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# India to seek ratification of land deal

Bill to be placed in Rajya Sabha next week

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

The constitution amendment bill to ratify the India-Bangladesh land boundary agreement (LBA) is due to be introduced in the upper house of Indian parliament next week, the final lap of its ongoing monsoon session.

Government sources said the introduction of the proposed bill in Rajya Sabha would prevent it from lapsing under Indian law.

However, there are doubts if the bill could be passed in the current session of parliament because only about 10-11 working days are left for the House to deal with a host of other bills.

The monsoon session began on August 5 and ends on August 30.

The top leadership in Bharatiya Janata Party already

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Islami Chhatra Shibir leader Khalilur Rahman lying in a pool of blood in Dhania of Jatrabari on day-2 of the Jamaat-e-Islami hartal yesterday. He was pronounced dead at Mitford Hospital. Story on page 1.

PHOTO: STAR

# UN worried over arrest of Adilur

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The United Nations has expressed concern over the arrest of Adilur Rahman Khan, secretary of rights body Odhikar, and urged the government to release him immediately.

"We are calling on the government of Bangladesh to guarantee the physical and psychological integrity of Khan, whose arrest might be linked to his work as human rights defender," Liz Throssell, spokesperson for the office of UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, told reporters in Geneva on Tuesday.

She said Adilur was reported to have been arrested at his home in Dhaka by plainclothes

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# Plan to build 2 rail bridges over Jamuna under PPP

Cabinet body also okays project to set up 5 medical colleges

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

The government has decided to implement nine projects including construction of two rail bridges on the river Jamuna under public private partnership (PPP) initiative.

Cabinet committee on economic

affairs at a meeting with Finance Minister AMA Muhih in the chair yesterday approved proposals of the projects.

The other projects approved in the meeting are: construction of five medical colleges and hospitals; establishing two inland container depots at

Gazipur and Narayanganj under the PPP initiative.

The hospitals will be set up on railway lands at Kamalapur in Dhaka, Chittagong, Pakshey in Pabna, Khulna and Nilphamari at a cost of \$923 million, the railways ministry told the meeting.

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# RAJIB MURDER LINK NSU student arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detective Branch of Police arrested a student of North South University at Dhanmondi yesterday in connection with the murder of blogger and activist Ahmed Rajib Haider on February 15.

According to statements made by five other NSU students arrested in this

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# WARTIME KILLING OF JOURNALIST Victim's son testifies at war crimes tribunal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Martyred journalist ANM Golam Mostafa's son has been in a silent but relentless pursuit of learning about his father's abduction and the man who was behind the incident happened on December 11, 1971.

Like many other Bangalee intellectuals abducted by Al-Badr in December 1971, Mostafa had never returned and his body was never found. Anirban was only nine

months' old when Mostafa was abducted by Al-Badr men and the "key person" of the abduction was Mostafa's colleague Mueen Uddin.

Anirban Mostafa yesterday got a proper place to reveal the information he had gathered from his mother, uncles and newspaper reports about his father's abduction.

He gave his testimony before the International Crimes Tribunal-2 as the 11th

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# 9 'militants' arrested in Jhalakathi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday evening arrested nine people as they were allegedly having militant training inside a madrasa-slash-mosque at Nalcity of Jhalakathi.

Superintendent of Police of Jhalakathi Md Majid Ali told a correspondent that

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# Indian submarine sinks after blast

18 on board feared dead

AFP, Mumbai

India's navy said all 18 sailors on board a submarine which exploded and sank yesterday are feared dead, and admitted the incident had left a "dent" in the country's defences.

The fully-armed INS Sindhurakshak, returned by original manufacturer Russia earlier this year after a major refit, exploded in flames in Mumbai shortly after midnight yesterday and sank in a military shipyard.

The disaster is thought to be the Indian navy's worst since the sinking of a frigate by a Pakistani submarine in 1971. Defence Minister AK Antony described the explosion as the "greatest tragedy in recent time".

"I feel sad about those navy personnel who have lost their lives in service of the country," he told reporters in New Delhi.

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Do you think that the Overseas Employment and Migrant Workers Bill, 2013 with the provision of tougher punishment will help stop illegal migrations?

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Fajr 4-25	5-00
Zohr 12-45	1-15
Asr 4-45	5-00
Maghrib 6-41	6-44
Esha 8-00	8-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

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