# Probes designed to fail

FROM PAGE 1 the circumstances," Prof Mizanur Rahman observed.

The credibility of government investigation into extrajudicial killings has reached such a state that even rights organisations are currently reluctant to have their involvement in any such probe.

For instance, Ain O Salish Kendra (ASK) sent its representative for investigation into disappearance of the youth in Sirajganj. Insiders say despite overwhelming evidence of Rab involvement, the report was vague and incomplete. In the investigation the ASK representative had no say whatsoever.

"During investigation our representative felt helpless under bureaucratic tangles and pressures, their findings were very sketchy," says an ASK source.

Legal and Media Wing Director of Rab Mohammad Sohail claims the government carries out impartial executive enquiry into each of the custodial deaths. He adds departmental enquiry is also being carried out against Rab men. "As many as 350 Rab men

lost their jobs, while 800 were punished on charges of posing threats, bribery and intimidating people," Sohail said. However, Rab departmen-

tal enquiries did not have anything to do with any deaths in their custody. Sohail says the investigation reports could not be disclosed as all the cases are under trial.

The most frequent question asked is how the law enforces say the victims died in "crossfire" when doctors examining their bodies say they were shot from a very close distance and sometimes point-blank.

SOME DEATHS AND INVESTIGATIONS

A night guard watched from a few yards away how law enforcers "executed" a young man on Dholaipar Natun Rasta at Mirhajirbagh in Jatrabari in the early hours of October 12, 2004.

Speaking anonymously, the night guard quoted one of the plainclothes law enforcers as saying, "Wasim, your mother is crying for you. Can you run back home if we let

Wasim, an alleged criminal of the area, was being taken to their van when they let him oose. As Wasim tried to run away, he collapsed and was shot in the head by the law enforcers, the night guard continued

The next day the police claimed through media that following his arrest, Wasim, an accused in murder and robbery cases, was killed in a "shootout" as his gang members opened fire on law

enforcers. The night guard told The Daily Star he was ready to narrate his story as an eyewitness, but nobody showed any

interest to talk to him. In another incident, Khandaker Igbal Hossain Masum, a resident of Mohammadpur, was killed in

an "encounter" on July 8, 2005 after detectives picked him up. His father Abul Khayer said three bullets hit Masum almost in the same area of his body. Doctors at Dhaka Medical College Hospital also

The investigation con-

ducted into Masum's death by

an additional deputy commis-

sioner of police was biased

and false, said Khayer.

Following his petition a court

ordered fresh reinvestigation

into the case, which is still

said he was shot point-blank. It was raining at the night of the "encounter" in Rayer Bazar, but the flip-flop Masum was wearing were clean and his white panjabi and pajama did not have any trace of dirt

or mud, said Khaver. He also Both the bikers told the produced a photo of his son's body lying on a stretcher at DMCH to substantiate his what happened next.

July 22, 2008).

elaborate on it.

and the on-duty police officer



It was raining heavily at the night of the "encounter" when Khandaker Iqbal Hossain Masum was "caught in the line of fire" in a muddy Rayer Bazar area. Masum's father, to his shock, found the flip-flops, white punjabi and pajamas on his son's body mud free.

Anisur Rahman allegedly died of Rab torture in 2004. His brother Aminur Rahman said he saw Rab men snatching away medical papers from onduty DMCH doctors after they declared him dead. INSTANCE OF GOVERNMENT

INVESTIGATION The NHRC rejected outright and termed incomplete the government investigation

report on disappearance of Tusher, who was allegedly picked up by Rab from Dukhuria Bera Bazar in Sirajganj in July 2008. This correspondent had

access to the report and followed the trail of the government investigation conducted by a three-member committee headed by Deputy Secretary (defence) Nazimuddin Chowdhury. During a visit to Dukhuria

Bera Bazar at least a dozen people, picked up randomly, were shown Titu's picture. All of them said they had seen four people (some claimed five, possibly including the human hauler driver) identifying themselves as Rab personnel picked up the person in picture. Nosimon (human hauler)

driver Abdul Mannan was an eyewitness of the incident. Four men identifying themselves as Rab members took Titu from the bazaar to Mukundgati in Belkuchi on his Nosimon.

Other witnesses include shop owners Faridul Islam Kalu and Mokbul Hossain and businessman Hasmat Ali

On arrival at Mukundgati, the Rab members stopped two motorcycles on the road and asked them to hand over their bikes for the sake of "state's need for fast transportation of a criminal to Dhaka".

