

3 Dhaka-Delhi deals come into effect

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Three agreements between Bangladesh and India, including one on transfer of sentenced persons, came into effect from yesterday following the signing of the protocols for exchange of instruments of ratification in respect of the agreements.

Home Secretary Abdus Sobhan Sikder and Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Rajeev Mitter signed the protocols on behalf of their respective governments at the home ministry in the city yesterday.

The deals are on mutual legal assistance in criminal matters; transfer of sentenced persons; and combating international terrorism, organised crime and illicit drug trafficking.

The three agreements were signed earlier when Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina visited New Delhi in January last year.



Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia calls on Bhutanese Prime Minister Jigmi Y Thinley at Sonargaon Hotel in the city yesterday.

PHOTO: BNP

Saarc to make progress under Thinley: Khaleda

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BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday expressed hope that Saarc would make further progress under the leadership of its current chair Bhutanese Prime Minister Jigmi Y Thinley.

She expressed the view during a courtesy call on Thinley at his Sonargaon Hotel suit in the evening. She congratulated him for being the Saarc chairperson.

As Thinley sought Khaleda's cooperation from her experience as past Saarc chairperson, she said if there is political goodwill, Saarc would definitely step forward to its cherished goal.

After the meeting, BNP Vice Chairman Shamsur Mobin Chowdhury told reporters that Thinley said Bhutan government and its people are grateful as Bangladesh embassy in Bhutan was set up during the rule of President Ziaur Rahman.

Thinley further said the excellent relation between Bangladesh and Bhutan was also made under the leadership of Ziaur Rahman. Khaleda appreciated his government's step to recruit physicians from Bangladesh.

BNP Standing Committee Member Dr RA Gani, Khaleda's advisers Reaz Rahman and Sabihuddin Ahmed and her Press Secretary Maruf Kamal Khan were present.

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Youth found murdered in city

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Police recovered blood-stained body of an unidentified youth from inside an under-construction building at Badda in the city yesterday.

The youth was aged about 32. The body bearing stab marks on the head and abdomen was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital morgue.

Sub-inspector Babul Hossain of Badda Police Station quoted the said the caretaker of the building as saying the body was laid in a room of the house with the door ajar.

Janitor Nazrul Islam said four youths rented a room in the house on January 1. They have been absconding since the incident, he added.

Police suspect the body might be of one of the four youths or some outsider brought the victim to the spot and fled the place after killing him.

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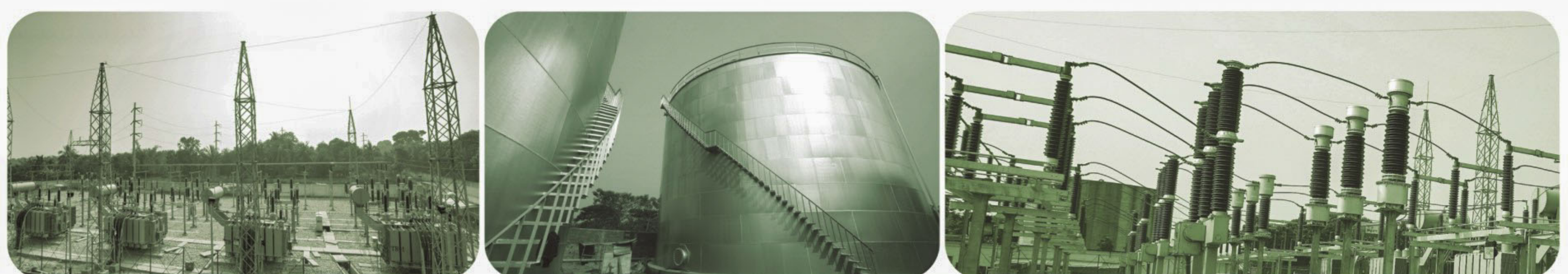
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