



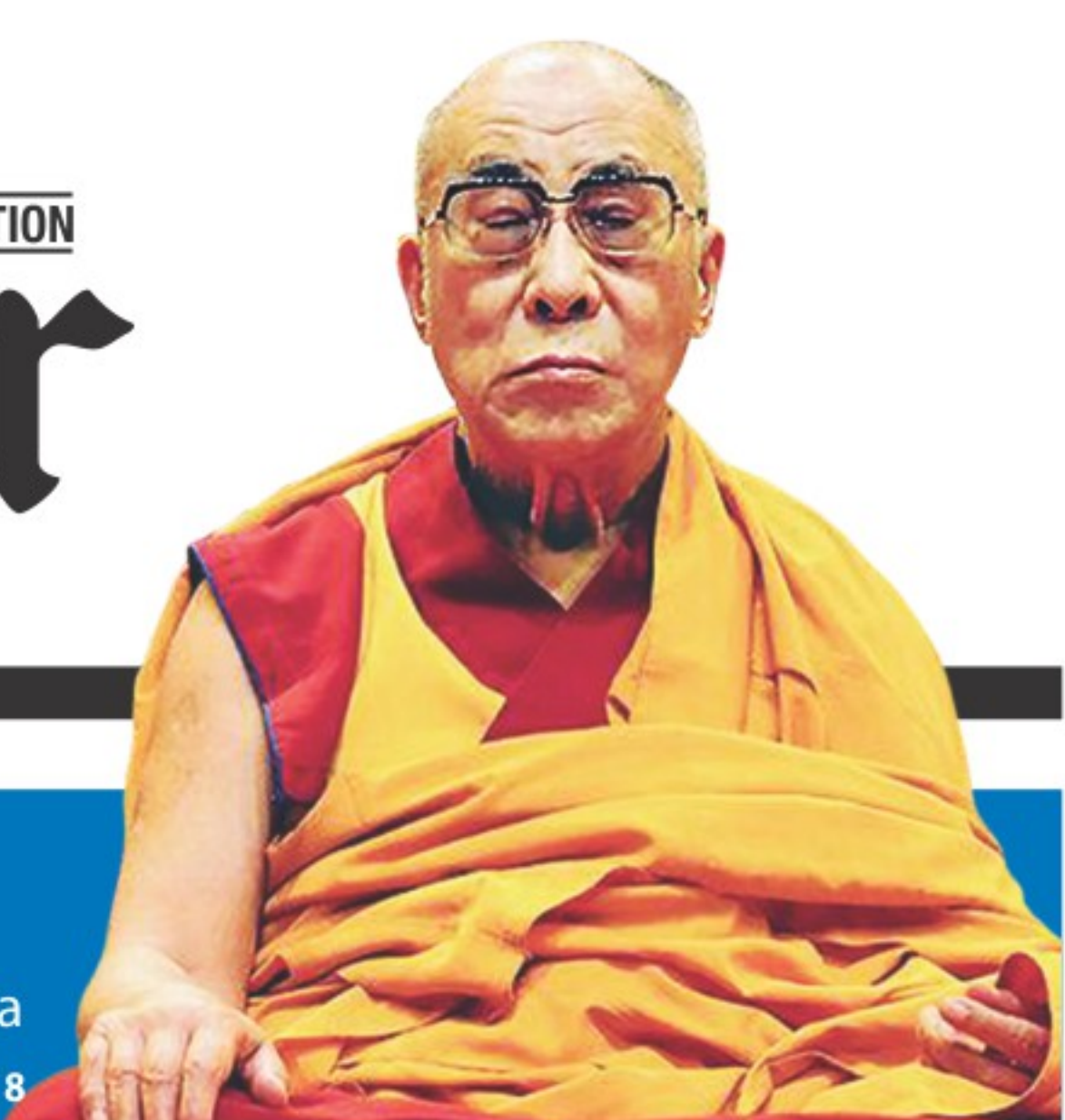
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Korean EPZ in trouble

Govt plans to take back part of land allotted to it

M ABUL KALAM AZAD, back from Chittagong

Instead of solving the problems the Korean Export Processing Zone has been facing, the government plans to take back part of the 2,492 acres of land allotted to the KEPZ 16 years ago.

The country's largest private export processing zone is in a web of land-related and legal tangles triggered mainly by the non-cooperation from the local administration and some government agencies and public representatives.

The government is yet to hand over the transfer deed for the land in Anwara upazila of Chittagong to the KEPZ owner, Korean YoungOne Corporation, creating obstacles to investment.

Several foreign investors, including the Japanese, over the years had contacted the KEPZ authorities for plots but had to back out realising the land-related complications.

