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Pankaj Saran next Indian envoy

BSS, Dhaka

Pankaj Saran is set to become the next Indian high commissioner to Bangladesh as Dhaka endorsed the appointment yesterday, a foreign ministry press release said.

Saran, a career diplomat, is now serving with the Indian Prime Minister's Office.

The envoy is likely to take his office shortly.

Saran, who served at

Army asked to stay alert

JS body for measures to tackle people with extreme religious views in the force

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A parliamentary body has suggested the army take preventive measures to avert any conspiracy against the country's democratic order, and remain more alert about people with "extreme views" within it.

The parliamentary standing committee on the defence ministry came up with the suggestion at a meeting that discussed the recent "foiled attempt" to topple the government made by some serving and retired army officials, meeting sources said.

"We recommended that the army should remain more alert about people with any sort of extreme religious views," chief of the House body M Idris Ali told journalists after the meeting.

"We suggested they (army) think about preventive measures which should be taken to avert any conspiracy to disrupt the democratic process in the country."

He said the army should also build an effective mechanism to ensure that "extreme views do not make inroads" into the force.



A huge quantity of jatka (hilsa fry) seized from a Dhaka-bound launch on the river Dhaleshwari in Munshiganj yesterday. Story on page 8

PHOTO: STAR

BSF keeps on firing at border

2 Bangladeshi cattle traders shot in Satkhira

STAR REPORT

Two Bangladeshi cattle traders were injured when Indian Border Security Force (BSF) members opened fire on them at Keragachhi frontier in Kalaroa upazila of Satkhira district early yesterday.

The incident took place a day after BSF Chief U K Bansal said that it would not be possible to put a total stop to the firing along the India-Bangladesh border as

Killing by BSF unacceptable

Say Dipu Moni, BGB chief; BSF boss again defends firing

STAR REPORT

Killing and torture of Bangladesh nationals by India's Border Security Force (BSF) is not acceptable, Foreign Minister Dipu Moni said yesterday.

The government has been protesting such incidents, and India has promised to stop killings along the Bangladesh-India border, she said.

