Teesta treaty still not certain

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

As India and Bangladesh begin secretary-level talks on Monday in Dhaka to discuss the modality of water sharing of the common rivers, an agreement on sharing Teesta river water during Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's visit here next week seems a remote possibility.

The two sides will also discuss how to dredge and protect Ichhamati river from erosion and the drinking water project for Tripura on Feni river.

The visit of the Indian delegation comes days ahead of the visit of Hasina to India from January 10.

Official sources here said given the enormity of assessing availability of water in Teesta and then deciding on the quantity each country will get during lean season and monsoon is very difficult. It is impossible to work out an agreement for signing during Hasina's visit to India, they added.

enormity of the task involved,

an agreement before the visit. There is no point of raising any kind of hype and generating false hopes," said an official. The water-sharing issue is

too short a time is left for striking

too complex an issue to be solved in haste to the satisfaction of the two sides, the official pointed out.

"However, during the visit of Bangladesh Foreign Minister Dipu Moni to New Delhi in September last year, both sides stressed the need for expediting negotiations to finalise an agreement on Teesta water sharing that led to the secretarylevel meeting," he said.

"As part of that decision the two neighbours agreed to start Joint Hydrological Observations on the river. This is a follow-up of the visit where the modalities of joint observation on availability of water will be discussed," Indian Water Resources Secretary Umesh Narain Panjiar said here.

Panjiar is heading the eight-"Let us be honest. Given the member Indian delegation to

conservation, and clean

director of the Centre for Global

Change, said it is essential to

prepare detailed micro and

macro plans for sustainable

development. He urged the

government to ensure transpar-

ency and accountability while

implementing the climate

Accord does not have a legal

basis and there will be negotia-

tion on the documents in com-

there will be lots of negotiations

based on Copenhagen Accord.

So still there are room for nego-

tiations," he said mentioning

that probably Bangladesh can

take the lead role there being the

strengthening "local capacity".

executive director of

Bangladesh Environmental

Lawyers Association, said,

"Bangladesh has to take lead

role in climate negations to

Besides, it must reject any

Bangladesh faces the risk of

unacceptable provision in the

losing 17 percent of its land-

mass and displacement of 20

million people as a result of

climate change and a rise in sea

nator of Centre for Sustainable

Rural Livelihood, strongly

opposed signing the

Copenhagen Accord, saying

there is no mention of mitiga-

tion target for the developed

Bangladesh to accept it, he said.

oped countries' assessment of

Bangladesh's need for climate

It will be suicidal for

He was critical of the devel-

Ziaul Haque Mukta, coordi-

protect its territorial integrity."

climate accord.

He also put emphasis on

Syeda Rizwana Hasan,

most vulnerable country.

'We must not forget that

He said the Copenhagen

change-related projects.

ing months.

Dr Ahsan Uddin, executive

energy," he said.

Build capacity

carbon emission target.

Saber Hossain Chowdhury, chair of the all-party group of parliamentarians on climate change, stressed the need for a thorough analysis of the Copenhagen Accord and taking a national position on this.

"We should find out the weakness and strength of the accord," he said.

Saber emphasised the importance of increasing the government's capacity to implement different projects and also that of parliamentarians who will ultimately monitor different government activities in this regard.

Secretary to the Ministry of Environment and Forest Mihir Kanti Majumder said, "We have developed a climate change strategy and action plan with six thematic areas where adaptation is our main target."

Terming the post-Copenhagen Summit situation crucial, he said the strategy to deal with the Copenhagen Accord will be finalised within next 15 days.

He said the ministry has already started to disburse money on different projects from its own fund of Tk 700

"We can use Tk 462 crore this year because a portion of the fund will have to be kept for the future...We will be able to utilise the fund by the end of February," he said.

