361 of the Dhaka University teachers yesterday urged the government to declare August 15 again as National Mourning Day and public holiday in line with the recent High Court judgement.

The teachers, in a statement, said

the HC judgement declaring illegal the cancellation of the August 15, the national mourning day and public holiday by the previous BNP-Jamaat government, has established truth and justice in the country.

"We hope that the caretaker government will declare August 15 as the national mourning day and

public holiday from the coming August 15 showing respect to the High Court verdict," they said and hoped befitting programmes will be chalked out at the state level to observe the day with due respect.

The signatories to the statement included Prof Dr Harun-or-Rashid, Prof Dr M Anwar Hossain, Prof Dr

Ahiduzzaman, Prof Dr AK Azad Chowdhury, Prof Dr AAMS Arefin Siddique, Prof Shahadat Ali, Prof RIM Aminur Rashid, Dr M Akhtaruzzaman, Prof Kazi Muntasir Mamun, Dr Hossain Mansur, Prof M Akhtaruzzaman, Prof Sekander Hayat Khan and Dr Mohammad Samad.

## Eden students demand trial of war criminals

DU CORRESPONDENT

Female students of the Eden University College formed a human chain in front of college main gate yesterday demanding trial of war criminals.

Around one hundred students under the banner of general students formed the chain at around

11:00am and stayed till 12:00noon.

Jasmin Shammi Nijum, a college student, told The Daily Star that it is really disgraceful that the government is yet to try the war criminals who conducted genocide during the liberation war.

Students also vowed to forge tougher programme if their demands are not realised soon.

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