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Campaign continues

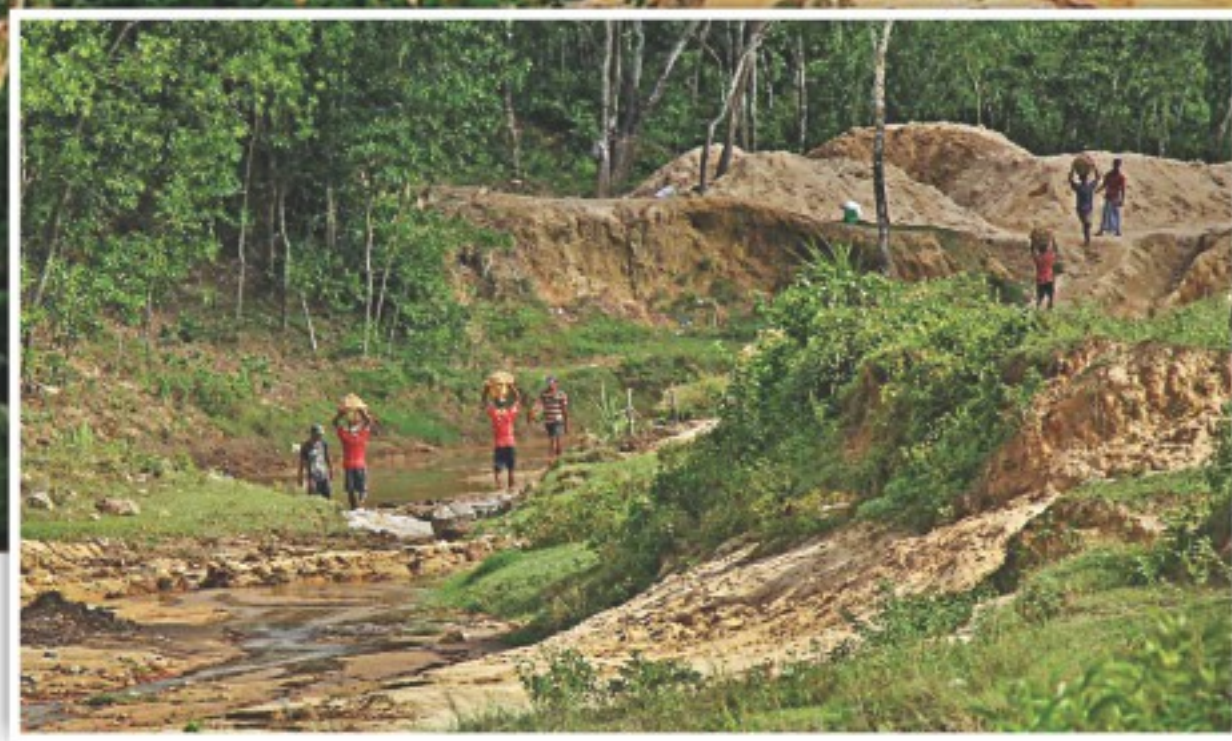
M ABUL KALAM AZAD with ARUN BIKAS DEY in Chittagong

The local administration in Chittagong, some businesspeople and public representatives have apparently launched a campaign against the Korean Export Processing Zone to create grounds for the government to take back the land allocated for the KEPZ.

They are accusing KEPZ officials of not allowing villagers to bury the dead in graveyards and use its walkways.

Saifuzzaman Chowdhury, state minister for land and lawmaker from the area, is categorically saying that part of the KEPZ land would be taken back as the KEPZ has failed to

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An aerial shot of the Korean Export Processing Zone at Anwara in Chittagong. Inset, villagers taking away sand from EPZ land. The photos were taken recently.

PHOTO: STAR

CONSULTATIVE MEETING WITH INDIA Dhaka for fresh line of credit

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Appreciating India's financial assistance for infrastructure development in Bangladesh, Dhaka yesterday asked New Delhi to consider a fresh line of credit (LoC).

During the third Joint Consultative Commission (JCC) meeting at Jawahar Bhavan in New Delhi, Bangladesh also offered special economic zones for Indian businesses and sought investments in sectors like automobiles, manufacturing and power. The meeting was co-chaired by Bangladesh Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali and his Indian counterpart Sushma Swaraj.

Following Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's landmark visit to New Delhi in January 2010, India extended the first LoC of \$1 billion to Bangladesh for a range of projects that included railway infrastructure development, supply of locomotives and passenger coaches, renovation of Saidpur railway workshop, procurement of passenger vehicles including articulated buses, and river dredging.

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Indian companies asked to invest in special zone

Hartal today, tomorrow

Jamaat against Sayedee verdict, 20-party to protest passage of judge impeachment bill

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

There will be no respite for people after Jamaat's 24-hour hartal ends tomorrow morning, as the BNP-led alliance has called a daylong nationwide shutdown starting the same morning.

Acting BNP secretary general Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir yesterday announced the programme in protest at the amendment to the constitution that empowered parliament to remove Supreme Court judges for misbehaviour and incapacity.

The announcement came at a press conference at the BNP chief's Gulshan office hours after leaders of all components of the BNP-led 20-party alliance held an emergency meeting at the party's Naya Paltan office.

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Split in small parties weakens 20-party

Faction of another component threatens to quit alliance

RASHIDUL HASAN

Yet another component of the BNP-led alliance yesterday threatened to part itself from the combine, turning things worse for the BNP policymakers already-worried of its waning strength.

A faction of the National Democratic Party (NDP) said they would quit the alliance if BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia in 72 hours does not ensure "more democratic practices" in the coalition.

Insiders, however, said the faction led by Alamgir Mazumder had already made up its mind to split and the ultimatum was only a pretext.

The fresh discord came hot on the heels of factions of three other components -- National Awami Party (Bhasani), Muslim League and National People's Party -- leaving the 20-party alliance in the last few months.

The NDP threat prompted BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir to convene an emergency meeting at the party's Naya Paltan central office in the afternoon. There he had the secretary generals of allied

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A Jatiya Party faction loyal to party chief HM Ershad vandalising the office of the faction led by Ranga yesterday in Rangpur. Story on page 16.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

PM warns against plot to create chaos

PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina last night said conspiracies are being hatched to destabilise the country and those involved in this evil design will have to face tough consequences.

Even BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia would be put behind bars if she is found involved in creating chaos, the PM told a joint meeting of the Awami League advisory council and its central working committee at Gono Bhaban, meeting sources said.

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