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The famous physicist will appear in US TV comedy The Big Bang Theory

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Congolese warlord Thomas Lubanga found guilty of using child soldiers in 2002-03

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SEA LIMIT ROW WITH MYANMAR

Bay is ours

International tribunal upholds Bangladesh's economic, territorial rights over 200 nautical miles from coast

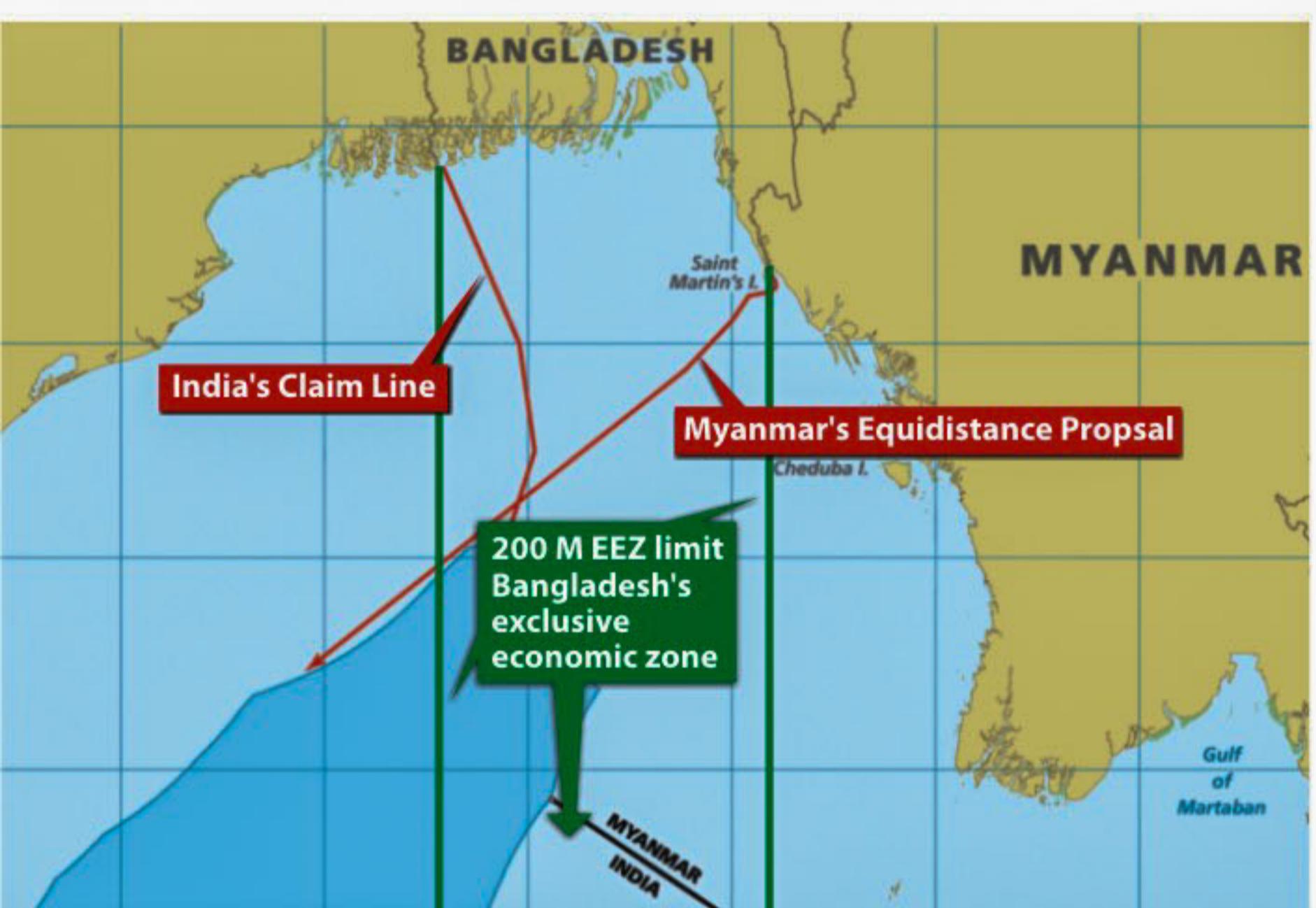
REZAUL KARIM

Bangladesh yesterday won a landmark verdict at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, which sustained its claim to 200-nautical-mile exclusive economic and territorial rights in the Bay of Bengal, thus rejecting the claims of Myanmar.

The verdict of the court went absolutely in Bangladesh's favour and even beyond, as it gave more than what Bangladesh had asked for. The judgment is final and cannot be appealed against.

The verdict of the tribunal gave Bangladesh a substantial share of the outer continental shelf beyond 200 miles,

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8 BSF men sent to jail
Found guilty of torturing Bangladeshi last month

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Eight Indian Border Security Force (BSF) personnel, guilty of torturing a young Bangladeshi man in West Bengal's Murshidabad district, were given an 89-day jail term last night, BSF officials said.

After serving time in BSF's "quarter guard" (equivalent of police jail)

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MEGHNA LAUNCH TRAGEDY Toll rises to 112 Vessel salvaged

PANKAJ KARMAKAR and FARHANA MIRZA BARNA from Munshiganj

The death toll from Tuesday's launch capsizing in the Meghna river has risen to 112, with dozens still missing. The search for bodies will continue today, officials said.

Two salvage vessels pulled up the sunken passenger launch from the riverbed around 3:00pm yesterday, nearly 37 hours after it tipped over at Gazaria upazila of Munshiganj. The launch went down around 2:30am on Tuesday after being hit by a large cargo vessel, survivors said.

Rescuers yesterday recovered 76 bodies after they resumed rescue efforts around 7:00am. Thirty-six bodies were recovered the previous day.

Munshiganj Deputy Commissioner Azizul Alam said 16 people were missing as of 8:00pm yesterday. But survivors and relatives said around 100 people were unaccounted for.

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Hopes fading away

PANKAJ KARMAKAR from Munshiganj

