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Mayor Hanif Flyover at Joy Kali Mandir point in the capital. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is set to inaugurate the flyover this afternoon.

Jatrabari flyover opens today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The much-awaited 10-kilometre-long Jatrabari flyover in the capital opens to the public today over three years after its construction work began.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is scheduled to open the flyover at Shanir Akhra point near Dhaka-Chittagong highway at 3:00pm.

She will later address an inaugural ceremony of the flyover opening at Osmani Memorial Hall, said officials of Dhaka South City Corporation.

After the inauguration, the 5.5 km long main flyover, which stretches from Dhaka-Chittagong highway (Kutubkhali) to Nimtoli through Jatrabari, Sayedabad, Kaptanbazar and

Gulistan, will be open for public use.

People will be able to use the up and down-ramps at Shanir Akhra and Chankharpool and one up-ramp at Motijheel, project officials said.

But the up and down-ramps at Janapath, Sayedabad and Dhaka-Mawa road will take four more months to complete as those sites were still occupied illegally, they added.

The Tk 2300 crore flyover is being constructed on a build, own, operate and transfer basis by the concessionaire, Belhasa Accom and Associates Ltd.

The concessionaire is to hand it over to the government after 24 years of concession period.

Named after former Dhaka city

mayor Mohammad Hanif, the flyover is expected to make road connectivity between 32 southeastern districts and the capital faster.

To collect toll from the passing vehicles, five toll plazas will be set up on the ground while another will be on the flyover, the officials said, adding that the toll would be collected by using both manual and digitised systems.

For a single trip, Tk 5 will be collected as toll for a motorbike, Tk 10 for an auto-rickshaw, Tk 35 for a car, Tk 40 for a jeep, Tk 50 for a microbus, Tk 75 for a pickup van, Tk 100 for a minibus, Tk 150 for a bus, Tk 100 for a four-wheeler truck, Tk 150 for a six-wheeler truck and Tk 200 for a trailer.

Kerry postpones Philippine visit

AFP, Bandar Seri Begawan

Secretary of State John Kerry yesterday announced he was postponing a visit to US ally the Philippines due to a tropical storm, in the latest setback to US efforts to engage Asia.

Kerry, who had been drafted in to take over President Barack Obama's cancelled trip through Asia, blamed the cancellation on Tropical Storm Nari, which is bearing down on the northeastern Philippines.

BNP will stop war crimes trial if voted to power

UNB, Jamalpur

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday sought vote for the Awami League in the next election and cautioned the countrymen about the return to power of BNP-Jamaat "who want to lead the country towards destruction."

"If the BNP-Jamaat returns to power they will stop the trial of the war criminals. They also don't want the victory that we've gained under the leadership of our father of the nation," she said at a mammoth public rally at Islampur Health Institute Ground in Islampur upazila in the afternoon.

Hasina said: "The BNP-Jamaat does not understand anything except for killing, looting, corruption, bombing, grenade attack, killing police, and violating

mothers and sisters.

"They always obstruct the country's development as they want the destruction of the country."

In a scathing attack on the opposition leader's "relentless falsehood", Hasina alleged that before the general election in 1996, Khaleda Zia used to say there would be no "azan" in the mosques if the Awami League was voted to power.

"But that proved false. I seek vote for the Awami League....we've initiated the trial of the war criminals and the trial will continue and Insha-Allah, we'll complete the trial. Otherwise, they [BNP-Jamaat] will stop the trial," she said, urging the audience to pledge to vote for her party.

The gathering responded by waiving their hands.

US, Vietnam sign civil nuclear deal

AFP, Bandar Seri Begawan

The United States signed a civilian nuclear pact with Vietnam yesterday under which Hanoi committed not to produce ingredients for atomic weapons, US officials said.

US Secretary of State John Kerry and Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung announced the deal, known as the "123 agreement" on the sidelines of the East Asia Summit in Brunei.

The agreement, which could potentially lead to future sales of US nuclear reactors in Vietnam, "will create numerous opportunities for our businesses between our two countries", Kerry said.

Vietnam's market for nuclear power -- already the second largest in East Asia after China -- is expected to grow to \$50 billion by 2030, he added.

Under the agreement Vietnam has pledged "not to acquire sensitive nuclear technologies, equipment, and processing", a senior US administration official told reporters.

