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Dhaka, Delhi sign deal on port use

India to transport goods thru' Ctg, Mongla

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

India and Bangladesh yesterday signed three agreements for allowing New Delhi to use Mongla and Chattogram ports as transit points to access India's northeastern states for trade.

The two countries decided to explore the possibilities of river links between Rajshahi and Dhuliajan in West Bengal's Murshidabad district.

After talks held at the Le Meridien Hotel here, Bangladesh Shipping Secretary Abdus Samad and his Indian counterpart Gopal Krishna signed the agreement on the use of Chattogram and Mongla ports for movement of goods to and from India.

A Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)

for passenger and cruise services was also signed.

The two sides also decided to introduce a passenger cruise service between Chennai city of India and Cox's Bazar, a distance of about 1,600 nautical miles, Gopal Krishna said.

An addendum to the bilateral Protocol on Inland Water Transit and Trade (PIWTT) between India and Bangladesh was also inked for inclusion of Dhubri (Assam) and Pangaon (Bangladesh) as new ports of call.

Discussions were also held to make Nakugaon land port in Bangladesh and Dalu Integrated Check Post in India operational and to connect with Gelephu (Bhutan) as a tripartite cross-border route, Samad and Gopal Krishna told the media.

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THE WISE DUO

A pair of brown hawk owls roosting on a tree in Cumilla. Although not a rare species, the owl's presence in the city makes for quite a sight.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

Rejoinder

The Dhaka University authorities have sent a rejoinder to a report headlined "Gha Unit Exam: DU finds proof of question leak" published in The Daily Star on October 24.

The rejoinder from the DU Public Relations Office said the report quoted Vice-Chancellor Prof

Akhtaruzzaman as saying, "As the probe body formed over the incident found proof that the question paper was leaked, we have decided to hold the admission test again for those

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Sramik League man killed in Gazipur

Attackers severed his arms; another man found dead in the district

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Rivals killed a local Sramik League leader after severing his arms below the elbows allegedly over a jhut (left-over pieces of garment fabric) trade feud in the district's Sreepur upazila yesterday.

The dead is Faruk Hossain of Koroitala area in Sreepur. Aged 26, he was a worker at a cigarette depot and the organising secretary of Sreepur municipality

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Faruk Hossain

'Picked up' pro-AL men return

Captors leave the trio in Ashulia, Gazipur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

The three ruling party men, allegedly picked up by plainclothes men from Narayanganj's Rugganj, returned home yesterday.

The three are Shafiqur Rahman Badal, 45, president of Kayetpara union Jubo League, its activist Shakil Mia, and Shakil Ahmed, a Chhatra League man.

Narayanganj police said the captors abandoned them separately around dawn

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Khashoggi murder 'premeditated'

Admits KSA official; US lawmakers seek ban on arms sale to Riyadh

REUTERS, Dubai/Istanbul

Saudi Arabia's public prosecutor yesterday said the murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi in the kingdom's Istanbul consulate was premeditated, reversing previous official statements that the killing was unintended.

The death of Khashoggi, a Washington Post columnist and critic of de facto Saudi ruler Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, has sparked global outrage and mushroomed into a crisis for the world's top oil exporter and strategic

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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



Captured on Monday, this photo shows 20-year-old Palestinian youth A'ed Abu Amro rising out of the thick of a protest against the Israeli blockade of Gaza. The image of the shirtless protester gripping a Palestinian flag with one hand and swinging a slingshot over his head with the other has drawn global attention and gone viral. Story on page 9.

Tinkering on the cards in dead rubber

MAZHAR UDDIN from Chattogram

With the three-match ODI series already sealed with a game in hand, Bangladesh will be looking to experiment with the team combination in the third and final game against Zimbabwe at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury stadium in Chattogram today.

The match, rendered a dead rubber as Bangladesh won the first two matches, is set to start at 2:30pm.

The team management will look to provide opportunities to untested players Abu Hider, Ariful Haque, Nazmul Hossain Shanto likely to get a run. Fast bowler Rubel Hossain has recovered from fever and Soumya Sarkar was included in the squad for

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Whales stop singing when ships are near

AFP, Tampa

Humpback whales are famous for their eerie, underwater songs. But researchers in Japan said Wednesday these massive marine creatures stop singing, at least temporarily, when human-driven ships are nearby.

Researchers focused on the remote Ogasawara Islands in Japan, some 620 miles (1,000 kilometres) south of Tokyo, where a single passenger-cargo liner passed through the area once per day.

Male humpback whales sing as a way to

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Now accused of stealing fish, fruit

New case against Zafrullah

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

After being sued in land grabbing and extortion cases, Gonoshasthaya Kendra founder Dr Zafrullah Chowdhury now stands accused in a case filed for stealing fish and fruit, among other charges.

Kazi Mohibur Rob, chairman of The Cotton Textile Mills Ltd, also the owner of 19.63 acres of land beside Gonoshasthaya Kendra in Savar, filed the case against Zafrullah, Gonoshasthaya Kendra Director Saiful Islam Shishir and 20 to 30 unnamed others with Ashulia Police Station on Wednesday night.

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