

# Defeat terror

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To improve the lives and livelihoods of the people of the region, Hasina said all should aim to develop regional projects which will effectively connect BIMSTEC to the peoples as well as ensure the organisation's sustainability and visibility.

For funding regional projects in the long run, the prime minister said, "We may think of a funding mechanism of our own, while collaboration with external funding sources can also be explored."

Hasina mentioned that the BIMSTEC FTA (Free Trade Agreement) negotiated in 2004 was yet to be finally concluded.

She added, "We need to reiterate our political will in favour of the FTA implementation."

"It'll help enhance our intra-regional trade and will boost the BIMSTEC activities and programmes. We may target to finally adopt the four FTA-related Agreements during the 20th Anniversary of BIMSTEC next year."

Mentioning that the transport connectivity working group has already met, she expressed her belief that the good work would continue on planning, implementing and monitoring of the prioritised projects, with the active support of the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

"For enhancing connectivity, we may consider a coastal shipping agreement. We would also like to see the MoU on Grid Interconnection signed and implemented at the earliest, for better sub-regional grid connectivity and energy trade," she said.

## OUTREACH STATEMENT

Outlining three specific ways for BRICS to engage with BIMSTEC, Hasina urged the leaders of both the forums to join hands to deal with terrorism and violent extremism to achieve sustainable development through security and stability.

"All our efforts for sustainable development depend on peace, secu-

urity and stability. As a responsible member of the global community, Bangladesh maintains 'zero tolerance' for any act of terrorism or violent extremism. We must join hands to deal with terrorism and violent extremism as well," she said.

The PM was delivering her statement at the BRICS and BIMSTEC Outreach at the Indian tourist city.

Chaired by Modi, the outreach meet was also addressed by other leaders from BRICS and BIMSTEC member states.

"Let our today's meet be a beginning of a 'new conversation' for collaboration between BRICS and BIMSTEC aimed at greater peace and development," Hasina said.

## HASINA ACCORDED RED CARPET

Hasina was accorded a red carpet reception as she reached Goa yesterday morning to join BRICS-BIMSTEC Leaders' Outreach Summit, adds BSS.

The two-day summit kicked off in the Indian southwest state of Goa on Saturday with the theme "BRICS-BIMSTEC: A Partnership in Opportunities".

A VVIP flight of Bangladesh Biman carrying the prime minister and her entourage members landed at Goa Naval Base Airport at 10:15am (Indian time).

Indian State Minister for External Affairs MJ Akbar, Minister for Science and Technology of Goa Alina Saldanha, Secretary (coordination) of the Government of Goa Padma Jaiswal, Bangladesh High Commissioner in New Delhi Syed Moazzem Ali and Deputy High Commissioner of Bangladesh in Mumbai Samina Naz received the prime minister at the airport.

After arrival at the airport, she was given a static guard of honour by members of the Indian Armed Forces, while artists displayed local cultural activities in her honour.

Later, the premier, in a ceremonial motorcade, was escorted to The Leela Goa hotel, where she will be staying during her visit to the Indian south-

west state.

Hasina will return home tomorrow morning.

## MODI HAILS HASINA

The Indian PM welcomed his Bangladesh counterpart Sheikh Hasina to the BRICS Summit in Goa and thanked her for strengthening ties between New Delhi and Dhaka.

"Pradhanmontri Sheikh Hasina Amar Atithiyota Grohan Koray Ami Sammanita. Bharat and Bangladesher Samporkake Mojbut Korar Jonya Apnar Bhumikake Dhanyabad Janai [I'm honoured as Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina accepted my hospitality. I thank your role in strengthening the relations of India and Bangladesh]," Modi tweeted in Bangla.

## THREE WAYS

Hasina outlined three specific ways for BRICS to engage with BIMSTEC like developing quality and resilient infrastructure, focus on development of science, technology and innovation capabilities and engage in a conversation by BRICS and BIMSTEC to sustain economic development.

Extending thanks to Modi for his wonderful initiative to bring the leaders of BRICS and BIMSTEC to a single table, Hasina focused on how the leaders of both the groupings could identify mutual scope as well as synergies for cooperation.