Once the deal has been approved by US President Barack Obama, it will be subject to a 90 day review by the US Congress. If there is no action by lawmakers, the bill will go into force.

Vietnam faces energy shortages and is pursuing nuclear energy, officials have said, with a plan that calls for the first nuclear power plant to be in commercial operation by 2020.

The country wants nuclear energy to provide more than 10 percent of its total power generation needs by 2030.

The communist-ruled nation already has a nuclear cooperation agreement with Russia.

Despite Hanoi's determination to pursue nuclear power, there has been domestic opposition with many voicing fears that the locations selected for the plants make them vulnerable to earthquakes or tsunamis.

CORRUPTION CASE

Mosharraf's jail sentence reduced

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday reduced by two years a three-year jail term a trial court had handed down to AKM Mosharraf Hossain, former minister of state for energy, in a corruption case filed in 1991.

The HC, however, upheld the lower court verdict that also fined Mosharraf Tk 6 lakh or serve six months in jail in failure to pay. The case was filed over taking salary and travel allowances illegally.

He, however, does not need to serve the remaining one year, as he has already served the term after his arrest. He stayed behind bars from 1991 to 1992 and then obtained bail from the High Court.

In January 1991, the then Bureau of Anti-Corruption filed the case with Motijheel Police Station, saying that Mosharraf took Tk 5.54

lakh as chairman of BCIC (Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation) from April 12, 1988 to March 28, 1990.

Although he served as secretary of industries ministry during the time, he took the money in salary and travel allowances illegally, it added.

A Special Judge's Court in Dhaka sentenced Mosharraf to three years' imprisonment and fined him Tk 6 lakh in July 1992.

In the same year, Mosharraf filed an appeal with the HC challenging the verdict.

Yesterday, the HC bench of Justice Abu Bakar Siddique dismissed the appeal but reduced the jail term.

Mosharraf was minister of state for power and mineral resources during the BNP-Jamaat led government from 2001 to 2006.

Shibir men attack

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them away from the Carew Sarbajanin Puja Mandap and stop them from attacking police.

The deceased, Rafiqul Islam, 23, is a student of Badarganj Baqi Billah Madrasa of Boalia village in the upazila.

The pro-Jamaat organisation yesterday staged nationwide protests, demanding release of their leaders, including Shibir president Delwar Hossain, and resorted to vandalism in different parts of the country.

Around 100 Shibir activists brought out a procession at Darshana town at about 3:45pm as part of their pre-scheduled programmes and gathered near the bus stand after marching different streets, police and witnesses said.

On information, a team from Damurhuda Police Station led by officer-in-charge Ahsan Habib rushed to the scene and asked them to leave.

"The Shibir men left the spot and took position at Haldachpur near the puja mandap, vandalised the lights and the platform partially," Abdur Rahim Shah Chowdhury, district super-

intendent of police, told The Daily Star.

Police fired tear gas shells but failed to disperse the protesters, who were throwing brick chips at police. Then they fired 15 rounds of bullets, one of which hit Rafiqul. Around 10 other Shibir activists were injured in the incident, said police.

The SP, who was on the spot, said the Shibir men had wanted to instigate communal violence by attacking the place of worship, adding, "We have brought the situation under control."

Contacted, Ajoy Kumar, president of the puja mandap, confirmed the incident, saying police had not let the activists approach the mandap after driving them away.

Additional members of police and Border Guard Bangladesh have been deployed in different areas of Darshana since last evening.

The SP said police were preparing to launch a drive to arrest the attackers.

Shibir leaders in Kushtia, Meherpur, Chuadanga and Jhenidah called a hartal in the districts for Sunday from 6:00am to 2:00pm in protest at the killing.

Toxic gas kills 4

Another injured taking treatment at KMCH

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jessore

Four people, including three labourers, died and another worker was injured after inhaling toxic gas from an underground water reservoir in Khulna city yesterday afternoon.

The three labourers are Imran, 22, and Nazrul Islam, 22, and Ramzan, 30. They were from different upazilas of Khulna and Bagerhat districts. Another victim is Shaon, 25, a local, who came forward to rescue the labourers.

Injured Shahazad Khan has been undergoing treatment at Khulna

Medical College Hospital (KMCH).

