## Circular waterway phase two plan waits the nod AVIK SANWAR RAHMAN The project concept paper (pcp)



A section of the Circular Water Way project.

## MIRPUR SHER-E-BANGLA NATIONAL STADIUM

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# New look, latest facilities for cricket

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The renovation work of Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur to turn it solely for cricket has begun and the authorities hope to hold international matches there from early next vear.

tional between Bangladesh and Shops, around a hundred, that Zimbabwe was held on January 31,

"We are at present preparing the pitch and once it is ready we will the stadium. remove the existing synthetic track from the ground," said Rafigul Islam Babu, vice-chairman of the grounds and facilities management committee

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currently fringe the stadium on the outside would be shifted from their present locations ensuring security to

"The shops around the BNS had to be kept shut for security reasons during India's last tour, causing businessmen heavy losses. We would



for the second phase of the circular waterway has been placed at the Planning Commission for inclusion in the Annual Development Program (ADP) after the Ministry for Shipping approved it last Thursday.

The Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) had undertaken the project in a bid to develop a water transport system in and around the city, revive the dead and dying rivers and canals and improve landing facilities. The completion of the second phase is a must to encircle the capital by river ways.

The Dhaka circular waterway project connects the Buriganga, Turag, Balu and Shitalakhya rivers. The first phase covered a 29.5-km waterway from Sadarghat to Asulia on the Buriganga and Turag rivers.

The second phase will include Balu and Sitalakhya from Ashulia Bridge via Tongi to Kachpur covering a 40.5-km river route. The cost of phase two has been estimated at Tk 294 crore according to the pcp. The cost will be managed from government funds (Tk 284.75 crore) and foreign resources (Tk 9.25 crore). The BIWTA is expecting the World Bank (WB), Asian Development Bank (ADB) and other donor agencies to assist in this regard.

The project had been discussed in a 'Good Governance and Development' meeting on March 6 where the BIWTA was instructed to work on the proposal of creating a multi-modal transport system with the Dhaka

Urban Transport Coordination Board (DTCB).

Later the BIWTA had a meeting with DTCB on April 24 where DTCB experts suggested that the sites of the landing stations shown in the pcp along with the road map of the city should be superimposed using Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

Under the second phase there will be one river port at Tongi, six major landing stations at Rampura, Trimukh, Ichapur, Fakirkhali, Demra and Kachpur and minor landing stations at Harbaid, Beraid, Khordi, Goiaria and Kaitpara, Meradia, Trimohoni, Vatara, Namapara and one between Ashulia and

through which it has passed. Tk 9.5 crore has been kept following a suggestion from Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution

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stations. DTCB also suggested Company Ltd. Meantime, the BIWTA has dredging inner canals which are completed the hydrographic survey of the area. According to

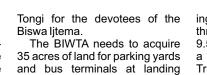
eight-foot deep and 120 feet

Three canals -- Rampura-Meradia-Trimohoni-Balu, the survey the depth and width at Meradia-Badda-Vatara-Gojaria most points of the 40.5-km river and Gobindanagar-Bauparaway from Ashulia to Kachpur Namapara will be dredged to were not fit for navigation. 30ensure navigability. lakh cubic meter dredging will be Tk. 125 crore has been estirequired to make those spots

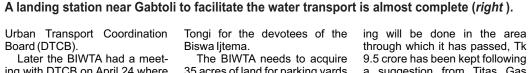
mated for construction and repair of the connecting roads of the 16 landing station.

The Project implementation To relocate the gas pipe line at period is five years (July 2004 to Aminbazar and Tongi, as dredg-June 2009).

wide.



included in the project.



The authorities said the stadium would look similar to the Lords in England. It will be equipped with all modern cricketing facilities and be far more advanced than Bangabandhu National Stadium (BNS).

The President of Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) Ali Asghar Lobi said: "This will be the best stadium in the Indian subcontinent in terms of looks and facilities."

He said an Australian specialist Gramme Watson will supervise the work on the stadium.

The decision to shift the cricket venue to Mirpur came after a longdrawn battle between two main sports federations -- football and cricket -over the possession of the BNS. Finally, cricket gave up its right over and now the Mirpur Sher-e-Bangla Stadium has been permanently earmarked for the game.

The last international cricket match at BNS -- the fifth one-day internaof the BCB. He said eight pitches are being prepared -- four for international matches and the rest for domestic cricket

the south end of the stadium.

stadium," said Babu.

"We are making these pitches with local soil that has been tested by experts in Australia who confirmed that the quality of our black soil is excellent," said Babu.

A new electronic scoreboard will be installed in this stadium and the floodlights from the BNS will be shifted

"We also have a plan to install a large TV screen," said Babu. He said the press and commentary boxes will have the latest technological facilities while the hospitality boxes and pavilion will be located at

the gallery and a bar for corporate guests will also be added to the "The consultants are also contemplating on constructing two balconies stadium. The BCB office too, presin keeping with the style at the Lords ently housed at the BNS will be shifted to Mirpur Sher-e-Bangla Stadium.

not want a repetition of shut-downs, said Babu adding that the BCB authorities have already requested the National Sports Council (NSC) to relocate these shops and the NSC has already started groundwork on "We want to make use of the whole

stadium compound, even the outer circle to facilitate cricket," said Babu. A museum to preserve the history

of Bangladesh cricket will be set up at the stadium. "A cricket museum is now the demand of time and we have plans for that. The museum will preserve all the possible documents of Bangladesh cricket." said Babu. Secured car parking, food stalls in

Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium is being cleaned and renovated to turn to a 'cricket only' stadium. It is planned that the stadium will look similar to the Lords in

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#### Hospitals

Heart National Institute of Cardio Vascular Diseases (NICVD), - 9130800, 9122560-59

Burn **Dhaka Medical College Hospital** Burn Unit-8626812-6

Cancer National Cancer Institute-8014914, 8826561-65 Bangabandhu Sheikh Muiib Medical University-8612550-4, 861455-9

Diabetes **Diabetic Research Hospital** (BIRDEM)- 9661551-5, 8616641-50

Mother & Child Care Shishu Hospital- 9119119, 8116061-62 Azimpur Mother & Child Health Training Institute- 8624827, 8624980

#### Eye

9119315

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Salimullah Medical Collage Islamia Eye Hospital-9110794, Hospital -- 7310061-4, 7319002-6 **Cholera Research Hospital** National Eye Hospital- 8117202, (ICDDRB)- 8811751-60 Monowra Hospital 8319802, 8318135

9122560-69

**Blood Bank** 

7310061,7319022

Eye Bank

**Dead Body** 

8626812-9

8614040

7318166

Red Crescent Centre- 9116563

Sandhani (DMCH)- 8624040

Sandhani (SMCH)- 7310061,

Dhaka Medical Collage Hospital-

Sandhani International Eye Bank-

**Ambulances For** 

Anzuman Mafidul Islam (Kakrail

9336611, Gandaria 7319808,

Al-Markajul Islam 9127867,

Dental Dental College -9002035

Orthopaedics National Orthopaedics (Pangu) Hospital- 9114075, 9112150

General Dhaka Medical College Hospital-8626812-6 Rushmono General Hospital-8317819 Holy Family Hospital-83111731-25

Bangabandhu Sheikh Muiib Medical University Hospital-8612550-4, 8614545-9 **Bangladesh Medical College &** Hospital- 8115443, 9118202, Shamarita Hospital- 9131901 Suhrawardy Hospital -- 9130800,

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