

PM attends office at Armed Forces Division

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday attended her office at the Armed Forces Division in Dhaka Cantonment.

On her arrival at the Armed Forces Division, the premier was received by Principal Staff Officer of Armed Forces Division Lieutenant General Abdul Wadud.

She was briefed about 'Reorganisation and Forces Goal-2030 of Bangladesh Army' at the end of her office work at the AFD, said an ISPR release.

Defence Adviser to Prime Minister Major General (Retd) Tarique Ahmed Siddique, the Chief of Army Staff, the defence secretary and other military high officials were present during the briefing.

Later, Chief of Army Staff General Md Abdul Mubeen, Chief of Naval Staff Vice Admiral Zahir Uddin Ahmed and Chief of Air Staff Air Marshal SM Ziaur Rahman called on the prime minister and apprised her of different activities of respective services, the release added.



Chief of Army Staff General Md Abdul Mubeen, Chief of Naval Staff Vice Admiral Zahir Uddin Ahmed and Chief of Air Staff Air Marshal SM Ziaur Rahman call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office at the Armed Forces Division in Dhaka Cantonment yesterday. Defence Adviser to Prime Minister Major General (Retd) Tarique Ahmed Siddique is also seen.

PHOTO: PMO

Bangladesh won't allow US military base, says FM

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Foreign Minister Dipu Moni yesterday said Dhaka multifaceted cooperation with Washington, including in the field of defence and security, but would never allow US military base in Bangladesh.

"There is no question of allowing the presence of US military or its base in Bangladesh... this is not even in our thinking process and we do not want to keep it in our domain of thinking," she said while replying to questions at a press conference at the foreign ministry yesterday afternoon.

She also made it clear that now there is no presence of the US military in Bangladesh, excepting six or seven US military personnel who are in the country for training purposes.

Asked about the April 19 security dialogue in Dhaka, she said Bangladesh and the US would review the entire range of existing bilateral defence cooperation at the dialogue.

She said Bangladesh had also big cooperation with the US to fight terrorism and militancy and all cooperation in the field of security and defence would be reviewed at the security dialogue.

US Assistant Secretary for Political and Military Affairs Andrew J Shapiro will

attend the security dialogue on April 19 with Bangladesh.

TICFA AGREEMENT

Replying to a question about signing of a trade agreement styled "Trade and Investment Cooperation Framework Agreement (TICFA)" with US, Dipu Moni said Dhaka and Washington had reached the final stage of negotiation of the deal.

Previously TICFA was known as Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA).

MILITANCY

Replying to a question about the Indian prime minister's spokesman's recent remarks that terrorist outfits are still hiding in Bangladesh, Dipu Moni said the government would not allow any terrorist outfit to use an inch of territory to work against Bangladesh or any neighbour or any other countries.

MARITIME

Asked about main opposition BNP's withdrawal of felicitation on the verdict with Myanmar, she said, "They (opposition) can't share joy with the nation and they are making various illogical statements just to hide their failures." "It was the victory of both Bangladesh and Myanmar because the two countries got their just shares through the international court judgement."

Another Bangladeshi woman sets to conquer Everest

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nishat Majumder, a 31-year-old accountant, today starts an adventure from Kathmandu to the base camp of the Mount Everest to hoist Bangladeshi flag atop the highest mountain in the world.

This year two Bangladeshi girls are heading towards the mountain to scale up the Mount Everest as another Bangladeshi girl, Wasfia Nazreen, has already reached the Everest base camp who has started her campaign to conquer the seven summits in the world.

Nishat, to be joined another

Bangladeshi mountaineer MA Muhith, is set to begin her two-month adventure today from Kathmandu who flew from Dhaka on April 6, says a press release of Plan Bangladesh, an NGO.

Nishat's Everest scaling effort is dedicated to the Plan Bangladesh's global campaign-- "Because I am a Girl" to be launched officially around the world on the International Day of the Girl Child on October 11, said

the release.

Nishat earlier had conquered three Himalayan peaks higher than 6,000 metres, it said.



Wasfia Nazreen



Nishat Majumder

DHAKA TODAY

View exchange meet
Transparency International Bangladesh will arrange a view exchange meeting; Venue: Brac Centre Inn; Time: 10:00am.

Health camp
Jatiya Press Club and Saol Heart will organise a health camp; Venue: the club auditorium; Time: 9:00am.

View exchange meet
Governance Advocacy Forum will arrange a view exchange meeting; Venue: Cirdap Auditorium; Time:

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