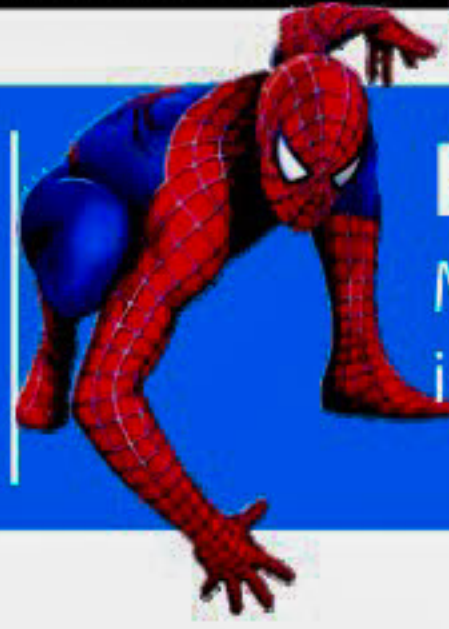




US HIRE KLINSMANN

German legend Jurgen Klinsmann is named as the United States football team coach

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KEEPING SUPERHEROES

Marvel retains copyright of its comic characters including Spider-Man and The Incredible Hulk

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RICE IMPORT TO FALL

The government targets lesser import of rice this fiscal year due to better internal stocks

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The deal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh and India yesterday entered a comprehensive border management deal to strengthen border security and combat smuggling of illegal drugs and weapons and trafficking of women and children.

Director General of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) Maj Gen Anwar Hussain and DG of Indian Border Security Force (BSF) Raman Srivastava inked the Border

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Make it public

BNP asks govt about the deal

UNB, Dhaka

BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir urged the government yesterday to make public the border deal signed with India.

"The present government has become hostage to India... this government has no success in settling the Bangladesh's unresolved problems with

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BSF told to hold fire

Chidambaram speaks of Delhi's firm instruction to border guards; deal signed to fight cross-border crimes together

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

India yesterday said it has ordered its Border Security Force not to shoot anyone crossing Indo-Bangla border no matter what the circumstances are.

Visiting Indian Home Minister P Chidambaram said this at a joint press conference with his Bangladesh counterpart Shahara Khatun.

"Let me make it very clear... we have issued strict instructions to our border security forces that under no circumstances should they fire upon anyone trying to cross from either Bangladesh to India or India to Bangladesh. The message has gone down to the last jawan," Chidambaram said.

"The only situation in which we have said firing may be justified is when a gang actually attacks a BSF jawan or an office. Then he has to protect himself and fire in self-defence," he added.

The Indian minister who arrived in Dhaka on Friday night for a one-day visit also claimed that the number of people getting killed at the borders has come down to seven this year, which



Indian Home Minister Palaniappan Chidambaram speaks to the media at a joint press conference at the home ministry yesterday while Home Minister Shahara Khatun looks on.

PHOTO: STAR

was 33 last year.

However, according to Bangladeshi human rights body Odhikar, BSF killed 17 Bangladeshis and wounded 49 others between January and June. Ain O Salish Kendra (ASK), another rights group, said 14 people were killed during the

same period.

Yesterday's joint press conference was held after a meeting between Chidambaram and Shahara at the home ministry.

During the meeting that lasted one and a half hours, the two countries signed "Bangladesh and India Coordinated Border

Management Plan" to stop cross-border crimes like smuggling of drugs and trafficking of women and children.

At the press conference, they expressed optimism that the issues of 6.5km border demarcation, transfer of enclaves,

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Messy affair in Malaysia

Uncertainty grips Bangladeshis as brokers meddle in KL's amnesty to illegal workers

PORIMOL PALMA, from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

The much-awaited amnesty for irregular foreign workers in Malaysia begins tomorrow amid growing confusion among many Bangladeshi expatriates about their status.

Around five lakh Bangladeshi work in Malaysia. Of them, over three lakh are undocumented and facing threats of arrest, low pay or other forms of exploitation.

The amnesty will allow the irregular workers to either return home without facing penalty or get regularised to continue with their jobs. This came as a great relief to these workers, but many of them are confused about their status because of various issues concerning work permit and employers.

The confusion intensifies as the Malaysian government has started registration of regular workers to create a biometric database of the foreign workers to bring discipline in the sector.

PASSPORTS WITH IMMIGRATION

Tension grips thousands of workers who, prior to the amnesty announcement, had submitted passports paying hefty fees to brokers or agents for renewal of their work permit. They have yet to receive fresh work permit and are uncertain whether they would consider themselves as documented or undocumented workers.

