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CHINA VISIT Road link tops PM's agenda

3 deals likely to be signed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Construction of a regional highway by connecting Kunming with Chittagong via Myanmar will get priority during Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's visit to China, said Foreign Minister Dipu Moni yesterday.

Dipu, while briefing reporters at the foreign ministry, said Hasina would visit Kunming, the capital of Yunnan province in south-western China, and hold talks with the city's top officials about the construction of road and rail links.

Hasina will leave Dhaka for Beijing on March 17 for a five-day visit at the invitation of her Chinese counterpart, Wen Jiabao. This is her first visit to China since Awami League assumed office in January 2009.

Aiming to establish the connectivity, Bangladesh has already constructed a road up to Gundam border of Myanmar. The communications ministry has also taken an initiative to

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ACC chief sees lack of political will to curb graft

Poll process also leads to corruption

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Corruption is prevalent in Bangladesh as there is no political will to eradicate the bad practice, said Anti-Corruption Commission Chief Ghulam Rahman yesterday.

Another reason he identified is the election procedures that encourage people to indulge in corruption.

Ghulam Rahman said this while addressing a discussion on financial crime and its impact on the economy. The Economic Reporters' Forum organised the discussion at the National Press Club with its president Monowar Hossain in the chair.

About the ineffectiveness of ACC in curbing corruption, Rahman said the present government did not ratify the ordinances that were promulgated by the last caretaker government.

"That's why we are having problems hunting the corrupt," he added.

After taking charge, the ACC chairman said he asked employees of the commission whether anyone was punished for corruption or not. They said just one, while the ACC lawyers said one or two and the attorney general also said one or two.

"It is a fact that corrupt people are not punished here," a seemingly dismayed Rahman said.

He said many corrupt people have gone scot-free because of procedural mistakes rather than a lack of substance. He also

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ADFLAME DIRECTOR Police asked to report on arrest warrant by Apr 19

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday once again directed the officer-in-charge of Dhanmondi police to submit a report by April 19 on the execution of an arrest warrant against Adflame Pharmaceuticals Director Azfar Pasha.

Azfar Pasha has been charged with adulteration of paracetamol syrup for 18 years now.

Judge Mohammad Abdul Majid of the Drug Court issued the order for the second time, as police did not submit the

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3 'Huji men' held for CPB rally blast

Rab presents slum dwellers' leader as accused, CID yet to be sure

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion yesterday arrested three suspected Harkat-ul-Jihad-al-Islami (Huji) members in connection with the bomb blasts that killed five people during a Communist Party of Bangladesh rally in 2001.

Those arrested are Moulana Idris Ali, Moulana Abdul Latif and Sakhawat Hossain alias Dulal.

Inspector Mrinal Kanti of the Criminal Investigation Department confirmed that Idris and Latif are suspects in the case.

He said that Sakhawat will be questioned further to determine whether he is also an accused.

Sakhawat and 11 other accused were previously cleared of involvement in the blasts when the former investigation officer submitted his final report.

However Rab claims that the three men are Huji operatives and that they were accused in the case filed for the blasts went off on January 20, 2001 at Paltan Maidan in Dhaka that also wounded around 50 others.

Sarwar Hossain, Sakhawat's brother-in-law, however claimed that Shakhawat was never involved with Huji. He also said his relative is the general secretary of Dhaka City

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Shibir got all-out help from Jamaat

Confesses Jamaat leader held for RU violence

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Jamaat leader Gias Uddin gave a confessional statement before a Rajshahi court Saturday that all tiers of Jamaat-e-Islami helped Islami Chhatra Shibir in the February 9 violence at Rajshahi University following an organisational decision.

Gias, also former Rajshahi City Corporation ward councillor, was taken on five days' police remand in three terms after his arrest on February 26. Police took him to the court of Metropolitan Magistrate Ziaur Rahman at 2:00pm on Saturday.

Police officials in Rajshahi, however, remained tight-lipped about the judicial statement of Gias.

Sources told The Daily Star that Gias, also a military trainer of

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Do you support the government's decision to bar persons under the age of 18 from buying SIM or RUM cards?

- Yes (76.2%)
- No (22.6%)
- No Comments (1.2%)

Total votes: 902

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March 15

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-00	5-35
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-30	4-45
Maghrib	6-14	6-18
Esha	7-45	8-15

Source: Islamic Foundation

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