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PM's upcoming visit to further cement Dhaka-Delhi ties Says Indian envoy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bilateral relations between Bangladesh and India are graduating to a new level, as the two countries have come closer through enhanced mutual cooperation in a wide range of areas.

Harsh Vardhan Shringla, Indian high commissioner in Dhaka, said this yesterday in an interaction with journalists of The Daily Star during a courtesy visit to the newspaper office in the capital.

Indo-Bangla ties have seen a steady upswing over the last several years with the two nations moving forward to strengthen connectivity and energy cooperation. India has given Bangladesh duty-free benefits on almost all goods. And the two neighbours have also implemented the Land Boundary Agreement, he said.

On energy sector cooperation, he said India is currently exporting 600 megawatt of electricity to Bangladesh, and is ready to export more as per Bangladesh's requirement.



Harsh Vardhan

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Iraq opens assault on IS in west Mosul

350,000 children trapped in the city; UN 'races against clock' to prepare for civilian exodus

AFP, Oreij

Iraqi forces yesterday launched an offensive on jihadists defending Mosul's west bank, in what could be the most brutal fighting yet in a four-month-old operation on the country's second city.

They swiftly retook at least five villages and set their sights on Mosul airport, which lies just south of the city, marking a new phase in Iraq's largest military operation in years.

The Islamic State group has put up stiff resistance to defend Mosul, the city where its leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi proclaimed a "caliphate" in 2014.

"Our forces are beginning the liberation of the citizens from the terror of Daesh," Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi said in a short televised speech, using an Arabic acronym for IS. "We announce the start of a new phase in the operation. We are coming, Nineveh, to liberate the western side of Mosul," he said, referring to the province of which Mosul is the capital.

A top army commander then announced that forces led by federal police units retook villages south of Mosul, including Athbah, which leaves them within striking distance of the airport.

"We launched our operation at 7:00 am (0400 GMT)... We are heading towards the airport," said Abbas al-Juburi of the interior



ministry's elite Rapid Response force.

"We destroyed two car bombs and killed several Daesh members," he told AFP near the front line.

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Military vehicles blared patriotic songs as heavy bombardment and shooting could be heard in the distance.

The jihadists overran Mosul and swathes of other territory north and west of Baghdad in 2014, sweeping aside security forces ill-prepared to face the assault.

The Iraqi government launched the offensive to reconquer Mosul on October 17, throwing tens of thousands of forces into the long-awaited counter-attack with air and ground support from the US-led coalition.

The Joint Operations Command coordinating the fight against IS declared east

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KUNIO HOSHI MURDER CASE Verdict on Feb 28

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A Rangpur court yesterday fixed February 28 to deliver verdict in the case over the killing of Japanese national Kunio Hoshi in Kaunia upazila in 2015.

Charges were framed against eight members of banned militant outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh in mid-November 2016.

Five of them are in a Rangpur jail, two died in "gunfights" with law enforcers and the last is yet to be arrested.

Fifty six witnesses have testified. Prosecution and defence



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ZIA ORPHANAGE CASE PM trying to influence the court

Alleges BNP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP yesterday alleged that Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was trying to influence the court by commenting on Khaleda Zia's under-trial Zia Orphanage Trust graft case.

"The way prime minister made remarks on the under-trial case [of the BNP chief] is obviously an act of influencing the court. Does she [Hasina] think that awarding punishment to someone depends on her will as the judiciary and administration under her control?" said BNP Senior Joint Secretary General Rizvi Ahmed.

Addressing a press conference at the party's Nayapalton central office,

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India's only volcano active after 150 yrs



PTI, Panaji

India's only live volcano in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands which had started showing activity in the year 1991 after being dormant for over 150 years has once again started spewing ash, the researchers at Goa based National Institute of Oceanography (NIO) said on Friday.

"The only live volcano in the Andaman and Nicobar islands is erupting once again. The Barren Island volcano, located 140-km north-east of Port Blair, dormant for more than 150 years started erupting in 1991 and has since then shown intermittent activity," CSIR-NIO said in a statement.

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