"The government will soon enact the Climate Change Trust Fund Act, which will give us the guidelines for using the fund,"

ne added. The secretary informed the roundtable discussion that the environment ministry will open climate change cells for itself and 12 other ministries within

Dr Asaduzzaman, research director of Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies, under-

being extremely cumbersome,

lengthy and wasteful. "We must

spend the climate change fund

on different projects with

accountability and transpar-

IUCN Asia, said Bangladesh will

receive a climate change adap-

tation fund of \$10 billion yearly

for next three years. The amount

will be \$100 billion for both

mitigation and adaptation to

Bangladesh should dis-

The countries that are par-

ties to the UNFCCC will be

invited to accept the

Copenhagen accord by January

director of Bangladesh Centre

for Advanced Studies, said,

'Accountability and transpar-

ency are the key issues not only

to utilise the funds but also to

strengthen its position within

the grouping system and assert

the country's capacities within

it, said Dr Atiq, a lead author of

the UN Intergovernmental

puts forward many things to

ernment should conduct a

study on technology needs in

Bangladesh saying many coun-

tries have already completed

areas like energy efficiency and

Dr Rezaul Karim said COP15

He suggested that the gov-

Panel on Climate Change.

ponder upon and work on.

such assessment.

Bangladesh has to

ensure inflow of future funds."

Dr Atiq Rahman, executive

creetly utilise the available

climate change from 2020.

climate funds, he said.

Dr Ainun Nishat, senior

The government should

simplify the process," he said.

approval of projects.

ency, he said.

Technical analysis of lined the need for enhancing Bangladesh's actual needs and capacity building and quick the funding mechanism must be very comprehensive, Ziaul He criticised the existing Haque said. project approval procedure as

change funds.

Dr Sharmind Neelormi, professor at Jahangirnagar University, said the women and children affairs ministry should receive enough allocation for its projects on mitigation and adaptation to climate change.

She said the government should be careful about the REDD Plus issue while doing adviser on climate change to negotiations as there are disputes especially in the indigenous communities in the hilly

Mahfuz Anam, publisher and editor of The Daily Star, chaired the session.

Banks to offer

Boeing is supposed to supply

the two aircraft in 2011 for \$424 million. Biman will pay Boeing

\$114.75 million immediately as pre-delivery payment.

Ministry sources said the US-based Ex-Im Bank would

finance for the rest. The syndicate of the local banks also includes Brac Bank,

National Bank, IFIC Bank, The City Bank, AB Bank, Prime Bank, Premier Bank and Citi Bank NA. Bangladesh Bank will

provide these banks with the foreign exchange against local currency, said a high official of Eastern Bank.

The ministry sources said they had written to 31 banks and financial organisations, seeking the loan and eight banks and financial institutes submitted proposals. The interest rate proposed by Eastern Bank was the lowest.

"Why don't we find out the The bank's Managing Director Ali Reza Iftekhar country's potential in wind energy? We need to conduct a yesterday told The Daily Star wind mapping for that," he said. that they kept the interest rate "We have to work on some as low as possible considering

the national interest.

AL leader succumbs to injury

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A local AL leader in the capital succumbed to his injuries yesterday after allegedly being beaten by a group of BNP activists following a long continuing feud between the political party leaders to gain the upper hand in extorting people.

The victim, Mohammad Sohel Rana, 30, was the publicity secretary o Segunbagicha Unit Awami League. Officer-in-Charge of

Shahbagh Police Station Rezaul Karim said police arrested two in this connection after a murder case was filed. Sohel's relatives said as he

stopped the BNP leaders' toll

collection from the footpath

hotels and tea stalls in Segunbagicha, they beat him dead. The locals, however, said Sohel's death was the result of a long dispute between the

leaders of the political parties

over realising extortion in the

Demanding arrest of the criminals, the locals brought out a procession with the dead

Earlier, a youth on Tuesday night took Sohel near the Bijoy Nagar water tank to join a party, said Sohel's younger brother Mohammad Jewel Hossain.

"Around 20 to 25 BNP men beat him there with sticks and iron rods," he said.

His relatives recovered him unconscious and rushed to a local hospital but he died at the intensive care unit yester-

Correction

In the headline of a news item on UK donation to Bangladesh's multi-donor trust fund for climate change, published on the front page of the January 01, 2010 issue of The Daily Star, the donation amount was mistakenly mentioned as "6m pounds". The headline should read "UK to donate 60m pounds to climate fund".

We regret the error.

Traffic offenders

send the case slip to his resi dence address, he said.

DMP Joint Commissioner (Traffic) Shafigur Rahman said, "As filing of a case or penalising violators is beyond the author ity of traffic constables, the drivers and rickshaw pullers often ignore them. I think, the constables given the authority to file cases would help improve the traffic condition.

Meanwhile, a few traffic sergeants are upset with the DMP decision of including police personnel who are ignorant of the traffic rules.

