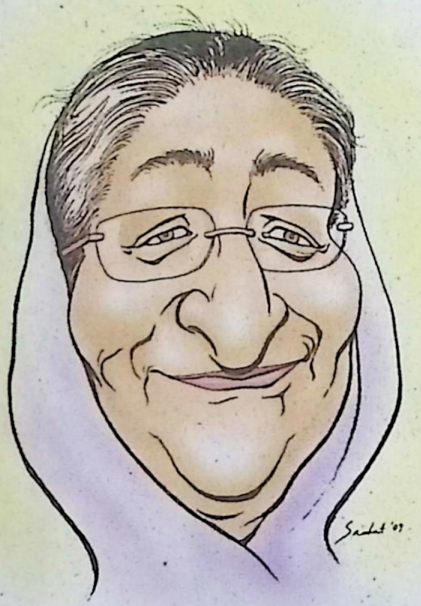
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"No, of course not, because other projects with the World Bank is going on smoothly. Personally, me or my cabinet ministers or my government is not involved in corruption and we are not here to make our fortune."

SHEIKH HASINA

in response to the CBC interviewer, when asked whether the Padma Bridge project, the controversy with the World Bank strained the premier's relation with the international community.

"It's literally a storm in a tea cup as far as I'm concerned."

ABUL HASAN CHOWDHURY KAISER

former state minister for foreign affairs

in response to the CBC interview, on why his name was on the list of people who would receive bribes.

"Garment workers cannot form trade unions due to several obstacles by the owners."

ALI IMAM MAJUMDER

former cabinet secretary

commented in a roundtable on the apparel sector.

"... his remarks might be felt as obtrusive, hurting and provocative."

ABDUL LATIF SIDDIQUE

textiles and jute minister

expressed surprise at the US Ambassador to Bangladesh Dan W Mozena's recent remarks calling on Bangladesh to allow trade unions in the garment sector, adding that whether to allow or forbid trade unions is essentially an internal issue.

"One-third of the Bangladesh Army deployed in the CHTs."

IFTEKHARUZZAMAN

executive director, Transparency International Bangladesh

alleged the government of increasing militarisation of the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) and not withdrawing army camps, in an International CHT Commission (CHTC) discussion.

"... government's self-evaluation on the state of human rights did not reflect reality."

SULTANA KAMAL

president, Human Rights Forum Bangladesh (HRFB)

alleged the government of understating the actual human rights situation and for presenting it to the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva in April, accused the foreign minister of refusing to recognise forced disappearances and extra-judicial killings despite media reports on 151 disappearances between January 2009 and June 2012.