## China to consider more projects

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Although China considered two out of six projects Bangladesh proposed during Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's recent visit to the country, it will consider the remaining schemes after further discussions, diplomatic and foreign ministry sources have said.

It became evident after Chinese Premier Li Keqiang assured the prime minister of taking necessary steps in this regard.

During a meeting with Hasina, he gave instant instructions to the Chinese commerce minister and the authorities concerned to prepare necessary methodologies for implementing the projects proposed by the Bangladesh PM.

Hasina placed six mega projects for discussion and sought Chinese loan and grant support, but the two countries inked deals for two of

However, the two sides entered into six important agreements.

Citing an example, a senior foreign ministry official said a framework agreement for building a deep sea port at Sonadia at a cost of \$14 billion was supposed to be inked this time around. But it was not signed as the issues involving loan condition, design, construction and operation are yet to be resolved.

Talking to The Daily Star yesterday, a Chinese diplomat said some of the project proposals placed by the Bangladesh side were very new and big, involving billions of dollars. China did not get enough time to study those proposals, he added.

It takes even a couple of years for conducting a feasibility study, setting financial terms and completing other necessary jobs prior to signing a project agreement, mentioned the diplomat.

### Joint Statement

Bangladesh and China issued a 20point joint statement after official talks between Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her Chinese counterpart Li Keqiang in Beijing on Tuesday. See our online edition for the joint state-

## All set for the opener

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"The performance by Pitbull, Claudia Leitte, Jennifer Lopez and Olodum will be the climax of the ceremony."

More than 60,000 people will be in Sao Paulo's Corinthians Arena to watch the ceremony and opening match between Brazil and Croatia. Around a billion people are expected to tune in on TV worldwide.

The opening ceremony and the opening match will be brought home live to the people of Bangladesh by the state-owned channel BTV and satellite channels Maasranga TV and Gazi TV.

That performance of the pop stars will, of course, be followed by stars of Brazil and Croatia when the two sides face off to kick off the 20th FIFA World Cup. The Brazil team are desperate to make a powerful statement of intent in the opener as they seek to relieve the suffocating pressure.

Coach Luiz Felipe Scolari has the luxury of being able to field the same team that destroyed world champions Spain 3-0 in the final of last year's Confederations Cup, with Barcelona star Neymar the focal point of a powerful and settled line-up.

The five-time champions are expected to qualify from their group without too much trouble but Barcelona defender Dani Alves admitted there was anxiety ahead of the Sao Paulo opener, as they seek to

"I have always said that if you don't feel anxiety it is not worth being a professional athlete. The opening game is difficult, impor-

"The three points count but so does the idea of sending out a message to our rivals. The most important game at the World Cup, for everyone, is the opening game."

He added: "We will only know on Thursday if everything is OK. We are very confident and we want this moment to come. We want to enjoy the World Cup. We are going to try to give a good image."

game will undoubtedly light up the tournament, which is already devoid Radamel Falcao and Riccardo any previous edition.

## Tax proposals

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2014-15, he mentioned.

Mobile operators, he said, have long been reiterating the need for eliminating the existing Tk 300 supplementary duty and VAT on SIM (subscriber identity module) cards, but that was not reflected in the proposed budget.

It would be very challenging for the operatos to provide service at the current rate if the government does not consider MNOs concerns. This would compel MNOs to raise service charges as they can no longer continue to subsidise SIM tax on behalf of the subscribers, noted Kabir.

He added: The proposed Tk 100 tax on SIM replacement is another hurdle placed in the way of the industry's growth. The customers are asked to pay when they are not getting any additional advantage nor do the operators get any commercial

benefit. This would only make their cost of service to customers more expensive.

In the proposed budget, corporate tax for the non-listed companies has been reduced to 35 percent from 37.5 percent, but it has been kept unchanged for the operators at 40 percent for publicly traded companies and 45 percent for the non-listed companies.

This will discourage non-listed mobile companies from getting listed, creating a bar to a potential boost to the capital market. It will also dampen the spirit of further foreign direct investment in this sector, said the association.

At the same time, the proposed 15 percent VAT on mobile handset imports, on existing 10 percent customs duty, will effectively take the levy imposed on imported devices to 31.5 percent, Kabir said.

