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Border still very tense

Myanmar returns body of BGB man; flag meeting June 3

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Myanmar border police finally handed over the body of Border Guard Bangladesh Nayek Mizanur Rahman at the frontier near Painchhari of Bandarban yesterday afternoon amid high tension on the border and diplomatic manoeuvres.



Nayek Mizanur

Mizanur, 43, son of a martyred freedom fighter, was shot on Wednesday when Border Guard Police (BGP) of the neighbouring country without provocation opened fire on a BGB patrol team near Border Pillar-52.

The Myanmar border troops had reportedly intruded

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Border Guard Bangladesh planted a flag at the border with Myanmar in Naikkhangchhari of Bandarban on Friday asking for a flag meeting with Myanmar border guards.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

Dhaka's effort for good ties gets a blow

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The recent attack on Bangladeshi border guards by Myanmar troops may adversely affect Dhaka's move to forge a good relationship through dispelling distrust between the neighbouring countries.

Dhaka has recently taken a number of steps to resolve the Rohingya issue, diffuse tension between the border guards of the two nations and improve trade and other exchanges, diplomatic sources said.

During her visit to Myanmar last year, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina formally offered financial

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PM snubs concerns

The Gono Bhaban yesterday denied The Daily Star reporter access to cover the press conference of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina without giving any reason. The Daily Star, however, carries the report based on information obtained from secondary sources.



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday denounced the outcry against the purchase of subpar crests awarded to foreign friends and organisations for their contribution to the country's Liberation War.

"You will damage your own image by making a hue and cry over the issue. You will establish yourselves as

thieves. It will earn the country no honour," she said.

The prime minister was speaking at the Gono Bhaban at a press conference on her Japan tour.

About the demand for disbanding the Rapid Action Battalion, she said the force had turned into an institution in all these years, and it was not possible to disband it all of a sudden.

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EVIL DESIGN FOR ARMY 3

Mission war hero elimination

President Ziaur Rahman was assassinated by some army officers on May 30, 1981, in Chittagong. In the aftermath, over a dozen officers were either hanged through a stage-managed trial or just killed. Many freedom-fighter officers were forced into retirement. While the Zia killing trial is yet to begin, the conspiracy behind the assassination remains to be unearthed.



SHAKHAWAT LITON

Brigadier General Chowdhury Khalequzzaman had been asked by Major General Shamsuzzaman, GOC of 9th division, to meet him at his office at division headquarters at Sher-e-Banglanagar in the capital.

Khaleque, commander of the brigade in Tangail under the 9th division, rushed there.

He found some other brigade commanders present at the GOC's office to attend a meeting presided over by Gen Shamsuzzaman, who had been repatriated from Pakistan

after the country's Liberation War.

At the meeting held some days after the assassination of President Ziaur Rahman on May 30, 1981, Lt Col Kabir, commander of a brigade, had come up with an astonishing statement addressing the GOC.

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Hasina highlights Japan outcome

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said Japanese investors have shown their keen interest in Bangladesh for investment in different sectors.

The \$6 billion financial support of Japan would be utilised in many infrastructure and big projects, she told at a press conference at Gono Bhaban in the afternoon. The press meet was arranged to focus on the success of her recent visit to Japan.

Terming her recent visit to Japan very successful, she said the tour has added a new dimension to the existing good

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Sneijder back into shape

AFP, Rotterdam

Wesley Sneijder is back from the World Cup wilderness and he may have to thank world heavyweight kick-boxing champion Gokhan Saki for rescuing him.

Less than a year ago, Sneijder was dropped by Dutch coach Louis van Gaal. A few weeks ago doubts were being raised whether the temperamental but brilliant midfielder

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3 AL men killed in Pabna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A gang of armed men shot dead three activists of the Awami League and injured a few others in Pabna Sadar upazila last night.

The victims were identified as Abdus Salam, 35, Fazlur Rahman, 32, and Sultan Mahmud, 30.

They all hailed from Dharmagram village and were members of the ruling party, Russell Ali Masud, organising secretary of Pabna Sadar AL, told The Daily Star.

Local AL leaders have blamed the BNP-Jamaat for the attack.

A ward-level AL meeting was in progress at Pushpapara Bazar of Ataikula when the attack was made. The armed men opened fire on the meeting, killing the three on the spot and wounding some others, Masud said.


He also said many of those who were in the meeting remained missing since the attack.

"There is a longstanding feud between the Awami League and the BNP-Jamaat in Pushpapara. The BNP-Jamaat men gunned them down in a planned way," Masud said.

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