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## It's time to break Teesta stalemate

Hasina looks forward to meeting Mamata; Modi breaks protocol to greet Bangladesh PM at airport

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA and REZAUL KARIM

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday embarked on a four-day state visit to India with a flickering hope of breaking the stalemate on the much-delayed Teesta water-sharing treaty.

"I want to have a separate meeting with Mamata [chief minister of West Bengal], and I am waiting for that," Hasina told a group of four Indian journalists hours after Indian Premier Narendra Modi received her

at Delhi's Palam Air Force Station in a departure from his protocol.

"If I can hold a separate meeting with Mamata, it will be very good," Hasina said on the sidelines of a reception hosted for her at the Bangladesh High Commission yesterday evening.

Asked when the meeting could take place, she said, "May be tomorrow night [tonight]."

To a query as to how hopeful she is about

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Narendra Modi @narendramodi

PM Sheikh Hasina and I are determined to take the relationship between our nations to a new level.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was welcomed by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Air Force Station, Palam in New Delhi yesterday. Hasina reached the Indian capital on a four-day official visit.

PHOTO: PID

PM's gifts for Indian leaders

UNB, New Delhi

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has brought with her a bunch of gifts for the Indian leaders, including the president and the prime minister.

Hasina brought a panjabi and a pair of silk pyjamas, artworks, a dinner set, a leather bag set, 4kg kalojam and rosgolla, 2kg sandesh, 20kg hilsa and 2kg yogurt for Indian President Pranab Mukherjee.

There was also a silk sari as gift for the president's daughter, said foreign ministry sources.

The PM would give Indian Vice President Mohammad Hamid Ansari a dinner set, a leather bag, 2kg rosgolla and kalojam and 1kg sandesh.

For Indian counterpart Narendra Modi, Hasina brought a leather office bag set, 4kg kalojam and rosgolla, 2kg sandesh and 4kg yogurt.

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**IN MEMORY OF MR. HUMAYUN ZAHIR**  
(Founder Chairman - Ananta Group  
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on his 24th death anniversary



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- All members of Ananta Group Family.



### INDIAN LINE OF CREDIT

## Fresh \$5b likely amid slow use of previous \$3b

REZAUL KARIM BYRON and M ABUL KALAM AZAD

Bangladesh has been slow in using up the previous \$3 billion of Indian credit due to procedural flaws mainly on Dhaka's part.

Until last month, India disbursed a little over 50 percent of the \$1.06 billion loan it sanctioned in August 2010. And the disbursement of the second credit of \$2 billion approved in March 2016 is yet to begin, finance ministry data show.

Bangladesh is responsible for this delay, thanks to the lengthy process for finalising projects as well as complications related to land acquisition, ministry officials said.

Against this backdrop, India is likely to open a fresh \$5 billion credit line for Bangladesh.

Of the first loan, \$200 million was channelled to the Padma bridge project in grant. New Delhi later provided another \$62 million after the cost of several projects rose. The total amount of credit finally stood at \$862 million, of which \$353 million has been received.

Of the sum, \$240 million was spent under nine projects to buy buses, passenger coaches, wagons, locomotives and a dredger from India.

Five other projects were taken up to develop railway infrastructures. Only one of them -- construction of rail bridges over the Bhairab and Titas rivers -- is nearly completed.

Implementation of two other projects -- construction of 3rd and 4th line between Kamalapur Railway Station

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**TOP 9 QUOTE**

"I want an agreement on building a barrage on the Ganges with the assistance of India for the benefit of the people of the two countries."

PRIME MINISTER SHEIKH HASINA  
TOLD A GROUP OF JOURNALISTS IN NEW DELHI YESTERDAY

## 9 killed as US fires missiles into Syria

West, Arab allies rally behind Trump's military action 'in response to chemical attack', Russia slams US 'aggression'; US threatens further strikes

AFP, Beirut

US forces fired a barrage of cruise missiles at a Syrian airbase yesterday in response to a suspected chemical attack, drawing furious condemnation from the Damascus regime and its key ally Russia.

US allies rallied around Washington after President Donald Trump launched the massive strike in retaliation for the "barbaric" chemical attack he blamed on the government of his counterpart Bashar al-Assad.

But Assad's office called the strike "foolish and irresponsible" and Moscow announced a



series of retaliatory steps, including plans to strengthen Syrian air defences.

Syrian state news agency SANA said nine civilians, including four children, were killed in villages near the base.

Meanwhile, the US threatened further military action in Syria following its missile strikes.

US Ambassador Nikki Haley delivered the warning at an emergency session of the UN Security Council yesterday where Russia accused the US of violating international law and waging an "act of aggression" against Syria.

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