During the conversation the bike owners, vital witnesses to the case, saw the Rab personnel's identity cards. As they were arguing with the force, Rab men finally took their bikes at gunpoint, they

Saiful Islam Faruk and Haji Ashraf, both hailed from Shreenagar village, filed a general diary (GD) with Belkuchi police station stating the incident (Diary No. 656 of

investigators how the Rab men took away their bikes and

The government enquiry report also referred to police stopping and checking both the motorcycles but did not

Before filing the GD both the bikers went to Jamuna police station the same day confirmed that the four men were Rab personnel.

The next day (July 23, 2008) Deputy Assistant Director Mukhlesur Rahman of Rab-3 with other members of his unit handed over the bikes to Belkuchi police. The handover was formally completed with filing of a GD (No. 680 on July 23, 2008) by Mukhlesur Rahman.

It appears the enquiry committee misquoted the GD claiming it to be contradictory to the statement of witnesses and Rab personnel.

The GD filed by Mukhlesur was read out to this correspondent by Officer-in Charge of Belkuchi police Mostafizur Rahman Mukhlesur stated that the motorbikes were taken for transporting an accused fast to Dhaka, a statement that corroborated with the witnesses' account.

As Rab never admitted to arresting anyone in the area that day, there is no scope of finding contradiction between its statement and that of the witnesses and the

The enquiry committee finally managed to identify four Rab personnel -- DAD Hanif, ASI Feroz Ahmed corporal Amin Ullah Tapu and ASI Humayun Farid -- who admitted before the committee that they were present in the area that day.

The four also told the committee that following an order from Capt Rezaul Karim they went to the area to recover equipment for printing fake notes. They categorically denied having arrested anyone there, which the investigation committee found incorrect.

The probe committee during investigation never tried to confirm Titu's identity with the people they interviewed.

It never attempted to identify the Rab men by the eyewitnesses. The main weakness of the investigation was its failure to question Capt Rezaul Karim who allegedly ordered the operation, says one of the people involved in the investigation asking not to be named.

The probe body did not question Capt Rezaul after Rab informed it that he had returned to his mother unit in the army.

The committee concluded its report saying, "The statement Rab gave to the committee is not correct. As a result it is tough to be sure who arrested Titu as statement of the locals, description of the GD and statemen of Rab are contradictory."

# 6 lakh die from smoking

under trial.

"This helps us understand the real toll of tobacco," said Armando Peruga, of the WHO's Tobacco-Free Initiative, who

led the study.

'DEADLY COMBINATION'

The study used estimates of the incidence of specific diseases and of the number of people exposed to second-hand smoke in particular areas.

The global health body said it was particularly concerned about the estimated 1,65,000 children who die of smokerelated respiratory infections, mostly in South East Asia and in Africa.

It said that this group was more exposed to passive smok-

ing than any other group, principally in their own homes. "The mix of infectious diseases and second-hand smoke is a deadly combination," Mr Peruga said.

As well as being at increased risk of a series of respiratory

conditions, the lungs of children who breathe in passive smoke may also develop more slowly than children who grow up in smoke-free homes. Worldwide, as many as 40

percent of children, 33 percent of non-smoking men and 35 percent non-smoking women were exposed to second-hand smoke in 2004, researchers found.

This exposure was estimated to have caused 3,79,000 deaths from heart disease, 1,65,000 from lower respiratory infections, 36,900 from asthma and 21,400 from lung cancer. According to the study, the

highest numbers of people exposed to second-hand smoke are in Europe and Asia and the lowest rates of exposure were in the Americas, the Eastern Mediterranean and Africa.

The research also revealed that passive smoking had a large impact on women, killing ant."

about 281,000 worldwide. This is due to the fact that in many parts of the world, the study suggests, women are at least 50% more likely to be exposed to second-hand smoke than

However, the researchers said were limitations to the study, including uncertainties about the underlying health data and gaps in the data relating to exposure to secondhand smoke.

ease-causing indoor air pollut-

Writing in the Lancet, Dr Heather Wipfli of the University of Southern California and colleagues, said: "There are well acknowledged uncertainties in estimates of

disease burden. "However, there can be no question that the 1.2bn smokers in the world are exposing billions of non-smokers to second-hand smoke, a dis-

