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A canal beside the Turag river has almost lost its real identity and looks more like a large garbage dump, thanks to people's lack of awareness and authorities' indifference. The photo was taken outside the capital on Monday.

Earn more public trust, resist evil forces

PM asks army while addressing Rangpur darbar

UNB, Rangpur

Asking members of the Bangladesh Army to gain more trust of people, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday hoped that they will always remain ready to resist evil forces to protect the country's independence and sovereignty. "I am sure Bangladesh Army is fully ready

to strongly resist any kind of evil force to safeguard the country's unity...watching your efficiency in training, I can say you are truly a force built with the spirit of the War of Liberation," she said. Hasina was addressing a darbar after

witnessing the winter exercise, "Suchagro Medini" of Bangladesh Army at the Paglapir Khalia under Rangpur district.

The exercise was conducted under the

overall management of 66 Infantry Division.

General Officer of Commanding of 66 Infantry Division and Rangpur Area Commander of Bangladesh Army Maj Gen Md Masud Razzaque and Brigade Commander Brig Gen Abul Fazal Mohammad Sanaullah spoke on the occa-

Reminding the army personnel that people are the strength of the country and the force are an integral part of these people, the prime minister emphasised gaining and maintaining the confidence of people.

"We all will have to earn people's confidence, trust and love... victory (in the war) could never be triumphed without the confidence and trust of people," she said.

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CORRUPTION CASE SC allows ACC to appeal against Morshed Khan's acquittal STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yester-

day allowed the Anti-Corruption Commission to move an appeal before it against a High Court verdict that acquitted former BNP foreign minister M Morshed Khan in a corruption case.

Following an appeal filed by Morshed, the HC on August 5, 2010 scrapped the 13-year prison sentence delivered by a lower court to him in the case filed by the ACC during the regime of military-backed care-

taker government. Yesterday, a threemember bench of the Appellate Division of the SC headed by Justice Nazmun Ara Sultana granted a petition filed by the ACC seeking its permission to move an appeal challenging the HC judgement, ACC lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan told

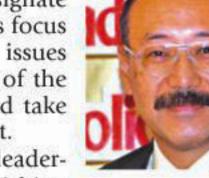
The Daily Star. On August 4, 2008, a SEE PAGE 5 COL 7

Agreed issues to get priority

New Indian envoy Harsh Vardhan Shringla tells journalists on arrival

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Arriving in Bangladesh yesterday, Indian High Commissioner-designate Harsh Vardhan Shringla said his focus would be on implementing issues agreed upon by the leadership of the two neighbouring countries and take bilateral relations to a new height. "The decisions taken by the leader-



ships are very intensive and flourishing

and those need to be implemented as soon as possible. So it is important for us to start the implementation and consolidation...I think that is the first task in hand," he said.

One of India's top ranking diplomats, Shringla arrived at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in the capital at 12:35pm on a Thai flight directly from Bangkok.

Acting High Commissioner Dr Adarsh Swaika and senior officials from the high commission received the new envoy and his family while Director General (South Asia) of Bangladesh's foreign ministry Tareq Md Ariful Islam was also present. Shringla is married to Hemal Store Shringla and has one son. Prior to his arrival, he was the Indian ambassador to Thailand. He is expected to present his credentials to President Abdul Hamid soon.

Talking to journalists, he said, "My family and I are very happy to be here...I had been here for several times when I was in the headquarters in New Delhi.

"But this is a different experience. Bangladesh is one of India's most important neighbours. So for me, this is the responsibility that I am very happy to accept. My mandate is to deepen and strengthen the existing excellent relations."



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Speech impaired girl 'raped' in Dhaka slum

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A 15-year-old speech impaired female garment worker was rescued yesterday after allegedly being confined and raped by a rickshaw-van puller for two days in a Bhashantek slum in the capital, said police.

Traced by family members and neighbours at noon, the girl has been admitted to the gynaecology ward of Dhaka Medical College Hospital, said One-Stop Crisis Centre Coordinator Dr Bilkis Begum.

Officer-in-Charge (investigation) Asaduzzaman. Her neighbour, Khokon Mia, told The Daily Star over the phone that the alleged rapist, Siddique, has four wives in different areas. Siddique lured the girl to the slum on Tuesday night while she was returning home at another slum in the area from her workplace in Kachukhet after

ing a younger brother, sister and widowed, mentally chal-