### PM AT SANGSAD Zero tolerance to drug smuggling

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minster Sheikh Hasina yesterday told the House that the government had taken the migration issue seriously, as it would include the matter in the post-2015 development agenda.

Replying to lawmakers' queries, the premier also said her government had adopted a "zero tolerance policy" to combat smuggling of illegal drugs in the country.

Bangladesh is one of those countries that consider the migration issue as an indicator of the post-2015 development target, she added.

"Migration should not be considered from a limited point of view of only remittance income," she said, adding, "It is noticeable that international migration has been inevitably recognised as the overall domestic development in the sourcedestination-transit countries."

She said the government continued its diplomatic efforts to ensure fair, safe, honourable and prioritised migration globally considering the contribution of the migrants. Responding to a question from

Jatiya Party lawmaker AKM Maidul Islam about smuggling of illegal drugs, she said, "The Department of Narcotics Control, police, Rab [Rapid Action Battalion], BGB [Border Guard Bangladesh] and Coast Guard are working relentlessly to that end." Speaker Shirin Sharmin

Chaudhury, who chaired the session, tabled the question-answer of the prime minister and her cabinet colleagues.

Hasina said a new temporary circle office was set up at Teknaf upazila in Cox's Bazar on October 27 last year to prevent smuggling of the severe and much-talked-about narcotics yaba.

She claimed that smuggling of narcotics had dropped significantly and huge quantities of narcotics, including yaba and Phensedyl, had been seized after BGB stepped up its round-the-clock surveillance, search operation and monitoring.

The premier further said the Indian government had prohibited setting up of a Phensedyl factory within 50km of the border, and BGB had handed over a list of phensedyl factories across the border to Indian Border Security Force, requesting it to shut those down.

# Villagers hand over 14 Rab men to cops

Later freed, sent back to force

STAR REPORT

Locals at a remote village in Manikganj caught 14 Rapid Action Battalion members and handed them over to Shibalaya police in the early hours yesterday.

Police later handed over the members to the high officials of Rab-4.

Of them, five are identified as Maj HM Selim-uz-Zaman, Lt Sarfaraz, Lance Corporals Wajuddin and Alamgir and soldier Shafiq of Rab headquarters, policesaid. The others are Deputy Assistant

Director Enamul, Sergeant Abdul Alim, Sub-inspector Hanif, Assistant Subinspector Yunus, Corporals Kabirul and Rafique, Constable Sahabur and soldiers Azibul and Didar of the Rab-4. The incident happened around

2:30am at Saljana village under Shibalay upazila of the district, about 103 kilometres away from the capital. According to the locals, a group of 30

people noticed that a black microbus remained stationed on a muddy road in the middle of the night. The group had been guarding the

village every night for the last two years as there were incidents of robbery in the locality. The presence of the vehicle aroused

suspicion among the group members

and they approached the microbus and found five men there.

Habibur, a member of the group, said as they wanted to know about the identity of the strangers, they introduced themselves as Rab men and said they would go to Faridpur via their village.

"It raised doubts in our minds as there is no way to go to Faridpur via our village," he said.

As the news spread, several hundred villagers rushed to the spot and surrounded the microbus and its passengers.

Sensing trouble, the Rab men then showed their identity cards. In the meantime, another group of nine Rab men joined the five. The second group told the villagers that they had come to

arrest an accused in plainclothes. Finding the two group's statements contradictory, locals called Shibalaya police.

Police later took the Rab men to Shibalaya Police Station, said OC Rakibuz-Zaman.

Rab Media Wing Director Habibur Rahman said they did not inform the local police of their operation beforehand, assuming that it might foil their

He claimed that the microbus got stuck on the muddy road and the Rab men went to a house in the village to collect a log so that they could pull their

### **UNHCR** worried FROM PAGE 2 Bengal. Reports of abuse and exploita-

assistance and justice for these groups living outside the camps," UNHCR spokesperson Adrian Edwards said on June 10. He was speaking at a press briefing at

the Palais des Nations in Geneva, according to a statement released by the organisation.

Over 86,000 people have left on boats since June 2012 from Myanmar and Bangladesh, the statement said.

"This includes more than 16,000 people in the second half of 2012, 55,000 in 2013 and nearly 15,000 between January and April this year. The majority are Rohingya, although anecdotally the proportion of Bangladeshis has grown this year," the statement said.

