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Power for bandwidth

Hasina, Modi talk in video conference, open supply of 100MW more electricity by India in exchange for 10 GBps internet bandwidth

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka and New Delhi yesterday officially inaugurated the supply of 10GBps broadband internet from Bangladesh to India and 100MW power from India to Bangladesh, in yet another move towards stronger ties.

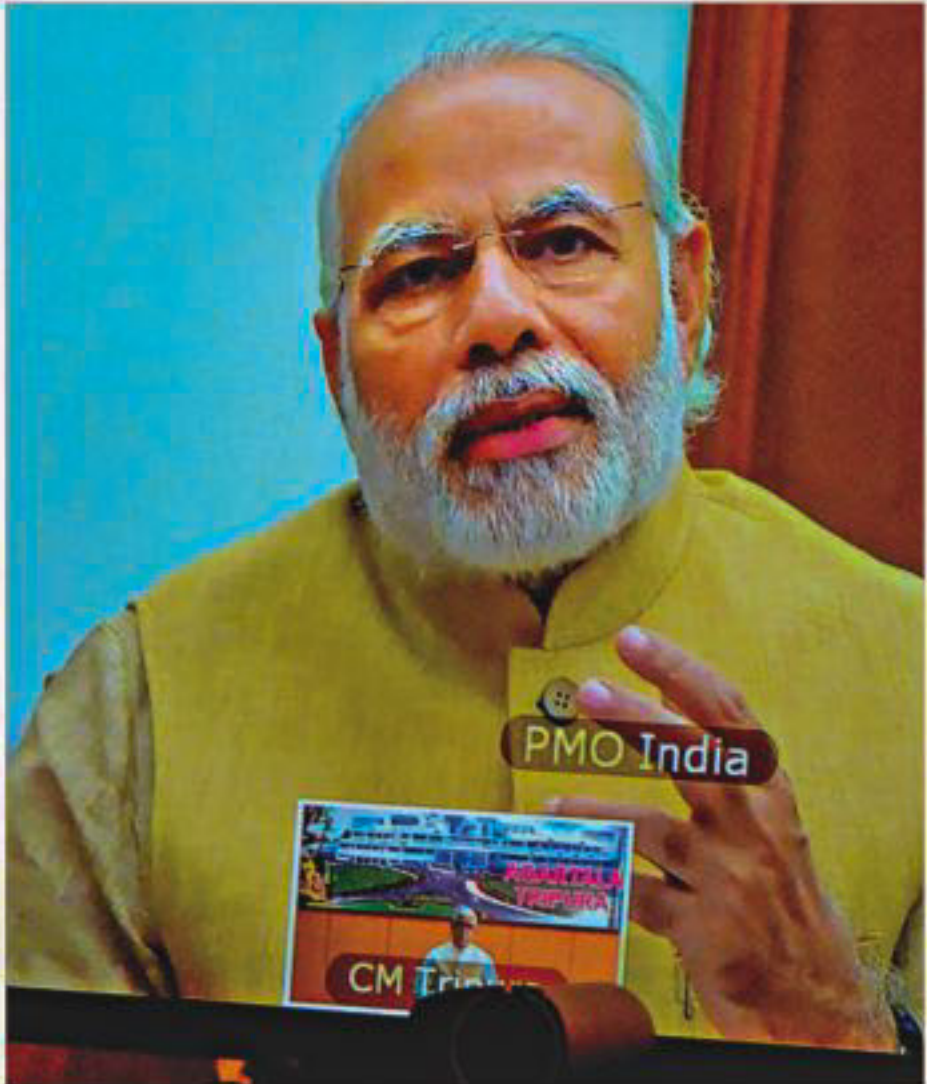
The launch was done through a video conference.

Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her Indian counterpart Narendra Modi termed it a significant day, and said relations between the two neigh-

bours have reached a new height to promote each other's development.

"In this age of interdependence, the two countries would further strengthen their ties and it is a significant day that both are promoting the ways of development," said Modi, inaugurating the power connection from Tripura's Palatana to Bangladesh by a remote controller.

"The relations between the two countries have further consolidated through the supply of powers and internet," Hasina said, as



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her Indian counterpart Narendra Modi in a videoconference during the joint inauguration of 100MW electricity import from India and export of bandwidth from Bangladesh yesterday.

PHOTO: BSS



HOW DID WE LOSE THIS?: Tamim Iqbal (L) and Shakib Al Hasan's expressions say it all. Bangladesh needed two off three balls to win against India and stay alive in the ICC World Twenty20 yesterday; instead they surrendered three wickets and lost the match by one run to bring about widespread dejection in the Bangladesh camp as the home crowd at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bangalore celebrated a great escape.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

Tigers conjure a heartbreak

AL-AMIN FROM BANGALORE

Mushfiqur Rahim and Mahmudullah combined have played 391 games in the shorter versions of the game. And they were perhaps the most experienced batsmen that Bangladesh had to stroke those two runs off the last three balls to create a small piece of history at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bangalore yesterday.

