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# Teesta failure unfortunate

Manmohan vows to find out a viable formula, heads home

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

India will continue to work hard to find a viable formula for sharing the water of Teesta river with Bangladesh, Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said in Dhaka yesterday, a day after a deal collapsed hours before it was due to be signed by the two countries.

"Both sides worked very hard to arrive at a solution that would be acceptable to all. Unfortunately these efforts did not meet their success within the time available," Manmohan said in a speech at Dhaka University before wrapping his two-day official visit to Bangladesh.

On the eve of Manmohan's visit both

Indian and Bangladesh officials confirmed that they finalised a deal for signing during his tour. Both sides reportedly agreed to a 50-50 share of the water of the river that originates in the Indian state of Sikkim and runs through Paschimbanga and Bangladesh.

The proposed Teesta pact fizzled out after Paschimbanga's firebrand Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee threw it out saying the sharing formula accepted by the Indian central government harms her state's interests.

She also pulled out from Manmohan's Dhaka entourage causing further embarrassment to him. Her dramatic protest

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## Frustratingly different

Dhaka's media handling no match for Delhi

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

This is a tale of two governments vs media.

One is helpful to the press, the other is not. The difference was seen once again during Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's just-concluded official visit to Bangladesh.

Indian officials were

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Bangladesh and India issued a joint statement yesterday following the summit meeting of the two countries' premiers in Dhaka the day before. For full text of the statement see The Daily Star website at www.thedailystar.net

## Khaleda shares disappointment

Tells Manmohan to consider changes in deals, if needed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday expressed disappointment at the failure to sign deals for sharing waters of common rivers including the Teesta during Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's visit to Bangladesh.

She also urged the Indian premier to see that contents of the deals signed during his visit could be changed in future, if necessary, in the interest of both the countries.

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## 11 killed in blast outside Indian HC

'Huji' mail claims responsibility

STAR REPORT

A powerful bomb placed in a briefcase outside the High Court in New Delhi killed at least 11 people and wounded 76 yesterday in an attack authorities said was claimed by a Bangladeshi-affiliated Islamist group.

The blast came at a time when Indian premier Manmohan Singh is currently on an official visit to Bangladesh.

The outlawed Harkatul-Jihad al Islami (Huji) militant group, with bases in Bangladesh and Pakistan, had sent an email claiming responsibility, Indian

authorities said.

"That mail has to be looked at very seriously because Huji is a very prominent terrorist group among whose targets India is one," National Investigation Agency (NIA) Chief SC Sinha told reporters.

Asked for a comment on Huji's activities in Bangladesh, Commander M Sohail, a senior Rapid Action Battalion official in Dhaka, told The Daily Star that Huji's strength has greatly been weakened at present than any time in the past because of repeated crackdowns on militants and arrests of almost all Huji leaders.

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## Dhaka, Delhi concerned

BSS, Dhaka

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh yesterday voiced concern over common exposure of both Bangladesh and India to extremist or terrorist elements as a terror attack outside the High Court in New Delhi left at least 10 people dead.

"Both India and Bangladesh are vulnerable to the forces of extremism and terrorism," Manmohan told a gathering of intellectuals at the Dhaka University campus when the reports of the

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## Ball is now in India's court

Experts feel govt must take lesson from failure, move on

REJAUL KARIM BYRON and SAJJADUR RAHMAN

India must convince West Bengal and its northeastern states that their relations with Bangladesh will make political and economic sense, said experts yesterday.

They also urged the Bangladesh government to be cautious and take lesson from the outcome of the summit on how to deal with India, a multi-layered democratic country with various races and regions.

However, the experts see no other option but to continue dialogue for mutual benefits.

"The Bangladesh government has made the right political decision by not signing the transit agreement in

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina sees off her Indian counterpart Manmohan Singh and his wife Gursharan Kaur at Shahjalal International Airport yesterday.

PHOTO: PMO

## Tripura offers power for connectivity

Chief minister urges both countries to sit soon, resolve problems

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Indian north-eastern state Tripura is ready to offer 100 megawatt of electricity to Bangladesh and increase the number of land customs stations to boost trade.

Tripura Chief Minister Manik Sarkar yesterday said 726MW of electricity would be generated from the gas-fired Palatana Thermal Power Plant for the time being.

Tripura will get 200MW while the rest will be sent to the Indian national grid.

"If Bangladesh government can win the heart of Indian central government through negotiations, we are ready to offer 100MW of electricity from our portion [Tripura's 200MW]," he said while addressing businessmen of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of

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## PM calls for joint effort to fight poverty

Chief ministers of 4 Indian states meet her

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday called for concerted efforts by all South Asian nations to eliminate poverty, describing it as the main enemy of the region.

"Poverty is the main barrier to the

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