



MODI FLIES IN TODAY From murky Hopes so high TO MAGICAL



REZAUL KARIM

Bangladesh is ready to welcome Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi with open arms, as his special aircraft touches down at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport at 10:15am today.

It will be Modi's first visit to Bangladesh. Both countries are agog with unprecedented expectations that his 34-hour trip would take bilateral relations to a new level and exploit the economic and trade potentials keeping borders open for each other.

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ARUN DEVNATH and MD FAZLUR RAHMAN

The world does not look away when Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaks. As an early score, Modi cut an impressive figure on the global stage when he spoke to a cheering crowd -- of mostly Indian Americans -- in New York's Manhattan area last September. The world was enchanted by the "aura" around him. His speech was steeped in optimism and hope. The global media was awestruck.

Modi, the second most popular politician on Twitter after US President Barack Obama, has successfully used social media to shape his

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Near the Teesta bridge in the northern district of Lalmonirhat, a boat is tied up to a pole where the river is dried up, giving rise to a shoal. People of Bangladesh keep waiting for the Indo-Bangla Teesta deal, which would ensure proper flow of water in the river on this side. The photo was taken in March this year.

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Mamata in town

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Hours before the arrival of Narendra Modi, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee reached Dhaka yesterday to attend some official programmes with the Indian prime minister.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md Shahriar Alam welcomed her at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport after she landed around 8:28pm.

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Oh, Teesta!

Thin river to continue reminding Bangladesh about prolonged sufferings inflicted by India

PINAKI ROY with DILIP ROY from Lalmonirhat

Four years ago, when Bangladesh and India reached an understanding on sharing the Teesta water, people built their hopes up for an increased flow in the shared river.

But soon what they saw in reality dashed their hopes: the much-needed

Teesta deal fell through.

In the meantime, with no headway towards signing the deal, the lifeline for millions in the country's northern region kept getting only leaner.

"The Teesta faced the worst ever situation in the last lean period. The entire river went dry this year," said Feroze, convener of Teesta Rakkha Sangram Committee, an organisation

working to realise due share of the trans-boundary river.

"Never before in my lifetime did I witness anything as such," said Feroze, who hailed from Purba Kachua village of Gangachara upazila in Rangpur.

A water flow chart obtained from Bangladesh Joint Rivers Commission (JRC) also reflects his account.

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<p>BANGABANDHU (1972-75)</p> <p>8 DEALS</p> <p>Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Peace between India and Bangladesh</p> <p>Trade Agreement</p> <p>Protocol on Inland Water Transit & Trade</p> <p>Statute of Indo-Bangla Joint Rivers Commission</p> <p>Land Boundary Agreement (not implemented)</p>	<p>ZIA (1976-80)</p> <p>2 DEALS</p> <p>Air services</p> <p>Federation of chambers of commerce of two countries</p>
<p>INDO-BANGLA DEALS SINCE INDEPENDENCE</p> <p>HASINA (1996-2001)</p> <p>3 DEALS</p> <p>Ganges water sharing</p> <p>Motor vehicle passenger traffic between two countries (launching of Dhaka-Kolkata bus service)</p> <p>(2009-15)</p> <p>22 DEALS</p> <p>Cooperation in power</p>	<p>ERSHAD (1982-90)</p> <p>NIL</p>
<p>Framework agreement on development cooperation</p> <p>Land Boundary Agreement</p> <p>India facilitating transit traffic between Bangladesh & Nepal</p> <p>Extradition treaty</p> <p>Establishment of Bangladesh-India Foundation</p> <p>CARETAKER (2007-08)</p> <p>NIL</p>	<p>KHALEDA (1991-95, 2001-06)</p> <p>NIL</p>

Modi to hold meeting with Khaleda

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

New Delhi yesterday confirmed that Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi will hold a meeting with BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia tomorrow afternoon.

Indian Foreign Secretary S Jaishankar confirmed this while briefing the media in New Delhi on Modi's trip.

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CHANGE in the air

SHAKHAWAT LITON

Bangladesh and India are set to redraw their maps through swapping territories and people between them amid a wind of change blowing in their politics, 41 years

after the 1974 Indira Gandhi-Sheikh Mujibur Rahman historic pact.

Begun four decades ago, the official process for exchange of enclaves is likely to be completed during Indian Prime Minister.

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