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Saarc deals 'still possible'

Railway, motor vehicle agreements to be finalised within 3 months: FM

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Motor Vehicles Agreement and the Regional Railways Agreement, which were not signed during the 18th Saarc Summit, would be finalised by Saarc transport ministers within the next few months.

"Saarc leaders agreed that the transport ministers will sit within three months to finalise both the deals," said Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali yesterday while briefing the media on the just-concluded summit in Kathmandu.

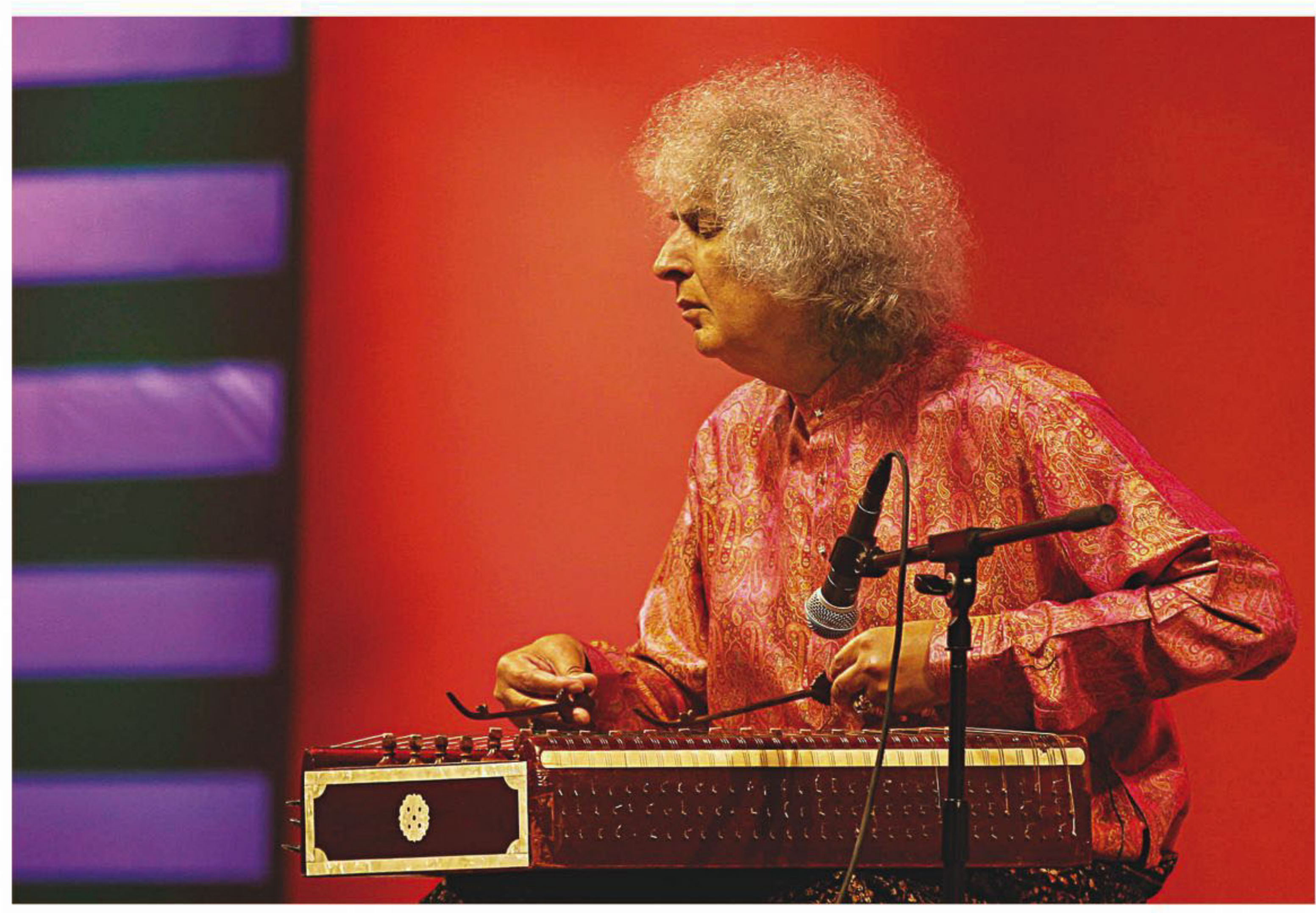
Bangladesh and India were ready to ink the deal but differences of opinions among some member countries, particularly Pakistan, became a roadblock.

