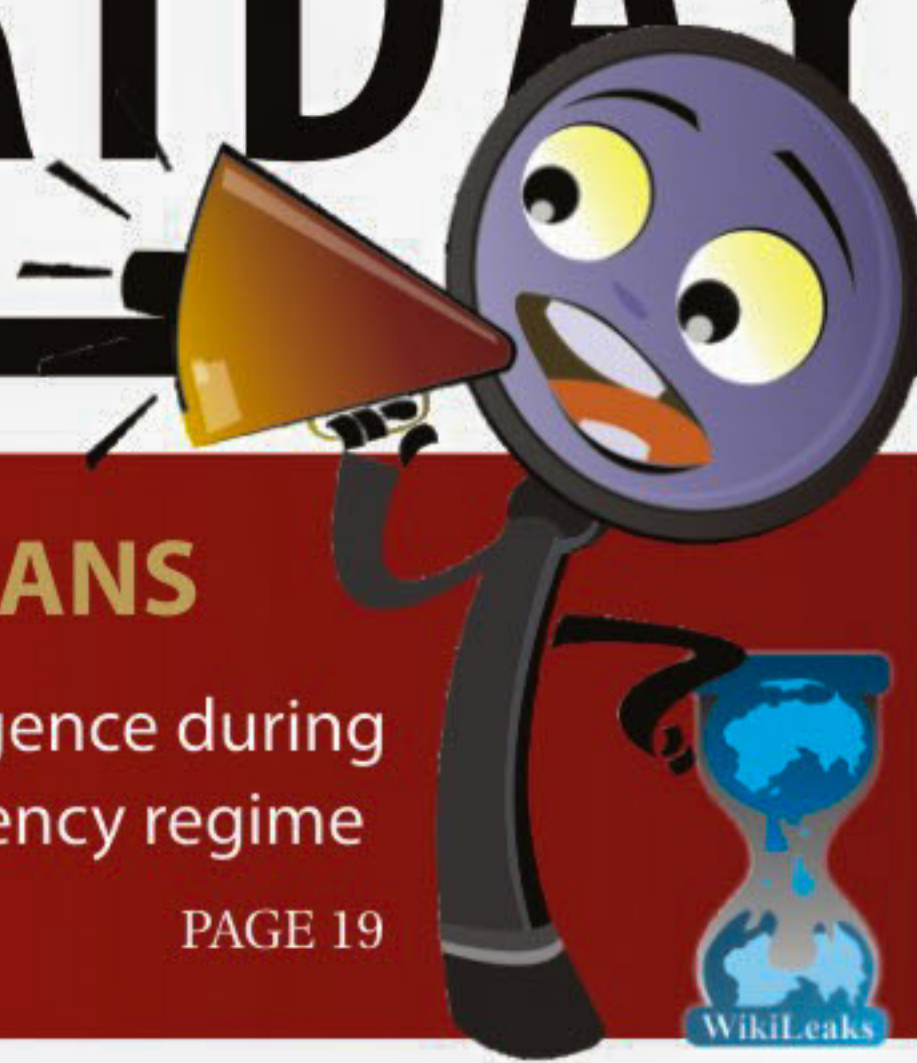


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## PADMA BRIDGE PROJECT

# Probe into graft charges ordered

**PM says no driving licence beyond rules; not happy with battered highways**

Her directives come in the wake of the Canadian authorities investigating Canada-based engineering firm SNC-Lavalin for corruption in its bid for consultancy work at the \$2.9 billion Padma Bridge project.

Speaking at a secretary-committee meeting at Bangladesh secretariat, she also asked all to let the government know if there are any other allegations about the project.

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This half-a-kilometre stretch of Beribadh, a road near Islambagh in the capital, has been in this sorry state for the entire monsoon season. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

**PM flies to US tomorrow**  
*Addresses UNGA on Sept 24*  
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina leaves for United States tomorrow on a 12-day tour during which she will attend the 66th United Nations General Assembly and hold talks with several foreign dignitaries.

She is due to address

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## Toxic ship Ctg-bound

### Environment dept, watchdogs ring alarm bell

**MORSHED ALI KHAN**

A highly toxic Chinese ship, detected with at least "79 deficiencies since 2010" at different ports, is now on its way to a ship-breaking yard in Chittagong for dismantling.

