The government is intentionally depriving citizen in the enclaves from these rights and has been trying to establish that the exchange is solely a political matter. But it is indeed a constitutional matter, he said.

"For more than six decades a drama has been staged to suppress the matter which is proved through the RTI," he

On August 25, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee rejected the Land Boundary Agreement (LBA) with Bangladesh in its present form.

She also asked the Indian government to take consent of the state government and people residing in the enclaves.

Recent efforts of the Indian government to place a constitutional amendment bill in the Rajya Sabha to ratify the LBA with Bangladesh failed.

The Trinamool Congress, Asom Gana Parishad and India's main opposition Bharatiya Janata Party lawmakers scuttled a move to ratify the Indian Constitution (119th Amendment) Bill, which intended to give effect to an exchange of enclaves.

The LBA envisages a transfer of 111 enclaves with a total area of 17,160.63 acres to Bangladesh while Dhaka will transfer 51 enclaves with an area of 7,110.02 acres to

India.

## BRTC depot managers

A letter signed by Comilla's Depot Manager Masud Talukder on October 23, 2012 states that one Moinul Islam, Sylhet district unit Awami League member, is "allowed to open" a counter in Sylhet's Dakhsin Surma area.

On December 9, the High Court stayed the manager's "permit" following a writ petition filed by three persons -- Md Toufik Baksh, Md Shamim Kabir and Md Abdul Alim.

The three were already running four counters there on a March 14, 2012 approval from the DGM.

Another letter, signed by Noakhali's Depot Manager Omar Faruque Mehdi on June 11 this year, states that one Shamsher Siraj, Sylhet district unit Krishak League

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organising secretary, is "allowed to open" one counter there.

However, the counter was found to have been removed on July 13.

Omar Faruque then issued a second letter on July 16, allowing one Mohammad Abdulla to set up yet another counter there. The Daily Star obtained copies of all three letters.

Toufik Baksh told The Daily Star that they would go to court against the "permit" given to Abdulla.

Abdulla stated that he was not at fault since a BRTC official had issued the permission.

Over whether he had played a part in the lack of coordination, BRTC Sylhet Depot Manager Nure Alam said he had informed the head office of the matter.

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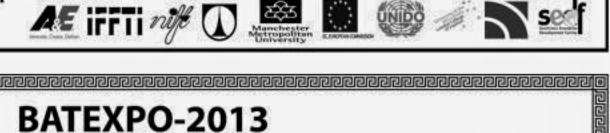
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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurates a 150-bed hospital for public servants in the capital's Fulbaria yesterday.

# 5 Bangladeshis

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not be allowed to settle in Australia.

reporters that some Bangladeshi people were detained from the territory of Australia as they were trying to enter illegally. Under a new agreement,

the Regional Settlement Arrangement, signed by

Guinea on 19 July this year, the Australian government has decided to send the He then informed the asylum seekers to Papua New Guinea for an initial assessment.

Australia and Papua New

If any asylum seeker is found to be a refugee then she/he will be sent to Papua New Guinea and allowed to settle there, added the Australian commissioner.

### Janmashtami

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Indian Deputy High Commissioner to Dhaka Sandeep Chakraborty. Devotees also gathered at

temples, including Ramakrishna Math and Mission, ISKCON temple at Swamibagh and Mirpur Kendrio Mandir, in the morning to offer their prayers to Lord Krishna. Vivekananda Shiksha O

Sangskriti Parishad of Dhaka University arranged a special prayer at Jagannath Hall. Colourful Janmashtami processions were also brought out in hearts, he added.

other divisional cities and district headquarters. Citing from Hindu

mythology, Swami Sthiratmananda, assistant secretary of Ramakrishna Mission, said Lord Krishna, the incarnation of God, descended to this world some 5,500 years ago on the 8th lunar day of dark fortnight in the Bangla month Bhadra vowing to establish love, truth and justice. Devotees observed the

day fasting and thinking divine of God to purify their

#### Hartal called in Sylhet FROM PAGE 5

of 92 leaders and activists of

the organisation. Rejecting bail prayers, a

Sylhet court sent them to jail in a case filed for attacking leader's whereabouts.

police during the hartal on April 23, 2012. The hartal, a week after Ilias's disappearance, was called demanding information on the BNP

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#### Road crashes FROM PAGE 3

rickshaw at Ranirhat Bazar in Rangunia yesterday. Meanwhile, Arif, 25, died

as he jumped off his motorbike to avoid accident after a speeding bus overtook him in Anwara yesterday. A correspondent from Comilla reports, two people were killed and 10 others

injured as a bus hit a truck on

Dhaka-Chittagong highway in Gangra of Chouddagram yesterday evening. The deceased were the truck driver Sheikh Farid, 35, of Feni; and his helper Sakib khan, 30, of Debidwar,

Comilla. Our Lalmonirhat correspondent adds, four cops and PA to State Minister for Primary and Mass Education Motahar Hossain were injured as the protocol police van to the state minister fell into a ditch beside Lalmonirhat-Burimari highway at Votmari in Kaliganj yesterday.

### AL man hacked to death

On Tuesday, Mansur's men had vandalised Rajab's political and business office in Dhaler Mor, injuring two of Rajab's supporters, Rabiul Islam and Nizam Uddin. Within hours, Rajab's men retaliated the same way, said the OC.

On being contacted by

The Daily Star, Rajab claimed that Shahin had not beaten anyone and was attacked by Mansur's men due to their political rivalry. He denied controlling any such trade in Guripara.

Mansur's cellphone was found switched off and he could not be traced in the area for comment.

### Govt plans permanent

Welfare Board at Dilkusha. Of the 53 buses, she said,

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dants and healthcare assisskill, he added.

CNAC impressive, the US ambassador said, "The visit reminded me of my recent meeting with prime minisHossain who has done so much to focus public and government attention on the challenges of autism in He also lauded the role of

BSMMU in bringing good health for the country's people and assured US' tants across the country support for ensuring good have been trained in the health for all in Bangladesh. Prof Pran Gopal Datta,

Terming his visit to vice chancellor of BSMMU, and Richard Greene, mission director of USAID, accompanied Mozena during the visit.

### Religious harmony sought

Speakers at a discussion at Rajshahi University yesterday urged all to uphold religious harmony in the country.

RU Central Puja Udjapon Committee organised the discussion on the occasion of Janmashtami, a religious festival of the Hindu community. RU Vice Chancellor Prof Muhammad Mizanuddin, RU

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