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## See you in Goa

Xi Jinping departs; Hasina leaves today

STAR REPORT

Chinese President Xi Jinping left Dhaka for Goa, India yesterday morning, wrapping up his two-day state visit to Bangladesh.

A special flight of Air China carrying Xi and his entourage left Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport at 10:20am. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina saw him off at the airport, reports UNB.

A smartly turned out contingent of the President's Guard Regiment presented guard of honour to the Chinese president before his departure.

Finance Minister AMA Muhith, Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali, Public Administration Minister Syed Ashraful Islam, Planning Minister AHM Mostafa Kamal, State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shahriar Alam and diplomats were present.

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President Xi Jinping while seeing him off at the Hazrat Shahjalal day state visit.

PHOTO: BSS

## Risk

### Need is 'policy of balance'

Experts see growth from good ties with India, China

REZAUL KARIM

Bangladesh needs to be very balanced in its approach in going forward with India and China with the correct economic and foreign policy to become a middle-income country by 2021, foreign and strategic affairs experts have said.

Talking to The Daily Star yesterday on Bangladesh and China establishing a "strategic partnership of cooperation", experts said this is purely for commercial and economic development.

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Former and serving diplomats, security and strategic experts said, Chinese President Xi Jinping's announcement to upgrade China's relationship with Bangladesh is not just diplomatic jargon but means an elevation in relationship.

Chronicling the evolution of relationship between the two Asian countries, a serving Bangladeshi Ambassador, who has long been following Bangladesh-China

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## \$24.45B DEALS WITH CHINA The amount may go up or down

Cost to be finalised upon feasibility study of projects

REZAUL KARIM BYRON and MD FAZLUR RAHMAN

China has committed soft loans for more than two dozen projects but the total amount that would be provided was not articulated as per Beijing's modus operandi for such matters.

Bangladesh had pressed for stating a specific amount in the Memorandum of Understanding but China did not agree to it, said finance ministry officials.

The deal was one of the 27 final agreements and MoUs signed on Friday between the two countries during official talks between Chinese President Xi Jinping and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

The MoU, which was signed by Finance Minister AMA Muhith and China's Commerce Minister Gao Hucheng, was for a total of 28 projects under China's "strengthening investment and production capacity cooperation" programme.

Dhaka would probably get \$21.5 billion from Beijing in financial assistance under the MoU, according to Bangladesh's Economic Relations Division. The amount could go up or down when loan agreements are signed.

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## Tragedy at DMCH

Pregnant woman among 4 killed as ambulance runs them over on the hospital premises

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Four people, including a pregnant woman, were killed and three others injured when an ambulance ran them over on the Dhaka Medical College Hospital premises yesterday.

Three of the deceased were identified as six-month pregnant Amena Begum, 28, Gulenur Begum, 26, and her son Shakib, 7. The fourth victim, a street beggar aged about 60, could not be identified.

Amena's unborn child died in the afternoon while she herself succumbed to her injuries later in the evening, hospital sources said.

The injured are Amena's eight-year-old son Sajib, Gulenur's six-month-old child Akash, and Ramzan Ali, 40.

Police detained the ambulance driver Shohag and his assistant Sajib after the accident.

Sajib was behind the wheel when the incident occurred near the hospital's emergency gate around 9:15am, police and witnesses said.

"Instead of slamming on the brakes, he [Sajib] pressed the accelerator while entering the hospital's premises," Shahbagh Police Station's Sub-inspector Mahfuzur Rahman quoted the detainee as saying.

Shakib and the beggar died on the spot.

Witnesses said the ambulance had been hired to carry a corpse from the emergency unit of the hospital. Shohag asked his assistant Sajib to drive the vehicle to the emergency.

Amena's son Sajib, who suffered a fracture in his left leg, said his father, Zakir Hossain, was undergoing treatment at the hospital after suffering injuries in a road accident a few months ago. He and his mother were taking care of Zakir at the hospital.

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ant woman, inside the Dhaka Medical

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