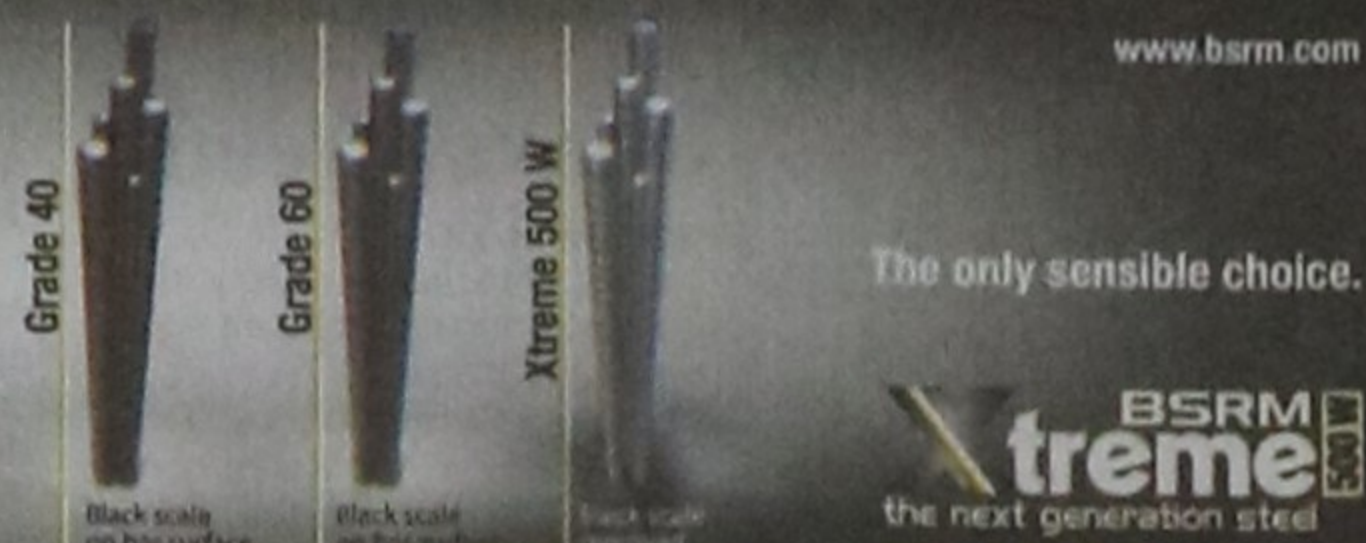


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## Only permanent cantonments to remain in CHT: Sajeda

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will gradually withdraw all the military camps from Chittagong Hill Tracts but six permanent cantonments will remain in the area to defend country's sovereignty, Deputy Leader of the House Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury said yesterday.

Sajeda Chowdhury, who is also the chairperson of National Committee for Implementation of the CHT Peace Accord, said the government is committed to honour the peace treaty and would do everything for this.

She was speaking as chief guest at the inauguration of a cultural function of indigenous people at the

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Indigenous artistes perform dance at a cultural function at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in Dhaka yesterday. CHT Development Facility and UNDP jointly organised the programme to mark the 12th anniversary of CHT Peace Accord.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

## Amended second PRSP finalised

Implementation by 2011 at Tk 3,45,740cr

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has finalised the amended second Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP) to be implemented by June 2011, meaning its tenure would be one and a half years.

A total of Tk 3,45,740 crore has been estimated for the implementation of the amended second PRSP.

Of the total estimated cost, the government will provide Tk 2,58,256 crore from its own resources while the remaining Tk 87,484 crore is expected to come in foreign aid.

Finance Minister AMA Muhith revealed this after a meeting at the planning ministry yesterday. Planning Minister AK Khandker and the Prime Minister's Economic Affairs Adviser Dr Moshir Rahman also attended the meeting.

The finance minister said the government is sincere in implementing the PRSP. He said the

6th five-year plan would start in July 2011.

Muhith also said adequate assistance would be available from the development partners to fill up the resource gap in implementing the PRSP.

"The allocation of the second PRSP has been, somehow, recast. So, it will not be impossible for the government to fill up the deficit," Muhith told The Daily Star over cell phone.

Still if there is any deficit of fund it will be covered from the allocation of the 2011 fiscal year, the minister said.

In the last three years a little more than \$600 crore has been received in development assistance, the minister said.

The cabinet in its meeting on September 9 discussed the second amended PRSP. The cabinet decided to discuss the draft PRSP in the parliament and finalise the document by

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## Hasina sets busy schedule in India

Home secretary-level meet finalises 3 deals to be signed during her trip from Dec 18

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

A busy schedule is on the cards for Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina during her official visit to India later this month.

Sheikh Hasina will meet with the top Indian leadership and she is likely to visit the information technology hubs Bangalore and Hyderabad.

The prime minister will also make a personal trip to Ajmer Sharif in Rajasthan and she will travel to Kolkata to pay a courtesy call on Communist Party member, Jyoti Basu, who was Chief Minister of West Bengal from 1977 until 2000.