Seeking anonymity, a traffic sergeant said the new decisions might open scope

for the non-traffic personnel to go for unlawful activities. Asked, JC Shafiqur Rahmar

ruled out such a probability.

Aila victims

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292.4km in Satkhira district were severely damaged as cyclone Aila hit in May last year, which inundated about 323,454 acres of land with saline water. About 45, 000 people are still living under the open sky on the damaged embankments.

Zillur commented that the government had abandoned the Aila hit people and without proper disaster management follow-ups the impact of Aila is about to shape up into different

forms of disaster. He added scarcity of drink ing water is already posing a major threat to the locals. And with the embankments still left unrepaired, the suffering is only to increase.

Another major issue ignored by the government is the devastation of educational institu tions in the area. About 142 schools in Satkhira and 13 in Khulna have been fully destroyed by cyclone Aila, he

Zillur also said the Water Development Board, responsible for the management of the embankments, has failed to respond to the crisis.

He stressed the involvement of local people in the maintenance of embankments in merger of local knowledge with modern technologies and creating a green protection belt around the coast.

He also insisted on initiating a long-term action plan for the coastal area. The core poverty zone is shifting from the North Bengal to the South due to climate change inflicted natural disasters, he added.

Brac Development Centre Director Syed Hashemi also addressed the press briefing.

Textbooks

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Every year, a state of disorder prevailed over distribution of new textbooks. Students and their parents had to go through anxious times even for three to four months into the academic year just to get the books, which eventually hampered their studies, parents said.

Sayma, a student of Azimpur Girls School and College, said, "We have not seen this before... We got the books on our very first day at school. We could not start studying properly in the previous years since we never got the books on time. This year I am happy."

Habibur Rahman, parent of a school-goer at Azimpur Girls School and College, said, "No doubt this is a great success of the government. Students of the school got their books in March last year. Since the students are getting the books on the very first day of the academic calendar, they would be able to study longer this year and learn more."

The government last year decided to give free textbooks to students on time so that students could begin the first day with new books.

Though free textbooks are given at primary level every year, this year for the first time the government is giving free textbooks to students of secondary school level. Some 1,868,950 copies of textbooks will be distributed among students in this academic year and a large portion of it has already been distributed.

The education minister while inaugurating the book distribution programme in the city told reporters that this initiative would reduce dropout rate and bring qualitative changes in students' lives.

Nahid also said there could be some places where the books might have not reached yet but the books will get there shortly.

Dhaka District Education Officer (DEO) Ruhul Amin Khan told The Daily Star that almost all books for secondary school levels have been sent to the school but they are lagging behind in the distribution of dakhil textbooks as they received books for only six subjects out of 39.

"The situation is far better than any other year," he said hoping to distribute all the books within a week or two.

Mostofa Kamal, headmaster of Government Laboratory High School, told The Daily Star that they have distributed almost all books to their stu-

Many educational institutions of the district, however, distributed new textbooks to their students before December

Our staff correspondent in Chittagong reports: DEO Hosne Ara Begum said the distribution of new books at upazila level is going on in full swing as around 90 percent of the total requirement of 63 lakh books for secondary schools, including dakhil, have reached their

destinations. District Primary Education Officer (DPEO) of Chittagong Debesh Chandra Sarker said they have got around 60 percent of the textbooks out of their requirement of 35,01,721 for primary level, including ibtedai

Most of the received books have already been distributed in schools at upazila level, claimed the officials of the two depart-

Our staff correspondent from Rajshahi reports: Rajshahi DEO Sadhan Chandra Biswas said they received 95 percent of textbooks against their require-

ment of 16.64 lakh books for the

secondary schools.

Rajshahi DPEO Abdul Kader said they got 84 percent or 10,12,567 textbooks against their requirement of 11,92,781 textbooks as of Thursday last and they distributed 9,98,099 textbooks.

Our correspondent in Moulvibazar reports: Around 93 percent of secondary school textbooks and over 60 percent of primary school books have been sent to educational institutions in Moulvibazar, said DEO Abdul Mojid. He said they received

10,40,335 copies of books against the requirement of 11,12,708 for secondary schools and hoped that the rest will be received within a short time. The scenario is almost same

in Khulna, Dinajpur, Rangpur, Barisal, Jessore, Munshigani Khagrachhari, Cox's Bazar and Madaripur.

