

Turag pillars to be reset

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On April 12, The Daily Star broke the news of gross anomaly in demarcation of the rivers. Following outcries from the media and environmentalists, the ministerial committee was formed in the last week of April to look into the matter. The committee decided that the joint authorities have to demarcate the foreshores during normal high tide (rainy season) in August and September according to Cadastral Survey (CS) and Revised Survey (RS) records and the current river flow. The district administration now has to reposition over 300 boundary pillars, considering the river banks and foreshores, with the help of the BIWTA, and the Directorate of Land Records. The special ministerial committee report says that the district administration has to do it to comply with the HC directives. As to why they excluded the foreshores and wrongly set up boundary pillars, Gazipur Deputy Commissioner Talukder said they demarcated the river according to the CS and RS records. Syeda Rizwana Hasan, chief executive of Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers' Association

(Bela), said the district administration has no authority to lease out Khas land of the foreshores. The special committee report reflected the actual situation of river destruction, she claimed. The point raised by the media was proven to be true, she said, adding that it is a big achievement for the environmentalist movement as well. The HC, in 2009, ordered the deputy commissioners of Dhaka, Narayanganj, Gazipur and Munshiganj to demarcate the Buriganga, Shitalakhyia, Turag, Balu and Dhaleshwari rivers as per the CS records of 1913 and RS records of 1983. It also ordered to keep the eroded and formed land (shoal) as part of the rivers. It directed that the areas of rivers must be protected with pillars, walkways and plantation. The foreshores are defined in the judgment as the ground between the low-water mark of the dry season and the high-water mark of the monsoon. The court said a river is comprised of the river bed, foreshores, and banks. Not marking the foreshores enables permanent private ownership of the foreshores and encourages land grabbers, said environmentalists. A river with-

out foreshores is just a canal. Bahauddin, executive engineer of Public Works Department of Gazipur, said they were looking for an engineering solution to reposition the pillars and minimise waste of public money. The district administration had undertaken a Tk 1.40 crore project to set up 800 concrete boundary pillars along 18 kilometres of the Turag and Balu in Gazipur. PWD set up 310 pillars on the Turag and a section of the Balu. Of them, 160 are made of reinforced concrete and iron rods, while the rest are made of bricks, said Bahauddin. According to the special ministerial committee's decision, the BIWTA and the district administration have to prepare a list of all grabbers of floodplains, wetlands and foreshores of the rivers, and take legal actions to recover those pieces of land. Many illegal structures are still on the river but not mentioned on the list prepared by the deputy commissioners concerned, the report noted. The committee found that many individuals and organisations filled up the wetlands near the rivers and built structures.

UN agency confirms raw uranium in Libya

APP, Vienna
The UN atomic agency on Friday confirmed the existence of raw uranium in Libya after US news channel CNN reported that new regime forces had found potentially radioactive material. "We can confirm that there is yellow cake (raw uranium) stored in drums at a site near Sabha in central Libya," International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) spokeswoman Gill Tudor said. She said that the uranium, stored by the government of the now-fugitive Moamer Kadhafi, had been declared to the IAEA and that it hoped to be able to examine the material "once the situation in the country stabilises." The alleged discovery appeared to contradict a statement from the United States last month, however, that all Libya's yellow cake was at another site at Tajura near Tripoli. Raw or unprocessed uranium, which has low radioactivity levels, needs to be enriched using a highly complex and expensive procedure before it can be used in nuclear power generation or in atomic weapons.

OBAMA'S UN SPEECH AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY An insight into US politics

