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Investment main focus

Japanese PM arrives today

REZAUL KARIM

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe arrives here today on a brief but significant visit when he is expected to announce big investment proposals as well as financial and technical supports to help Bangladesh build up industrial base.

Dhaka is giving highest importance to investment issues, including Japan's assistance in ensuring energy security and infrastructure development, said diplomatic sources.

Since Abe took over in December 2012 for the second time, Bangladesh-Japan ties have witnessed an upward swing.

When Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina visited Japan on May 25-28 this year, the two leaders affirmed their commitment to further strengthen bilateral cooperation and launched the "Japan-Bangladesh Comprehensive Partnership"

Hasina and Abe this time are set to announce to further elevate the Bangladesh-Japan ties to a "special global and strategic height" by advancing the comprehensive partnership.

"The visit will mark a defining moment in our relationship. It will be registered in history as one that significantly elevated the level of Bangladesh-Japan engagement across areas," a

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Shinzo Abe

Remove barriers

Japanese investors want hassle-free environment for doing business here

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

While Bangladesh eyes major investments from Japan, the Asian economic giant has identified some investment barriers and wants these to be removed.

One of the key impediments Japan has found is that Bangladesh does not have an office to offer one-stop services to ensure hassle-free completion of necessary formalities for the investors to start new businesses.

Bangladesh will convey its commitment and apprise Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of the steps to be taken to address these issues during his two-day visit beginning today.

Abe's visit follows Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's tour to Japan in May last.

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DEADLY MUGGING Khilgaon OC withdrawn

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Officer-in-Charge Sirajul Islam Sheikh of Khilgaon Police Station has been withdrawn yesterday reportedly for failing to identify the muggers who shot a businessman dead and wounded his father Thursday night.

Khilgaon police said they could not either identify or arrest anyone in connection with the killing and mugging.

After the incident, victim's relatives had claimed

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ABUSE OF ADOLESCENT GIRLS

Bangladesh top in South Asia: Unicef

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In Bangladesh, one in every five girls aged between 15 and 19 is sexually abused by her husband or partner, a Unicef study has found.

"In this region [South Asia], this type of abuse is most common in Bangladesh," according to the study based on data collected from 2005 to 2013.

The rate of adolescent girls who ever experienced physical and/or sexual violence is 47 percent in Bangladesh. The rate of women aged 20 to 49 years who ever experi-

enced such violence is even higher in the country, close to 50 percent.

The report, titled "Hidden in plain sight," says the adolescent Bangladeshi victims are less likely to report the matter than adults, with more than four in ten girls convinced that wife-beating is sometimes justifiable.

In Pakistan, 53 percent victims believe their husbands are entitled to punish them. The rate is 70 percent in Bhutan.

The thought is prevalent among 89 percent of girls in Guinea, followed by 84 percent in Afghanistan.

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A farmer tends to his vegetable field in Keraniganj. Floods damaged some vegetable fields in districts around Dhaka. The districts supply the lion's share of vegetables to the capital and supply has been adequate. But, using the floods as an excuse, traders hiked prices. More photos on page 2.

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Flood used as excuse

Vegetable traders raise prices in city claiming inadequate supply though major supply areas unaffected by flood

GAZI TOWHID AHMED

Vegetable traders in kitchen markets across Dhaka are using the floods in the northern region as an excuse to charge higher prices.

Consumers are bearing the brunt of inflated prices that traders blame on disruptions to the supply chain.

Popular vegetables like green chilli, aubergine, pointed gourd, sponge gourd, spine gourd and ridge gourd come to Dhaka from the northern parts of Bangladesh, accounting for 30 percent of the demand for vegeta-

bles in Dhaka.

However, there is an adequate supply of vegetables in Dhaka from other areas like Comilla, Savar, Narsingdi and Manikganj.

"The supply chain has been disrupted as floodwaters have spoiled most vegetable fields in the region," alleged Lokman Hossain, general secretary of Karwan Bazar Khuddro Kachamal Aarot Babshayi Bahumukhi Samabay Samity, an association of kitchen market retailers.

Demand is high while supply is

low and that is taking a toll on the consumers, said Hossain.

From last week, the price of green chilli soared by Tk 40 to stand at Tk 120 a kilogram, aubergine by Tk 20 to Tk 80, ridge gourd by Tk 20 to Tk 60, pointed gourd by Tk 10 to Tk 40, spine gourd by Tk 10 to Tk 50, and sponge gourd by Tk 10 to Tk 50.

Most traders are charging higher prices for vegetables than the prices given by the Department of Agricultural Marketing.

Manik Dev, a businessman, bought

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