Police want

FROM PAGE 16 the three-star general rank badge of IGP which was originally introduced by Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman led government just after the liberation, said Assistant Inspector General (Supply) Shoeb Ahmed of police headquarters.

AIG Shoeb said, " Before liberation we had East Pakistan provincial IGP of two-star general rank badge. After the independence Sheikh Mujibur Rahman upgraded the rank badge to three-star general for the police force. But in 1983, the then military government ranked down the badge to the present status without showing any official reason."

The sources said they were expecting a declaration from the government regarding the issue in the upcoming police week starting from January 5.

The two-star badge is inscribed with crossed swords and a baton with a star while three-star rank badge is inscribed with crossed swords and baton with national monogram, sources said.

A two-star general rank badge does not suit an IGP of an independent country as in almost all the IGPs in Southeast Asia bear the rank badge of four stars, he added mentioning examples of those in Thailand Malaysia and Indonesia.

A few police officials also said that the IGP of an independent country should not bear a rank badge which is used by provincial IGPs. The IGP has to face problem

in maintaining protocol while attending IGP-level international conferences, AIG (media) Nazrul Islam of Bangladesh Police said.

He added very often the IGP is treated as junior officer among the foreign IGPs that put the country in a disgraceful position. "As the leading contributor

to UN Peace keeping missions, the IGP of Bangladesh has to make frequent trips abroad to attend international programmes. But compared to IGPs of other countries ours is not treated properly there considering his rank," he per-

Police sources said the force has been enduring the humiliation imposed by a military government and they want to getrid of it.

JS body caught

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madrasas.

Sajeda Chowdhury, also deputy leader of the House.

The parliamentary standing committee is now in a dilemma about examining the presidential clemency to Jhintu in 2005 as it might raise a question over the latest presidential mercy to the son of the deputy leader of parlia-

Parliament secretariat officials involved in the committee's functions said the committee would see if any legal opinion was sought before then president Iajuddin Ahmed had pardoned Mohiuddin Jhintu, who was president of the then ruling BNP's Sweden chapter.

Standing Committee Chief Suranjit Sengupta earlier also echoed the same view. As per the constitution,

Iajuddin Ahmed, however, acted on the advice of then premier Khaleda Zia. The law ministry and the home ministry were also involved in the process of granting presidential clemency to Jhintu.

The committee also asked the law ministry to produce all documents on the controversial clemency before it for scrutiny, committee officials said.

In the last parliament AL lawmakers blasted then premier Khaleda Zia and law

minister Moudud Ahmed for awarding presidential mercy to BNP leader Jhintu.

But the parliamentary body now seems to have forgotten the issue after President Zillur Rahman pardoned Shadab last year.

Contacted by The Daily Star on Thursday, Suranjit said the Jhintu case had remained pending with the committee for the last few months. "It will be disposed at an appropriate time," Suranjit, also a ruling AI lawmaker, said. When his attention was

drawn to the presidential mercy to the son of the deputy leader of the House, he said his committee did not receive any complaint about it. "If we receive any com-

plaint we will decide whether the committee will examine it or not," he replied to a query whether he is now feeling embarrassed to go ahead with the Jhintu case. Constitutional experts questioned the process of

granting clemency to Shahdab. They said the incident once again proved that the persons in power are above the law in our country. A fugitive convict cannot

get any benefit of the law and the constitution and none has the jurisdiction to extend the privilege, they said.

5 Rohingyas rounded up

A CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

BDR members held five Rohingyas including a member of Myanmar army from Jadimura of Hnila union under Teknaf upazila, Cox's Bazar, yesterday.

The Rohingyas intruded into Bangladesh around 10:30am crossing over the Naf River, BDR sources said.

On information, a BDR patrol team led by subedar Mohammad Sadek, company commander of Border Operation Post under 42 Rifle Battalion in Nayapara, Teknaf, went to the area and arrested them. The team also seized an engine boat. The Rohingyas were handed

over to Teknaf thana police at 12:00noon.

The arrestees are Tun Tun alias U Aung Mai, 30, an army member of Tumbro army barracks in Mongdu town, Noor Foyez, 21, Syed Salam, 18, Noor Mohammad, 16, from Ramyabil village under Mongdu, and Abul Kalam, 25, of Ringmatang village, sources said.

Battalion Commander Lt Col Mozammel Hossain confirmed the news.

