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China offers to invest more

Signs 3 deals to boost cooperation

STAR REPORT

China wants to increase its investment in Bangladesh, especially in energy, agriculture and infrastructure development, a high-level Chinese delegation told Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina during a meeting yesterday. Li Changchun, a member of the standing committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, led the delegation. After the meeting, Dhaka and Beijing signed three instruments -- an agreement, one MoU and a framework accord -- to boost cooperation in economic, power and financial assistance.

Li offered Chinese assistance in the expansion of the Pagla Water Treatment Plant in Narayanganj during the meeting, PM's Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad told journalists at the Prime Minister's Office. The premier welcomed the Chinese offer, and urged Beijing to import more from Bangladesh to bring about a balance in bilateral trade, Azad said. Hasina offered land in the special economic zones if the Chinese government relocate some of their industries to Bangladesh, reports UNB. The Chinese leader offered to double the number of scholarships for Bangladeshi
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Power Division Secretary Md Abul Kalam Azad and Chinese Vice Minister of Commerce Jiang Zengwei sign an MoU for cooperation in the field of electricity at the Prime Minister's Office yesterday. An agreement and a framework accord were also inked by Dhaka and Beijing at the ceremony attended by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Li Changchun, a member of the standing committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee.

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Ginger prices shoot up

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

Traders in the capital have increased the prices of onion, garlic and ginger, cashing in on their growing demand ahead of Eid-ul-Azha.

In the last month, onion prices on average rose by 22 percent to Tk 28-38 from Tk 22-32 a kg, according to the Trading Corporation of Bangladesh, an organisation that monitors prices of essentials.

The prices of Chinese garlic shot up by 26.67 percent to Tk 150 from Tk 130 a kg a month ago. In the last week, its prices rose on average by Tk 25 a kg.

In the last month, ginger prices went up by 50 percent to Tk 60-90 from Tk 40-60 a kg.

Consumers demand close monitoring of markets, which will control price hikes before eid.

They alleged

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WEALTH OF MINISTERS, MPs People kept in the dark

AL turns its back on polls pledge

SHAKHAWAT LITON

Wealth statements and sources of income of the prime minister, ministers, lawmakers and their family members have not been made public even nearly four years after Awami League came to power with an electoral pledge to ensure it every year to establish good governance.

The ruling party made the pledge in its election manifesto before the 2008 parliamentary polls in the wake of serious allegations of corruption against ministers and lawmakers of previous governments.

The party's manifesto, which was amended in its national council in mid-2009, also included the same commitment.

But the present AL-led government seems to be following the footsteps of the previous BNP-led alliance government that also did not fulfil its electoral pledge to

disclose wealth statements of ministers and lawmakers.

The electoral laws made it possible for people to know about the wealth of all candidates contesting the 2008 parliamentary polls, as their wealth statements were made public in line with the laws during the election.

The current government made a move to implement the electoral pledge in March last year, more than two years after it came to power in January 2009. But the move failed to yield any result.

And it remains uncertain whether the AL-led government will implement its pledge in the last one year of its tenure.

The cabinet purchase committee on economic affairs on March 16 last year decided to implement the ruling party's electoral pledge over submission and disclosure of wealth statements.
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Noab wants benefits for all

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Newspaper Owners Association of Bangladesh (Noab) has expressed its surprise over the grant of 50 percent interim dearness allowance to journalists and newspaper employees without any conclusive
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PADMA BRIDGE CORRUPTION

WB presses for faster probe

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The World Bank wants the Anti-Corruption Commission to move fast with the probe into the corruption allegations in the Padma bridge project, Ellen Goldstein, country director of the global lender, said yesterday.

"The panel [WB's external team] is encouraging the ACC to move ahead with



Ellen Goldstein

some speed to deepen the inquiry process," Goldstein told journalists at a briefing on Bangladesh's economic update at the WB office in the capital.

WB Senior Economist Zahid Hussain presented the keynote paper on the economy. The global lender projected Bangladesh's GDP growth to slow to 6 percent this fiscal year from 6.3 percent in the
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Boy killed in road crash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A schoolboy was killed when a microbus knocked him down in the capital's Pallabi area yesterday. Eleven-year-old Md Ali Hossain was a third-grader at Ananda Niketan School.
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DCCI INNOVATIVE Entrepreneur of the Year 2012

DCCI YOUNG Entrepreneur of the Year 2012

DCCI NON TRADITIONAL EXPORTER of the Year 2012

DCCI SME Entrepreneur of the Year 2012

DCCI FOREIGN INVESTOR Entrepreneur of the Year 2012

DCCI GREEN Entrepreneur of the Year 2012

Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) the premier and leading Chamber of Bangladesh having members from different business sectors of the country represented mostly by SMEs is inviting application from entrepreneurs on six award categories.

SELECTION CRITERIA
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- > Business Performances
- > Financial Performance / Productivity
- > Company Management / Profile
- > Contribution to the Community

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