Each time the divers came out of the thick, muddy waters empty handed, relatives of the missing persons wailed and beat their chests and foreheads with their hands. Their hope of seeing their loved ones ever again was fading away.

"My only prayer to the Almighty is that I get my mother's body," said Humayun, who lost his mother in Tuesday's

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perately the main opposition BNP tried to foil it.

Hasina, who is also chief of the ruling Awami League and the AL-led 14-party alliance, took the vow at the combine's largest showdown in the

capital in favour of the war crimes trial and against the conspiracy to foil it.

The 14-party rally is considered to be the counter show against the

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Mr. Syed A K Anwaruzzaman, Hon'ble Managing Director of S M Group of Companies Ltd. has been selected as a Commercially Important Person/CIP (Export 2010) by the Ministry of Commerce, Govt. of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

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Yahya Khan arrived in Dhaka

SYED BADRUL AHSEN

President Yahya Khan arrived in Dhaka on March 15, 1971 for talks with Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the rest of the Awami League leadership. On his team were senior military officers of the junta as well as



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Most of them criminals

Shahara on people who disappeared

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Most of the victims of forced disappearance incidents were affiliated with criminal groups and were abducted by their rivals, said Home Minister Shahara Khatun in parliament yesterday.

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DU STUDENT KADAR
Ex-SI fined for filing false case

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court has convicted a police officer for falsely implicating Abdul Kadar, a Dhaka University student, in a robbery case filed in July last year.

The court yesterday fined police officer Alam Badsha, complainant of the case, Tk 1,000, in default of which he will have to suffer 30 days'

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Place bill to restore CG BNP asks govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday said the government would have to place a bill in parliament to reinstate the caretaker government system to oversee the next general elections.

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