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Dialogue organised by The Daily Star & The Institute for Policy, Advocacy and Governance (IPAG)

# Hope stems from vibrant ties

Analysts, diplomats call for reaping benefits of improving Indo-Bangla ties thru' closer connectivity, trade, investment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Relations between Bangladesh and India are graduating to a new level as the two countries have come closer over connectivity, ending years of distrust, said top government functionaries, trade analysts and diplomats yesterday.

The new level of cooperation helped the two countries harness the benefits of bilateral and sub-regional trade and investment, they said.

India now allows duty-free benefits to all Bangladeshi goods, except 25 alcoholic and beverage items. Both the countries have been able to implement the landmark land boundary agreement and India accepted the judgment of an international court on maritime boundary disputes with Bangladesh. All this helped open a new chapter in

bilateral relations.

"The relationship between Bangladesh and India is at its best now," said Finance Minister AMA Muhith at a dialogue -- Bangladesh-India Relations: Progress made and the challenges ahead -- at The Daily Star Centre in Dhaka.

The Daily Star and the Institute for Policy, Advocacy and Governance (IPAG), a private think-tank, jointly organised the dialogue to discuss issues such as security, terrorism, bilateral trade and investment between Bangladesh and India.

"Bangladesh is now a very attractive area for foreign direct investment," said Muhith, calling on Indian companies to invest more in Bangladesh.

"Today we operate in a completely different atmosphere. Signs are positive," said Prof Rehman Sobhan.

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina hands over the "Friends of Liberation War Honour" award to Pierre Trudeau's son and Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau after her bilateral talks with him at Hyatt Regency Montreal, Quebec on Friday. The award was given to former Canadian prime minister Pierre Trudeau for his contribution to the Liberation War of Bangladesh.

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## Pierre Trudeau given Liberation War Honour

Hasina presents award to late Canadian PM's son Justin Trudeau

BSS, Montreal, Canada

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has conferred Bangladesh Liberation War Honour award posthumously on former Canadian premier Pierre Elliott Trudeau.

She handed over the "Friends of Liberation War Honour" award to Pierre Trudeau's son and Canada's incumbent Prime Minister Justin Trudeau after holding a meeting with him at Hyatt Regency Montreal on Friday.

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## Keep close watch on Rampal

Experts for independent monitoring panel; PM's adviser for publishing scientific basis of criticism, if any

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A number of experts yesterday called for forming an independent commission to monitor the implementation of the coal-based power plant in Rampal to make sure all safety controls being promised by the government are put in place.

"Exactly what is happening should be monitored by a neutral commission," said Ainun Nishat, professor emeritus of Brac University.

He was backed by Mustafizur Rahman, executive director of the Centre for Policy Dialogue, a Dhaka-based think-tank.

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## INDO-BANGLA TRANSIT Need for fair fee structure

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government's agreement with India over transit fees and charges is far from comprehensive and the deal already signed is not helping Bangladesh much, a noted economist said yesterday.

There should have been a comprehensive transit connectivity agreement bringing all fees and charges under one umbrella and that is what was suggested by a government committee set up in 2009, added Mustafizur Rahman, executive director of the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), a Dhaka-based

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## EXTRADITION OF BANGABANDHU KILLER Dhaka, Ottawa agree to work out a way

UNB, Montreal, Canada

Bangladesh and Canada have agreed to find out a way for the extradition of Noor Chowdhury, a convicted killer of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, through discussions.

The two countries reached the consensus on the issue during a meeting between Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her Canadian counterpart Justin Trudeau at Hyatt Regency Montreal on Friday.

Foreign Secretary Md Shahidul Haque and PM's Press Secretary Ihsanul Karim briefed journalists after the meeting.

The foreign secretary said officials of the two countries would sit down to find out a way for the extradition of the death row convict.

"The aim of the discussion will be to bring Noor Chowdhury to justice and execute the verdict of the Bangabandhu murder case," he added.

Shahidul said the two leaders described militancy as a global problem and they decided to solve it through united efforts.

The Canadian premier highly appreciated Bangladesh's anti-militancy stance and the ongoing drive against militancy and terrorism, the foreign secretary told journalists.

The two prime ministers also discussed other issues, including boosting trade and investment and export of garment products.

Hasina invited Justin Trudeau to visit Bangladesh and the Canadian PM cordially accepted the invitation, Shahidul said.



Noor Chowdhury

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## MURDER OF JUBO LEAGUE MAN 'Rivalry over post got him killed'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rizvi Hasan, who died of his bullet wounds early yesterday, was a victim of internal feud of Ward-10 Jubo League, the youth wing of the ruling Awami League, according to police and locals.

Internal feud over establishing supremacy in the Motijheel AGB Colony and its adjacent areas and vying for the general secretary post of the local unit of Jubo League got Rizvi killed, his fellow activists claimed.

They, requesting not to be named, said Rizvi was loyal to a faction of the unit once led by slain Jubo League leader Reazul Haque Khan Milky.

Milky was murdered allegedly by his rival faction in 2013. They said Rizvi had enmity with Anwar Hossain Milon, the incumbent general secretary of the unit. Milon belongs to the faction accused of killing Milky, they claimed.

A fully-fledged committee for the unit was due in couple of months and Rizvi was a top contender.

Rizvi, 34, a father of two, died at a city hospital at 2:30am yesterday, around three hours after he was shot by unidentified criminals at the Motijheel AGB Colony.

Locals said Rizvi along with fellow activist Ahsanul Haque Emon was standing in front of the office of Motijheel



Rizvi Hasan

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## MARKET ON WATER



Farmers bring in paddy saplings on boats under the Chirapara Iron Bridge in Kawkhali upazila of Pirojpur. The floating market attracts growers and traders every Friday and Monday mornings during the planting season. The photos were taken on Friday.

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