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COMBATING BORDER CRIMES Indo-Bangla deal likely this month

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh and India are expected to ink a deal on Joint Border Management Plan (JBMP) to contain crimes along the borders during Indian home minister's visit to Dhaka on July 29-30.

Highly placed sources said the agreement will strengthen the existing security in border areas through joint patrolling by the Border Guards of Bangladesh (BGB) and Border Security Force (BSF) of India in their

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Border Haat opens today

STAR REPORT

Bangladesh and India will jointly inaugurate their first ever Border Haat today along the borders of Kurigram district in Bangladesh and West Garo Hill district in the Indian state of Meghalaya.

Bangladesh Commerce Minister Muhammad Faruk Khan and his Indian counterpart Anand Sharma will formally open the market, reports our New Delhi correspondent.

The haat has been set up on four bighas of no-man's land along the border at Rajibpur upazila in Kurigram.

Locally produced vegetables, fruits, fruit juice, processed foods, spices, bamboo, bamboo grass and broom-stick, products of local cottage industries like gamchha,

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Some scale the iron fence on the central reservation while others find holes to slip through to the other side to cross the busy Mirpur Road near New Market in the capital. Pedestrians keep on risking their lives and the lives of motorists even though the foot bridge is visible in both the photos taken yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN



Khaleda starts unity talks today

RAKIB HASNET SUMAN

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia sits with Krishak Sramik Janata League (KSJL) President Kader Siddiqui tonight as part of her dialogue with the political parties protesting the scrapping of the caretaker government system.

The meeting will take place at Khaleda's Gulshan residence in the capital.

"I'll meet her tonight in response to her invitation to discuss the latest

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BSF beats Bangladeshi to death

UNB, Chuadanga

A Bangladeshi farmer was beaten to death by Indian Border Security Force (BSF) at Thakurpur border of Damurhuda upazila in Chuadanga yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Selim Hossain, 25, son of Liakot Ali of Thakurpur village of the upazila.

Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) and local sources said Selim

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think the two big political parties' run for making alliances is a sign of looming political confrontation?

Yes (86.4%)
No (8.3%)
No Comments (5.3%)

TOTAL VOTES: 301

TODAY'S POLL

Do you support the presidential mercy to death row convict AHM Biplob, son of Laxmipur Awami League leader Abu Taher?

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PRAYER TIMING July 23

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-15	4-50
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-54	6-58
Esha	8-15	8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

UP results boost BNP confidence

Party favourites won chairmanship in nearly half of the unions in recent polls

RAKIB HASNET SUMAN

The BNP high command considers the success at recent union parishad polls a big comeback for the party in grassroots politics as its favourites won chairmanship of about half of the unions across the country.

The party leaders say the elections came as a blessing as its local leaders, who were driven away from their areas by their rivals, are now returning to political activities.

Struggling for about the two and a half years since the last parliamentary elections debacle, the main opposition appears upbeat after upsetting its archrival Awami League in the local government polls as well as municipality elections in January.

BNP is now looking to enhance organisational strength and resolve internal feud to intensify the anti-government movement, party policymakers say.

Already, they said, BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia has declared that she would go for tougher actions to force the government into holding the next election under a non-partisan caretaker administration.

A senior party man said the movement will unify BNP leaders across the country, contributing to its victory in the next general elections.

With confidence boosted by the recent polls victories, the party will try their best to score a win in the upcoming Dhaka City Corporation elections, the leaders added.

As per unofficial count collected from different sources including BNP central

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Locals try to stop the Jamuna from eroding the Sirajganj town protection embankment yesterday with sandbags. Four days ago the river damaged another point of the embankment. Story on page 1.

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