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## PM's visit a failure, harmful for nation

Says Khaleda; alleges 'secret security deal' with India; hints at movement

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday rejected the Bangladesh-India joint communiqué, saying people do not accept this statement of the Awami League-led grand alliance and the Indian government.

Khaleda alleged that a "secret security deal" was signed during the prime minister's visit to India. She demanded a clear statement on the matter from the government.

She urged people to unite against the joint communiqué.

At a crowded press conference at her Gulshan office, Khaleda said the prime



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**MUTINY AT SATKHIRA**  
Hearing on BDR charge framing today  
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

The hearing on charge framing against sixty suspected mutineers of 7 Rifle Battalion will begin today at a BDR special court at 41 Rifle battalion headquarters in Satkhira.

The court will resume its proceedings at 10:00 am at the BDR special court-1 and it is likely to frame charges against the accused BDR mutineers after the hearing, BDR sources said.

The trial of BDR mutiny at 7 Rifle Battalion in Nildumur of Shyamnagar upazila, Satkhira, began on December 7, and the

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## Jyoti Basu passes away



OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Veteran Marxist leader and India's longest-serving chief minister Jyoti Basu died in Kolkata yesterday after battling for life for 16 days.

A beacon to Indian communist movement, Basu was 95 and is survived by his only son Chandan Basu.

The condition of the patriarch of Communist Party of India (CPI-M) at AMRI Hospital in Salt Lake locality was extremely critical for the last three days with all his vital organs--lungs, heart, kidney, brain and liver--turning dysfunctional. And an attending doctor said, "There is little hope of good result".

The news of his death was announced to the media by an emotional CPI(M) leader Biman Bose at around 12:30 hours.

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**Bangladesh leaders shocked**  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

President Zillur Rahman and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, in separate messages, paid deep condolences at the death of veteran Indian communist leader Jyoti Basu yesterday.

Basu, also former chief minister of West Bengal, had suffered multi-organ failure and died at a hospital in Kolkata at the age of 95.

Meanwhile, Sheikh Hasina is likely to go to Kolkata tomorrow to pay her respect to Jyoti Basu.

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**A friend of Bangladesh**  
HASAN JAHID TUSHER

Marxist leader Jyoti Basu contributed to Bangladesh's independence and played an important role in realising its rightful share of Ganges water, Workers' Party President Rashed Khan Menon said yesterday.

"Jyoti Basu played an extraordinary role in organising our freedom fighters in West Bengal during the Liberation War. He even gave financial assistance to the cause," said Menon, who was very close to the veteran leader.

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## Knock down illegal floors in 7 days

Rajuk asks owner of Jamuna Future Park

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (Rajuk) has served a notice upon the authorities of Jamuna Future Park, asking them to demolish four unauthorised floors of the shopping complex in the capital within seven days.

Rajuk in the notice dated January 13 said the authorities of the shopping complex built a 10-storey building, although they have an approved design for six storeys.

The notice is the third of its kind, meaning now Rajuk itself might move to demolish the unauthorised floors if the complex authorities

fail to do so.

Chairman of Jamuna Group Nurul Islam Babul however told The Daily Star that he filed a writ petition yesterday against the notice, adding, although the notice is the third of its kind, he had not received the prior two notices.

Regarding unauthorised construction he said according to the design approval letter, he could build beyond six storeys with endorsement from Rajuk building inspector.

"Rajuk and the public works ministry are after me, as the Daily Jugantor belonging to Jamuna Group ran news items against them,"

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## Tigers take first day's honours

BISHWAJIT ROY from Chittagong

Skipper Shakib Al Hasan and Shahadat Hossain equally shared eight wickets as Bangladesh pulled something special out of the ordinary on the first day of the opening Test against India at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium here yesterday.

The collective efforts of the two Tigers backed by some spirited fielding saw the vaunted Indian batting line-up collapse to 213-8 by stumps, an achievement Bangladesh would certainly relish especially after the harsh comment made by stand-in India captain Virender Sehwag who termed his opponents 'ordinary' the other day.

It could have been a complete dominance of the Tigers against the number one Test side had master batsman Sachin Tendulkar not stood in the way with a resolute 76 not out.

However Bangladesh could have finished the day with more

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The Jamuna Future Park shopping complex at Baridhara in the capital.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

## Tight security for Jan 22-24 Biswa Ijtema

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A three-tier security system including helicopter patrol and close-circuit television monitoring was set up in and around the Biswa Ijtema venue at Tongi to hold the second largest Muslim gathering after Hajj from January 22.

The president, prime minister and ministers are to take part in the Akheri Munajat on January 24 while several hundred foreign pilgrims will also attend the gathering.

Speaking at a preparatory meeting held yesterday at Tongi municipality auditorium, Home Minister Sahara Khatun said highest security measures were taken to foil

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## Human assets must be improved

Dr Debapriya says on graduating from LDC status

INAM AHMED

Bangladesh has to improve its human assets to graduate from its status as a least developed country, Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya,



special adviser to the Unctad secretary general, said.

Some significant changes have swept over the LDCs since 1973 when Bangladesh became a member of the group, he yesterday told The Daily Star.

For example, Asia is more dynamic now, but the question remains whether the Asian LDCs are benefiting from this robust

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## LDC meeting starts in Dhaka today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

As the 13 Least Developed Countries (LDCs) from Asia and the Pacific meet in Dhaka today Bangladesh gets an opportunity to compare its development achievements in the context of the region.

The LDCs will also get the opportunity to think how investment, international trade, technology and aid flow environment can be made more effective.

In that search, questions

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