He said Myanmar border security force Nasaka sent letter demanding the return of the arrestees.

The Rohingyas are now undergoing police interrogatinginTeknafthana.

River protection

against the secretaries if they do not constitute the commis-

sion by the next seven days. The HC in a verdict in June last year issued a few directives upon the government for taking effective steps including formation of a national

river protection commission

The court also urged the

within three months.

government to make longterm and short-term plans to protect and preserve the rivers based on the commission's recommendations.

The full text of the verdict was delivered on June 25 and was published on July 15.

Maznill Musrhid told The Daily Star that more than five months have passed after the full text of the HC verdict had been released. "The High Court deadline

for constituting the commis-

sion expired about three months ago, but the government did not yet inform the court about its steps regarding the formation of the commission," he said. But the government implemented a directive of the court

by completing surveys on four rivers -- Buriganga, Turag, Balu and Shitalakkhya around the capital -- to demarcate their original boundaries, said the lawyer. He also said he would move

for necessary HC directions for removing illegal structures and encroachments in the rivers, since the government in its survey reports said there are thousands of illegal structures on the rivers.

Mutiny

FROM PAGE 16 inaugurating the national curriculum (English version) at the Bir Shrestha Noor Mohammad Rifles Public School and College at the Pilkhana BDR headquarters in

Dhaka around 11:00am. Home Secretary Abdus Sobhan Sikder, BDR Director General Mainul Islam, Principal of the college Shahina Parvin also addressed the function.

Earlier on December 8, Sahara said the final charge sheet of the BDR headquarters killings case would be submit-

ted by December 2009. "As a lawyer I know that investigators have to consider things and often they can't keep their word regarding submitting charge sheets. So investigators should be free from any sort of pressure," she

movement launched by the opposition BNP as threatened by its Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia on Friday. Khaleda at a rally held in the capital threatened to forge a movement if the govern-

ment fails to protect the coun-

try's interest in negotiation

Sahara said as the home

minister she would face any

with a neighbouring country. BDR DG Mainul Islam said some 11,000 students study at four academic institutions at the BDR headquarters. Of them, 80 percent come from outside the headquarters, though initially those schools and colleges were meant only for the children of BDR officials.

Expressing satisfaction over the academic progress in the schools and colleges, the minister said the government is thinking of setting up more institutions at the headquarters.

Pak militants blow up 2 more schools

Volleyball game bombing toll rises to 93

AFP, Khar

Militants blew up two boys' schools and a basic health unit in the lawless tribal region on Pakistan's border with Afghanistan, but there were no reports of casualties, officials said Saturday.

"A 14-room government high school and five-room primary school in Malangi village of Bajaur district were blown up with explosives late on Friday," local administration official Faramosh Khan told

He said that a nearby basic health unit, providing medical care to local tribesmen, was also destroyed.

"The primary school build-

ing was demolished completely while seven to eight rooms of the high school were destroyed by the explosive material planted in the building by militants," Khan said.

Local tribal police and intelligence officials also confirmed the incident and said no casualties were reported.

Pakistan's northwestern

tribal belt has become a strong-

hold for hundreds of extremists who fled Afghanistan after a USled invasion toppled the hardline Taliban regime in late 2001. Bajaur is just west of Dir and Swat districts, where the military launched an offensive in

April last year to crush a twoyear Taliban insurgency. Pakistani security forces launched a huge operation against Islamist militants in Bajaur in August 2008. In February 2009, they claimed the

unrest has rumbled on. Meanwhile, investigators sifted through rubble yesterday

area had been cleared but

after a suicide car bomber detonated his explosives-filled vehicle in a crowd watching a volleyball game in northwest Pakistan, killing at least 93.

Friday's bombing marked a bloody start to 2010 for Pakistan, which has seen a surge in attacks blamed on the Taliban in recent months as Islamist fighters avenge military operations aimed at crushing their northwest strongholds.