Sources said Imran, Nazrul and Ramzan of five workers first entered the tank of an underground construction building in the city's KDA Avenue area around 1:00pm to clean it.

As their colleagues got no response from the trio, Shahazad got into the tank to rescue the trapped labourers inside the tank and fell sick, sources added.

Later, locals informed police and firefighters of the matter.

On receiving information, firefighters rushed to the spot and rescued the four labourers and the

local, Shaon, from the tank, said Md Mozahar, station officer of Khulna Sadar Fire Service and Civil Defence Station.

They were first taken to a clinic and later referred to KMCH in a critical condition.

Imran and Nazrul died on their way to the hospital while Ramzan and Shaon succumbed to their injuries after half an hour of their admission to the hospital, said Dr Jewel, on-duty doctor of KMCH.

Circumstantial evidence shows that the four died from inhaling toxic gas, the physician added.

Confession leaves

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Though sources at the Detective Branch (DB) of police said Nayon, a high school graduate, is acquainted with computer, they were mum about how the accused knew exactly which file to copy or whether he had authorised access to the tribunal computer, from which the draft verdict was leaked.

Nayon's confessional statement does not mention whether the computer, from which he had copied files, was password protected and if he knew the password.

Nayon told Metropolitan Magistrate Tareq Mainul Islam Bhuiyan that seven to eight persons were involved in the leak, including Fakhru Islam, his assistant advocate Mehedi Hasan and another tribunal staff Faruk Hossain and SQ Chowdhury's manager, whose name Nayon could not remember.

The accused said Faruk, an

office assistant at the tribunal, had introduced him to Mehedi around September 12 or 13.

Mehedi had offered Nayon money for a copy of the verdict, which Mehedi said they needed for submitting a couple of applications to the tribunal.

On September 15, Nayon started delivering the copy of the draft verdict in a pen drive at Fakhru Islam's office at the capital's Kakrail.

He got Tk 500-1,000 every day for the work. Family members of SQ Chowdhury took a copy of the draft judgment every day, added Nayon.

He, however, claimed that he initially was unaware of giving away the draft verdict. He only realised about his mistake on September 25.

The following day, when he declined to supply the draft any more, Fakhru and Mehedi threatened to kill

him if he told anyone about the matter or tried to back out of the arrangement.

Nayon stopped visiting Fakhru's office from September 28.

On October 1 the International Crimes Tribunal-1 awarded death penalty to BNP leader Salauddin Quader Chowdhury for committing wartime offences during the Liberation War in 1971.

Immediately after the pronouncement of the verdict, Salauddin's wife and other family members claimed that the "verdict was leaked."

Nayon and Faruk were arrested on October 4 for their alleged involvement in the leak.

On the same day, a case was filed with Shahbag Police Station against Nayon, Faruk, Mehedi and several other unnamed people under the ICT act.

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Date: 09 October 2013

Invitation for Bids (Works)

Sealed bid are here by invited from the Contractors for the under list works as per terms and conditions stated below:

