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# BJP slams land deal

**Says Manmohan 'legitimised Bangladeshi encroachment on Indian territory'**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

India's main opposition BJP yesterday expressed unhappiness over India-Bangladesh land boundary agreement signed during Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's visit to Dhaka last month.

It claimed that the deal was tantamount to legitimising transfer of land "illegally occupied" by Bangladesh. The party sought discussion in parliament on the matter.

The BJP national executive, the party's policy-making forum, discussed the issue and passed a resolution against the agreement saying that the central government has "legitimised Bangladeshi encroachment on Indian territory".

"There should be no transfer of Indian territory to Bangladesh without all facts being placed on the table in parliament and a proper discussion and ratification of this agreement...", said senior BJP leader and leading journalist Chandan Mitra.

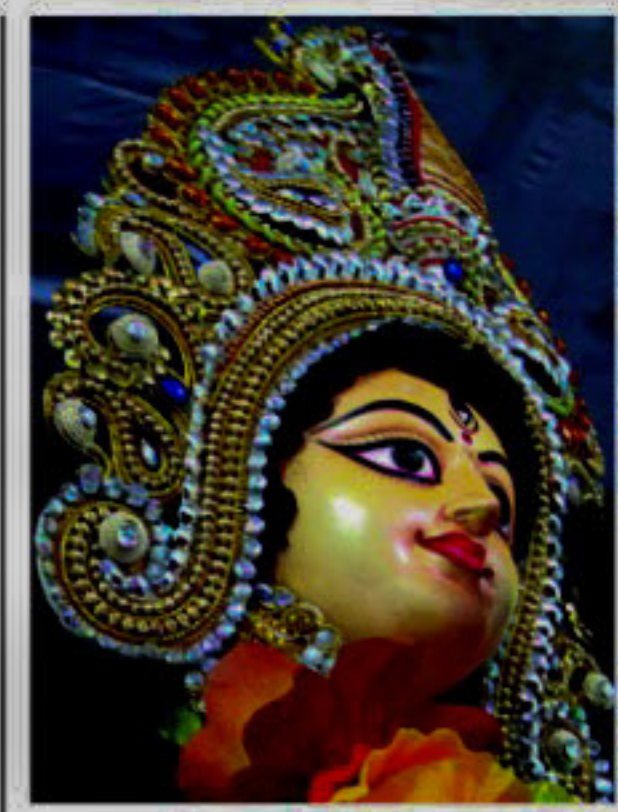
He said BJP has criticised and opposed this agreement

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Hard to imagine this is actually the once-flowing Chaktai Canal, now clogged and choked by garbage. Nearby areas like Chawkbazar in Chittagong are dependent on this canal for storm-water drainage. But wholesale littering has left the canal in such an appalling state. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS



## Durga Puja begins

TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

The five-day-long Durga Puja, the biggest annual religious festival of the Hindus, begins today through Sashthi puja.

All puja mandaps (pavilion) in the capital and other parts of the country are prepared for the celebration. The artisans are busy giving the finishing touches to the idols and organisers doing the last minute decoration and lighting works of the mandaps.

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# Gas crisis hits part of city

HELEMUL ALAM

It was a bad start to the day for Naznin Sultana.

A young mother, she could not boil water to prepare a bottle of milk for her one-year-old baby on Sunday morning as there was no gas supply to her house at block C in the city's Mirpur-12.

The area is left with no gas supply between 7:30am and 1:30pm daily.

"Usually I keep boiled water in a vacuum flask. But finding no water left in the flask today, I prepared the milk with nor-

mal water," she noted.

The crisis hit the area in last Ramadan and has intensified in the last two weeks.

Like in many other parts of the capital, the gas shortage is making the lives of Mirpur-12 residents a misery.

The areas hit by the crisis include parts of Uttara, Sobhanbagh, Indira Road, Razabazar, Ibrahimpur, Kalyanpur, Bibir Bagicha of Uttar Jatrabari, Kachukhet Puranbazar, Hatirpool, Sutrapur, Banasree, Moghbazar, Farashganj,

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## Slapped to hospital

Police detains teacher over corporal punishment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A teacher of Government Gono Bhaban High School "slapped" a class-X student so hard yesterday that the boy's head banged against the wall, he fainted and had to be hospitalised.

Police detained teacher Rafiqul Islam

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## NARAYANGANJ CITY POLLS

# BNP's Taimur counts on govt failures

HASAN JAHID TUSHER and RAKIB AHAMMED, back from Narayanganj

Despite receiving full support from the BNP high command, the party's Narayanganj district president Taimur Alam Khandoker's blemished image continues to leave common people and a section of his party leaders and workers confused as to whether they should or will rally behind him in the upcoming mayoral polls.



The BNP high command recently directed all Narayanganj unit leaders to work for Taimur, a prospective mayoral candidate at the maiden Narayanganj City Corporation (NCC) election due on October 30. But some leaders, unsure of whether to stand behind Taimur, have kept

a distance from him. Taimur, a former chairman of

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## JP to run alone in next polls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad yesterday said his party will take part in the next general election independently.

"Jatiya Party will not be any other party's staircase to power.

People showed confidence in Jatiya Party and the present government is not being able to meet people's demands. So, we will take part in the next election independently," he said at a public meeting at Nawhata College field in the

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## Too old yet allowance eludes her

Country observes International Day of Older Persons

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

International Day of Older Persons, observed across the world yesterday, holds very little meaning for centenarian Asironna of Arpara village in Magura sadar upazila.

Several efforts made towards obtaining an old-age or widow allowance for Asironna are yet to bear fruit. Asiron is physically too weak to move from one place to another and is unable to remember the date of her impoverished husband Hanif Biswas's death. Biswas' death left her trying to bring up a 10-year-old son, Ershad Ali Biswas, and two daughters.

Asiron's National Identity Card (NIC) record shows her date of birth as 3-02-1898. Her birth registration certificate carries the same date.

Her grandson Oliar Rahman approached

Asiron of Magura is over 113 years old but she does not get old-age or widow allowances from the government-- a stark reminder of how social services are running in this country.

PHOTO: STAR

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## Talk shows too sour

Feels PM

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The apparent dryness of television talk shows caught the humorous attention of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday while she attended a press conference at her official residence Gono Bhaban in the city.

Substituting the phonetically similar Bengali word 'tak' (meaning sour) for 'Talk', the premier joked that the content of the late night shows lacked any sweetness.

"The participants

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## 3 Tahrir men held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion on Friday arrested three alleged members of banned militant outfit Hizb ut-Tahrir including two Buet students in front of Baitul Mukarram National Mosque on Friday.

The arrestees are Rashidul Islam alias Rana, 22, a 4th year student of electrical engineering and Ahmed Sajid Hasan, 22, a 3rd year student of civil engineering at Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) and SM Arafat, 19, a 3rd

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