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# Trial run of motor vehicle deal goes well

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As a trial run for the landmark four-nation motor vehicle agreement, a goods-laden truck from Kolkata reached Agartala in north-east India yesterday by travelling through Bangladesh. It took the truck less than three days to reach its destination, a journey that would have stretched to eight days had it solely plied through the Indian territory, said Feroz Jahangir, head of ocean freight at DHL Global Forwarding, which conducted the shipment. Signed by Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal in Thimphu in June, the BBIN Motor Vehicle Agreement will allow seamless transit of passengers, goods and transit cargo between the four countries. The freight truck departed Kolkata on Sunday morning and by evening it entered Bangladesh through the Benapole border. It then drove through the Bangabandhu bridge over the Jamuna river, Gazipur, Brahmanbaria and Akhaura to re-enter the Indian territory. It reached Agartala in



A truck of DHL Global Forwarding carrying goods from Kolkata passes through Akhaura in Bangladesh to enter Agartala in India yesterday.

the north-eastern state of Tripura at around 1.30pm. It covered 559 kilometres. Had the truck just travelled through the Indian territory, the distance would have been 1,559 kilometres. The truck carried two consignments -- one for Bata Shoes, which was offloaded in Benapole, and another for Indian mobile operator Vodafone for drop-off to Agartala. Jahangir said it did not take them much time to complete the formalities at the Akhaura border as Bangladeshi officials checked the goods in the truck at Benapole border and sealed it. The customs officials in Akhaura just checked if the seal was intact and let the truck go.

The road from Brahmanbaria to Akhaura is very narrow, winding and of low-quality. If it is broader and straight, it would be much easier to carry goods, Jahangir said. Police escorted the truck when it travelled from Benapole to Akhaura, while officials of the roads and highways division enquired about the truck from time to time. A customs official from India accompanied the truck to see for himself the problems faced on the way. Jahangir said the official is happy about the overall management of the trial run, but felt some parts of the roads need improvement. He also called for refreshment spots along the route for truck drivers. Vijay Chhibber, secretary of the Indian ministry of road transport and highways, and Miah Md Mainul Kabir, Bangladesh's deputy high commissioner in Kolkata, inaugurated the trial run in Kolkata on Sunday. At present, work on fixing the fees and other issues is going on.

# Social Business Summit kicks off in Berlin today

MD FAZLUR RAHMAN, from Berlin

Today, Berlin is considered the idea factory of Europe, a place where unusual concepts are born, where aspiring entrepreneurs from around the world come to jump-start their dreams. And, hoping to leverage this wealth of ideas to find solutions to poverty eradication and unemployment, Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus has brought his passion project, the Global Social Business Summit, to the city this year. The four-day event, which is the seventh of its kind, will kick off in the German capital today to explore how social businesses can address each of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that were unveiled in September by the United Nations. The SDGs are a set of ambitious but achievable milestones that can change the world for the better for everyone. If carried out properly, they will eradicate poverty, fight inequality and injustice, and combat climate change. Grameen Creative Lab in Germany and the Yunus Centre in Bangladesh are organising the event on the grounds of the Berlin Tempelhof Airport in partnership with German tourism agency visitBerlin, the YY Foundation of Germany and Yunus Social Business. More than 1,000 participants from around 70 countries are expected to attend the programme. Participants will hear from 50 international guest speakers from a diverse range of backgrounds: from corporate, philanthropic and social business leaders to scientists and visionaries, said Saskia Bruysten, co-founder and chief executive of Yunus Social Business Germany. This year, Dr Yunus will not be able to attend the summit in person due to ill health, said Hans Reitz, head of Global Social Business Summit, in a statement. He will give a speech in a video message today. Despite his sudden illness, Yunus was bullish about the success of the summit. "There should be no time for disappointment, because I am more than convinced that you will make this summit a remarkable gathering," he said in a statement. Other than the SDGs, topics such as the Three Zeros (zero poverty, zero unemployment, zero carbon emission), the social business ecosystem, and fostering partnerships to create social impact will be discussed, Bruysten said.

# China seeks railway electrification deal in Bangladesh

REZAUL KARIM and WASIM BIN HABIB, from Chengdu, China

China has proposed to introduce an 'electrification system' in Bangladesh on the country's rail networks to allow for a faster, easier and efficient transport service and boost capacity. "As a fast developing country, Bangladesh should immediately start electrification of its railway lines so that the transportation capacity can be increased dramatically in the future," said Hu Weidong, vice president of state-owned Dongfang Electric Corporation (DEC). Speaking to visiting journalists from Bangladesh and Nepal at the DEC headquarters, he said he already pitched the idea to Md Amzad Hossain, director general of Bangladesh Railway, while on a visit to Bangladesh last week. A railway electrification system supplies power to trains or trams without an on-board prime mover or local fuel supply. Electrifying key routes on the railway will mean faster, greener, quieter and more reliable journeys for thousands of passengers.

# Govt mulls ways to invigorate Pangaon

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

The government mulls ways to allow imports of some items such as cotton and capital machinery through the Pangaon Inland Container Terminal (PICT) to bring dynamism to the near-idle terminal near Dhaka. However, business leaders said such attempts will not help make the terminal fully operational, unless the government cuts container tariff and ensures a regular movement of vessels on the river route to Chittagong port. "The authorities will not be able to make Pangaon fully operational without ensuring competitive tariff for containers, compared to road transport fares," Mohammad Hatem, first vice president of Exporters Association of Bangladesh, told The Daily Star after a meeting at the National Board of Revenue yesterday. NBR Chairman Md Nojibur Rahman chaired the meeting. Other charges tied to the use of the port and vessels also need to be reduced to attract users, according to Hatem. "We suggest the authorities declare an incentive package for three years, to popularise the terminal." To transport a 20-foot loaded container on the river route from Chittagong to Pangaon, businesses are required to pay tariff at \$220 (Tk 17,132). Costs go up further due to other charges. As a result, the total cost of transporting containers from Pangaon is higher than road transport fares, said Hatem. Businesses are required to pay between Tk 10,000 and Tk 20,000 to transport goods from Chittagong to Dhaka by road.

# Salaries of new pay scale from January: Muhith

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Government employees may draw their salaries as per the new pay scale from January, according to Finance Minister AMA Muhith. "I hope the order will be issued by this month," Muhith told reporters at his secretariat yesterday. The new pay scale was made effective from July. The salaries for December, which the employees will draw in January, will be as per the new pay scale, Muhith said.

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# HC stays case on Heidelberg Cement scam

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The High Court yesterday stayed a case on the 1996 stockmarket scam, the verdict of which was scheduled to be delivered on November 8 by a special tribunal. Justice Naima Haider and Justice Mustafa Zaman Islam passed the order after AS Shahudul Islam Bulbul, a defendant in the case, filed a writ petition. The petition challenged a clause in the Securities and Exchange Commission Ordinance of 1969 that put the "burden of proof" on the defendants, said Mohsen Rashid, Bulbul's lawyer. With the stay order, the proceedings of the case will remain suspended at the tribunal, he said. Earlier on October 27, the special tribunal fixed November 8 to deliver the verdict on the case, which involves Rakibur Rahman, former president of the Dhaka Stock Exchange; AS Shahudul Islam Bulbul, a former director of the premier bourse; and Abu Tayeb, the then chairman of Chittagong Cement and Clinker Company.

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