Hasina said a large part of BIMSTEC firstly needs to develop quality and resilient infrastructure as countries like Bangladesh need billions of dollars of investment.

Secondly, she said, BIMSTEC region recognises the need to focus on development of science-technology-innovation capabilities as the world is now focused on learning. Sizable part of our population needs access to technologies in farming, water, sanitation and basic health.

Thirdly, she said, both BRICS and BIMSTEC can engage in a conversation to sustain our economic development as the global economy moves on.

# 'DISTORTING' PM'S PHOTO 3 JCD men held

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Three activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal were handed over to the police in Kalapara upazila yesterday for their alleged involvement in posting distorted photo of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on a Facebook page yesterday.

They are Samrat, 21, Abdur Rahim, 20, and Enamul, 20, activists of Mohipur thana unit JCD, pro-BNP student body.

SM Maksudur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Mohipur Police Station, said locals handed over the youths to police, and a case was filed against them under the ICT Act.

The three youths were involved in JCD politics, he said, adding that police would take legal action against them after investigating the matter.

However, Mizanur Rahman Piyada, president of Mohipur thana unit JCD, claimed that the arrestees were not activists of JCD.

Over the matter, activists of Chhatra League and Swechhasebak League attacked Arafat Rahman Koko Memorial Sangsad at Mohipur Bazar around 12:00 noon and vandalised furniture, said Mizanur.

The JCD leader alleged that the activists of the two ruling Awami League organisations also assaulted him and two other JCD men during the attack.

Jamal Hossain, joint convener of Swechhasebak League of Mohipur thana unit, said agitated people handed over the three youths to the police as they had distorted image of the prime minister on a Facebook page.

He denied the allegation of attacking Koko memorial sangsad.

## Making a mark

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"If we aspire to build more peaceful societies we must recognise that a social order where millions of people remain condemned to lives of insecurity, poised on the margins of subsistence, where the quality of their education condemns them to a life of toil, where an episode of ill health could drive their entire family into destitution, is neither just nor sustainable," said Sobhan.

An economic order where millions of young women are condemned to earn \$50 a month and a handful of people can aspire to a first world life style because such low wages make their enterprises more export-competitive, is neither just nor sustainable.

"The income gap between the garment workers of South Asia, living on subsistence wages, and the owners of these enterprises who enjoy first world life styles, remains offensive to any notion of justice or economic rationality," he said.

He also spoke of the unequal access to credit and market as well as the growing disparity in the quality of education.

"In such societies today, the principal inequity in the education sector is manifested in the growing divide between a better educated elite with access to private as well as foreign education and the resource poor who remain condemned to remain captives within an insufficiently funded and poorly governed public education system, supplemented by poor quality private or denominational schools."

In an increasingly knowledge-based global economy, which is driving the IT revolution, inequitable access to quality education, relevant to the dynamics of the market is emerging as a source of exclusion for poor and projects itself as one of the principal features of an unjust society, he warned.

He said insufficient and inequitable

# Remarkable feat

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living in poverty by almost half and its innovations are well known -- many countries have learned from them," Kim said in a statement before coming to Bangladesh.

Today's programme at Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the capital will be highlighting Bangladesh's achievement in lifting more than 20 million people out of poverty in less than two decades, according to the WB. International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, officially recognised by the United Nations, is celebrated every year on October 17 across the world since 1987.

The global financial institution began observing the day formally from last year.

The WB and the Economic Relations Division have been jointly celebrating the day in Bangladesh.

On the occasion, the WB president will deliver a public lecture and take part in a discussion at the Osmani auditorium today.

This is the first visit of a WB president to Bangladesh after 2007 and it is also Kim's first visit to Dhaka.

According to a report on the WB website, poverty in Bangladesh, once considered to be among the poorest nations in the world, has fallen dramatically over the last generation with innovation-driven changes.

The report quoted Finance Minister AMA Muhith as saying, "Poverty is removable if you are sincere, if you have a multi-pronged attack on poverty, and you have commitment. Commitment is the most important thing -- commitment to the elimination of poverty. That, we had."