But then minds went on vacation and the Tigers suffered their most painful defeat from the jaws of a famous win against hosts India since their heart-stopping two-run defeat in the Asia Cup final against Pakistan four years ago.

The need of those nerve-wracking moments was for Mushfiqur, who



struck the second ball of the final over bowled by Hardik Pandya for a magnificent four thorough the covers and followed it up with a cheeky scoop down to the fine leg boundary, to cool down and play all along the turf to stroke those two runs off three deliveries.

But to the disbelief he hit a short ball straight to the fielder at mid-wicket. By the time the catch was taken Riyadh reached the striker's end. The right hander, who has been in fine form and looked the coolest man on the field in the midst of thunderous roars from a choc-a-bloc home crowd, did exactly what Mushfiqur had done. This time it was a full toss from Pandya, which Riyadh could have played anywhere for a single if not for those two runs to win.

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Desperation for win led to Mathbaria bloodshed

Local AL leader was bent on ensuring victory for party favourite at any cost, witnesses say

HABIBUR RAHMAN, RASHIDUL HASAN and WASIM BIN HABIB

An Awami League leader's desperate attempts to clinch victory for his party favourite in Tuesday's polls to Dhanisafa union parishad cost five lives in Mathbaria of Pirojpur, according to locals.

Mirajul Islam, vice chairman of Bhandaria upazila parishad and secretary of the upazila unit AL, was hell-bent on securing win for his party's Harun-ar-Rashid and led his men to rig the election right from the beginning of the polling, they say.

Mirajul is the younger brother of Mohiuddin Maharaz, assistant personal



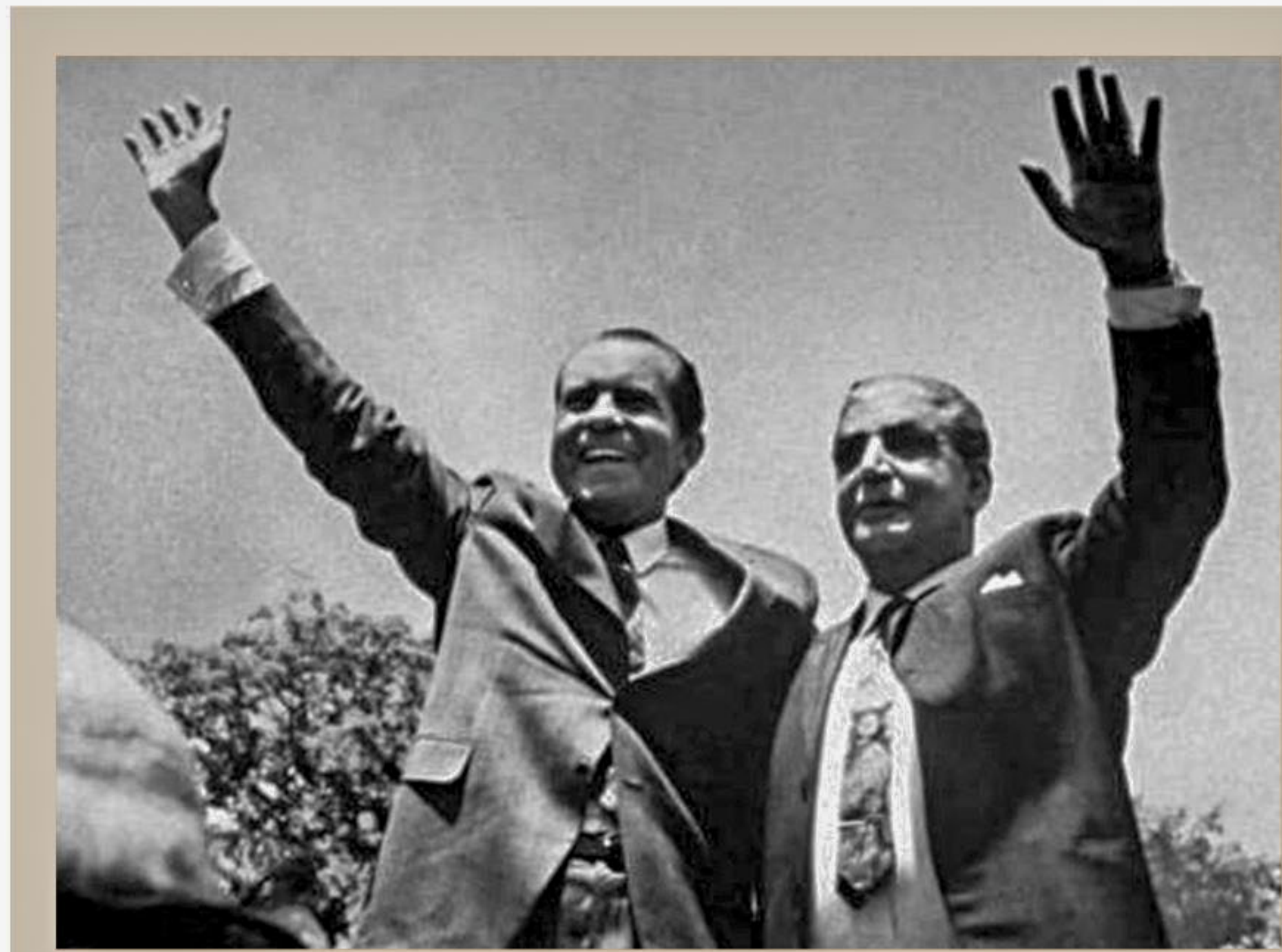
Sohel with his daughter days before he was killed.