Two years after inter-communal violence erupted in Myanmar's Rakhine state, thousands of people are still leaving by boat through the Bay of

tion as people seek safety and stability elsewhere are increasing, the UN Refugee Agency said. While 730 people were reported to

have died during such journeys in the second half of 2012, that number fell to 615 for all of last year, possibly due to the use of larger, more stable cargo boats by smuggling networks. People who have made it to

Thailand, Malaysia or Indonesia have told UNHCR staff about overcrowded boats that sometimes lost their way or developed engine problems. Some ran out of food and water due to the long periods at sea. Some who died on the boats are said to have been thrown overboard.

Adrian Edwards once again emphasised on temporary stay arrangements for the Rohingya refugees until the situation stabilizes sufficiently in Rakhine state for them to return.

### গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

বাংলাদেশ সরকারি কর্ম কমিশন সচিবালয় আগারগাঁও, শেরে বাংলা নগর ঢাকা-১২০৭

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তারিখঃ ১০ জুন, ২০১৪ বিষয়ঃ পদোন্নতি বিধিমালা-২০০২ এর ২য় তফসিলের ২(ঙ) অনুযায়ী সরকারের উপ-সচিব, যুগ্ম সচিব, অতিরিক্ত সচিব ও সচিব পদে পদোন্নতি পরীক্ষা-২০১৪ প্রসঙ্গে।

সরকারের উপ-সচিব, যুগা সচিব, অতিরিক্ত সচিব ও সচিব পদে পদোরতি বিধিমালা-২০০২ এর ২য় তফসিলের ২(৬) অনুচ্ছেদ এবং একই বিধিমালার ২(ক) অনুচ্ছেদ অনুযায়ী কোন কর্মকর্তা শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতার জন্য নির্ধারিত নম্বরের ৬০ শতাংশের কম অর্থাৎ ১৫ নম্বরের কম নম্বর প্রাপ্ত হলে তার সরকারি কর্ম কমিশনের মাধ্যমে উপযুক্ততা নিরূপণকল্পে উচ্চতর পদে দায়িত্ব পালনে সক্ষম বিষয়ে পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণের বিধান রয়েছে। উক্ত বিধিমালার ২য় তফসিলের ২(ক) অনুচ্ছেদ অনুযায়ী

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Law caught napping

from 2002 to 2003, about 93 percent of the 7.4 million child labourers are engaged in work in unre-

Labour today, The Daily Star revisited some factories in the informal sector to see whether the situa-

sector, the newspaper kept on visiting the factories since 2009, particularly those producing rope, cookware and balloon, and also moulding workshops.

bled to 12 from seven in Keraniganj over the last four years, according to Rashed.

the same Keraniganj rope factory for five years, while his eight-year-old brother Mamun switched his job to a restaurant for Tk 1,200 a month. Sumon's co-worker Ibrahim, a physicallychallenged boy, also changed his job, and moved

somewhere else with his parents. Ibrahim was

beaten by his supervisor at the factory, and the incident was reported by The Daily Star on December 10, 2009. On condition of anonymity, a worker at the same factory said police and NGO workers visited the

factory after the report was published, only to be entertained by the factory owner. On June 9, this correspondent witnessed at least

in Keraniganj. Shahjahan Ali, now 42, started working at a cookware factory in Kamrangirchar at the age of 12.

cookware in 60 factories in his area alone. He put the total number of child labourers in

Working more than 43 hours a week is considered detrimental to a child's physical and mental

at extremely high temperatures, for a wage as low as Tk 30 a day, found The Daily Star. The country didn't have a comprehensive child

In 2011, the then Unicef Country Director Carel De Rooy was frustrated at child labour scenario in Bangladesh and the government's indifference to the issue given that half of the country's population

Grown up in Brazil, Rooy recollected how denial of a dignified life turned generations of children into criminals only in four decades. He compared the situation in Bangladesh to the one prevailing in

realises the gravity of the situation. Bangladesh is a country having no mentionable mineral resources. The only resource it has is the people. The government must invest on children to maximise their potential or else these children will become a huge liability," said Rooy.

BHUJPUR MAYHEM IN CTG

## Charge sheets in 3 cases submitted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police yesterday submitted charge sheets in three cases filed over the brutal mayhem at Bhujpur in Fatikchhari upazila of Chittagong, which killed three Awami League men

and injured some 200 others last year. As many as 197, 207 and 219 people were accused in the cases filed over killing, vandalism, arson attack and mayhem, said the officer-in-charge of Bhujpur Police Station.