BBC Online
President Barack Obama's speech at the UN on Wednesday was welcomed by almost all major American Jewish organisations and billed in the media as his most pro-Israeli yet. But listening to the current crop of Republican presidential hopefuls, you get a rather different impression. On Tuesday, the frontrunner, Texas Governor Rick Perry, blamed the president for encouraging the Palestinians to seek membership at the UN. "Simply put, we would not be here today, at the precipice of such a dangerous move," he said, "if the Obama policy in the Middle East wasn't naive, arrogant, misguided and dangerous." Not to be outdone, his main rival, former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney called events at the UN "an unmitigated diplomatic disaster," and repeated a much-quoted line from earlier in the year. "It is the culmination of President Obama's repeated efforts over three years to throw Israel under the bus," he said. For Republicans, this probably has as much to do with courting staunchly pro-Israel Christian conservatives as wooing Jewish voters. Congress itself remains a bastion of pro-Israel sentiment, as witnessed by numerous recent threats to block \$50m (£33m) in aid to the Palestinian Authority if it continues its pursuit of UN membership. Despite Netanyahu's complex, sometimes frosty relationship with the Obama White House, he remains a darling of Congress, receiving a rapturous reception in May, when he addressed a joint session. Members rose to their feet for three dozen standing ovations, the sort of treatment Barack Obama can only dream of. Over the summer, more than 80 members of Congress, from both parties, visited Israel. Such moves have been seen before, but the strength of the current pro-Israel climate on Capitol Hill clearly complicates Obama's job as he tries to navigate the mine-infested waters of Middle East diplomacy. It also poses a domestic political challenge. With next year's presidential election starting to loom large, the season for traditional White House caution on Israel-Palestine has arrived. Which may go some way towards explaining the tone of President Obama's speech this week.

Indian govt allocates Rs 267cr

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connectivity, experts suggested construction of a 15-kilometre railway track connecting Agartala of Tripura state with Akhaura. Of the 15-km rail line, five km falls in India and the rest in Bangladesh. Officials in Dhaka said India will bear the entire cost of the project that is expected to be completed by 2014. They said the main objective of the project is to establish India's connection with Chittagong seaport, Sylhet and Dhaka. It will also facilitate easier communication between the northeastern region and Kolkata through Ban-

gladesh. According to Tripura government officials, the Indian Railway Construction Company (IRCON) would lay the new railway tracks on both sides of the border. Of the total cost, Rs 146.34 crore is expected to be provided by the external affairs ministry to lay the 10-km new track on the Bangladesh side. The remaining cost is likely to be borne by the Development of North Eastern Region ministry. Tripura officials said with the establishment of the new rail route, northeastern India would be connected to Chittagong

seaport. According to officials, there were seven to eight old rail links between India's Paschimbanga (former West Bengal) and Assam states and Bangladesh (then East Pakistan), but the services were suspended after the Indo-Pak war, 1965. Presently, only three rail links are operational between Paschimbanga and Bangladesh, they said. Diplomatic sources say surface connectivity is crucial for India as its northeastern states are surrounded by Bangladesh, Myanmar, Bhutan and China. The only land route to

the landlocked region from the rest of India is through Assam and Paschimbanga and falls in hilly terrain with steep roads and multiple hairpin bends. For ferrying goods and heavy machinery from abroad and other parts of the country, India has for long been seeking land, port and rail access to the northeast through Bangladesh. Agartala, for instance, is 1,650km from Kolkata and 2,637km from New Delhi via Guwahati and Paschimbanga, whereas the distance between the Tripura capital and Kolkata via Bangladesh is just about 350km.

BNP goes for nationwide campaign

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discussed the winter-long campaign and planned that the chairperson will address more than 100 public meetings during road marches towards seven divisional headquarters and visits to 19 districts from early October. Khaleda will announce these programmes from a public rally on Tuesday in the capital. Representatives from BNP-led four-party alliance and like-minded parties will also attend the rally. Earlier in July the former premier had declared that she would announce an agitation programme after the Eid-ul-Fitr to force the government from power. Defying protests from the main opposition and its allies, parliament on June 30 annulled the caretaker government system by adopting the 15th amendment to the constitution. "Under no circumstances the next general election will be held under the Awami League government and this will be ensured through the movement," insisted party standing committee member Rafiqul Islam Mia. The chairperson's nationwide campaign will do a lot to involve the common people with the party's upcoming movement as they are annoyed with AL government's misrule, observed Lt Gen (ret'd) Mahbubur Rahman, a member of the BNP standing committee. Asked about the agitation programme, party Joint Secretary General Mohammad Shahjahan said, "It [chairperson's tour] will be like an electoral tour, when she will visit all parts of the country. Local units from union to district levels will be involved with organising the visit." BNP acting Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir has already discussed the tour preparations with the joint secretary generals and organising secretaries.



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