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PM to visit Pakistan to attend D-8 summit

Dhaka seeks Pak apology for 1971 genocide; Hina for moving ahead turning back to the past

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has decided to pay a three-day official visit to Pakistan to attend the D-8 summit in Islamabad scheduled for November 22. Hasina goes to Pakistan against the background of her government asking Islamabad to settle all pending post-independence issues. Dhaka has demanded an unconditional apology from Islamabad for the genocide Pakistan carried out

during the Liberation War in 1971. This will be Sheikh Hasina's first visit to Pakistan since she returned to power in 2009. She will leave on November 21 and return home on November 23 after taking part in the eighth D-8 summit. She last visited Pakistan in 1998 in her first term as prime minister. Press Secretary to the Prime Minister



Pakistan Foreign Minister Hina Rabbani Khar calls on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at Gono Bhaban yesterday to deliver the Pakistan president's invitation to Hasina for the upcoming D-8 summit in Islamabad.

PHOTO: BSS

Amartya refutes Muhith
Urges him to withdraw wrong attribution made to him

Nobel laureate Prof Amartya Sen has expressed his surprise at Finance Minister AMA Muhith's attributing to him certain comments about Nobel laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus on

YUNUS' 'ANTI-BANGLADESH PROPAGANDA' Prove it, please!

No less a person than our finance minister has accused Prof Yunus, our only Nobel Laureate and the most well known and well regarded Bangladeshi in the world today, of carrying out, "with his wonderful publicity machinery", anti-Bangladesh propaganda worldwide. "He is the single major reason for Bangladesh's failure to project its positive image", Muhith said and quoted Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen in this regard. Amartya Sen, in a written reply, to The Daily Star received yesterday refuted

Muhith's claim and asked him to withdraw his comment attributed to him (See separate story on this page). Yunus, according to our finance minister, is also preventing direct foreign investment for want of which we are "starving", he said. He also accused Yunus of dishonesty saying, "everything he says does not reflect the whole truth". For any Bangladeshi to carry out anti-national propaganda is a supreme moral crime. And for a man of Prof Yunus' stature it is more so. This statement of AMA

Khaleda to visit Ramu temples today

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia will visit the Buddhist temples and localities of Ramu this afternoon, 40 days after those were ravaged in attacks. The leader of the opposition in parliament started her journey by road around 4:00pm yesterday from her Gulshan residence and arrived in Chittagong around midnight.

GHORASHAL POWER PLANT REPAIR Ministry pushes for costly deal

Cost to rise if the unsolicited deal is finalised

To repair urgently the sixth unit of Ghorashal power plant that went out of order in July 2010, the power ministry is negotiating an unsolicited deal with an Indian company with a price tag three times that in a contract for the same work which failed two months ago. The sixth unit of the gas-fired 210-megawatt plant, built by Russian company Technopromexport, went bust due to faults of

the plant's officials and staff. The plant's turbine and generator needed replacement. The Power Development Board floated a restricted tender for urgent repair of the plant that produced power at a cheap cost, and two Russian companies and an Indian company participated in the bid. The Russian companies -- Technopromexport (the plant's builder) and Inter Roues -- sought around \$27 million to \$30 million and the Indian company -- Swati --

A grateful Obama

Known as a cool and "no drama" person, US President Barack Obama is seen in tears at his election headquarters in Chicago as he tells his campaign workers what a great job they had done. Obama, re-elected a few days ago, rarely displays such raw emotion, revealed in a YouTube video.



China: Then and now

China has come a long, long way. With the Communist Party meeting in Beijing to choose the next generation of leaders that will guide the country into the future, it would be proper to recall the past. When Mao Zedong proclaimed the establishment of the People's Republic of China on October 1, 1949, much of the rest of the world cheered. In the West, it was concern over the rise of communism -- and, remember, there was Stalin's Soviet Union already in place as a force to reckon with -- that defined responses to the

Beijing mulls officials' asset disclosure

Asset disclosure for Chinese officials is likely to be slowly phased in over time, a senior Chinese Communist Party leader said yesterday, as the government grapples with the fraught task of rooting out the corruption. The comments from Wang Yang, a

member of the decision-making Politburo with a reputation as a reformer, came a day after the party opened a weeklong congress to install a new leadership with a call to fight corruption. Speaking to reporters, Wang said that the province he runs, Guangdong, is exploring methods for officials to declare

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