The huge blast was Pakistan's deadliest in more than two months, triggering the collapse of more than 20 houses, some with families inside, in a village bordering a Taliban stronghold, officials

The attack was condemned by Britain and the United States, with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton vowing the US would continue supporting Pakistani people "in their efforts to chart their own future free from fear

The bomber detonated his explosives-packed vehicle as fans gathered at a volleyball court to watch two local sides face off in the village of Shah Hasan Khan, in Bannu district bordering Taliban stronghold SouthWaziristan. "The villagers were watching

the match between the two village teams when the bomber drove his double-cabin pick-up vehicle into them and blew it up," district police chief Mohammad Ayub Khan told "Five more people died

main hospital in Lakki Marwat town raising the death toll to Six children and five para-

overnight in a government's

Addressing the function at Bahodderhat intersection, Sheikh Hasina said development of Chittagong has started through laying of foundation stone for the flyovers.

five flyovers at a cost of Tk 260 to reduce traffic jam in

when CDA Chairman Abdus Salam chaired.

ronment of stern action.

The premier urged the engineers to play the leading role to apply the measures for building the country as prosperous Digital Bangladesh free from hunger and poverty by the year 2021. Expressing resentment over

until the trees became of the same age they were felled." Hasina said the government had taken massive programmes for infrastructural development

into jail to suffer imprisonment

Nahid

"A huge number of students from the poor families discontinue their studies due to lack of books. So we decided to provide

means to accomplish the job," he told The Daily Star recently adding he even received threats from the booksellers to give up. "We are happy to be able to

print and send the books," said the minister. Some 18,68,26,950 text-

Padma Bridge. She called upon the engineers to envisage easier ways

and means to restore navigability of the rivers alongside check ing river erosion that renders thousand of people homeless. Pointing out different action plans and lump sum allocation of Tk 700 crore the government made to save environment and

help avert negative impacts of climate change, the prime minister directed the engineers to check every side of environmental pollution while taking or implementing projects. She called for innovating

technology to make the best use of land while constructing industrial units, roads and houses saving arable land along with using less costly and energy-saving equipment.

"Engineers and technologists have to carry out the main responsibility of building a technology-based digital Bangladesh as declared by the present government," she said.

A number of ministers lawmakers and high government officials were present at the function, presided over by IEB President Engineer SM Nazrul Islam. IEB Honorary General

Secretary Engineer Masbahur Rahman Tutul and IEB Chittagong Centre Chairman

college gate around 4:00pm Tuesday Following the mugging,

She finally got hold of one of the muggers, Enamul, at Chitrali Bazar in Khalishpur Friday. She delivered several blows on Enamul's face and captured him with the help of pedestrians.

were in possession of his accomplice Atiar.

said.

and intimidation".

military soldiers were among the dead, he added.

Ship-breaking

receive the prime minister with flowers at the airport on her return home from the upcoming visit to India if she protects the country's interest but her path will be strewn with thorns if she fails to do so.

Chittagong Development Authority (CDA) is implementing the projects of constructing

"The government will soon take another project for setting up a railway track from Dhaka to Ghumdhum of Cox's Bazar to help easy movement of tourists," Hasina told the function

Earlier, while addressing the inaugural ceremony of the IEB, the prime minister expressed her resentment over plundering of trees in the coastal green belt at Sitakunda for setting up shipbreaking yards. She also expressed concern over the accidents occurred at the ship-

breaking yards causing loss of Stressing the need for environment protection and simul taneous development of industrial sector she warned the plunderers of trees and envi-

tree plundering, she said, "It would have been the best way to check trees if the plunderer could be made to plant trees for each felled one and then put

including the construction of

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all with new books to prevent drop out. "The ministry tried all

books were printed for

2,76,62,529 students of this academic year. Of the books, 7,80,10,907 copies were for primary, 7,47,07,222 for secondary, 1,74,05,238 for ibtedai, 1,50,63,146 for dakhil and 16,40,437 for technical level.

accomplice in the mugging. Enamul agreed to return the money and the necklace by Sunday (today) as those

would hand Enamul over to police after getting her necklace and money back with the help of leaders of the traders'

mugger myself instead of going to police," Tama said.

Engineer Delwar Hossain, Engineer Sadek Mohammad Chowdhury also spoke on the occasion Later, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina talked to the people gathered in front of Kalurghat Betar Kendra through a videoconference and replied to their question. Muggers

Tama started looking for the muggers. She did not lodge any complaint with police.

He was later taken to the office of Khalishpur Traders Association where he confessed his involvement in the mugging and snatching her money and necklace. He said one Atiar Rahman was his

Tama, daughter of Korban Ali Morol of Shovna under Dumuria upazila in Khulna, told The Daily Star that she

association. "I took the risk to catch the