Cricket earns unbeaten 34 off 41 balls with

Back to the match and the the help of a six and three boundaries but it was Sabbir teams notwithstanding, the who had the most impact Guanggong International smashing three sixes in his 18-Cricket Stadium in Guangzhou ball 33. For the valiant Afghans, the

fairytale story of world cricket, a silver medal was an amazing achievement and they showed a lot of fight against their more illustrious opposition. Defending their 118-8 in 20

over, making way for young Sabbir to join the unbeaten overs, Mirwair Ashraf removed Naeem at the crease. The duo Nazimuddin early in the piece looked the least bit perturbed before Samiullah Shenwari ran as they went about reaching out the other opener Mithun the 119-run target. In the pen-Ali for 22. Skipper Mohammad Ashraful followed soon after, ultimate over when 19 was needed for the gold, Sabbir first falling to Sadiq before Hassan, smashed off-spinner Karim the MCC-trained seamer, took Sadiq out of the stadium and the wicket of Faisal Hossain. then lofted him in the same Earlier, Naeem, Ashraful

direction for two consecutive and Shahadat Hossain took two wickets each as the sixes, swinging the game Afghans struggled mostly Sabbir, the little-known against spin. Asghar Stanikzai, the 23-

> year-old who batted without a helmet, struck 38 off 36 balls that included three boundaries and a six. Shabir Noori also made 25 off 19 balls with a six and three more boundaries.

## PM seeks

Hassan.

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differences between the two

was witness to a captivating

encounter with the minnows

win, Bangladesh lost

Shuvogoto Hom in the 14th

With 44 runs required to

almost pulling off a win.

towards Bangladesh.

youngster, kept rotating the

strike before Naeem Islam

sealed the victory with a fore-

hand smash down the ground

off the impressive Hamid

Naeem top-scored with an

to increase European Union's support for implementing Bangladesh's 134 climate change action plans.

She sought Belgium's support for preparing green projects and making available green technology for a green economy.

"The prime minister also called for Belgian investment in various sectors including electricity," Azad said. During the meeting,

Hasina was highly appreciated

for her leading role in tackling climate change impacts in the country as well as across the globe. "The Belgian prime minis-

ter gave special thanks to our prime minister for her strong initiatives to root out terrorism and establish peace," he said. As the prime minister thanked the European Union for its support to hold the

December 29, 2008 election in a free and fair manner, the Belgian PM described Awami League's landslide victory as a "We have taken this victory as a sacred responsibility towards people," Hasina was

quoted as saying by the press secretary Azad. The Belgian prime minister also hailed Bangladesh's economic progress even amidst the recent global eco-

nomic downturn. In this regard, Hasina is working relentlessly to attain universal food security

for the people. When Leterme congratulated Hasina on receiving the MDG-4 award, the PM said Bangladesh needs international cooperation to success-

fully tackle the climate risks. "We are confident to attain the MDG targets by 2015, but climate change impacts are

making the targets very diffi-

cult," Hasina said.

She said her government is trying its best to protect people from natural calamities, but more internationa assistances are needed to fully tackle the climate risks.

Bangladesh's vision 2021 capital and maintenance dredging in rivers, prospects of importing ships from Bangladesh, among other issues, featured in the meet-

Hasina congratulated her Belgian counterpart for the success of the eighth Asia-Europe Meeting held in Brussels on October 4-5, 2010. She told the Belgian PM

that Bangladesh has applied for membership of ASEM (The AsiaEurope Meeting). "We need your support in our bid," she said.

Welcoming Belgium's allocation of 40 million euro as 'First Start Instance' out of which 20 million euro will be distributed among the LDCs by Belgium Invest Company Hasina sought Bangladesh's inclusion in the programme.

She thanked the Damien Foundation of Belgium for assisting Bangladesh in leprosy and TB control programmes and the Belgian government for granting scholarships to Bangladeshis for study in Belgium.

Foreign Minister Dipu Moni, State Minister for Forests and Environment informed the Belgian prime Hasan Mahmud, ambassador minister that her government at-large M Ziauddin, PM's Principal Secretary MA Karim and Bangladesh Ambassador to EU Ismat Jahan were, among others, present.

PM LEAVES FOR JAPAN TODAY

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will fly for Tokyo from here today to begin a four-day official working visit to Japan.