The Asia Union, formerly known as MV Humber and MV Cast Otter, is due to enter Bangladesh maritime boundary anytime tomorrow, said sources in international maritime watchdogs.



The Chinese ship is reportedly possessing hazardous substances including asbestos, polychlorinated biphenyl, toxic paints and chemical residues that have a wide range of adverse effects on humans, wildlife and the environment. If dismantled, the ship would expose workers and the environment to hazards.

The Department of Environment (DoE) in Chittagong has alerted the port authority and the coast guards about the

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## New banks, not now

### IMF advises govt to strengthen central bank first

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The International Monetary Fund has recommended that the government postpone its plan to allow new banks in the private sector.

"We would advise under the current circumstances the government first ensures that Bangladesh Bank has supervisory capacity to take on the new banks," visiting IMF mission chief David Cowen said yesterday at a media briefing in the central bank conference room just next to

the IMF Dhaka office.

The IMF mission during its visit from September 5 till yesterday met government high officials including the finance minister, representatives of the civil society, and development partners.

The mission expressed concern over outside interference in state-owned banks. It supported the central bank's steps regarding curbing of commercial banks' exposure to the stock market.

Bangladesh Bank Board of Directors on

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## DGFI became militants' buddy

### Amin tried to blackmail Hasina

**REAZ AHMAD and SHAKHAWAT LITON**

Brigadier General ATM Amin, a director of the Directorate General of Forces Intelligence (DGFI) then, told a US diplomat on July 19, 2007 that they had infiltrated Harkatul Jihad al Islami, Bangladesh (Huji-B) and they "don't see them attacking western interests".

And, a year later, when DGFI helped this militant outfit's senior members form a political group called Islamic Democratic Party (IDP), Amin attempted to blackmail Awami League President Sheikh Hasina and pressed her to convince the US government to support IDP, according to leaked US diplomatic cables.

It was because of Amin's meddling with the affairs of

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## 'Minus 2' met messy fate

### DGFI held Khaleda to balance Hasina's arrest

**SHAKHAWAT LITON and SHAMIM ASHRAF**

Sheikh Hasina and Khaleda Zia were arrested in July and September of 2007 for turning down "a number of options to exit politics gracefully", a US embassy cable quoted the then DGFI officials as saying.

A few months before their arrest, the then army chief Moeen U Ahmed said reforms in political parties were essential but difficult to carry out with Hasina or Khaleda in Bangladesh, according to another cable sent by the then US ambassador Patricia A Butenis on April 22, 2007.



**Brig Gen ATM Amin**

"Moeen said senior Bangladesh Nationalist Party leaders met recently with government officials and decided that [BNP Chairperson Khaleda] Zia must go," said the cable Butenis wrote



**Brig Gen Fazlul Bari**

citing discussion with Moeen. Awami League chief Hasina, who left for the US on March 15, 2007, was indefinitely barred from returning and Khaleda was expected to depart for Saudi

Arabia shortly, she added.

Briefing US embassy officials in Dhaka on July 17, 2007, hours after Hasina's arrest, Brig Gen ATM Amin, the then counterterrorism head of DGFI, also said Khaleda Zia will be arrested to be "even-handed".

"He [Amin] opined that Zia knows this and is prepared for her own arrest. She must be counting the days," Geeta Pasi, US charge d'affaires in Dhaka in a cable on July 19, 2007 quoted Amin as saying. Khaleda was arrested on September 3.

