



Trust me

West Bengal CM Mamata assures Bangladesh of Teesta deal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Visiting West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee yesterday said Bangladesh need not worry about the Teesta water-sharing deal, and promised to resolve the longstanding problem through discussions with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

"Have trust in me. I will discuss it with Prime Minister Hasina. Leave it to us. Don't worry about it," she told a luncheon with eminent cultural personalities at a city hotel.

"We have some problems [regarding Teesta deal] and so do you. But we will resolve it through talks with Sheikh Hasina," said Mamata, who came to Dhaka on Thursday night on a three-day visit at the invitation of Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali.

The Teesta deal was expected to be signed during former Indian PM Manmohan Singh's Dhaka visit in 2011. Both sides reportedly agreed to a 50-50 share of the water of the river that originates in the Indian state of Sikkim and runs through West Bengal before entering Bangladesh.

But it fell through due to strong opposition from Mamata, who said the sharing formula accepted by the

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina greets a smiling Mamata Banerjee, the West Bengal chief minister, after paying tribute to the language martyrs at the Central Shaheed Minar early today. Mamata is on a three-day visit to Bangladesh on the occasion of International Mother Language Day.

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Homage to heroes of '52

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ekushey February, or the International Mother Language Day as we call it now, is an occasion to ponder the significance or the current relevance of the sacrifices made by language martyrs 63 years ago.

The day is not just to remember their sacrifices and contributions by placing wreaths at the Central Shaheed Minar.

We rather need to comprehend the reason why language activists had protested against the then Pakistan government's decision to make Urdu the sole state language of

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"Now that I have come here overcoming all obstacles, all hurdles will go away"

MAMATA BANERJEE
WEST BENGAL CHIEF MINISTER

Rain threatens Tigers' clash with Aussies

Kiwis make light work of England

BISHWAJIT ROY from Brisbane

Michael Clarke's comeback, Bangladesh's renewed confidence, the Tigers' first opportunity to play at the Gabba; ideally there would have been a number of issues to focus on ahead of today's World Cup fixture. But it is cyclone Marcia which dominated the proceedings at the Brisbane Cricket Ground yesterday.

The city was not in the mood to replicate the joyous fervour as seen in the different parts of the country; rather they were all worried about the impact of the cyclone. Even in the pre-match press conference, the main focus, expectedly so, was people's safety.

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72-hr hartal, once again

20-party announces shutdown from tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With the common people, particularly the SSC examinees, already pushed into a tight corner by repeated hartals, the BNP-led alliance yesterday called yet another 72-hour countrywide shutdown from 6:00am tomorrow.

The strike will be in force until 6:00am on Wednesday protesting "killing of opposition leaders and activists in the name of crossfire and filing of false cases against alliance leaders," according to a press release from the BNP.

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US slams attacks on innocents

Slates inhibition of political expression; UN chief urges de-escalation of violent situation

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

US Secretary of State John Kerry has condemned the targeting of civilians by political parties and stressed the need for opposition parties to cease such attacks immediately.

"There can be no tolerance for tactics that target innocent citizens



Ban Ki-moon



John Kerry

Washington DC.

Kerry has called for Bangladesh government's action to peacefully

or inhibit political expression in a democratic Bangladesh," he said in a meeting with his Bangladesh counterpart AH Mahmood Ali in

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