



High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh Harsh Vardhan Shringla called on Leader of the Opposition Raushan Ershad at her Gulshan residence yesterday. During the meeting, the Indian envoy extended an invitation to the Jatiya Party Parliamentary Party to visit the parliament in India. PHOTO: INDIAN HIGH COMMISSION

Fakhrul sees

FROM PAGE 16 without any fear," Fakhrul said yesterday. Alleging that treason charges are brought against those who criticise the government, the BNP leader said similar charges were also brought against BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia when she criticised the government. Fakhrul was speaking at a rally at Dhaka Reporters Unity (DRU). The rally was organised by a body formed to demand the release of MA Mannan who was suspended from his post of Gazipur City Corporation mayor over criminal charges. Mannan, also an adviser to the BNP chief, was arrested from his Baridhara house in the capital on February 11, 2015. "Any criticism against the government is not allowed. If anyone makes any remark [against the government], he or she has to face cases," said Fakhrul. But in the democratic political system, government has to face the criticism, he added. He also demanded immediate release of Amar Desh acting editor Mahmudur Rahman and journalist leader Shawkat Mahmud. About the upcoming union parishad polls, the BNP leader alleged that the ruling party men would stuff the ballot boxes the night before the polls with the help of the administration. "We know what will happen in the polls. Like other elections, with the assistance of the administration, they [the ruling party activists] will stuff the boxes. Even after this, we are participating in the polls to reach out to the people, and the people will see that no election can be free and fair under this government," said Fakhrul. Meanwhile, in a joint meeting at its Nayapaltan headquarters yesterday, the party decided to hold a rally at the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh, on February 22, to mark the International Mother Language Day.

EC won't

FROM PAGE 16 (BGB) along with regular law-enforcement agencies including police, Rab and Ansar would be deployed. Earlier on Monday, Shah Nawaz told reporters that the commission had initially decided not to deploy BGB in the UP polls. Elections to more than 700 UPs will be held in the first phase on March 22, while around 3,500 more UPs will go on polls in phases till June 4. For the first time in Bangladesh, elections for the post of chairman in the UPs will be held in partisan lines. Chairman aspirants will be able to contest under party symbols, while others can also run the polls independently. **SECOND PHASE** Elections to 710 UPs will be held across the country on March 31 in the second phase. The district election officers will announce the polls schedule at their respective districts today, said EC Secretary Sirazul Islam. As per the second phase poll schedule, the last date of filing nomination is March 2. Nomination will be scrutinised on March 5-6 and the last date for withdrawal from the

India's new

FROM PAGE 16 Sources in the Indian law ministry said that at a recent meeting between officials of the ministry and the EC, the poll watchdog made it clear that it was necessary to grant voting rights to these people as the assembly polls in West Bengal were nearing. The enclaves were exchanged pursuant to the 1974 India-Bangladesh Land Boundary Agreement and Protocol and Instruments of Ratification signed during Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Bangladesh on June 6-7 last year.

Four kids murdered

FROM PAGE 1 Hossain was given the charge of investigation. Visiting the spot after the recovery of the bodies, Mizanur Rahman, deputy inspector general of police (Sylhet range), told reporters that they suspect the children might have been murdered out of rivalry between two groups of panchayat. However, he declined to name any suspect. Also, he declared Tk 100,000 reward for any information leading to the capture of the killers. Talking to this correspondent, Afjal Miah, father of victim Monir, said there had been a longstanding dispute between two groups of local panchayat -- one led by Abdul Ali and the other by Abdul Khaliq Master. He said their group had clashed with the men loyal to Abdul Ali last month over cutting down trees in the area. He believed the kids were kidnapped and murdered following that. Last night, Abdul Ali and Jewel Ali, another local, were detained at the village for their alleged involvement in the murders, said police adding that the two were being interrogated. Meanwhile, Zakaria's father Wahid Miah alleged that the police did not take any effective measures to find out the children even a day after the GD was filed. OC Mosharruf outright rejected the allegation. He also claimed that no one demanded any ransom from the families following the kidnap of the children. Their bodies were buried in the village yesterday evening.

It's too much

FROM PAGE 1 all of them should be tried. We have seen a lot of debate on this. It should end here," he said at a talk show titled "News and Views" on private TV channel Bangla Vision early yesterday. "The filing of 35 defamation and sedition pleas against Mahfuz Anam is too much," said Shafiq. Many newspapers wrote a lot of things at that time. "Have all of them apologised?" "Why all are now after Mahfuz Anam?" he asked. Referring to the Awami League leaders, who allegedly betrayed the party after 1/11 political changeover, he said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina didn't make any of them ministers after coming to power. "She said that 'I have forgiven them but I haven't forgotten'." He said Mahfuz Anam could have made the admission seven years ago after a democratic government returned to power. At a talk show on a private TV channel on February 3, the Star editor made an introspective comment about a lapse in his editorial judgement in publishing a few reports, based on information given by the Task Force Interrogation Cell during the 2007-08 tenure of the last caretaker government, without being able to verify those independently. Shafiq said Sheikh Hasina's son Sajeeb Wazed Joy is "very talented". Joy was very hurt when corruption allegations were brought against his mother after the 1/11 changeover. Joy made some comments on Facebook after Mahfuz Anam recently regretted publishing some reports about Hasina without being able to verify those independently. "It is very normal from his point of view. But I feel bad about the events that followed. The issue was raised in parliament, and 35 cases have been filed against him [Mahfuz Anam]. Joy let it go after saying something. He didn't file any case. Prime Minister

Greece rejects

FROM PAGE 16 properly identified and that those not in need of protection are returned to Turkey or their home countries. The EU hopes this will help reduce the flow of migrants to western Europe. The minister also said it was a lie that Greece had not set up enough accommodation to cope with the influx. The EU has demanded that Greece implement a raft of measures to improve border controls and facilities by May. If not, some EU member states have discussed potentially suspending Greece from the Schengen area, where there are no passport controls - a region covering most of Europe. Mouzalas insisted the main reason his government had been slow in registering and identifying migrants and spotting false documents was because the EU had been slow in providing the equipment and personnel it needed.

6 suspected

FROM PAGE 16 Rahman alias Pradip, driver of fire service and civil defence in the district's Mirpur; Mohammad Ashraf Alam, a computer shop owner; and Abul Bashar, a student and also an imam of Kushtia Nagar Jame Masjid. Two others -- Shafiqul Islam alias Palash, and Azizur Rahman -- are employees of garment factories. Replying to a query, Monirul said the four came to Dhaka from Kushtia to attend a secret meeting. "We suspect that they gathered in the capital to carry out subversive activities," he said. Regarding financial support of the group, Monirul said the leaders and operatives used to give money from their earnings to the organisational activities, including publication of literatures, bearing expenditure of cases filed against their leaders, and supporting their operatives in need. The DMP spokesperson said the Huji men needed to be interrogated further to know if the outfit existed in other districts and to know more about their financial supports. Police were trying to arrest other operatives of the group. A case was filed with Kotwali Police Station under the Anti-Terrorism Act.

ASK, Ruja

FROM PAGE 3 against Mahfuz Anam, even after his admission, was not at all positive for the freedom of media. Article 39 and 11 of Bangladesh's constitution guarantee freedom of expression and basic human rights of every citizen, it said. The organisation hoped that every-one concerned would play their responsible role for ensuring the freedom of media considering the constitutional obligation. It also demanded fair and impartial trials in all cases filed against Mahfuz Anam. Meanwhile, the Rajshahi University Journalist Association (Ruja) expressed deep concern over the barrage of cases filed against Mahfuz Anam, reports our RU correspondent. In a statement, signed by Ruja President Mahbub Alam and General Secretary Rafiqul Islam, the association condemned the filing of the cases. "The filing of these cases across the country indicates an aggressive, politically-motivated effort to harass a senior editor and a key newspaper of the country," it said. Ruja observed that such move could put democracy and the freedom of speech at stake. "The ruling party men should have praised Mahfuz Anam for admitting the lapse," it said. Ruja urged quick resolution of the matter.

Govt plans to build

FROM PAGE 1 strengthened in the areas where foreigners were living and the roads they used for movement. Moreover, close circuit cameras have been installed and vigilance at the check post has been strengthened, she added. No plan to reduce diesel price The premier ruled out the possibility of decreasing the diesel price now. "Whenever the loan taken by Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation will be paid off, we'll consider reducing the diesel price, if necessary." Replying to a question, the PM said her government had provided subsidy on diesel when the price was high in the international market causing BPC to take out loan of around Tk 38,000 crore. Besides, there is a considerable amount of VAT and duty that is still unpaid. This is the first time that BPC has been able to make some savings, she added. BPC has already repaid Tk 5,000 crore, she pointed out. "It has to repay more.... Tk 15,000-16,000 crore is awaiting repayment," she added. No plan to split civil aviation and tourism ministry Hasina informed the House that no plan was on the cards to split the civil aviation and tourism ministry into two since the minister was doing well in boosting tourism in the country. The leader of the House also said the intelligence activities had been

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FROM PAGE 1 clearly divided. The lawyers today do not hesitate to criticise the judiciary. My request is please don't make disparaging remarks about the judiciary. It hurts me when such comments are made" Speaking on the media, he said journalism is not a business, it's a profession. "But now it is being regarded as a business. For their personal gains, some of the media outlets do not refrain from publishing news against the judiciary," the chief justice said. "If we spend time filing contempt of court cases against newspapers or newsmen, how would we complete trials of lakhs of pending cases?" he said. The chief justice was speaking at a meeting marking the 90th birth anniversary of late Shawkat Ali Khan, a senior lawyer of the Supreme Court, at SC Bar Association auditorium. He said that till today the country's judiciary has not lost its sense of ethics. It has not derailed, nor has it acted with bias, he added. "I say the independence of the judiciary will never be destroyed," he asserted. Justice Sinha said the lawyers once used to remain united in preserving the dignity of the judiciary. "But now their associations are

Mega bug set to hit

FROM PAGE 16 access to devices - be it a computer, internet router, or other connected piece of equipment. The code can also be within many of the so-called "building blocks" of the web - programming languages such as PHP and Python are affected, as well as systems used when logging in to sites or accessing email. It is now up to manufacturers, and the community behind the Linux operating system, to issue the patch to affected software and devices as soon as possible. In a blog post explaining the discovery, Google's team detailed how a flaw in some commonly-used code could be exploited in a way that allows remote

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