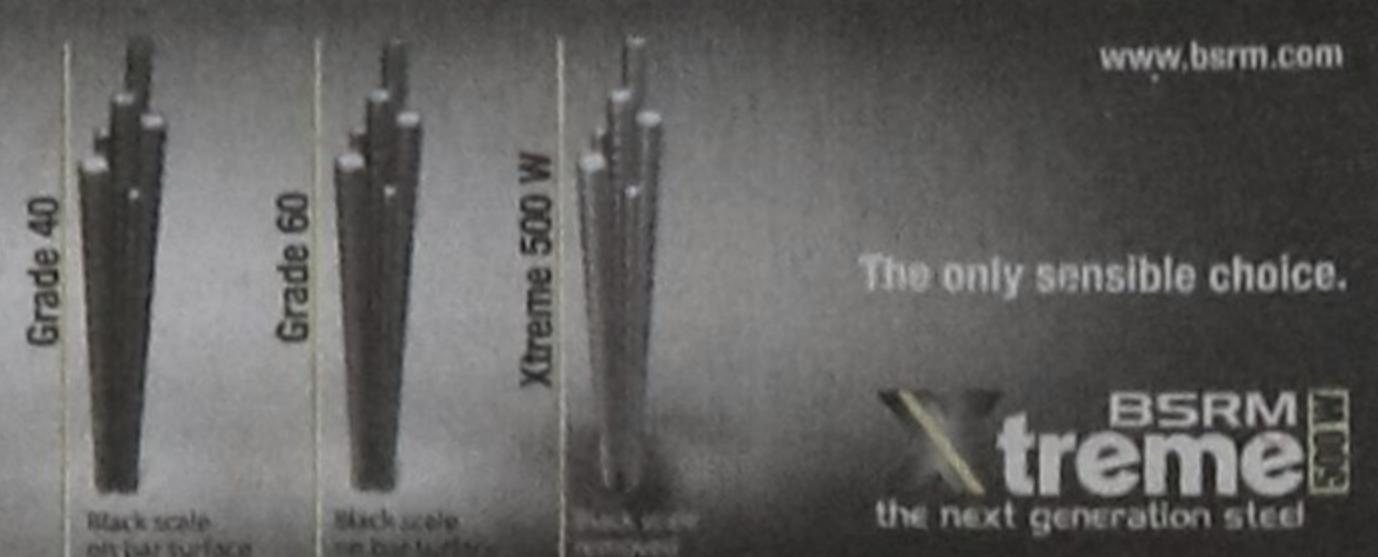


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Border sees push-ins, push-backs

Rohingyas driven into Bangladesh territory every day

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban

Push-ins and push-backs are going on across the border with Myanmar amid tensions following mobilisation of a huge number of Myanmarese troops along the border for erecting barbed wire fence.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh has sent in more reinforcements on the border with Myanmar to strengthen its strategic position in the face of massive military build-up by the latter's junta.

Sources at the intelligence agencies said Nasaka, the border security force of Myanmar, gathered about 10,000 Rohingyas at several bordering points opposite Naikhangchhari last week in a bid to push them into the Bangladesh territory.

Local people said even after receiving the Rohingyas from the Bangladesh authorities, Nasaka forced them again to enter into the country using other borders of the hill district.

Some 154 Rohingyas were pushed back to their country in last two weeks through the Naikhangchhari border, BDR sources said.

The Rohingyas who returned from their country after the handover to the Myanmar authorities said they were compelled to enter into Bangladesh as Nasaka men tortured them and forced them to work like building barbed wire fence, bunkers, etc.

Against the backdrop of this trend, police and BDR have taken the policy of pushing the Rohingyas back to Myanmar

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PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

A Myanmar national with her child crosses over to Bangladesh territory at Naikhangchhari of Bandarban avoiding detection by Bangladesh Rifles personnel and persecution by Nasaka on the other side. Inset, these people end up at the Rohingya refugee camp in Ukhia.

Germany pledges \$4.31 lakh for Rohingya relief

UNB, Dhaka

Germany pledged € 300,000 equivalent to \$ 431,655 dollars to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) mainly for Rohingya refugee relief works.

The aid is meant for improving the situation of Rohingya refugees of Myanmar in their Cox's Bazar camps as well as improving the infrastructure of schools outside the camps to benefit Bangladesh children in the coastal district, an announcement said here yesterday.

At the same time, Gunter Nooke, commissioner for Human Rights Policy and Humanitarian Aid at the Federal Foreign Office of Germany, visited Bangladesh together with the human rights ambassadors from Denmark and the Netherlands.

On October 13, the delegation visited Kutupalong refugee camp near Cox's Bazar and met with government officials, UN agencies, NGOs and the refugee themselves.

Before embarking on the

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India opposes China's Brahmaputra dam plan

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

India yesterday said it opposed the construction of a dam in Tibet by China on the Brahmaputra and that it was verifying whether such a project is being pursued despite its opposition.

In the wake of a media report that China has begun constructing the dam on the river, Indian External Affairs Ministry said India has conveyed, during meetings over last three years, that such a project may have significant impact on the socio-economic condition of people living downstream.

The Brahmaputra flows for about 1,625 kilometres inside Tibet Autonomous Region of China, and for a further 918 kilometres inside

"We are looking into the said newspaper

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BSF kills 2

STAR REPORT

Indian Border Security Force shot dead two Bangladeshis on Chapainawabganj and Meherpur borders yesterday and Tuesday night.

