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On international day of peace, the world is anything but peaceful

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The Pope tells faith leaders meeting against growing religious fanaticism

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Tension flares on Indo-Pak border

Troops 'exchange gunshots' in Kashmir; Indian army foils infiltration bids, killing 10; soldier dies; Delhi tests long-range missile

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An Indian soldier was killed and 10 suspected intruders were shot dead as the army battled two groups of militants along the border with Pakistan yesterday, two days after an attack on a military camp in Kashmir.

With tension between New Delhi and Islamabad already heightened, Indian troops also exchanged fire with Pakistani soldiers in the Uri sector, close to the army's 12 Brigade headquarters which was attacked by militants on Sunday.

The Uri attack left 18 troopers dead and more than 20 injured.

"Two infiltration bids by militants from across the Line of Control [LoC] have been foiled in Uri and Naugam sectors today [yesterday]," an army spokesperson said, adding the gunfights were on.

One soldier was killed in Naugam, he added.

The spokesman refused to comment on the number of militants killed in the ongoing operations so far, but the Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency said 10 suspected militants had been killed in the incident.

The infiltration bids come as New Delhi and Islamabad are locked in a bitter diplomatic war of words following the Uri attack, which India has blamed on militants from Pakistan.

Pakistan has said it "categorically rejects" any involvement in the raid, calling Indian statements of its complicity "vitriolic and unsubstantiated."

Pakistan's army chief on Monday said the armed forces were closely watching the region and were prepared to respond to any threats from India.

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Bangladesh condemns attack on Indian base

Hasina writes to Modi

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh has strongly condemned the terrorist attack on the Indian army base at Uri in Kashmir that killed 17 soldiers and injured many others.

In a letter to her Indian counterpart Narendra Modi on Monday, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said Bangladesh firmly stands by India at this difficult hour in line with its "zero tolerance" policy against terrorism and violent extremism.

"Bangladesh strongly condemns terrorism and violent extremism in all its forms and manifestations. As a close friend and neighbour, we would continue to work together in our common endeavour to eradicate the menace of cross-border terrorism from this

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In sheer disregard for safety, a man carrying a toddler crosses the busy Pragati Sarani going over the median guard rails in the capital's Natun Bazar yesterday. A footbridge can be seen less than 100 yards away.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

PM ON BANGLADESHI APPAREL US should give duty-free access

UNB, New York

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said duty and quota free access of Bangladeshi apparel to the US market is imperative to expansion of Bangladesh's RMG industry, women employment and empowerment.

"USA would then be as fair as the 52 other countries like Australia, Canada, New Zealand, China, Japan, India and the European Union that give Bangladesh duty and quota free access to their markets," she told the luncheon meeting of Business Council for International Understanding at Hotel Waldorf Astoria here on Monday.

The PM called upon the US businesses and investors to

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Rigan left home to go to Syria

Claimed the militant held in Kalyanpur raid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

He became radicalised in just seven months and had left his Bogra home to go to war-torn Syria and join "the war against America and its allies".

Rakibul Hasan alias Rigan, a supporter of pro-Jamaat-e-Islami student body Islami Chhatra Shibir, along with several other militants also received training on fire-arms, including on AK-22 rifles, when they were staying in militant dens in the capital over the course of a year.

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RAMPAL POWER PLANT Unesco calls for revised EIA

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Expressing concern over the potential damages to the Sundarbans, the Unesco has requested the government to conduct a revised Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) before going ahead with the Rampal power plant.

The government was also requested to submit a revised EIA report with the advice note of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) before advancing with the physical work of the power plant.

Following the visit of a three-member reaction mission team from the Unesco, a report was sent to the government last month, seeking a specific assessment of the potential impacts of a thermal power plant near the Sundarbans and the dredging of the Pashur river, said a source.

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Lightning kills 18 in a single day

STAR REPORT

At least 18 people were killed and 15 others injured in lightning strikes in Tangail, Sunamganj, Kishoreganj, Dinajpur, Chapainawabganj and Manikganj yesterday.

In Tangail, a man and his two sons were killed and his wife was injured at a village in Madhupur upazila's Beribaid union in the early hours.

The dead are Nikhil Hajong, 45, his sons George Simsang, 11, and Loton Simsang, 9. Nikhil's wife Janata Simsang, 30, suffered critical burns.

Janata was first taken to Madhupur Upazila Health Complex but later shifted to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital, said Shafiqul Islam, officer-in-charge of Madhupur Police Station.

The incident occurred around 4:30am when they were sleeping at their home in the forest area. One of the windows of the house was open when lightning struck, the OC quoted locals as saying.

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Tonu's mother Anwara Begum at a protest programme in Comilla yesterday expresses her frustration over investigators' failure to make any progress in identifying killers of her daughter in six months.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

Don't we have the right to call for justice?

Asks Tonu's mother, irate at slow pace of investigation

A CORRESPONDENT, Comilla

Baul artists yesterday joined a protest in the city against the sluggish investigation into the murder of college student Sohagi Jahan Tonu.

They sang songs at a programme organised by the district unit of Gonojagoron Mancha at Kandirpar Pubali Square to mark six months of the murder of the 19-year-old.

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