The foreign minister at his ministry talked about the active participation of Bangladesh and the dynamic role of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in various fields, especially in strengthening intra-regional connectivity for the socio-economic development, peace and stability in South Asia.

"She urged the Saarc leaders to forget all differences and come forward with political willingness to improve the standard of living of South Asian people," he said.

He said signing of the Saarc Framework Agreement for Energy Cooperation, which would pave the way for buying-selling power among member countries, was possible due to the political will and consensus among the leaders.

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Pandit Shivkumar Sharma mesmerising the audience with his santoor on the third day of the Bengal Classical Music Festival 2014 at the Army Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON



Into the mystique of santoor

FAHMIM FERDOUS

Pandit Shivkumar Sharma, one of the most revered figures in Indian classical music, left an indelible imprint on an audience of thousands yesterday in a spectacular performance of the santoor, employing all its melodic potential. Just a day after his son won roaring applause from the audience, Pandit Sharma weaved a web of melodies with Raga Charukesi. Pandit Yogesh Shamsi -- another master of his craft -- accompanied him note for note on the tabla.

He finished with a short yet appealing dhun on Raga

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People will decide

Nisha Biswal on timetable for next polls

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

A top US diplomat yesterday said it is for the people of Bangladesh to decide when to hold a general election.

Nisha Desai Biswal, visiting US assistant secretary of state for South and Central Asian affairs, said her country stood for strong and inclusive democracy in Bangladesh and would continue to work on moving forward the bilateral relations.

"In terms of elections, it is for the people of Bangladesh to determine the time-table for such," she said, apparently avoiding Washington's latest position on the debate over a general election in Bangladesh.

While addressing a pre-departure press briefing at the American Club in the afternoon, she hastened to add: "I would say we are very focused on how we can move forward in the relationship in many areas that we think important areas of convergence between the two countries."



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Lobbying won't work

Syed Ashraf on Khaleda's meeting with Biswal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League General Secretary Syed Ashraful Islam yesterday said nothing can force the Hasina-led government to step down before the end of its tenure. So, BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia would better prepare for the next general election.

Referring to Khaleda's meetings with US Assistant Secretary of State Nisha Desai Biswal, Ashraf said it won't bring any result no matter how many times the BNP chief meets the US diplomat.

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Santu threatens non-cooperation

SLOW IMPLEMENTATION OF CHT DEAL

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity will go for a non-cooperation movement against the government if sincere efforts are not made to achieve conspicuous progress in implementing the Chittagong Hill Tracts Peace Accord, 1997 by April 30 next year.

Three days before the 17th anniversary of signing of the CHT peace accord, PCJSS president Jyotirindra



Bodhipriya Larma, known as Santu Larma, gave this ultimatum to the government at a press conference in the capital yesterday.

The PCJSS will also resist all activities that go against the spirit of the peace accord and the interest of the Jumma people, Larma said.

"The nature of the non-cooperation movement will depend

Ex-MP Sakhawat held as war crimes suspect

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police arrested war crimes suspect former BNP and Jamaat lawmaker Mawlana Sakhawat Hossain at Uttar Khan in Dhaka yesterday evening.

Sakhawat, 70, and former MP of Jessore-6 (Keshabpur) constituency, went into hiding for months.

Law enforcers arrested him at the ground floor of a house in Masterpara of Uttar Khan around 6:00pm, Yunus Ali, officer-in-charge



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With photos of the missing fishermen, relatives gather at the Majhirghat in Chittagong yesterday hoping for news of their loved ones. MV Bandhan went down in the Bay early Friday with 26 crew members. PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

The last call

DWAIPAYAN BARUIA, Ctg

"This could be the last talk between us. I may go out of network soon. We have to go deeper into the sea for a better catch" -- this is what Mohammad Rahim told his wife Soma over the phone on Thursday night, only hours before his fishing vessel capsized in the Bay.

"He told me laughingly, 'I might not be able to see you again,' and I mildly scolded him for saying that," Soma told this correspondent yesterday afternoon as her wait at AK Khan Ghat in Chittagong was growing longer with no update on the fate of 26 fishermen missing in the capsized.

The 22-year-old is pregnant with her first child and had come from Bhola's Lalmohon soon after hearing the news.

But it's neither the exhausting wait nor the general sickness that was worrying her. She was sobbing because her husband's joke was nearing a cruel truth with every passing moment.

