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Khaleda visits India late this month

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Leader of the Opposition Khaleda Zia will tour India for a week at the end of this month at the Indian government's invitation.

This is the first time the BNP chairperson will visit India as leader of the opposition. She earlier toured the neighbouring country as prime minister.

Sources at the Indian High Commission in Dhaka said Khaleda Zia would leave for India on October 28.

Khaleda's Press Secretary Maruf Kamal Khan Sohel said the tentative date for her departure was October 28 and everything regarding the tour would be finalised soon.

BNP Vice Chairman

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'Butchers' of 1971 to face 18 charges

War crimes investigators to submit charges today against Mueen-Uddin, Ashrafuzzaman accused of killing intellectuals

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chowdhury Mueen-Uddin and Ashrafuzzaman Khan were among the most wanted criminals after the Liberation War in 1971 for killing intellectuals as part of Al-Badr's plan to eliminate the bright minds of the soon-to-be independent Bangladesh.

Their pictures were published in newspapers soon after the victory on December 16, 1971, with a call to capture them. The papers termed them butchers.

The investigation agency of the International Crimes Tribunal finished its probe yesterday, setting in motion the process of the trials of the two in connection with crimes



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Mueen-Uddin and Ashrafuzzaman -- Al-Badr kingpins who led the killing of intellectuals in 1971.

against humanity committed during the Liberation War.

"We have sufficient evidence to convict them," said Sanaul Huq, a

senior member of the investigation agency, yesterday.

The agency, designated to deal with war crimes probes, yesterday said it was ready to submit its findings before the prosecution for further steps, which means filing formal charges against them before the tribunal.

"Operation in charge of Al-Badr" Mueen-Uddin and "chief executor" Ashrafuzzaman Khan led the force and also "directly took part" in the killing of intellectuals in Dhaka between December 10 and 15 of 1971, said Abdul Hannan Khan, coordinator of the agency.

He added the agency had found evidence linking the two with the

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Duty-free access to boost export to India

Reaffirms Indian envoy, tells The Daily Star about positive developments in bilateral ties

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Indian High Commissioner Pankaj Saran yesterday said the border killings by Indian Border Security Force (BSF) had significantly dropped and it would gradually go down to zero soon.

He said border killing in 2006

was 107 and that had come down to just six until August this year.

However, according to a report of a human rights organisation, BSF had killed four persons in August this year alone.

"We don't condone a single

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Pankaj Saran

Promising girl now in peril

Classmates' insensitivity, teacher's torture prove too much for Madrasa student

WASIM BIN HABIB and SHAHEEN MOLLAH

Standing first in school is something to cheer about, an inspiration to move forward. But for 12-year-old Taiyaba, it has been quite the opposite.

Instead of getting commendation for the result, the girl got bullied by some of her classmates. A recent punishment allegedly by her teacher aggravated the situation, making her mentally imbalanced.

Already suffering from depression and having lost her father at the age of two and being raised without proper

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Destiny dodged Tk 110cr in tax

BB, NBR sit soon to consider ways to realise money

SOHEL PARVEZ

The National Board of Revenue will soon sit with the Bangladesh Bank to discuss ways of realising the Tk 110 crore in taxes that Destiny Group has evaded over the last four years.

The controversial multilevel company gave the NBR a Tk 50-crore cheque in tax payment in August, but the tax regulator could not draw the money as Destiny's bank accounts remain frozen as per a central bank order.

The BB ordered the freeze in May upon finding that the MLM company was involved in illegal banking and moneylaundering.

Investigations into the tax dodging by 37 Destiny

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SAGAR-RUNI MURDER MKA names 7 suspects

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KAILASH SARKAR and M RAHMAN



Home Minister Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir yesterday named seven suspects in the brutal murder of journalist couple Sagar Sarowar and Meherun Runi.

"The suspects have been identified through DNA tests at two special laboratories in the USA," he told a press conference at the secretariat.

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