She is scheduled to leave Brussels at 11:20 am (local

# Khaleda unhappy

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aides, for failing to come up with a plan and mobilise supporters to help her keep the house.

Khaleda showed resentment against Khoka at a standing committee meeting on Sunday when a committee member requested her to form a Dhaka city unit committee before announcing protest programmes.

"The mayor [Khoka] was there. What did he do? Why did he not try to build resistance when they [the cantonment board] evicted me from my house?" the source quoted Khaleda as saying.

On Wednesday, the former prime minister at a meeting with city leaders expressed displeasure at the thin presence of BNP city unit leaders on the streets during her eviction from the house. The cantonment board

took possession of the disputed cantonment house that the then army chief had allotted to Khaleda after the assassination of her husband. Khaleda alleged that she

was evicted from the house but the Inter Services Public Relations Directorate claimed that she left the house voluntarily showing respect to the rule of law. BNP enforced a dawn to

dusk hartal on November 14 protesting the eviction of its party chief. A handful of senior leaders were seen on the streets during the hartal.

Khaleda's "eviction" and protest programmes were high on the agenda at the

standing committee meetings on Sunday and Monday.

Most committee members provoked Khaleda to go for an all-out movement against the government. The party called a hartal on November 30.

Wishing anonymity, a

standing committee member

expressed doubts about the success of protest programmes without strengthening the party in the BNP has no committee in Dhaka since June 4, 2008 as

the party leadership failed to form any committee due to internal conflicts. Khaleda has been trying her best to encourage the

leaders of her party and its allies to participate in the antigovernment programmes. The BNP chief has already held a series of meetings with

leaders of BNP and its allies. "She [Khaleda] is determined to make the upcoming

hartal a success. We promised her our participation in the hartal," said a leader of Islami Oikya Jote after meeting her. Khaleda will sit with leaders of Jamaat-e-Islami today to

discuss the hartal and protest programmes, said officials at the BNP chairperson's Gulshan office.

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destroyed large parts of an

island of South Korea, killing two civilians as well as two marines in a major escalation of their sporadic skirmishes along the sea border.

### Teacher

FROM PAGE 16 indecent comments and deliberately stumbling on the applicant in the exam hall. He was

assigned as an invigilator there. The victim, an HSC holder from Viqarunnisa Noon School and College, was taking the admission test under Business Studies faculty of DU at 10:00am.

She filed a complaint of harassment with Shahbagh Police Station after the exam. Magistrate Mohammad Al

Amin, who led the mobile court, said Saiful also offered his mobile phone number to the examinee and insisted to give him hers. The envelope where Saiful wrote his cell number was recovered from him.

Another invigilator Farzana Fauzi, a teacher of the same college, witnessed the incident, said the magistrate. Selina Banu, acting principal

of University Laboratory School and College, said they have earlier received several allegations of such harassment against Saiful. Meanwhile, a mobile court in Thakurgaon yesterday sen-

tenced two persons to different

terms of imprisonment for stalking at Sarkarpara and Thanapara areas under Sadar Upazila. The court led by Rashedul Islam sentencedWazed Ali, 32, to 15 days in prison for stalking a female schoolteacher at

Sarkarpara Thursday. That evening victim's father filed a complaint with Thakurgaon Police Station in this regard. The same court sentenced Rabiul, 27, to three months in jail

and fined him Tk 5,000 for stalking a girl at Thanapara area. Rabiul harassed the girl

forcibly picking her in a microbus.

### DU Vandalism

12:30am yesterday when the owner of the car that hit Sadhan Kumar Ghosh, a fourth year DU student, gave assurance of bearing all the treatment cost.

Rezaul Karim, officer-in-

charge of the Sahbagh Police

Station, said they released the two DU students detained for vandalism and Rubaiya, whose car hit Sadhan, her driver and two friends who were in the car when the accident occurred. After a discussion with the DU authorities at Sahbagh Police Station, Rubaiya's family

handed over TK 50,000 to the

authorities for Sadhan's treatment and promised to give more if needed, Rezaul said. Rubaiya Haque, a first year student of Dhaka City College, hit Sadhan, a resident o Jagannath Hall, on the DU campus around 12:30pm on

Thursday.

Meanwhile, owners of the vandalised cars and a journalist who lost his camera filed six general diaries (GD) with Sahbagh Police Station. After the accident, angry student of the university mainly

from the Jagannath Hall,

torched two cars and vandalised 25 others in the campus NTV's DMCH correspondent Al Amin alleged that the students seized his camera when he was taking photos of

the vandalism.

