

2 advisers talk Teesta, Tipai

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and National Security Adviser Shivshankar Menon. Rizvi and Rahman, who are assigned to deal with Bangladesh's relations with India, also met Water Resources Minister Pawan Kumar Bansal, Home Minister Sushilkumar Shinde and Rural Development Minister Jairam Ramesh, sources told The Daily Star.

During the meetings, the entire range of bilateral issues, particularly a review of the progress in implementing the agreements signed during Hasina's visit to India in January 2010 and her Indian counterpart Manmohan Singh's to Dhaka in September last year, came up for deliberations.

The stress in the meetings was on how much ground the two sides have covered and how much remains to be covered as far as operationalising the agreements is concerned, said the sources.

The two advisers also wanted to know from the Indian leadership the latest status about the proposed Teesta water-sharing and implementation of the agreement on land boundary demarcation and exchange of 111 adversely held enclaves.

The sources declined to share the details of what transpired at the meetings. Rizvi and Rahman had with the ministers but claimed the talks were "positive". Manmohan Singh had recently conveyed to Hasina

at a meeting on the sidelines of Non-Aligned Movement Summit in Tehran that the Teesta treaty would be signed and the land boundary agreement implemented as soon as feasible as India is continuing internal consultations on the issues.

Regarding Tipaimukh, Singh had assured Hasina that India would not do anything that will harm the interests of Bangladesh.

The advisers also called on Indian President Pranab Mukherjee and greeted him on his election as the head of state.

They conveyed to Mukherjee greetings from Bangladesh President Zillur Rahman and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Mukherjee too reciprocated the greetings.

US worried about GB

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the effectiveness and integrity of the bank, said a release from the foreign ministry. The government of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is committed to protecting the interests of millions of women borrowers of this Nobel Prize-winning institution, she told Burns during a meeting at the US State Department in Washington DC on Wednesday.

At the hour-long meeting, the two leaders discussed issues of mutual interests including bilateral trade and investment and cooperation in energy and security sectors. Burns welcomed the

strong partnership between the two countries such as Bangladesh's support for Afghanistan, and its pivotal role in promoting cooperation and connectivity within the South and Southeast Asian regions.

Dipu Moni noted that duty free and quota free market access to the USA for the Asian LDCs, including Bangladesh would significantly contribute to the expansion of their trading ties with the USA.

In response, the deputy secretary hoped that the Trade and Investment Framework Cooperation

Agreement (TICFA) would provide a framework to look into and duly address the high tariff issue.

Both the sides expressed optimism about resolving the remaining issues before striking the deal soon.

The two leaders agreed that experts from both the countries would assess the issue of Bangladesh's inclusion in the Millennium Challenge Account at the ensuing first ever Bangladesh-US Partnership Dialogue.

Regarding the trial of the killers of Bangabandhu and the presence of killer Rashed Chowdhury in the USA, the

foreign minister said the "land of freedom" should not be a safe haven for any killer.

She sought US cooperation for the repatriation of Rashed Chowdhury.

Secretary Burns assured the minister that they would review the issue seriously.

Dipu Moni went to the USA on Monday for a three-day visit. She was scheduled to depart Washington yesterday for China to attend the China International Fair for Investment and Trade in Fujian.

The cabinet on Monday approved the draft of Grameen Bank Amendment Act, 2012.

According to the proposed amendment, the bank's chairman in consultation with the board of directors will form a selection committee to prepare a three-member panel for appointing a managing director of the bank.

The board, with an approval from the Bangladesh Bank, will appoint the MD from the panel.

Protesting the move, Nobel laureate and founder of the bank Prof Muhammad Yunus said the amendment will enable the government to influence the institution directly or indirectly.

Court accepts

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her mother Aniccha Begum and brothers Jasim and Wasim. And it granted them bail.

Lawyers and litigants on the court premises were shocked to see a child accused in a criminal case.

Asked about the case, President of Dhaka Bar Association Borhan Uddin said, "A girl of seven cannot be accused of criminal offence, and she cannot be brought under trial as per provisions of the Penal Code... The charges against a seven-year-old cannot be

punishable."

Sampa is a student of class one at Chhoto Tasulla Government Primary School in Nawabganj in Dhaka district. She along with the other accused surrendered to the court yesterday in response to an earlier court order.

According to the prosecution, on August 1 Sampa and eight-year-old Akash, son of Mohammad Aziz, while bathing in a pond picked a quarrel. At one stage, the girl hit Akash in the eye, causing a minor injury. This led to clashes between the two families.

Aziz filed the case with the Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court, Dhaka, on August 29. And the court issued summons asking the four to appear before it on October 7.

Sampa's father Abdur Rahman told this correspondent that his neighbour Aziz filed the case concealing the actual age of his daughter, who is now seven. But the complainant mentioned that she is 12, he added.

Rahman broke down in tears, saying, the case was filed only to harass his family members.

Govt plans

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"We want to use nuclear power only for electricity generation, increasing our industrial and agricultural productivity, and putting in place modern medicare facilities for improving people's living conditions," she said.

The prime minister was addressing a function marking the inauguration of 3MV Tandem Accelerators Facilities and five other highly sensitive scientific installations at Bangladesh Atomic Commission at Ganakbari of Savar.