secretary to Environment and Forest Minister Anwar Hossain Manju.

Apart from those killed, scores were injured when Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) personnel opened fire to disperse Mirajul's men who had besieged the polling officials hours after the voting ended.

The Daily Star talked to a number of witnesses, voters and inhabitants of the area yesterday to know what exactly had happened that led to the bloodshed. They all requested anonymity, fearing reprisal.

Almost all the nine polling centres in Dhanisafa UP saw electoral irregularities, RELATED STORY ON PAGE 16 SEE PAGE 11 COL 2



Cheerful Nixon and Yahya during the Pakistani ruler's visit to the US in October 1970. Nixon pledged to support Pakistan 'despite strong feeling in his country favouring India'.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

Nixon was advised to recognise Bangladesh

But his love for Yahya and a secret China visit deal shaped US mind on East Pakistan

INAM AHMED and SHAKHAWAT LITON

US intelligence analysis had predicted early that the separation of Pakistan was imminent as the political situation in East Pakistan descended into chaos in March 1971.

The East Pakistanis went into vehement protests from early March with the West Pakistan military junta's refusal to hand over power to Awami League following its landslide victory in the 1970 election.

The US National Security Council had also recommended the US quickly recognise Bangladesh should the situation arise, declassified US documents from March 1971 reveal.

History took a different course, however. The US government

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Missing IT expert Zoha back home

Detectives say he was 'found near airport'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detectives dropped IT expert Tanveer Hassan Zoha home in the capital's Kalabagan area early yesterday, six days after he had gone missing.

Some plainclothes men on a vehicle took him to his house around 1:30am, said Tanveer's uncle Mahbul Alam.

The law enforcers did not stay there for long, he said, adding that his family members received him at the entrance to the building.

"They [detectives] only said they found him wandering around the airport area," Mahbul, a former

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SWIFT urges banks to take fitting measures

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

Global banking cooperative SWIFT has advised its user-banks in Bangladesh to employ appropriate security measures to eliminate risk exposure to malicious software in the wake of the attack on the central bank's reserves.

"SWIFT strongly recommends that in line with best practice users deploy appropriate safeguards and install patches to their systems where necessary to reduce risk exposure to malware," wrote Gottfried Leibbrandt, chief executive officer of SWIFT, in a letter.

The letter was sent to all CONDUCT THOROUGH PROBE - PAGE 16

Available result of 534 UPs out of 712 for chairman post

AL	410
BNP	36
Jatiya Party	3
Jatiya Party (JP-Manju)	3
JSD	2
WPB	1
IAB (Islami Aldolon Bangladesh)	1
Independent	78
AL's chairman elected unopposed	54
Casting rate	74% (around)

VIOLENCE, IRREGULARITIES EC decides to sue troublemakers

PANKAG KARMAKAR

The Election Commission has decided to ask the returning officers to file cases against those involved in electoral irregularities and violence at all the 65 polling centres where voting was suspended during the union parishad polls on Tuesday.

The commission had already issued directives on filing cases against the candidates whose supporters stuffed ballot boxes at 14 of the polling stations. All the 14 centres were in Satkhira, said EC officials.

In cases of the other centres, lawsuits would be filed against specific persons who have been identified for their crimes. Unknown persons would be sued in cases where no one could be traced.

The superintendent of police (SP) in Satkhira was also asked to appear before the EC to explain how ballot-stuffing took place in the presence of law enforcers.

Besides, the EC has asked the police authorities to suspend the cops who were deployed at the polling centres for "failing to discharge their duties", added the officials.

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SOURCE: ELECTION COMMISSION