DU Proctor Prof KM Saiful Islam also said he had heard about it and will try to return it to the reporter if the students had seized that

Meantime, Sadhan, who was undergoing treatment at the DMCH, told The Daily Star yesterday that he was feeling good except for a headache and a little pain in the left leg.

Sources in the DMCH said Sadhan talked with his friends throughout the day and seemed

### Withdraw

BNP Dhaka district unit and hoped that the chairperson would consider it.

72 hours ago that he would not appeal for the withdrawal of his expulsion order, he said, "The desire of my people prompted me to appeal. The national standing committee of BNP on November 21

Asked about his stance only

expelled Huda, who was vicechairman of the party and president of the party's Dhaka district unit, from the party for breaching organisational disci-The decision came following a few comments of Huda against Khaleda's counsels. He had said that Khaleda had to

leave the house due to the

mistakes of her counsels. He

also criticised the hartal

programme and raised ques-

tions about Khaleda's crying

after her eviction from the cantonment house. On November 22, Huda at a press conference at his Dhanmondi residence said, do not regret my comments and that is why I will not appeal for the withdrawal of the expul-

A day after his expulsion, Khaleda replaced Huda in the district unit with Abdul Mannan. In his letter to the chairper-

son, Huda, also a two-term minister in Khaleda's cabinet, said some of his public statements for which he was expelled would not cause any harm to BNP. Explaining his comment

regarding chairperson's counsels, the former president of Supreme Court Bar Association said the lawyers could have lingered the case for five to six years but the matter is now going to be finished within six months.

# Call for more

FROM PAGE 16 political will nothing will happen, no matter how good the documents are," he added.

During the meeting, Bangladesh Foreign Secretary Mohamed Mijarul Quayes said the issues of human and food security, and investment in agriculture should be at the centre of the next programme of action to be adopted in the Turkish city.

"Improving domestic infrastructure and regional connectivity is also critical," he said. Human resources develop-

ment and quality of education should also get adequate attention to turn the vast population of the LDCs into a productive asset, he added. Quayes said LDCs should not sit idle just by formulating

documents; they have to work and build on those. "We have to go beyond Istanbul and the development partners have to come forward. He said political commitment is also crucial. "The governments of LDCs, devel-

oped nations, global partners,

and the people have to have a

feeling of ownership, otherwise nothing will happen." Anna Batyra, coordinator of OECD Development Finance Network, said the entry of emerging economies in the global scenario could not be ignored. "How these emerging economies could contribute to help LDCs reach targets should

Batyra also said the LDCs should bring domestic reforms, and mobilise internal resources to help themselves.

be formulated."

Economic Relations Division Secretary of Bangladesh Mosharraf Hossain Bhuiyan said LDCs have to redefine their positions at the economic front of the new world order, and restructure their relationships with developed countries, to reap more benefits.

Debapriya Bhattacharya said, "We have to have political support, as at the end of the day it's a political process.'

"We have created docu-

ments and put them on the

table. Now is the time for the governments to take them forward," he added. The prominent economist also said the Istanbul Conference will be a litmus test for all. The participants will look to see how many heads of states attend the conference, whether there is any interest from France, the next president

and the emerging economies, He said the Brussels Programmes of Action could not generate enough enthusiasm, as there was no fund and resource dedicated to the

The governments of LDCs have to be more active in attracting the attention of developed countries, and emerging economies. Besides, the development demands of LDCs must be presented during Istanbul negotiations with human dimension, he

stressed.

of decades.

He said due to the global economic crisis, new funds may not be available, but the international partners and developed countries must implement the old promises, and solve the problems stem-

ming from the crisis. Rehman Sobhan, chairman of CPD, while chairing the event, said the world order has evolved much in the last couple

The new global trade archi-

#### tecture is relocating from the North-South axis to an East-AL moves

FROM PAGE 16 office in Dhanmondi with acting party chief Syeda Sajeda

Chowdhury in the chair.

