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India not a big brother

Rather a big 'partner in progress', top BJP leader assures Bangladesh

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

A top leader of Indian ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) yesterday said India was not a big brother of its special neighbour Bangladesh, rather the two countries "are partners in progress, peace and prosperity".

"In the last four decades, I think you have realised that although we are a big country, we are not big brother. The idea of neighbourhood is not rivalry but partner," said Ram Madhav, National Secretary General of BJP.

He was speaking at the inauguration of 7th India-Bangladesh dialogue jointly organised by "Friends of Bangladesh" with the theme "Ground Rules of a New Paradigm" at Sonargaon Hotel yesterday.

Ministers, former ministers, diplomats, political leaders, intellectuals, academics, journalists from both the countries are participating in the two-day seminar.

Highly praising Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's leadership, the BJP leader said, "The way she protected

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Workers harvesting potato in a farmland at Kotgaon in Munshiganj's Sirajdikhan yesterday. There has been a bumper production of potato in the district this year. However, last week's rain caused waterlogging in some fields and damaged portion of the yield.



PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

GOP rivals rip Trump

But promise to support him if he becomes Republican nominee

AFP, Detroit

Donald Trump unleashed fiery, off-colour rhetoric at Thursday's Republican debate after enduring a day of intense criticism by party leaders, as conservatives agonize over embracing his divisive candidacy or derailing his march to the nomination.

But despite escalated attacks against Trump by his rivals on the debate state, each one of them -- Senator Ted Cruz, Senator Marco Rubio, and Ohio Governor John Kasich --

acknowledged they would support the party's eventual nominee.

With the real estate tycoon apparently on a glide path to becoming the Republican standard-bearer, some panic has set in at the prospect of Trump winning the nomination.

Other operatives and voters said it is time, for better or worse, to rally around the man leading the pack.

With the bitter rivals gathered at a pivotal moment in the campaign, the debate attacks

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Be ready to use nukes

N Korea leader tells military; US, Russia call for restraint

REUTERS, Seoul

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un ordered his country to be ready to use its nuclear weapons at any time and the military to be in "pre-emptive attack" mode in the face of growing threats from its enemies, state media said yesterday.

The comments, carried by the North's official KCNA news agency, marked a further escalation of tension on the Korean peninsula after the UN Security Council imposed harsh new sanctions on the iso-

lated state for its nuclear programme.

North Korea, known for belligerent rhetoric, has previously threatened pre-emptive attacks on its enemies, including South Korea and the United States. Military experts doubt it has yet developed the capability to fire a long-range missile with a miniaturised warhead to deliver a nuclear weapon as far as the United States.

Kim made the comments as he supervised military exercises involving newly developed rocket launchers, KCNA

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	Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha	
AZAN	5-15	12-45	4-30	6-05	7-30	8-00
JAMAAT	5-50	1-15	4-45	6-10	8-00	

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Woman held for 'trying to steal baby'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A woman was detained for allegedly trying to steal a baby from her mother at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday.

Popy Akhtar, 20, of Shariatpur, was caught near the main gate of the burn unit around 3:00pm while she was fleeing with the one-and-a-half-years old, said police.

Rehana Begum along with her child Ayesha had been in the hospital for the past few months as her husband is being treated at the burn unit.

After the incident yesterday, she told reporters that she had a chat with Popy on Thursday night.

"Popy came to me again around 3:00pm today [yesterday]. I went to the bathroom keeping Ayesha in bed. When I came back,

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Stray cat finds home in Matia's



HASAN JAHD TUSHER

The stray cat, which was rescued from a tree in the secretariat on Thursday after being stranded there for over two days, has found a new home.

And its new owner is Matia Chowdhury, the agriculture minister, who not only adopted the cat but also gave it a name -- Felu, meaning thrown away or abandoned.

"She named it so because it was abandoned by all," Mohammad Shahjalal, private secretary to the minister, told The Daily Star last night.

The cat took shelter atop a tree inside the secretariat compound after being chased by some dogs

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UP member killed in clash over 'teasing' girl

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A Union Parishad member was killed and at least 24 others were hurt as an altercation between two groups of villagers over punishing a man for teasing a girl turned violent in Kanaighat upazila of Sylhet yesterday.

The dead, AS Dudu Mia, 40, was a member of local Lakhprasad Union Parishad, said Humayan Kabir, officer-in-charge of Kanaighat Police Station.

He said the clash broke out after a mobile court led by Kanaighat Upazila Nirbahi Officer Tarek Mohammad Zakaria sentenced one Sabab Uddin to three months in prison for teasing a local schoolgirl in Kuar Gori village on Thursday.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF



Jalaluddin Ahmed
(1937 - 2016)

Our beloved father, Mr Jalaluddin Ahmed, passed away on the 3rd of March 2016 at Mt Elizabeth Hospital in Singapore. Inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi raji'un.

We humbly request his family, friends and acquaintances to please join us to pray for his departed soul at his namaz-e-janaza which will be held on Saturday, 5th March 2016 at 11:30am at East West University premises at Aftab Nagar and subsequently at Gulshan Azad Mosque after Asr prayers.

He was born on 2nd February 1937 in Feni to late Sujat Ali Majumdar & late Anjuman Ara Begum.

We shall cherish every single moment of his life. To those who knew him, he will forever be remembered as the most loving husband, father, dada, nana, brother, uncle, friend and most importantly as a good & honest human being who stood by his strong principles with the greatest of dignity until his last breath.

Mr Jalaluddin Ahmed was a former CSP (1961 batch), former Secretary to the Government of Bangladesh, former Advisor to ILO and UNFPA, Founding member and former President, Board of Trustees East West University, Director & former Chairman SMC, Chairman Board of Directors BACE, Chairman Sarojini Naidu Foundation Bangladesh and also a former US Congressional Fellow at US Capitol Hill, Washington DC.

He leaves behind his adoring wife (Najma), Grandchildren (Zafar, Freyana & Marium), Daughter-in-law (Faiza), Son-in-law (Chris) and his children, Chandrima & Nehal.

May Allah embrace him with infinite mercy as He welcomes him to his eternal home. May he be blessed, and may we all be reunited with our beloved parents in the highest place in Jannah. Ameen.



Pakistan pulled off the highest successful chase of this Asia Cup so far. Aided by Umar Akmal's 37-ball 48, which featured four 4s and two 6s, Pakistan reached the 151-run target set by Sri Lanka with six wickets and four balls to spare at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED