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No new deal on transit now

Dhaka, Delhi to sign a document on roadmap for regional connectivity based on existing protocols during Indian PM's visit, says Dipu Moni

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka and New Delhi will sign a document, during Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's visit to Bangladesh tomorrow, covering the existing protocols on transit and future deals the two countries may make on regional connectivity, Foreign Minister Dipu Moni said yesterday.

The "exchange of letter" will serve as a roadmap for how India and Bangladesh are going to establish regional connectivity based on the existing transit-related protocols, she said at a media briefing on Manmohan's two-day visit to Bangladesh, first by an Indian premier since 1999.

Analysts see the move as falling short of a formal treaty on transit of Indian goods through Bangladesh's roads, railways, and seaports. Bangladesh says its infrastructure is far from ready to tackle heavy vehicles India will use once full transit is allowed.



Dhaka and New Delhi will sign an interim agreement on sharing the water of Teesta river on the

Manmohan will also review the progress in implementing the decisions the two countries made during Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's visit to New Delhi in January last year.

The Bangladesh foreign minister said the proposed document will also include the use of Chittagong and Mongla ports by India as part of regional connectivity. "It will be made keeping in mind that similar connectivity will also be given to Nepal and Bhutan."

Whatever legal instruments will be necessary on the basis of the previously-signed protocols will be incorporated by the two countries, Dipu Moni said.

She said the two neighbours agreed on a number of transit-related issues, including the use of Chittagong and Mongla ports by India. New protocols on these and other matters like route selection, infrastructure development, and fixing fees will be signed in future. The document will also serve as a

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PHOTO: STAR

The Airport Road gets a facelift as the capital prepares to welcome Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh tomorrow. The photo was taken yesterday.

Protocol on port use by March

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

The protocol on using Chittagong and Mongla ports by India may be signed by March 31 next year, government sources say.

The date will be finalised during Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's two-day Dhaka visit that begins tomorrow.

Foreign ministry sources in return for anonymity told The Daily Star that New Delhi wanted to sign the protocol during Manmohan's visit, but Bangladesh is not yet ready for that.

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Power deal with India likely tomorrow

250MW import by 2013

SHARIER KHAN

During Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's upcoming visit, Bangladesh expects to sign an agreement to import 250 megawatt of electricity from India at the lowest possible commercial cost.

The two countries may also sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for

mutual cooperation in the renewable energy sector.

Official sources said under the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), Bangladesh would buy 250MW of power from National Thermal Power Company (NTPC) of India at the same rate the Indian company sells to different provinces.

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MEET WITH MANMOHAN

Indian HC invites Khaleda

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Indian High Commissioner Rajeev Mitter last night made a courtesy call on BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia ahead of Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's visit to Bangladesh.

He formally invited Khaleda to meet the Indian premier during his stay in the capital.

During the meeting with the Indian envoy, Khaleda, also leader of the opposition in parliament, welcomed the Indian premier's visit to Dhaka.

She is scheduled to meet Manmohan at his

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PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

MESSI FEVER GRIPS CITY: A young Messi fan tries on a jersey at the hawker's market in front of the Bangabandhu National Stadium, where Argentina will play an international friendly against Nigeria tomorrow.

Dhaka greets Messi today

Argentina face Nigeria at BNS tomorrow

SPORTS REPORTER

After a month plagued by controversy, misinformation and belated changes of schedule, the dream of a million Bangladeshis is set to come true as the Argentina national football team will arrive in the capital today at 10:50 am to play a friendly international against Nigeria tomorrow.

Having negotiated the first-leg of their South Asian tour with a 1-0 win over Venezuela in a frenzied Kolkata on Friday, Argentina will arrive in Dhaka on a special Bangladesh Biman flight. The two-time winners will be led by the sensational Lionel Messi hoping to put on a show of the same magnitude to what they did at Kolkata.

After arriving at the Hazrat Shahjalal International

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Lionel Messi

3 held after complaining against docs' negligence

Charged with assaulting cops

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police have arrested three persons after they complained to the health minister about negligence of doctors in treating their friend Ismail Hossain Sumon who succumbed to his injuries at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) on Saturday.

However, the arrests were made on charges of assaulting policemen at the hospital, police sources said.

Sumon, 27, a driver, was admitted to DMCH

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