Mohammad Khalil Mia, who works at a dairy farm in the Malaysian district of Sembilan, said his agent took his passport around 14 months ago but did not return it along with renewed work permit.

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SAARC SUMMIT Maldives invites PM

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

A special envoy of the Maldives president handed over a formal letter of invitation to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday for attending the 17th Saarc Summit scheduled for November 10-11 in the Maldives.

Ibrahim Hussain Zaki, the special envoy of the Maldives President Mohamad Nasheed handed over the letter when he called on the prime minister at her official residence Gonobhaban, said foreign ministry officials.

The summit would be held for the first time under the democratic regime in the Maldives.

Bangladesh provided seven vehicles to the government of the Maldives, as courtesy support, for hosting the summit successfully.

Later, Ibrahim Zaki also

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The photo on top shows larvae of Aedes mosquitoes, responsible for dengue infection, swimming in rainwater accumulated in a discarded pot at a park near Farmgate in the capital. Inset, Mosquitoes breed freely in the stagnant water of a tank left open in Lalbagh as the Dhaka City Corporation hardly carries out fogging on poor logistics.

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Dengue catches DCC napping

Strikes early this year; number of infection shows sharp rise as anti-mosquito drive hardly carried out; DCC complains of poor logistics

MAHBUBA ZANNAT and HELEMUL ALAM

The dreaded dengue fever is back. The number of dengue-affected people in the capital took a sharp rise with 82 new cases reported from July 23 to 28.

According to the control room of Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), 188 people contracted dengue fever in the capital this month, whereas the number was just 35 in July last year.

The statistics however, only gives a partial picture of the spread of this communicable disease. The figures of the affected are collected from only 25 private hospitals and clinics out of 592 private and 10 public hospitals in the capital. This leaves one to expect a much graver situation in the city as a whole.

Meanwhile, according to Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) a total of 202 people were infected with dengue fever in June and July this year while the DGHS puts the number at 249.

"Last year, there were no filed cases of dengue fever in June but 61 cases had been reported in June this year," said Prof Mahmudur Rahman, director of Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR).

Experts say that timely management, including obliteration of breeding grounds for Aedes mosquitoes, is crucial. But DCC, the authority responsible for keeping

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BANGABANDHU KILLERS Delhi pledges to help nab 2 fugitives

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two condemned killers of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman -- Moslehuddin Khan and Abdul Mazed -- might be hiding in India, and Delhi has assured Dhaka of making all efforts to apprehend and hand them over to it.

"Of the six absconding (killers of Bangabandhu) it is possible that the two might be in India," Indian Home Minister Palaniappan Chidambaram said in Dhaka yesterday.

"I have assured my counterpart [Bangladesh home minister] that once we have information or intelligence, no effort or resource will be spared to apprehend and hand them over," he told a joint press briefing.

The Supreme Court on

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Two die in Buriganga boat capsize

At least 7 missing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least two persons drowned and seven others went missing as an engine-run boat capsized in the Buriganga after being sandwiched by two cargo boats last night near Banshpotti in Keraniganj just outside the capital.

Of the deceased, one is Mostafa Kamal Ripon, 30, a staff of Sir Salimullah Medical College and Mitford Hospital. The identity of the other male victim

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STUDENT 'VICTIMISED' BY COPS

OC Helal suspended

Police form probe body; law ministry waits on copy of HC order

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Helal Uddin, officer-in-charge of Khilgaon Police Station, was suspended yesterday over torture of Dhaka University student Abdul Kadar.

DMP's Additional Deputy Commissioner Masudur Rahman confirmed The Daily Star about the suspension of Helal who allegedly chopped the calf muscle of Kadar's left leg with a cleaver and let other policemen beat him severely.

Police also formed a four-member team yesterday to investigate the much-talked-about torture incident following a High Court directive, Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) sources said.



OC Helal

Abdul Kadar

The probe body, led by Abdul Jalil, additional commissioner (administration) of DMP, will have to submit a report within next three working days.

Earlier on Friday, Sub-Inspector Alam Badsha and ASI Shahidur Rahman of the police station were suspended on the same allegations.

The High Court on Thursday ordered the inspector general of police to suspend the three officers for their torture link.

It also asked the law secretary to form a committee headed by a ministry official with the rank of at least joint secretary to investigate the incident of detention and torture of Kadar.

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