"Amin added that Hasina will be charged for the murder of ten to

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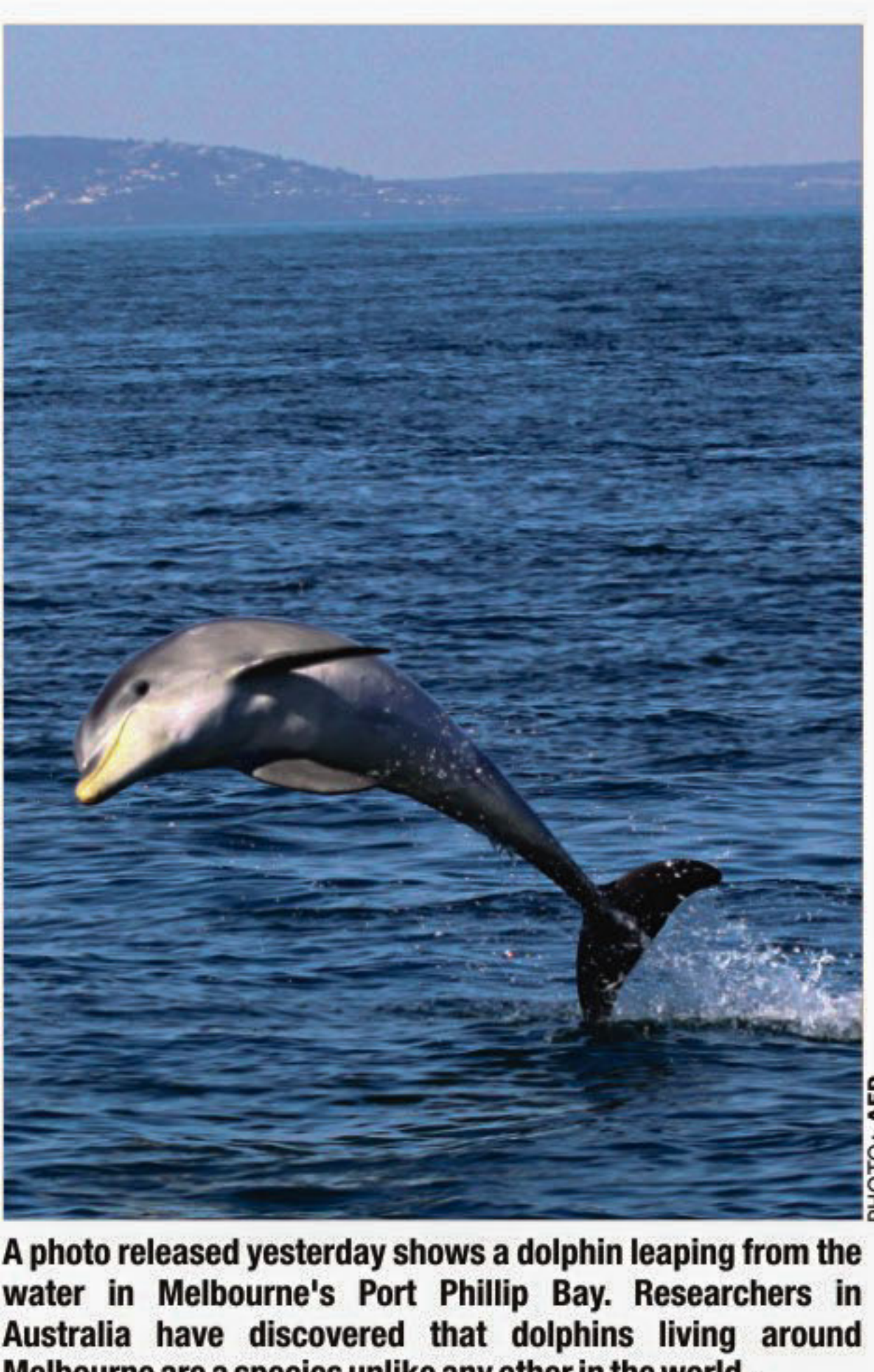
**DGFI itself went thru' reform after polls**

**STAR REPORT**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina ordered bringing new officers to the Directorate General of Forces Intelligence (DGFI), and not those involved in the anti-corruption drive or in political activities during the 2007-2008 caretaker government rule.

Appointing Major General Mollah Fazle Akbar as the director general of the military intelligence agency in February

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## New dolphin species found in Australia

**AFP, Melbourne**

Researchers in Australia have discovered that dolphin colonies living around Melbourne are a species unlike any other in the world, they revealed yesterday.

The dolphins that frolic in Port Phillip Bay and the Gippsland Lakes, numbering around 150, were originally thought to be one of the two recognised bottlenose species.

But Monash University PhD researcher Kate Charlton-Robb found they were different by comparing skulls, DNA and physical traits with specimens dating back to the early 1900s.

She has named them Tursiops australis, although they will

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