Bangladesh cut the poverty rate down to 18.5 percent in 2010 from 44.2 percent in 1991.

Its extreme poverty rate has dropped to 12.9 percent in fiscal 2015-16, according to a new estimate by the WB. This 12.9 percent accounts for two crore people.

The number of women in the workforce has doubled while the birth rate has decreased from 6.2 births per woman in 1990 to just 2.2 today, according to the WB.

About 40 percent fewer women died during childbirth in 2015 compared to that in 2001. The number of children dying before their fifth birthday dropped by two-thirds between 1990 and 2013.

Even after such successes, the country still faces some challenges in eliminating poverty, the WB report says.

But the finance minister expressed hopes that Bangladesh will effectively end poverty before 2030.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate today's programme. Chief economist of the WB Paul Romer and Vice President for the South Asia Region Annette Dixon will also participate in the discussion.

During the visit, the WB president will meet PM Hasina, Muhith and other senior government officials.

Kim will also visit a number of WB-financed projects in Rakudia village under Babuganj upazila of Barisal tomorrow to see innovative work being done with the poor, job creation by the private sector, consistent investment in human development, and effective disaster management.

He will also meet civil society representatives and private sector leaders.

# Goa brings together Saarc leaders

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outfit Jaish-e-Mohammed. Out of the seven BIMSTEC countries, India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal and Sri Lanka are members of Saarc. Two other members of BIMSTEC are Myanmar and Thailand.

Saarc also includes Afghanistan, the Maldives and Pakistan which are not in BIMSTEC. Of them, Afghanistan and the Maldives are known to have good ties with India.

After a brief meeting with BRICS leaders, BIMSTEC leaders sat in retreat conference and also discussed ways to strengthen the moribund regional grouping, according to reports of newspapers and agencies.

The two-day BRICS summit in Goa, a display of muscle by rising world powers such as China, Russia and India, drew much global attention with the presence of leaders like Xi Jinping, Vladimir Putin and Narendra Modi.

But for South Asian countries, the outreach was significant for other reasons. It was planned by India in efforts to strengthen BIMSTEC to shift focus from almost dysfunctional Saarc. And the plan is aimed at creating a new grouping excluding Pakistan.

The Saarc summit was scheduled for November in Islamabad. But the Uri attack, in which 18 Indian soldiers were killed, escalated tension between two nuclear states -- India and Pakistan.

Following the attack, New Delhi declined to attend Saarc summit in Islamabad in its diplomatic offensive to isolate Pakistan in global arena. Bangladesh, Afghanistan and Bhutan also came up with the same decision citing different reasons.

Bangladesh declined to attend the summit in Islamabad over Pakistan's alleged involvement in cross-border crimes and interferences.

Their refusal led to postponement of Saarc summit for indefinite period.

Since then New Delhi moved to strengthen regional grouping without Pakistan and decided to activate BIMSTEC (the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and

Economic Cooperation), founded in 1997.

"By pulling out of the Saarc summit in Islamabad, the government is trying to achieve two ends: sending a tough message in the wake of the Uri attack, but also that it is going ahead with its plan for 'Saarc minus Pakistan' instead," wrote The Hindu, an Indian English daily, on September 29.

As host of this year's BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) summit, India, as is the practice, can invite neighbouring countries to join in for an outreach summit.

India opted for BIMSTEC outreach to keep Pakistan out of regional grouping.

"India had utilised the prerogative of the host as per BRICS rules to invite leaders of the BIMSTEC regional grouping for an outreach summit," said Deccan Chronicle, an English daily of India, in a report on Friday.

The report said Narendra Modi on Friday described the outreach of BRICS to the regional grouping BIMSTEC as "significant", triggering further speculation that India may be looking at BIMSTEC as an alternative to the dysfunctional Saarc which has been bogged down by Indo-Pak hostility.

At the outreach programme, Modi held separate meetings with leaders of BIMSTEC countries and assured them of working together.

## VOICIES AGAINST TERRORISM

In the meeting with the BIMSTEC leaders, Modi launched a scathing attack on Pakistan. Without naming Pakistan, he said terror was its favourite child, escalating India's diplomatic drive to isolate the neighbouring country.