"Our main objective is to sit with our 14-party coalition partners to boost coordination among us. We must make coordinated effort to face opposition's upcoming movements and their conspiracies against the government and implement our electoral pledges," AL Presidium Member Obaidul Quader told The Daily Star.

discussion at the meeting, AI Deputy Office Secretary Mrinal Kanti Das said in a press release. AL insiders said after the 14party coalition meeting, the ruling party would talk with HM

The overall socio-economic

and political situation of the

country would come up for

Ershad's Jativa Party to strengthen political ties. The AL already had informal talks with the partners of the 14party including Rashed Khan Menon's Workers Party of Bangladesh, Hasanul Haque Inu's Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal,

Dilip Barua's Samyabadi Dal. AL Presidium Member Kazi Zafarullah, following the party chief's directives, sat with all the components to know about their views on the government and howitshould move ahead. He said from now on meet-

ings with the coalition partners would be held regularly. Rashed Khan Menon told

The Daily Star that the 14-party combine would face as a whole any political threat and movement of the opposition. Industries Minister and

stances.

Samyabadi Dal General Secretary Dilip Barua said the 14party meeting is very crucial under the current circum-

West axis. This phenomenon needs to be reflected in the way the LDCs perceive their relationships with the rest of the world, he said.

Asia led by China is emerging as a significant trading partner of Africa. It is a significant point of departure from the North-South relationship, which in fact dominated the external economic relationships of LDCs so far, he noted But now the whole external relations have moved eastward, where new trade relations are being forged laterally, as Asia is emerging as a big

economic player, he added. He said China will probably be overtaking the United States within a decade as an economic power and India has been emerging. "If we include Japan, a developed country, three of the world's four largest economies are going to be in Asia.

"Already, four-fifth of the world's foreign exchange reserves are in fact located in Asia. West Asia is also a relevant part of the architecture," he added. "Capital surplus within the Asian region is underwriting

payment deficits of the United States today. The largest purchaser of primary commodities in the world now is China." "The principle market for the middle-eastern oil and east-Asian energy will soon be

relocated to Asia from Europe

and America," he predicted.

the budgetary and balance of

"The LDCs will have to take into account these relevant realities to redefine their positions in the current global system. That has to be done in a way that the new players will help you add value and develop skills, and will not just see you as a market," he said. The global financial crisis,

which in fact has changed the whole scenario of the global economy, is not an accidental episode of history. It is in fact one of the turning points in history which will restructure the international system, he The architecture of the

global economic system must

be redefined now to reflect the

new realities, and the definition of LDCs needs to be adjusted, he suggested. Mehmet Arda, professor of International Relations and Economics at Galatasaray University in Turkey, said the recommendations should be

specific, time-bound, short of G20; Switzerland, the and realistic to make those incumbent chair of United operational. Nations General Assembly; Mustafizur Rahman, executive director of CPD also spoke.

A total of 133 recommenda-

tions came out of the three-day

event, which will be finalised before the Istanbul conference. The recommendations include a universal preferential, secured and predictable system of market access to developed and developing countries for LDCs; expansion of investments in productive sectors; early conclusion of the Doha Development Round negotiations; expansion of duty-free quota-free access for LDCs; flexibilities of rules of origin in trade; investments for expansion of LDCs' capacity

building, and for ensuring food

security; access to sector-wise

technology; and flexibility in

#### intellectual property rights regimes. Deal likely

"It was agreed that Ashuganj in Bangladesh and Shilghat in India shall be declared ports of call. IWTT [Inland Water Trade and Transit] protocol shall be amended through exchange of letters. A joint team will assess the improvement of the infrastructure and the cost for one time or longer-term transportation of ODC [Over Dimensional Cargo] from

necessary investment," reads the joint communiqué. A team led by a joint secretary of the shipping ministry has prepared a MoU, which now lies with the law ministry

Ashuganj. India will make the

The shipping secretary said the MoU could be signed on Monday or Tuesday after the vetting is done. A 726-megawatt power

for vetting.

plant is under construction at Palatana in the Indian state of Tripura. Heavy equipment for the plant would be taken to Tripura from Kolkata by waterway and roads through Bangladesh territory.

The consignments of

equipment would enter

Bangladesh through Raimongal River in India via Angtihara. From there those would be brought to Ashugan through waterways via Barisal and Chandpur. They would be transported to Tripura by road from

Ashuganj via Akhaura in

along with other roads for

transport of the equipment,

Bangladesh. About 16 kilometres of 45kilometre road from Ashuganj to Akhaura need to be repaired

said a high-up of the shipping ministry. Roads and Highways Department has already appointed a Bangladeshi contractor for the job.

Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority has also started renovating the

Ashuganj river port.