They are identified as Abdur Rahim, 30, of Atroshia village under Durlowpur union of Shibganj upazila in Chapainawabganj and Ananda Kumar Biswas, 36, of Pagla Kanai Road under Jhenidahsadar upazila.

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JS body tires to dispel PSC fear of its critics

RASHIDUL HASAN

The parliamentary body on power and energy ministry yesterday rejected the resources activists' demand for scrapping of the model production sharing contract (PSC).

The House standing committee said the model PSC has been developed in line with international standards to ensure maximum national interests.

The rejection came at its meeting with leaders of the National Committee to Protect Oil, Gas and Mineral Resources.

About the national committee's demand for cancelling the production sharing guidelines, the parliamentary panel said those can at best be modified.

During the three and a half hours long meeting at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban, the parliamentary panel criticised the committee leaders for what it said was personal attack on Petrobangla officials.

Contrary to the committee's claim, it said there is no scope for gas export under the new PSC.

The national committee on the other hand asked them to legislate against oil and gas export. It also demanded fresh bidding for contracts to explore gas in the offshore blocks.

Sheikh Muhammad Shahidullah, convenor of the national committee, led a five-member team that included Anu Muhammad, Gholam Rabbani, MM Akash and Nur Muhammad.

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Petrobangla gets new chairman

BSS, Dhaka

The government has appointed Prof Md Hussain Monsur as the chairman of Petrobangla on a contractual basis for one year.

Monsur, a geologist and senior professor of the Department of Geology of Dhaka University, will take charge from Major (Retd) Muqtadir Ali on October 18, said a press release.

Monsur joined the geology department of Dhaka University as a lecturer in 1978. He is a specialist in

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Pinak talks to shipping minister on port use

UNB, Dhaka

Indian High Commissioner Pinak Ranjan Chakravarty yesterday met Shipping Minister Shahjahan Khan and discussed use of Ashuganj river port and development of Chittagong and Mongla seaports.

During a meeting at the shipping ministry, they also discussed matters of mutual interests.

Pinak stressed on expansion of new routes especially river route for increasing trade and commerce between Bangladesh and India and

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Argentina in WC finals

AP, Montevideo

Argentina made it to next year's World Cup. Barely. Mario Bolatti scored amid a goalless draw in the 84th minute, and coach Diego Maradona's Albiceleste beat Uruguay 1-0 Wednesday night to earn the fourth and final automatic berth from South America.

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US may send 45,000 more troops to Afghanistan

ANI, Washington/London

The US is expected to send about 45,000 extra troops for Afghanistan after Gordon Brown said that 500 more British troops would be sent to the country.

The Obama administration is understood to have told the British government that it could announce, as early as next week, the substantial increase to its 65,000 troops already serving there, The Telegraph reports.

The decision from Obama comes after he considered a request from General Stanley McChrystal, the US commander in Afghanistan, to send tens of thousands of extra American troops to the country.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Jock Stirrup, the British Chief of the Defence Staff, said: "I don't want to put words in the mouths of the Americans but I am fairly confident of the way it is going to come out."

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Extortionist shot in firefight with cops

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An extortionist was wounded in a 'shootout' between police and his cohorts in the city's Tejgaon area yesterday while extortionists shot an employee of a pharmacy shop at Sutrapur.

Police said extortionist Jalil and his accomplices opened fire on policemen who took position in front of BG Press High School in Tejgaon industrial area around 1:50am to nab them. The police fired back, resulting in a gunfight.

After the shootout, police found Abdul Jalil, 28, a member of Khorshed gang active in the industrial area, with bullet wounds. Two policemen sustained minor injuries in the shootout. Police also recovered one pistol, three bullets and one cellphone from the spot.

Police said Jalil and his accomplices extorted Tk 11,000 from Mohammad Ataur Rahman, an employee of a factory, on October 10 against their demand of Tk 25,000.

They again demanded Tk 25,000 from Ataur as they considered the Tk 11,000 as fine for non-payment of the toll of a lump sum.

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Online Poll

Do you think ship-breaking industry in our country should be brought under strict safety regulations to check accidents and environmental pollution?

Yes (91.8%)
 No (7.1%)
 No Comments (1.1%)

Total votes: 1010

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think the NBR case against Awami League leader Abdul Jalil is politically influenced for his recent remarks on national election and the cabinet?

Please cast your vote at www.thedailystar.net

Gazipur-Narayanganj elevated expressway on the cards: PM

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said her government has a plan to construct an elevated expressway from Gazipur to Narayanganj to facilitate the communications system.

Apart from this, railroads, ring roads and waterways would be developed outside Dhaka, she said.

The PM said this when a delegation of Foreign Investors Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) led by its President Walirah Rahman Bhuiyan called on her at her office in the capital.

During the meeting, Hasina mentioned the traffic congestion in the capital and said the head offices of different organisations need to be shifted outside Dhaka to ease the traffic jam.

In this connection, she said her government has a plan to construct overpasses at six rail-crossing points in the city.

The PM referred policies and development agendas of her government and said it (government) would make all of its policies public for ensuring transparency and accountability in implementation of those projects.

"We took the initiatives as we believe in transparency and

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