Hasina announced that the new nuclear power plant would be constructed in the southern part of the country. She, however, did not elaborate its capacity and other details.

She said all preparations for the construction of the Rooppur plant had been completed with the support of the Russian government and physical work on the project would begin very soon.

The construction of the Rooppur Nuclear Plant had been delayed as the BNP government had not continued the initiative taken long

ago, she said.

The prime minister urged the country's scientists to give emphasis to utilisation of their research works and conducting, side by side, basic research on different aspects of science and technology.

She served the reminder that the role of scientists and researchers was very crucial in the successful implementation of "Vision 2021" for the economic prosperity of the country.

"The countries showing capacity in research on science and technology are progressing fast," she mentioned.

The prime minister said her government attached the highest importance to research on science and technology and was following in the steps of Bangabandhu for the promotion of scientific studies and their optimum application.

With State Minister for Science and Technology Yeafesh Osman in the chair, the function was also addressed by the chairman of the parliamentary standing committee on ICT ministry, Alhaj Dabirul Islam, local MP Talukder.

Detailed map

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transfer of huge public funds into the personal accounts of the Destiny directors and its management committee members.

More than 400 scientists in 32 laboratories in the UK, US, Spain, Singapore and Japan were involved.

Their findings are published in 30 connected open-access papers appearing in three journals, Nature, Genome Biology and Genome Research.

The Encyclopedia of DNA Elements (Encode) was launched in 2003 with the goal of identifying all the functional elements within the human genome.

A pilot project looking at 1 percent of the genome was published in 2007.

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Up to now, most attention has been focused on protein-coding genes, which make up just 2 percent of the genome.

Genes are small sections of DNA that contain instructions for which chemicals - proteins - they should produce.

The Encode team analysed the vast area of the genome sometimes called

"junk DNA" because it seemed to have little function and was poorly understood.

Dr Ewan Birney, of the European Bioinformatics Institute in Cambridge, who led the analysis, told me: "The term junk DNA must now be junked."

"It's clear from this research that a far bigger part of the genome is biologically active than was previously thought."

The scientists also identified four million gene "switches". These are sections of DNA that control when genes are switched on or off in cells.

They said the switches were often a long way along the genome from the gene they controlled.

Dr Birney said: "This will help in our understanding of human biology. Many of the switches we have identified are linked to changes in risk for conditions from heart disease to diabetes or mental illness. This will give researchers a whole new world to explore and ultimately, it's hoped, will lead to new treatments."

Scientists acknowledge that it is likely to be many years before patients see tangible benefits from the project.

But another of the Encode team, Dr Ian Dunham said the data could ultimately be of help in every area of disease research.



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Child Health Research Foundation
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Job opportunity for Deputy Coordinator

This positions for a research project titled 'Aetiology of Neonatal Infection in South Asia (ANISA)', Child Health Research Foundation (CHRF), Department of Microbiology, Dhaka Shishu Hospital, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh.

Working Station: Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Project summary: Child Health Research Foundation (CHRF) is looking for a Deputy Project Coordinator for its new research initiative on 'Aetiology of Neonatal Infection in South Asia (ANISA)'. ANISA is a multi-country community-based study on young infants (0-59 days) that aims to determine the aetiology of community-acquired infections and associated risk factors in high mortality developing country settings of South Asia. This study is going in six research sites in Bangladesh, India and Pakistan, with the support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. CHRF is coordinating this project and the team consists of an interdisciplinary group of epidemiologists, statisticians, microbiologists, and clinicians.

Job Descriptions:

- Closely monitor the progress of the project activities against specific targets and timelines, and regularly update the technical team as scheduled and/or as needed.
- Serve as the everyday focal point for contact with the field sites to assure compliance with protocols and report to the study coordinator.
- Review and compile technical and site visit reports.
- Execute effective communication about the strategic objectives of ANISA with international and national alliances, and coordinate and organize joint meetings of the technical team/ advisors and site investigators.

Qualifications and Requirements:

- Academic:**
- MBBS/ MPH or MS/ PhD in public health, epidemiology, biostatistics, infectious diseases or other relevant disciplines.
 - Graduates from biology/ health related disciplines and interested in a career in Public health are encouraged to apply.
 - Applicants are required to have a strong command in written and oral English.
 - Experience of work in public health will be preferred but not essential.

An Ideal candidate:

- Must be highly organized and be particularly attentive to details.
- Must possess problem solving, critical thinking and management skill and be able to work independently.
- Must be enthusiastic to work in a multi-disciplinary team environment and be willing to take initiatives.
- Must have the ability to interpret, compile and summarize the reports from different sites in Bangladesh, India and Pakistan.
- Must be willing to travel frequently, domestically and internationally as required

Salary:

Negotiable based on qualification, ability and experience.

Interested candidates are requested to send their CV with the name of two references to: <careers@chrfd.org> or in the address mentioned below within **September 15, 2012** during office hours. **Md. Shariful Islam, Department of Microbiology, Dhaka Shishu Hospital, Sher-e-Bangla-Nagar, Dhaka-1207.**

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