"This country in India's neighbourhood hood embraces and radiates terrorism. Terrorism has become its favourite child, and the child has come to define the character and nature of parent," NDTV quoted Modi as saying.

NDTV reported that the Indian PM, emphasising on the message to isolate Pakistan, said, "Those who nurture the philosophy of terror must be sent a clear message to mend their ways or be isolated in the civilised world."

Modi also said, according to AFP,

"Tragically the mothership of terrorism is a country in India's neighbourhood."

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in her address urged BIMSTEC leaders to find out the mentors, masterminds, abettors, financiers, arms suppliers and trainers of terrorists and extremists to defeat terrorism, reports UNB.

Addressing the outreach summit, Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena said peace and stability in the region is an important element for economic prosperity. "We strongly condemn terrorism in all forms."

Myanmar's Foreign Minister Aung San Suu Kyi said rising terrorism has become a source of common concern. "We need to stand together against all forms of violent extremism."

She added, "We wholly sympathise with people of India with regard to terror attack in Uri not so long ago."

## FOCUS ON CONNECTIVITY

Indian PM Modi said BRICS and BIMSTEC have been shaped by different context and all nations together represent two-thirds of humanity.

He added that all the BRICS member nations are joined by common vision and peace, stability and development and are also united by similar challenges and concerns. He further said that convergence of purpose and priorities between BRICS and BIMSTEC provides a perfect opportunity for all the nations.

Hasina said time has come to seriously re-look at how BIMSTEC could be made more effective and result oriented one as well as to draw synergies with other groupings.

## PAK REACTION

Strongly reacting to Modi's remarks that Pakistan is the "mothership of terrorism", Pakistan PM Nawaz Sharif's Advisor on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz accused the Indian leader of "misleading" the BRICS countries over the issue.

"Modi is misleading his BRICS and BIMSTEC colleagues," Aziz said.

He also alleged that the Indian leadership is "desperately trying to hide its brutalities" in Jammu and Kashmir, reports Times of India.

# 3 boys crushed

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Dhaka. He died on the way to the capital.

Shubho's mother Mina Begum could hardly talk when this correspondent contacted her.

His father Kawsar Mia said he came to know about the incident around 10:30am. "At first, I didn't believe it [that his son is dead]."

He added that Shubho wanted to take photos with his friends and coun-

ins outside home. "That's why he woke up early in the morning and finished breakfast quickly."

Pervez's father Anis Mia said, "My son meant everything to me. He never had any meal without me. Before leaving home yesterday, he told me that he would return soon and have his meal with me."

Songkhubdo Nagorik Andolon convener Abdul Karim Kim said lack of

fences around the rail lines and absence of gates at most of the level crossings throughout the country makes the tracks and crossings unsafe.

To make the rail lines and crossings safer, fences need to be raised along the lines and barriers erected at every crossing, he opined. The railway authorities may identify the critical level crossings and provide barriers at those locations, he added.

# 20 years gone

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organisation of indigenous Jumma women of the Chittagong Hill Tracts, was abducted from her Baghaichhari house in Rangamati on June 11, 1996.

She was taken at gunpoint by a group of men in the dark of the night.

It was reported that around 35 police officers have investigated the case as of 2015. In June 2014, Amena Begum, superintendent of police, missed the 11th deadline for submitting an investi-

gation report to the court.

Earlier, the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) had investigated the case and submitted a report on September 26, 2012 without either identifying the abductors or tracing her whereabouts.

The counsels for the case's plaintiff Kalindi Kumar Chakma, elder brother of Kalpana, then pleaded for a further enquiry citing faults and limitations of the CID report.

Kalindi, who is a witness of the abduction of his sister, said he did not receive the final report of the case.

"As far as I know, my sister's abduction case did not see any progress and I demand justice," he added.

Rejecting the final report, the HWF demanded a proper investigation into the abduction and trial of the culprits. Everybody knows who abducted Kalpana Chakma, but the report does not mention any name, it alleges.

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