

**9-year work**

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nations to 19 women politicians, 17 of whom were elected, she added.  
She said the two-year plan will ensure that 50 percent of the management system of financial organisations comprised women.  
Under the five-year plan, the ministry would enact an act as per the High Court directive to stop sexual harassment and formulate laws and policies to protect domestic helps, she added.  
A committee, comprising government and non-government organisations, would be formed to monitor and ensure an equitable salary structure for both the sexes, she added.  
Chumki said the plan gave emphasis on implementing the Supreme Court directive concerning fatwa or Islamic religious edict.  
The SC's Appellate Division on May 12, 2011 declared fatwa "legal in religious matters" but categorically said fatwa could not be used to punish anyone.  
On distribution of family property among offspring, she said the policy would not contradict religions.

**Khurshid to talk**

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over the weekend," Khurshid told reporters in New Delhi.  
The minister was asked if the bill will be introduced again in parliament, whose monsoon session ends next week.  
Khurshid is expected to persuade opponents of the bill, which is considered crucial for ties between the two countries.  
After the bill's introduction was scuttled, Khurshid is learnt to have talked to Trinamool Congress chief

Mamata Banerjee over phone where it was decided that he will have a meeting with Trinamool leaders Mukul Roy and Sudip Bandhyopadhyay. Roy is a member of Rajya Sabha and Bandopadhyay of Lok Sabha.  
The constitution amendment bill provides for exchange of 161 adversely-held enclaves in India and Bangladesh and demarcation of the border as per the Indira-Mujib Agreement of 1974.

**Prepare to join**

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Khaleida is scheduled to pay tribute at the grave of BNP founder Ziaur Rahman in the morning.  
Marking the day, BNP yesterday organised a rally in the capital's Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh where senior BNP leaders urged the same.  
BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said people were worried about the political crisis and did not know what would be happen.  
He lambasted Prime

Minister Sheikh Hasina for her speech on Friday, stating that she made derogatory comments against Khaleida.  
Hasina had said BNP, Jamaat-e-Islami and Hafajat-e-Islam, if voted to power, would turn the country into a haven for militants and corruptionists.  
Referring to Khaleida's recent comment, she also said "A person whose everything from head to toe is fake should have the fear of getting blown away. I have nothing to fear."

**Dr Zahir could**

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things, choose to remain silent. Dr Zahir never refrained from saying what was right, said Kamal, who had been a friend of Dr Zahir for 45 years.  
Eminent historian Syed Anwar Husain said amid past political and constitutional crises, Zahir had given direction to the country through proper interpretation of law. "But today, we are deprived of it," he added.  
Attorney General Mahubey Alam said despite being a very pious man, Dr Zahir believed in secularism.  
Former chief justice KM Hasan, former law minister Moudud Ahmed, eminent jurists Rafique-Ul Huq, Rokonuddin Mahmud, Aminul Haque and Mamtaz Uddin Ahmed Mehdi, Dr Zahir's brother and former chief information commissioner Muhammad Zamir, rights activist Khushi Kabir, and former National Board of Revenue chairman Badiur Rahman spoke at the meeting.  
Prof Anisuzzaman, eminent jurist Shahdeen Malik and Additional Attorney General MK Rahman were also present.

**Failure to ratify**

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Bangladesh and Khaleda Zia, "backed by Islamists, returns, India will be the biggest loser".  
The article says under Hasina's government "from being sanctuary for our ((Indian) rebels, particularly the ULFA, and a playground for the ISI and jihadi forces, Bangladesh is now an ally".  
Gupta lists a number of reasons, including Bangladesh handing over several ULFA leaders to India, to contend that Bangladesh under Hasina has been "restored to its original, secular, liberal constitution".  
Referring to BJP's recent stand that it will not support the LBA, Gupta's article says "not one senior leader of your party (BJP) has, as yet, produced an argument against the land boundary agreement that India and Bangladesh have

signed and which now awaits ratification through a constitutional amendment. On several occasions, your party president, Rajnath Singh, has very sagaciously stated that his party supports the agreement. Yet, it hasn't been able to vote for it because of last-minute objections. The opposition of the BJP's Assam unit etc are just convenient excuses. The issue is caught in the strife within BJP".  
"We need to understand two key issues here. One, what does this agreement entail. And two, why does it represent a strategic opportunity not seen in our neighbourhood since the Simla Agreement (which, you will agree, India Gandhi lost in not having the LoC formally sanctified as our border). We are paying for that blunder on our western flanks now. Should we make a similar one on the east?" says the article,

which describes Sheikh Hasina government as "friendly, liberal and courageous".  
The article says Bangladesh's High Commissioner to India Tariq Ahmed Karim and Hasina government "had got their fair share of abuse" for Karim's meeting with Modi in Ahmedabad on July 27 and seeking your support for the LBA.  
It asks Modi "what kind of Bangladesh would you rather be dealing with on your eastern borders? You have an opportunity to determine now."  
A bill to ratify the Indian constitution in order to implement the LBA could not be introduced in Rajya Sabha, upper House of Parliament, by External Affairs Minister Salman Khurshid recently following strident opposition from BJP, Trinamool Congress and Asom Gana Parishad lawmakers.

**Avoid crisis**

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government to bring a bill in the upcoming parliamentary session so that the election could be held under a non-partisan government, says a press release.  
Addressing the memorial meeting, jurist Rafique-Ul Huq said some middle way between a caretaker government demanded by the BNP and the Awami League-proposed interim government could be resorted to.

**US to provide**

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to build a military base in Bangladesh coast as part of its Seventh Fleet Pacific Command, Mozena said it was an absurd and laughable idea.  
Prof Ataur Rahman, president of Bangladesh Political Association, who made a keynote presentation, said the Bay was the lifeline of Bangladesh in terms of economy and security.  
Former minister Dr Osman Faruk, Editor of strategic affairs at The Daily Star Brig Gen (ret) Shahedul Anam Khan, and Director General of Bangladesh Coast Guard Rear Admiral Kazi Sarwar Hossain also spoke.  
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