1	Ministry	Ministry of Cultural Affairs			
2	Name of Agency	Department of Archaeology			
3	Procuring Entity	Project Director, SATIDP, Department of Archaeology, Pratnatattya Bhaban, F-4/A, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh.			
4	Invitation Reference No	Arch/SATIDP/W-05/113/2012-2013/1275			
5	Date of Invitation	09 October 2013			
6	Procurement Method	National competitive bidding (NCB) of ADB's Single-Stage: One-Envelope			
7	Sources of Funds	ADB & GOB			
8	Development Partner	Asian Development Bank			
9	Project Code No	2580-BAN (SF)			
10	Name of the Project	South Asia Tourism Infrastructure Development Project			
11	Bid Package No	W-05			
12	Bid Package Name	Development of Tourist Amenities and Basic Services in and around the Kantajee Temple, including Access Road, Parking, Landscaping etc. under Package W-05			
13	Work Description	Civil construction: Infrastructures (Toilet block, Drainage System, Shops & Food Court, Parking Facilities, Road, Walkways and landscaping, Rest House, Boundary wall, Accommodation, Visitor's shed)			
14	Bid Publication Date	09 October 2013			
15	Bid Selling Last Date	07 November 2013 at 5.00 PM			
16	Last date & Time of Bid submission	10 November 2013 at 01.00 PM			
17	Bid Opening Date & Time	10 November at 01.30 PM			
18	Name & Address of the office Selling Bid Document	Office of the Project Director, SATIDP, Department of Archaeology, Pratnatattya Bhaban, F-4/A, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh.			
19	Name & Address of the offices receiving Bid	Same as Sl. No. 18			
20	Name & Address of the office Opening Bids	Same as Sl. No. 18			
21	Place of Pre- Bid Meeting	Conference Room, Department of Archaeology, Pratnatattya Bhaban, F-4/A, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh.			
22	Date and Time of Pre- Bid Meeting	27 October 2013 at 11.00 AM			
23	Eligibility of Bidders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The qualification criteria include the following: Total Experience: Experience under construction contracts in the role of Contractor, Sub-Contractor, or management Contractor for at least the last 10 (Ten) years prior to the bid submission deadline Contractual Experience: Participation, in at least 1 (One) contract within the last 5 (Five) years, with a value of at least Taka 800 lakh that have been successfully or are substantially completed and that are similar to the proposed works Average Annual Turnover: Minimum average annual turnover of Taka 1300 lakh calculated as total certified payments received for contracts in progress or completed, within the last 5 (Five) years Financial Position: Bidder's net worth calculated as the difference between total assets and total liabilities should be positive. The complete qualification criteria are described in the bidding document. 			
24	List and Brief Description Works				
Pack.#	Name of works	Location	Price of Bid Document in TK.	Bid Security Amount in TK.	Time for Completion
W-05	Development of Tourist Amenities and Basic Services in and around the Kantajee Temple, including Access Road, Parking, Landscaping etc. under Package W-05	Dinajpur	Tk. 2,000.00 in the form of Cash or pay order or bank draft in favor of 'South Asia Tourism Infrastructure Development Project'	Taka 22,000,000.00 (Taka Twenty two lakh) only in the form of pay order or bank draft or bank guarantee in favor of 'South Asia Tourism Infrastructure Development Project'	16(Sixteen) Months
25	Name of official Inviting Bid	Mr. Md. Abubakar Siddique			
26	Designation of official Inviting Bid	Project Director			
27	Address of official inviting Bid	Pratnatattya Bhaban, F-4/A, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh.			
28	Contract details of official inviting Bid	Office of the Project Director, SATIDP, Department of Archaeology, Pratnatattya Bhaban, F-4/A, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh. Telephone No- 880-02-9114138 Fax No : 9142398 E-mail No : pdsatidpbd@gmail.com; raiban65@yahoo.com			

Bid shall be valid for a period of 120 (One Hundred Twenty) days after Bid opening and must be accompanied by the valid Bid security specified above.

Submission of any fraud/false documents will lead to rejection of the bids and legal action. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject all Bids without assigning any reasons whatsoever.

The interested Contractors may obtain further information from the undersigned and purchase the Bid documents in cash/bank draft. Bids will be opened immediately after the deadline of bid submission in the presence of bidders' authorized representatives who choose to attend.

This invitation of Bid is available at the website <http://www.cptu.gov.bd>; and www.adb.org

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Diamond rain

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planets.

Astrophysicists have calculated that the conditions on the two biggest planets of the solar system are enough to produce stable oceans made from diamond.

They claim that powerful lightning storms in the planets' atmospheres cause particles of carbon to form, which then drift down through the gas.

As the carbon falls, it is crushed by the enormous pressures that exist on the two planets, causing them to form dense chunks of diamond.

At even greater depths, the scientists say the diamond will eventually melt to form liquid diamond, which may then form a stable ocean layer.

Dr Kevin Baines, from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, who conducted the work along with Dr Mona Delitsky, from California speciality Engineering, said: "At the boundaries --

locations of sharp increases in density -- on Jupiter and Saturn, there may be diamond rain or diamond oceans sitting as a layer

"Previously, only Uranus and Neptune were thought to have conditions in their interiors that would allow the formation of diamond at their cores."

Baines and Delitsky are due to present their findings to the annual meeting of the Division for Planetary Sciences of the American Astronomical Society.

They used new data from experiments on how diamond changes state at extremely high pressures and temperatures.

They calculated the altitude on each planet at which diamond reaches its melting point.

They say that while on Jupiter most of the diamond material will melt to form a liquid, on Saturn there may be chunks of diamond floating around.