Violence erupted in Kazirhat area of Bhujpur union on April 11 last year as alleged Jamaat-Shibir men along with several thousand villagers attacked an AL motor procession and law enforcers following a rumour that they had killed the Mohtamim (principal) of a local madrasa.

The attackers also set fire to some 150 vehicles, including 100 motorbikes and a firefighting vehicle.

Following the four-hour-long violence, five cases were filed against more than 16,471 people, including 471 named.

## No power in 6 villages as storm uproots poles

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Power supply to six villages under Kamapara union of Sdullapur upazila has remained snapped for the last three days as electric poles were uprooted by a storm on Monday night. At least ten electric poles from

Kamaroara to Keshalidanga were uprooted during the storm, plunging the six villages into darkness.

The affected villages are Keshalidanga, Hat Bamuni, Singi Khamar, Dhopadanga, Begchi and Kalabagan.

While visiting the union yesterday, villagers alleged that local staff of Power Development Board (PDB) didn't take immediate steps to replace the damaged poles and restore power

supply to the villages.

### বাংলাদেশ সরকারি কর্মকমিশন সচিবালয়, ঢাকা

tant," said Alves.

A win for the hosts in the opening

of some of the stars of the modern game -- Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Gareth Bale due to the failure of their respective countries to qualify while the likes of Franck Ribery, Montolivo, among others, due to injuries. But thankfully there are plenty of stars left in the 32-team rosters who will be catching the imagination of the people of the world over the course of the next 32 days. And with the goalline technology in place for the first time -- one of five new technologies to be introduced this time -- there will hopefully be lesser issues to debate than

cognised industries. On the eve of the World Day Against Child Kamrangirchar at 4,000.

tion has changed. To get an idea of child labour in the informal

The number of rope factories has almost dou-

A 12-year-old boy, Sumon, was still working at

two incidents of physical assault on child labourers

Traffickers kill 5 FROM PAGE 1 stopped around 12 kilometres south-east off St Martin's Island to take more passengers.

"When we protested, a scuffle broke out with

Belaluddin, who was rescued from the boat. "Then they started hacking us indiscriminately. At one stage, the traffickers called their accomplices in Myanmar through mobile phones. Then they came in boats around 12:00noon and started firing at us," he said, adding that the place seemed not far from hacked, were being treated at the 25-bed St the Myanmar coast as the cohorts arrived within a very Martin's Hospital and the camps of Coast Guard and

short time.

positioned near the Myanmar border. The miscreants then turned away towards Myanmar," Harun-ar-Rashid told The Daily Star. In the meantime, a passenger sent out an SOS to different people, using his mobile phone and

"The armed traffickers arrived in three trawlers

and fired indiscriminately at the boat, which was

later talked to journalists over the phone. Getting the SOS from the stranded boat, Coast Guard sent out rescue teams.

After the first team reached the spot, the panicky passengers tried to jump from the stranded trawler into the much smaller rescue boat, prompting

He said at least a thousand kids are producing

health and a "hazardous job" for a child. Generally, most child labourers work 13 hours a day in deplorable working conditions, sometimes

policy until last year when it was decided for the first time that anyone below the age of 18 is a child.

is children.

Mexico, Nigeria, Senegal and Kenya. "This is unfortunate that none of your leaders

# the coast guards to back off and call in reinforcements.

the gang members on the trawler," said very rough," Harun-ar-Rashid said.

> station this morning, he told The Daily Star. The injured, who were either bullet-hit or

> More than 250 people were killed when three trawlers carrying people to Malaysia illegally capsized in the sea last year. Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment

Minister Khandker Mosharraf Hossain said his

ministry always discouraged illegal attempts by indi-

police on the Island.

viduals to go overseas for jobs. "We have a law which ensures maximum punishment for human traffickers, who transport people through illegal means for overseas jobs," he told reporters at his ministry yesterday.

He also sought a more active role from the home ministry to prevent such occurrences.

### Once reinforcements arrived, they started towing the trawler and reached the island coast around 5:00pm. "It took longer than expected as the sea was All the passengers and detainees were kept at the island and they would be sent to Teknaf police