Rahim, 25, was on FV Bandhan when a merchant ship hit it at Elephant Point in the Bay causing the fishing vessel to turn turtle

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No dad, you can't park here

MAIL ONLINE

Sporting hi-vis jackets and armed with notebooks, these pupils are on a mission to stop parents parking illegally outside their school.

And anyone who doesn't want to be a total embarrassment to their children had better stick to the rules.

Details of offending cars are read out over a Tannoy by the youngsters for all and sundry to hear.

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The Daily Star

Integral Energy Limited ONLINE POLL

Do you think that Education Ministry has failed to stop question paper leak during public exams?

Yes (90%)

No (10%)

TOTAL VOTES: 160

TODAY'S POLL

PCJSS chief Santu Larma has threatened a non-cooperation movement from May 1 if the govt does not take effective measures to implement CHT peace accord. Do you find it rational?

PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE AT www.thedailystar.net

DEATH OF PROTESTERS IN 2011 Mubarak cleared of murder charge

AFP, Cairo

An Egyptian court yesterday dismissed a murder charge against former president Hosni Mubarak over the deaths of protesters during a 2011 uprising, after a dramatic retrial in which he defended his three-decade rule.

The court also acquitted the ex-strongman of a corruption charge, but he will remain in prison because he is serving a three-year sentence in a separate graft case.



Seven of his security commanders, including the feared former interior minister Habib al-Adly, were acquitted over the demonstrator deaths.

Cheers broke out in the courtroom and Mubarak's two sons and co-defendants stooped down to kiss his forehead when the judge read out the verdict, as Mubarak lay in an upright stretcher inside the caged dock.

The sons, Alaa and Gamal, had been

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PRAYER TIMING November 30

| | Azan | Jamaat |
|---------|-------|--------|
| Fazr | 5-10 | 5-45 |
| Zohr | 12-45 | 1-15 |
| Asr | 3-45 | 4-00 |
| Maghrib | 5-19 | 5-22 |
| Esha | 7-00 | 7-30 |

Source: Islamic Foundation

ঢাকা উত্তর সিটি কর্পোরেশন

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ডিএনসিসি'র আওতাধীন এলাকায় বিলবোর্ডে স্মারক নং ব্যবহার সংক্রান্ত জরুরি বিজ্ঞপ্তি

ইদানিং লক্ষ্য করা যাচ্ছে যে, ঢাকা উত্তর সিটি কর্পোরেশনের আওতাধীন এলাকায় বিভিন্ন দপ্তর/সংস্থা/ব্যক্তি/প্রতিষ্ঠান কর্তৃক যত্রতত্রভাবে অনুমতিবিহীন বিলবোর্ড/টি-সাইনসহ প্রচারপামুলক ব্যানার/ফেব্রন ইত্যাদি স্থাপন করা হচ্ছে। ঢাকা উত্তর সিটি কর্পোরেশনের আওতাধীন এলাকায় যে কোন ধরনের বিজ্ঞাপন ফলক স্থাপনের জন্য ডিএনসিসির পূর্ব অনুমতি প্রয়োজন। "The Municipal Corporation (Taxation) Rules, 1986" এর rule 74(1) অনুসারে বিজ্ঞাপনী কর/মডেল ট্যাক্স পরিশোধকরতঃ ডিএনসিসি'র অনুমোদন গ্রহণপূর্বক আগামী ২৮/১২/২০১৪খ্রিঃ তারিখের মধ্যে স্মারক নংসহ প্রতিষ্ঠানের নাম ব্যবহার করার জন্য সংশ্লিষ্ট দপ্তর/সংস্থা/ব্যক্তি/প্রতিষ্ঠান এবং বিজ্ঞাপনদাতা ও বিজ্ঞাপনী প্রতিষ্ঠানকে অনুরোধ করা হলো।

আগামী ০১/০১/২০১৫ তারিখ হতে স্মারক নং বিহীন স্থাপিত বিলবোর্ড/টি-সাইনসহ প্রচারপামুলক ব্যানার/ফেব্রন ইত্যাদি অবৈধ হিসাবে গণ্য করে উচ্ছেদ অভিযানের মাধ্যমে অপসারণ করা হবে। একই সাথে বিজ্ঞাপনদাতা ও বিজ্ঞাপনী প্রতিষ্ঠানের বিরুদ্ধে ঢাকা সিটি কর্পোরেশন অর্ডিন্যান্স 1983 (ORD, XL Of 1983) এর Section 69 মোতাবেক আইনানুগ ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হবে।

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