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## BSF, Pak Rangers meet at RS Pura

BSF and Pak Rangers today held a flag meeting along the International Border in R S Pura sub-sector near here.

According to officials, the meeting was held near Bulechak Border Outpost on the request of Rangers over an incident of firing.

Officials said the BSF clarified that the firing was part of a scheduled training exercise within its area of responsibility.

The meeting was conducted in a cordial atmosphere, with both sides reit

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JKAS officer transferred, posted

The government today ordered the transfer and posting of a JKAS officer in the interest of administration.

According to the order, JKAS officer Athar Amin Zargar was posted as additional secretary, home department, with immediate effect.

He was awaiting adjustment orders in the General Administration Department. The order was issued and signed by GAD secretary M Raju.

## Sexual harassment panel's mandate expanded

The High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh has expanded the mandate of its Sexual Harassment Probe Committee to include complaints relating to transgender persons, in addition to the matters concerning women.

An order issued by the Registrar General stated that the decision had been taken in compliance with the directions passed by Supreme Court of India in a writ petition titled Geeta

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1,400 illegal structures demolished across J&K: Govt

Himalayan Mail News  
JAMMU, FEB 12

A total of 1,425 illegal structures, including residential, had been demolished in Jammu and Kashmir since the formation of the National Conference-led government in October 2024, the legislative assembly was informed today.

The government said due procedure under the J&K Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1988, and other relevant laws was followed prior to the action.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah provided the in

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'Safety first, production next' formula for nuclear power: Jitendra

NEW DELHI, FEB 12: 'Safety first, production next' is the formula followed by India's atomic energy sector, Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office Jitendra Singh on Thursday said, as he allayed concerns around safety at the Kudankulam nuclear power

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## B'desh votes amid bomb attacks, clashes BNP leading in 175+ seats, Tarique frontrunner for PM post

DHAKA, FEB 12: Voting began on Thursday morning in Bangladesh's crucial general election - the first since the ouster of prime minister Sheikh Hasina in massive nationwide protests two years ago - amid sporadic violence. According to the latest updates, BNP was leading in over 175 seats, and Jamaat was ahead in 30.

Bangladesh's parliament, the Jatiya Sangsad, has 300 seats, with 151 required for a simple majority.

Counting was currently underway after voting concluded largely peacefully in Bangladesh. Voter turnout of 47.91 pc was recorded till 2pm after the voting officially ended at 4:30pm (local time), Election Commission (EC) Senior Secretary Akhtar Ahmed said.

Voting was also held for the National Referendum, which will decide whether the July Charter will be

adopted.

Bangladesh Nationalist Party chief Tarique Rahman, considered to be the frontrunner for the post of Prime Minister, was leading in his constituency in Dhaka.

Rahman, 60, who is contesting from the Bogura-6 (Sadar) constituency, was ahead by a margin of two to one in the partial results. The figures were based on partial results available from the returning officer's office until 9:30 pm on Thursday.

The Election Commission reported that 32.88 per cent of votes had been cast across 32,000 polling centres nationwide by 12 noon during the election. The update was shared at a briefing at 12:45 pm on Thursday.

EC Senior Secretary Akhtar Ahmed said voting was continuing in all centres despite isolated incidents in different parts of the country, The Dhaka Tribune reported.

"So far, voting has not

been suspended in any polling centre. There is no alarming situation," he told reporters.

The voting started in 299 out of 300 parliamentary constituencies across the country from 7:30 am (local time) and will continue until 4:30 pm. The counting of votes is expected to begin shortly after the voting concludes.

Voting in one constituency was cancelled due to the death of a candidate.

The 13th parliamentary elections were held simultaneously along with a referendum on a complex 84-point reform package.

The Election Commission had made elaborate security arrangements, deploying nearly 1 million security personnel -- the largest-ever in the country's electoral history.

The contest was mainly between the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) and its once ally Jamaat-e-Islami, in the absence of

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## UN report flags JeM link to Red Fort attack

### Warns of new women's terror wing

NEW DELHI, FEB 12: A United Nations counter-terrorism monitoring team has named Pakistan-based terror outfit Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) as being linked to the deadly attack near Delhi's Red Fort and raised fresh concern over the outfit's evolving organisational tactics, including the creation of a women wing to support terrorist operations.

In its latest report to the UN Security Council, the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team said one Member

State had reported that JeM claimed responsibility for a series of attacks and was also linked to the attack near Red Fort in New Delhi on November 9, which killed 15 people and left several injured.

The report noted that on October 8, JeM founder Masood Azhar formally announced the establishment of a women-only wing named Jamaat ul-Muminat.

According to the UN team, the new body was explicitly aimed at supporting terrorist attacks,

marking a shift in recruitment and facilitation strategies by the outfit. Analysts say such moves mirror trends seen among other terrorist organisations seeking to broaden their support base, expand logistics networks and evade security scrutiny by involving women in auxiliary and operational roles.

JeM, designated by the UN as an al-Qaida-associated entity, has a long history of terrorist activity focused primarily on India, particularly in Jammu and

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### 'Trap Deal'

## Oppn MPs protest against India-US trade agreement

NEW DELHI, FEB 12: Opposition MPs on Thursday staged a protest in Parliament House complex over the India-US interim trade deal, accusing the government of "surrendering" Indian interests.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, AICC general secretaries K C Venugopal and Jairam Ramesh, DMK's TR Baalu, SP's Dharmendra Yadav and Jaya Bachchan, CPI-ML's Sudama Prasad, among others, participated

in the protest near the Makar Dwar of Parliament. With a huge banner that read "trap deal" and carrying 'Narendra Surrender' posters, the MPs raised slogans such as "US deal hai atyachari" and "desh ko bechna bandh karo".

Later, Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, along with other Congress MPs, including those who have been recently suspended, stood on the steps of Makar Dwar and protested against the

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Two BJP legislators today staged a walkout from the legislative assembly in support of extending reservation benefits under the Pahari quota to eligible community members, including Pakistani refugees residing in the plains.

Narinder Singh Raina and Arvind Gupta walked out of the House, stating they were not satisfied with the government's response

regarding the extension of reservation benefits under the Pahari quota to com

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EU leaders meet to counter pressure from Russia, China, Trump

BILZEN-HOESEL, BELGIUM, FEB 12: Leaders from across the European Union met Thursday in a Belgian castle as the 27-nation bloc faces antagonism from US President Donald Trump, strong-arm economic tactics from China and hybrid threats from Russia - challenges that have prompted a rethink of Europe's approach to diplomacy and trade.

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visit to the country, which coincided with the BRICS Sherpa Meeting from February 8 to February 10.

During the weekly press briefing, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal stated, "This visit was in the context of the BRICS Sherpas meeting that happened in New Delhi between the 8th and 10th. During his visit, he also had a strategic dialogue with the Foreign Secretary, who happens to be his counterpart, and several issues were discussed, including

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India-China Strategic Dialogue

## Peace, tranquility on border discussed, says MEA

NEW DELHI, FEB 12: The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Thursday said that several key issues, including peace and tranquility along the India-China border, were discussed during the India-China Strategic Dialogue held in the national capital between Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri and China's Executive Vice Foreign Minister Ma Zhaoxu.

The Strategic Dialogue took place on Tuesday during the Chinese EVFM's

peace and tranquillity on the border."

He added that the EVFM conveyed that China understands and respects India's aspirations for a permanent seat at the United Nations Security Council (UNSC).

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