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QUOTE
"Bangladesh wasn't born to live off others or on the mercy of others and be dependent on them."
PRIME MINISTER
SHEIKH HASINA
AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE MAIN WORK OF PADMA BRIDGE, REFERRING TO WORLD BANK'S SUSPENSION OF FINANCING FOR THE PROJECT

Time to build it

PM opens main work of much-awaited Padma bridge, says Bangladesh needs donors' assistance, not handouts

UNB, Janjira, Shariatpur

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said that by building the Padma bridge with local funding, Bangladesh wants to show the world it is now capable of implementing any mega project on its own.

Addressing the groundbreaking ceremony of the Padma Multipurpose Bridge Project and river training work at Janjira, she said her government's decision to implement this dream project with own funding was a challenge.

"The heroic Bangali nation who earned independence through an armed struggle is holding its head high today ... it now wants assistance from its development partners, not handouts," she said.

The prime minister first opened the river training work at Naodoba in Janjira and later inaugurated the groundbreaking of the main bridge at

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in a cheerful mood as she visits the Padma bridge project site at Janjira of Shariatpur. She inaugurated construction of the bridge and the river training work yesterday.

PHOTO: BSS

Massive road-rail work to follow

Army given most jobs; happy communication boss sings praises of PM



HASAN JAHID TUSHER

Massive development work of road and rail infrastructure is underway to optimise benefits of the Padma bridge, said Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader.

New railroads, additional roads and a flyover would be built before the 6.15km bridge opens to traffic in December 2018.

"Infrastructure development centring the Padma bridge is our next priority," Quader said in an interview with The Daily Star on the eve of the inauguration of

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PAKISTAN LYING, STILL

Pakistan's own Hamoodur Rahman Commission found "sufficient evidence" to try the top army generals, including Yahya Khan, for committing atrocities in Bangladesh but Bhutto kept the report under wraps to save the face of the powerful army and satisfy his own hunger for power.

Shame they hid for 28 years



Justice Hamoodur Rahman handing over his report to Bhutto. PHOTO: FILE

INAM AHMED and SHAKHAWAT LITON

Pakistan had a chance to try the 195 army officers who committed crimes against humanity in 1971 and come out clean as a moral, conscientious country befitting the modern world.

But Pakistan did not take this path because of the power hungry role that Zulfikar Ali Bhutto played before and after the war and the pressure from its own military establish-

ment which thought trying the officers would undermine the image of army which controlled that country's politics and power almost from its birth in 1947.

The Hamoodur Rahman Commission, that was set up in 1971 after the war in the face of insistent public demand to try those responsible for the defeat of the Pakistan army, in the war report had specifically recommended trial of the senior army

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"A RESOLVE STRONGER THAN STEEL"

The 'experts' said it could not be done. BSRM salutes Prime Minister **Sheikh Hasina's** leadership for proving the experts wrong!

Our congratulations to the Govt. of Bangladesh Bangladesh Bridge Authority Special Works Organization(SWO-West), Bangladesh Army China Major Bridge Engineering Company Limited for selecting the very best quality steel in the country for PADMA Bridge.