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No place for insurgents

Khaleda tells Manmohan BNP won't allow use of Bangladesh land for terrorist activities against India; Manmohan pledges zero killing on border

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

Seeking to address India's security concerns, BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday assured Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh that neither she nor her party would allow terrorists and separatists to use Bangladesh territory to harm India's interests.

Bangladesh's leader of the opposition that India will put in place every mechanism to bring down the incidents of border killings to zero.

The two leaders gave the assurances at a nearly hour-long meeting at Manmohan's official residence in New Delhi. The meeting was followed by a lunch the Indian

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Leader of the Opposition and BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia holds talks with Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in New Delhi yesterday.

PHOTO: COURTESY

SUSPECTED ROBBERS 5 beaten to death in Noakhali

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

A mob in Noakhali's Companyganj upazila beat five suspected robbers to death yesterday evening.

Of them, four were identified as Manik, 32, Babul, 30, Nasir, 28, and Rasel, 27. Identity of the other, aged around 25, could not be known immediately.

Locals said a gang of robbers were preparing to rob the fishing boats at the pier (ghat) along Bamna river in Char Elahi union. Sensing their presence, the other fishermen started shouting.

Over 200 boats anchor at this pier regularly.

Chased, the robbers took position at the nearby Killar Bazar around 7:00pm. But the locals present in the market area caught

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DESTINY BUILDERS

Tk 80 crore embezzled Confesses group Director Didarul

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Destiny Group Director Lt Col (retd) Didarul Alam yesterday confessed before a magistrate to embezzling Tk 80 crore from Diamond Builders Ltd, a sister concern of Destiny Builders Ltd.

Making the confession in a money-laundering case, Alam said he along with Destiny Group

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RECKLESS DRIVING

Crashes kill 40

STAR REPORT

At least 40 people including seven in the capital were killed and 125 injured in road accidents across the country in the last four days.

Of them, nine died and 40 were wounded after a bus plunged into a roadside ditch in Dhanbari upazila of Tangail around 1:00am yesterday.

The dead are Rafiqul Islam, 45, and Mohammad Khairul Islam, 48, of Dhanbari, Abdul Haque Miah, 38, Robiul Hossen, 42, Kazi Momen, 40, Gendu Pagla, 55, of Madarganj upazila and Nasir Uddin, 45, of Sadar upazila in Jamalpur and Nikhil Debnath, 35, of Ashuganj upazila in Brahmanbaria. The identity of the other deceased could not be confirmed.

The accident occurred when a Jamalpur-bound bus from Dhaka ran into the railing of the Charabhang Bridge and plunged into the ditch, Mizanur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Dhanbari Police Station, told The Daily Star.

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Supply glut keeps rawhide prices low

REFAYET ULLAH MIRDHA and SUMAN SAHA

The prices of rawhide declined by nearly 20 percent during this Eid-ul-Azha following a drop in demand on the international markets due to a persistent debt crisis in Europe, traders said.

This year tanners suggested the rawhide traders should buy cowhide at Tk 50 per square feet from inside Dhaka and at Tk 45 from elsewhere.

Last year, the tanners bought such hides at Tk 60 from Dhaka and at Tk 40 from outside the capital, they said.

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Sandy sweeps US East Coast

REUTERS, New York/rehoboth Beach

Hurricane Sandy, one of the biggest storms ever to hit the United States, battered the densely populated East Coast yesterday, shutting down transportation, forcing evacuations in flood-prone areas and interrupting the presidential election campaign.

Fierce winds and flooding were expected along hundreds of miles of Atlantic coast and heavy snows were forecast farther inland at higher elevations when the centre of the storm moves ashore yesterday evening near Atlantic City, New Jersey.

US stock markets were closed for the first time since the attacks of September 11, 2001, and will remain shut today. The government in Washington was closed and school was cancelled up and down the East Coast.

Nearly 700,000 customers were without power by midday and millions more could lose electricity. One disaster forecasting company predicted economic losses could ultimately reach \$20 billion, only half of it insured.

"This is going to be a big and powerful storm and all across the Eastern Seaboard I think everybody is taking the appropriate preparations," President Barack Obama

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3 lakh expat Bangladeshis prepare to face Sandy

STAR REPORT

About three lakh American Bangladeshis living in six coastal states from New York to Florida are exposed to the feared devastation of Hurricane Sandy.

Like other citizens, Bangladeshis in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Virginia, Maryland and

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Notice

Star Business is on hold today as the stock exchanges remained closed yesterday due to Eid holidays. We will be back tomorrow.

NEWS ANALYSIS

Awami League, Dr Kamal and 1/11

SYED BADRUL AHSAN

The Awami League could have been more circumspect in handling the matter of the alliance forged by Dr Kamal Hossain and Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury. As an organisation historically committed to an upholding of the democratic process, the Awami League should have been the first among political parties to welcome the possibility of a third democratic force in the country.

In the event, the Awami League disappointed a whole swath of people, among whom are some of its traditional supporters. It has indirectly hinted at a conspiracy on the part of the former foreign minister, Kamal Hossain, in that he might be about to cause a repeat of 11 January 2007.

The Awami League, through its general secretary, has thus made two points: it has gone after Kamal Hossain and it has come down hard on the caretaker government led by Fakhruddin Ahmed between January 2007 and January 2009.

First, let us look at Kamal Hossain's record. He served as constitutional adviser to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman between February 1969 and March 1971. Prior to that, he served on Mujib's legal defence

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Muslims offer Eid prayers at the national mosque Baitul Mukarram Saturday.

PHOTO: STAR

Eid-ul-Azha celebrated

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Muslims across the country celebrated Eid-ul-Azha on Saturday amid due religious fervour, spirit of sacrifice and solemnity.

On the holy occasion, millions of people offered eid prayers at mosques and eidgahs throughout the country, praying for the nation's peace and prosperity.

Muslims sacrifice animals on the 10th day of the month of Jilhaj, marking the event that represents the highest loyalty and submission to the Almighty. They share the meat of the sacrificial animals with their relatives, neighbours and the poor.

The main eid congregation of the country was

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IN FOND MEMORY



One more year has passed since you left us and our hearts are still beyond repair. The part of us that left with you is still hopelessly lost. Our world even now fails to turn. We miss every single moment, the precious gems you spent with us in your ephemeral life. We do still cherish every fleeting shadow you have draped around us as your blessings. We believe that Allah is taking good care of you and pray to Him that you may have eternal peace.

- Your family

We ask all friends and well-wishers of Mr. Imtiyaz Husain to pray for his departed soul and remember him fondly for the good deeds he has done and the hearts he has touched.

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