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Extradition deal with India in Jan

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

Bangladesh and India yesterday agreed to sign an extradition treaty and a Revised Travel Agreement (RTA) next month.

India is considering Bangladesh's request for handing over its most wanted criminal Subrata Bain, said Shambhu Singh, joint secretary in Indian home ministry.

The felon was arrested in Kolkata last month after he escaped from a jail in Nepal.

Seeking to address a major concern of Bangladesh over border killings by the Border Security Force (BSF), India agreed not to resort to firing unless fired upon or attacked by armed criminals, said a joint statement yesterday.

It came following talks between visiting Bangladesh Home Minister Muhiuddin Khan Alamgir and his Indian counterpart Sushilkumar Shinde at the latter's North Block office here.

The extradition treaty and the RTA would be signed

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Dewdrops on a rice plant sparkling in the morning sunlight announce early advent of winter. The photo was taken recently in Bhupur of Tangail.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

Vienna tops list of best livable cities

CNN ONLINE

Vienna, famous for its hundreds of museums, 2000 parks and of course its roasted coffee, is the best place on the planet to live, according to Mercer's 2012 Quality of Living Index. This year's latest accolade makes Vienna number one in the world for the fourth year in a row.

The annual survey by the global human resources consulting firm points not just to Austria's qualities but to much of the region's virtues. Eight of the report's top 10 cities are in Europe. Zurich is the world's

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Motorised rickshaws ply illegally

Pro-AL workers' leaders involved

SHARIFUL ISLAM

Although illegal, several thousand battery-run rickshaws are running in the capital at the behest of some Sramik League leaders and their aides in the name of associations.

Owners of these rickshaws allegedly pay a share of their income to those leaders and their sidekicks. In exchange, the leaders of Sramik League, associate labour body of the ruling Awami League, provide the owners with token licence for the rickshaws.

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Azad abducted, confined a girl

She was forced to kill herself, testifies brother at war crimes tribunal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A prosecution witness yesterday testified that Abul Kalam Azad had abducted his sister and driven her to suicide after her release as his cohorts tried to abduct her again during the Liberation War.

Dev Kumar Das, brother of victim Anjali Das and eleventh prosecution witness in the case against the expelled Jamaat-e-Islami member, told the International Crimes Tribunal-2 that Azad alias Bachchu Razakar and his cohorts also looted their house forcing them to leave the country.

Rawshan Ali Biswas, a neighbour of Dev and twelfth prosecution witness, gave almost a similar description of the heart-wrenching incident committed in Ujirpur in Faridpur.

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WAR CRIMES TRIAL Explain the absence

Tribunal asks 4 defence counsels

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-2 asked four defence counsels of two war crimes accused Jamaat leaders to explain by December 6 their absence in the court yesterday.

Observing their conduct as "unsatisfactory and unbecoming", the three-member tribunal led by Justice ATM Fazle Kabir asked the defence counsels to reply why their absence would not be considered as misconduct.

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A future burnt out

SARWAR A CHOWDHURY and HELEMUL ALAM

With big hopes of a better living, Bilkis Begum and her 18-year-old daughter Munni Akter joined Tazreen Fashions Ltd on November 14 -- only for their dreams to be quashed in ten days. Akter was killed in the devastating fire at the factory on the night of November 24 that left 111 workers dead.

In search for a better life, Bilkis, along with her husband and daughter, came to Ashulia from Satkhira three years ago. Shattered, she is now considering going back to her village. The mother and daughter were employed in the same production line on the fifth floor of Tazreen Fashions.

"I survived -- but my daughter was burnt alive."

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Bilkis Begum



Munni Akter

Gunmen kill 2 PCJSS men

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Gunmen shot dead two activists of Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS) in Fatikchhari upazila of Chittagong yesterday.

The deceased are 25-year-old Kripasukh Chakma alias Saikat, of Suknachhari area, and 32-year-old Debabrata Chakma, of Laxmichhari.

Quoting locals, MS Sobur, officer-in-charge of Fatikchhari Police Station, said armed criminals opened fire on Saikat and Debabrata around 12:30pm on their way back from Kanchan Nagar bazar area, leaving them dead.

However, Dhiman Chakma, convener of PCJSS

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India eases tourist visa rules

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

India has relaxed its tourist visa rules by lifting restrictions on foreign visitors who were required to have a two-month gap between two visits to the country.

However, citizens of Bangladesh, Pakistan, China, Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, Sudan and

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A battery-run rickshaw parked up at roadside in Tejgaon area in the capital. Flouting an official ban, thousands of such three-wheelers are plying the city streets, exposing the passengers to frequent accidents.

PHOTO: STAR

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