The minister was talking to journalists at the Circuit

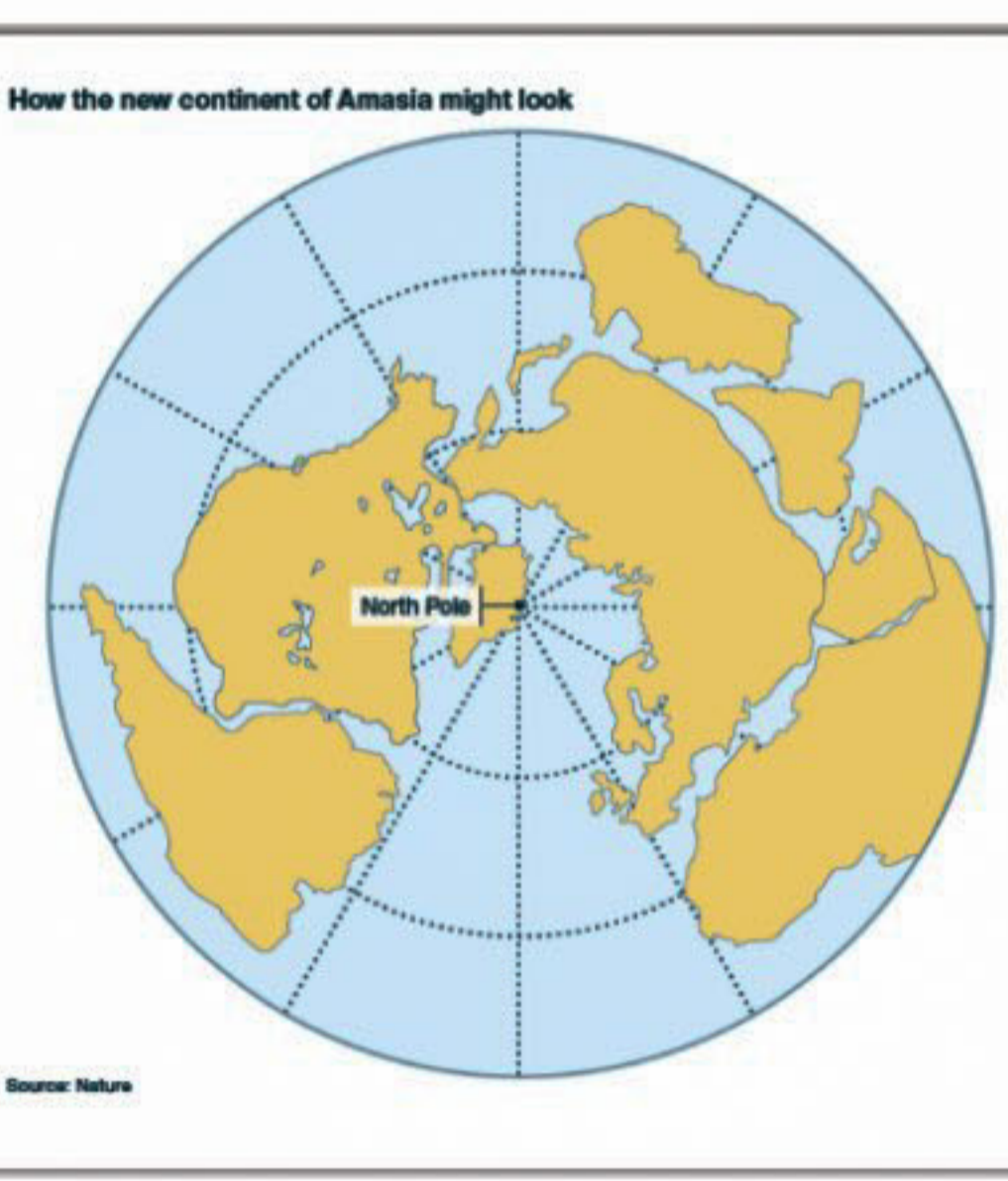
Amasia, the next supercontinent

Americas, Eurasia 'to meet at North Pole'

BBC ONLINE

America and Eurasia will crash into each other over the North Pole in 50-200 million years time, according to scientists at Yale University.

They predict Africa and Australia will join the new "supercontinent" too, which



Politics banned at IU

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

The authorities of Islamic University (IU) have banned all kinds of political activities on the campus for an indefinite period to avoid unwarranted situation.

The decision was taken at an urgent meeting of the university syndicate

HARTAL IN CTG Shibir men vandalise vehicles

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Islami Chhatra Shibir activists vandalised at least 10 vehicles during its half-day hartal in Chittagong yesterday.

Shibir, a pro-Jamaat-e-Islami student body, enforced the shut down protesting the deaths of two of its members in clashes with pro-Awami League student body Bangladesh Chhatra League on Chittagong University campus on Wednesday.

Police picked up at least eight pickets from different parts of the port



Students are leaving Chittagong University campus as authorities closed the university and ordered them to vacate the dormitories by yesterday morning following Wednesday's violent clashes.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

DEMOLITION OF BUILDING HC summons DCC boss, magistrate

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday summoned the Dhaka City Corporation (South) administrator and a magistrate for demolishing a building near the city's Jatrabari kitchen market ignoring its order.

Administrator Khalilur Rahman and DCC magistrate Md Khalilur Rahman will have to appear before the HC on February 23 to explain why they should not be punished for contempt of court.

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PRAYER TIMING February 10

Fajr	5:30	6:05
Juma	12:30	1:15
Asr	4:15	4:30
Maghrib	5:52	5:56
Esha	7:15	7:45

Source: Islamic Foundation

ONLINE POLL

Do you agree with BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir that the entire appointment process of the chief election commissioner is unconstitutional?

Yes	(72.1%)
No	(23.8%)
No Comments	(4.1%)

TOTAL VOTES: 580

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TODAY'S POLL

Do you think Indian Border Security Force chief's comment that firing will not stop totally along the Bangladesh border shows India's unwillingness to resolve the problem?

PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE AT www.thedailystar.net
YOU MAY ALSO VOTE AT facebook.com/dailystarnews

QULKHWANI

Qulkhani of Late Syed Abul Kalam Masud, Founder Chairman of Dana Group will be held on 11 February 2012 (Saturday) at Gulshan Central (Azad) Mosque after Asr prayers.

Relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to attend the doa mahfil to pray for salvation of the departed soul.

Syed Abul Kalam Masud died at Bangkok Hospital, Thailand on 5th February '2012

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