She will also meet with Indian National Congress member Siddhartha Shankar Roy, who was Chief Minister of West Bengal during

the Liberation War.

Hasina will express her gratitude to the veteran leaders, who are both in their 90s and suffering weak health, for their support during the Liberation War.

Hasina will also visit Visva Bharati University in Santiniketan, as it attracts a large number of Bangladeshi students.

A meeting may also take place with Congress President Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, who are both members of the Nehru-Gandhi dynasty.

While the Indian government is keen for Hasina to visit Bangalore and Hyderabad, official sources in Bangladesh said that the prime minister must have ample time to meet with leaders in Delhi.

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## JRC meets tomorrow to finalise Teesta deal

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The Joint Rivers Commission (JRC) begins a three-day meet tomorrow to finalise a draft agreement on sharing water of the Teesta with India, ahead of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's visit to New Delhi later this month.

A seven-member Indian delegation led by SP Kakran will arrive in Dhaka today to attend the technical meeting. JRC member Mir Sajjad Hossain will lead the five-member Bangladesh delegation at the talks, which will also finalise annual report of water flow at Farakka point.

Water resources ministry sources said Bangladesh is eager to handover a copy of

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## Dhaka streets to have 3 lanes for different vehicles

Move to bring discipline in vehicular movement, ease jam

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

As part of a campaign to introduce specific lanes for vehicular movement Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) has marked roads and important intersections with cones in a bid to make drivers accustomed to the system.

The fast lane will be for private cars, minibuses, jeeps and similar automobiles while the middle lane for minibuses, buses, covered vans, trucks and such vehicles, and the slow lane for CNG-run auto rickshaws, pickup vans, motorbikes and other vehicles.

On the second day of the campaign week,

DMP took cable TV operators' help and are using loudspeakers across the city. They failed to distribute leaflets and posters due to the Eid vacation.

However, DMP sources said printed leaflets and posters would be ready for distribution today.

As for the initial step, DMP authorities are going to introduce the system on three major thoroughfares and in phases other roads in the capital will be marked with lanes.

The DMP sources said though the Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) assured the DMP of

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## Iraqi shoe thrower finds out what it was like

AP, Paris

The Iraqi journalist who threw his shoes at President George W Bush in Baghdad last year had a taste of his own medicine Tuesday when he nearly got beated by a shoe thrower at a news conference in Paris.

Muntadhar al-Zaidi ducked and the shoe hit the wall behind him.

"He stole my technique," al-Zaidi later quipped.

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## BDR chief to visit Myanmar next week

Talks to focus on military build-up; Rohingya issues

M ABUL KALAM AZAD

Director General of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) Md Mainul Islam will visit Myanmar next week to hold talks on various contentious

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| Prayer Timing |      |        |
|---------------|------|--------|
| December 3    |      |        |
|               | Azan | Jamaat |
| Fajr          | 6-15 | 6-50   |
| Zohr          | 1-45 | 2-15   |
| Asr           | 4-45 | 5-00   |
| Maghrib       | 6-19 | 6-22   |
| Esha          | 8-00 | 8-30   |

Source: Islamic Foundation

## Suicide bomber hits Pak naval HQ

Navy officer killed, 11 injured

AFP, Islamabad

A suicide bomber attacked Pakistan's navy headquarters in the capital Islamabad yesterday, killing a naval official and injuring 11 others in the latest blast in the Taliban-troubled nation.

A young man walked up to a checkpoint at the entrance to the complex and detonated his explosives when challenged by security forces, scattering bits of flesh across a busy road in central Islamabad, police and witnesses said.

Islamist insurgents frequently target military installations, with attacks intensifying as Islamabad pursues a fierce military offensive, under Western pressure to do more to eliminate Taliban and al-Qaeda sanctuaries.

The attack comes after US President Barack Obama announced he was sending 30,000 more troops to battle the Taliban in Afghanistan, and said US success in the war there depended heavily on Pakistan's own fight against extremism.

Fazeel Asghar, Islamabad's top administration official, told

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## BANGABANDHU CASE Attorney gen, chief state counsel get death threat

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Attorney General Mahbubey Alam, chief state counsel in Bangabandhu assassination case Anisul Huq and special judge AK Roy received death threats yesterday.

A death-threat letter yesterday reached the Dhaka Court Reporters' Association at about 12:10pm by post.

It says, "Our special killing squad is charging [sic] Mahbubey Alam, Anisul Huq and AK Roy" and that no one can save them.

The senders of the letter

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## US TROOPS IN AFGHANISTAN Taliban to step up resistance

AFP, Kandahar/Brussels

The Taliban vowed yesterday to step up resistance and fight against the extra 30,000 American troops US President Barack Obama has ordered to Afghanistan, a spokesman said.

"Obama will witness lots of coffins heading to America from Afghanistan," spokesman Qari Yousuf Ahamdi told AFP by telephone from an unknown location.

"Their hope to control Afghanistan by military means will not

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