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Omar Hadi Ctg Port chairman

CHITTAGONG, Mar 9: Omar Hadi took over as Chairman of Chittagong Port authority here today. He was the division chief of the Planning Commission before taking up the present assignment, reports BSS.

Landslide claims

51 in Kirghizstan

MOSCOW, Mar 9: At least 51 people were killed in a landslide in the Uzgen region of western Kirghizstan today, the Itar-Tass news agency reported. A wall of mud at least 300 metres (yards) high destroyed dozens of houses at Tossi, a village in the region, witnesses said, reports AFP.

Canadian professor arrives Mar 13

Prof Dr John Richards of the Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada will arrive on March 13 as a short term visiting professor at the International University of Business, Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT), Dhaka. The visit is a part of academic cooperation between the two institutions and this is his second visit to IUBAT, reports BSS.

One slaughtered

KHULNA, Mar 9: A gang of miscreants slaughtered a young man in village Angordia in Dumuria thana of the district midnight yesterday.

Sehri, Iftar timings

Rmdn	Mar	Sehri	Iftar
26	10	—	6:09 pm
27	11	4:52 am	6:09 pm
28	12	4:51 am	6:10 pm

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Resolution on Kashmir withdrawn

Pak bid to secure UN condemnation fails

GENEVA, Mar 9: After a tough political battle, Pakistan on Wednesday lost its bid to secure UN condemnation of Indian human rights abuses in the disputed territory of Kashmir, reports AP.

Pakistan was forced to withdraw resolution requesting an international fact-finding mission to Kashmir after finding itself isolated in the 53-nation commission.

Islamic ally, Iran, led an appeal by more than ten countries to persuade Pakistan to drop the resolution, which would have condemned "gross and consistent violations of the human rights of the people of Jammu and Kashmir," Iranian representative Siro-

us Nasseri cited "the readiness of the government of India to facilitate a visit by a group of

ambassadors from Muslim countries to Jammu and Kashmir."

The outcome was a diplomatic triumph for India, and a blow for Pakistan's Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, who had compared the situation in Kashmir to the "darkest days of the Holocaust."

Pakistan's Foreign Minister Sardef Aseff tried to put on a brave face.

"It's a great success of our foreign policy that for the first time in 29 years we brought the Kashmir question onto the platform of a United Nations organization," he told a news

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Khaleda visits remote areas of Feni dist

FENI, Mar 9: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia visited remote areas of three thanas here today and made a fervent appeal to the rural people to adopt family planning and keep their families small, reports UNB.

Both the country and individual families will be benefited if we keep our family small," she said pointing to the country's number one problem — population boom.

Begum Zia briefly addressed the people at 10 places — Anandapur Bazar, Natun Munshirhat, Fulgazi high school ground, Chitolia high school ground, Purba Shaheb Nagar, Parshuram Zila Parishad ground, Khandal Hye Bazar, Amzad Hat, Adalat Bhaban and Bangla Bazar under Parshuram, Fulgazi and Chagalnayak thanas.

The villagers came out of their homes to greet Begum Zia as she drove through different rural roads. Begum Zia shook hands with women, hugged small children and conveyed to them advance Eid greetings.

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ADB okays \$ 200 m for Jamuna Bridge

MANILA, Mar 9: The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a 200-million-dollar interest-free loan to Bangladesh to finance the construction of a bridge to link the eastern and western parts of the country, the Manila-based Bank said today, reports AFP.

The 4.8-kilometre, 696-million-dollar Jamuna Bridge will be co-financed by Japan's Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund and the International Development Association — the World Bank's soft loan agency, which will lend 200 million dollars each.

The balance of 96 million dollars will be financed by Bangladesh, which will also set up a 10-million-dollar fund to deal with emergencies caused by force majeure.

Critics have questioned the viability of the bridge in a deltaic country where rivers often change course. The Jamuna can broaden from four kilometres at low water to as much as a 15 kilometres during floods, and depths can vary by up to eight metres.

The ADB said in a statement that these issues have

been resolved, and the project needed to include long approach roads and viaducts linking the roads to the bridge, and guides at either side of the river to regulate its flow and prevent its changing course.

The loan carries a one per cent annual service charge and is payable over 40 years including a 10-year grace.

BCI chairman granted bail

A High Court Division Bench yesterday granted bail to Mustafizur Rahman MP — Chairman and Managing Director of the BCI Limited. The bench comprised Justice Mohammad Badruzzaman and Justice Syed J R Modasser Hossain, reports BSS.

Mustafizur Rahman filed a criminal revisional application along with a bail prayer against the order dated 21.7.93 passed by the sessions judge, Dhaka in a criminal case wherein the sessions judge rejected his ball prayer.

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Despite a ban, the city markets have been illuminated for attracting Eid shoppers.

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