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Ex-army chief Ilker Basbug went on trial yesterday

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Fresh vow to speed up war trial

Nation salutes war heroes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Baily Star on Sunday

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Devi of Tripura worked for

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Maharaja Kirit Bikram

his palace premises.

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postage stamps for the

exile; ex-Labour MP

1971; photographer

The country's 41st independence day was observed yesterday with the nation taking a

life began crowding into the Liberation War memorials across the country to honour those who had laid down their lives to liberate the country. Amid the celebrations of independence

commemorating war heroes, it was clear that the spirit of the Liberation War had permeated the country.

This year the Independence Day celebrations took on a greater dimension as the government is conferring awards on some SEE PAGE 19 COL 2



The Daily Star stands corrected

The Daily Star and several other newspapers recently carried reports based on stories published in The Khaleej Times and Daily Mail Online about the admission by Pakistani military officials in court that the ISI paid money to BNP Chairperson and Leader of the Opposition Khaleda Zia for the general election in 1991.

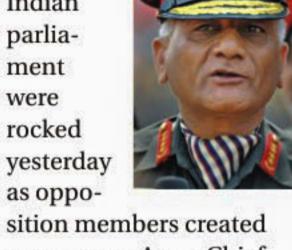
This newspaper tried to establish the veracity of the story but has failed, so far, to find any independent corroboration of the published reports. Thus, on the basis of information available at the moment, we stand corrected.

It needs to be asserted here that it is widely **SEE PAGE 19 COL 4**

Indian army chief offered Rs 14cr bribe His claim under

CBI probe PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

Both Houses of Indian parliament



uproar over Army Chief General VK Singh's allegation that he was offered Rs 14 crore bribe by an equipment lobbyist.

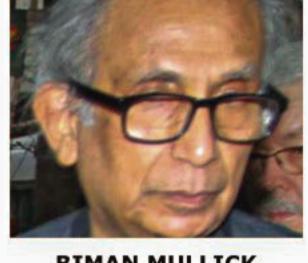
Terming the allegation 'serious', Defence Minister AK Antony SEE PAGE 19 COL 8

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on Independence Day

vow to expedite the war crimes trial, and consolidate democracy in line with the spirit of the War of Liberation. As the day broke, people from all walks of

Selfless acts they did for a nation bound for freedom



BIMAN MULLICK

Biman Mullick, a Banglaspeaking Indian citizen now living in the United Kingdom, designed some postal stamps in 1971 at the request of Bangladesh government-in-exile

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MICHAEL BARNES

Former British MP Michael Barnes sees the assassination of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman as a terrible tragedy for Bangladesh.

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TAKAYOSHI SUZUKI

Takayoshi Suzuki took photos of Bangladeshi refugees and campaigned across Japan to raise fund for them in 1971.

Now a computer expert, Suzuki is one of

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BIBHU KUMARI DEVI

Rajmata Bibhu Kumari Devi of India's state of Tripura is happy to see the progress Bangladesh has made since attaining independence 41 years ago.

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Durrani denies funding BNP for '91 polls

INTERVIEW WITH BBC

STAR REPORT

General Asad Durrani, former chief of Pakistani intelligence agency ISI, has outright denied funding BNF before the 1991 parliamentary polls of Bangladesh.

In an exclusive interview with BBC Bangla Service on Saturday, the former ISI boss termed the allegation totally baseless and fabricated. Durrani also told the BBC that he never spoke about

ISI's providing money to BNP, the main opposition party in Bangladesh, in his statement to the Pakistan Supreme Court. "To my knowledge there was no reference to

Bangladesh during the Supreme Court hearing and whatever I had said before the court is available there," he said. "I, therefore, can say that nobody in the court spoke on

providing such money [to BNP]." Some local newspaper reports recently quoted the

30 hurt as AL, BNP activists clash at National Memorial

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 30 people were injured and 15 vehicles vanda- Chairperson Khaleda Zia lised yesterday during a clash between activists of the was yesterday obstructed ruling Awami League and the opposition BNP over who on her way to the would be at the National Memorial first.

Spurred by an earlier clash between two factions of the · Savar. BNP, the half-an-hour-long incident also caused damage SEE PAGE 19 COL 1 .

Khaleda obstructed

: Alleges BNP

: STAFF CORRESPONDENT : The main opposition BNP

· alleged that its · National Memorial in

BNP acting secretary SEE PAGE 6 COL 5

Foreign friends get honours for war role today

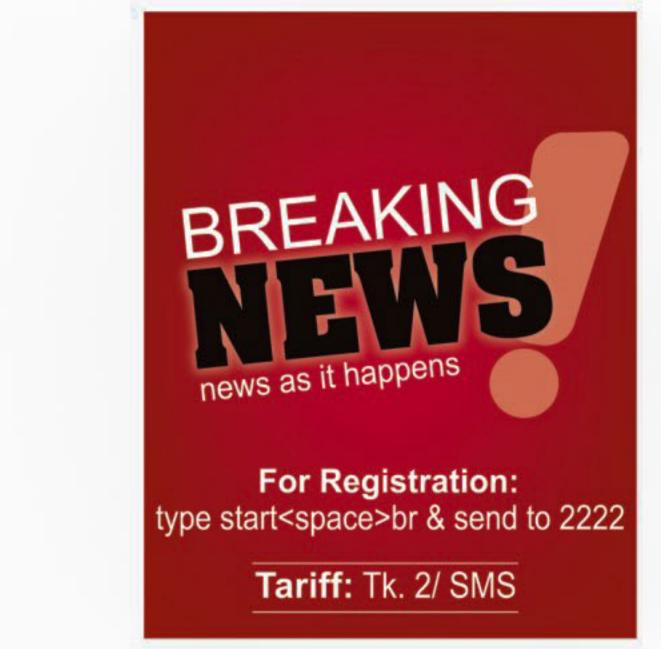
REZAUL KARIM

Bangladesh will present awards to its foreign friends today for their outstanding contributions to the country's Liberation War 41 years ago.

The foreign friends' support came at a juncture when the Bangalees stood up against barbaric atrocities and **SEE PAGE 6 COL 1**

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