China analysing

FROM PAGE 3 India also opted against joining the BRI, citing concerns over China's projects with

Pakistan. Some analysts say India is "not comfortable" with Bangladesh joining the initiative either.

ADB President Takehiko Nakao last

week advised countries to carefully evaluate the merits of a project before approaching China for funding under

"I believe the major players of BRI, the companies involved, can provide better assessment whether BRI is a debt trap or not," Zhang Zuo told reporters at yesterday's event.

According to the diplomat, China has provided around USD 6 billion under government-to-government agreements for 11 projects, including the Padma Bridge and Karnaphuli Tunnel, under BRI. The interest rate is 2-3 percent.

China promotes high quality Belt and Road cooperation based on principles of extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits -- pursuing a transparent process, Zhang Zuo said.

He added that China "sticks to high development.

Forum," he said. He assured that China is fully aware also present.

of the environmental concerns while implementing the BRI and that such concerns will be fully addressed in the process.

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Asked about the Rohingya crisis, the Chinese ambassador said BCIM (a regional forum on trade and infrastructure involving Bangladesh, China, India and Myanmar) could help resolve the Rohingya crisis.

The Chinese envoy said China and Myanmar signed a document on the construction of economic corridor which is a very important part of the BCIM.

"I believe real solution lies on development [in Myanmar]," he said.

The ambassador said China was working to that end to solve the problem of poverty in Myanmar.

China is willing to continue to play an important role in this regard, the Chinese ambassador said.

"We hope Bangladesh and Myanmar will keep continuing the dialogue with each other for repatriation of Rohingyas as soon as possible," he added.

At yesterday's press conference, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) Executive standards, people-centred and sustainable Director Dr Fahmida Khatun, Bangladesh Enterprise Institute President Farooq "These concepts were included in the Sobhan and Bangladesh Institute of Peace joint communique in the Belt and Road and Security Studies President Major General (retd) ANM Muniruzzaman were



Members of Krishak and Khetmajur Sangram Parishad form a human chain in front of Jatiya press Club.

PHOTO: STAR

Engage youth in humanitarian work

Says law minister on Red Cross and Red Crescent Day

Bss, Dhaka

World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day was observed yesterday in the country through various by Bangladesh programmes Red Crescent Society and other organisations.

Discussion, award distribution ceremony, painting competition, art exhibition and blood donation camp were arranged in

the capital. President Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina issued separate messages on the occasion. The theme of this year is "love".

Former chairman of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society Sheikh Kabir Hossain was conferred with "Red Crescent Award" this year for his contribution to human welfare.

Bangladesh Red Crescent Society started its programme by hoisting the national and organisation flags at its headquarters in the capital in the morning.

Marking the day, a discussion and award distribution ceremony

were arranged at the auditorium of Holy Family Red Crescent Medical College at 11am.

Speaking at the discussion, Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Anisul Huq said Bangladesh Red Crescent Society is a friend of the people during disasters. The minister spoke on the

importance of engaging youth in humanitarian work. "We have to inspire our youths in this regard. It will also bring peace and order in the society and strengthen social bonding," he said in his speech.

The volunteers of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society worked hard to minimise the loss and damage during the recent severe cyclone Fani, he added.

Chaired by Bangladesh Red Crescent Society Chairperson Hafiz Uddin Majumder, the discussion was addressed, among others, by Disaster and Relief Senior Secretary Md Shah Kamal and vice-chairman of the society Dr Md Habib Millat.

Advance

FROM PAGE 3 The train will have only three stoppages at Parbatipur, Dinajpur and

Currently, two trains --**Dutojan and Ekota Express** -- are being operated on Dhaka-Panchagarh with stoppages at many

will send five names, including Banglabandha Express and Himalaya Express, to Prime Minster Sheikh Hasina after she returns to the country.

select a name from the five or recommend a new one and set a date for launching the train service with new carriages imported from Indonesia.

Bangladesh Railway launched a nonstop intercity train -- "Bonolota Express" -- on Dhaka-Rajshahi route last month, aiming to boost rail connectivity with the northern district.

It is the third nonstop train; two such trains are plying the Dhaka-Chattogram route.

DB arrests five for forging vehicle documents

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detectives have arrested five members of an organised gang, who they claim used to forge all official documents of vehicles.

A team of the Detective Branch

(DB) of police carried out a raid on Tuesday and arrested them from the city's East Kafrul, Abdul Baten, additional commissioner of DB, told reporters yesterday. The officials also seized a large

quantity of counterfeit route permits, registration and fitness certificates of vehicles, tax token, insurance, and registration application forms and 150 seal stamps of different BRTA officers from their possession. Earlier, detectives arrested two

persons -- Mostafa Kamal Joy from Hazaribagh and Shafiqul Islam from Khilkhet -- who used to make fake driving licenses and smart blue book of vehicles. The latest arrests were made based on information gleaned from those two, the DB official said. "This gang had been forging

documents and driving licenses for 10 to 12 years," Baten said at a press briefing at DMP media centre.

"Many of the drivers who collected the papers from the gang did not even know those were fake," he said.

The arrestees are: Abdul Khalek, 67; Anwarul Haq Shimul, 42; Abdul Jalil, 64; Abdur Rahim, 31; and Motaleb Hossain, 58. In primary interrogation, DB got

like a one-stop service centre from where they used to supply almost all documents of a vehicle for Tk 5,000 to 6,000. They used to prepare those documents almost perfectly, Baten

to know that the gang used to act

for anyone except well-trained officers. Baten said the tendency of collecting fake documents is increasing due to the lengthy process of getting those

said, adding, it is hard to differentiate

from the right authorities. This gang duped customers into believing the documents were original Since it is relatively easier to obtain, vehicle owners and drivers chose to take help from the gang, he said.

Mashiur Rahman, deputy commissioner of DB (north division), said this gang used to supply documents to 700 to 800 clients per month.

Among the arrestees, Shimul and Jalil had been arrested before for the same offence, DB officials said, adding that they are investigating whether any BRTA officials are involved with the gang.

Activists demand

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hitting the eastern coast of India the previous day. It was the strongest cyclone that affected India in the last 20 years.

In Bangladesh, the cyclone damaged about 1.55 lakh acres of cropland -- 1.54 lakh acres partially damaged and 1,830 acres fully destroyed, killed five people and injured 832, according to the disaster management ministry.

Speaking at the human chain, Saiful Huq, president of Bangladesh Khetmajur Union, said, "We think that the actual damage caused by the cyclone [Fani] was more than what the government says because it would have to provide more compensation if the damage was higher." Saiful, also general secretary of Revolutionary Workers

Party of Bangladesh, demanded immediate distribution of food and other essentials among the affected people. He urged to prepare a list of affected farmers to provide

them adequate compensation as soon as possible. Kazi Sazzad Zahir Chandan, coordinator of the Sangram

Parishad, demanded a debt waiver for affected farmers.

Freedom

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the "service week" at Paribahan Pool Bhaban next to the secretariat in Dhaka.

The government will digitalise activities of the ministry and its subordinate organisations with an aim to provide easier services for freedom fighters, AKM Mozammel Haque added.

The minister said once the programme is completed, freedom fighters will receive digital cards, and their honorariums will also be paid through an electronic system. The initiative may be implemented possibly from next fiscal year, the minister added.

World Thalassaemia Day observed

Bss, Dhaka

World Thalassaemia Day was observed in the country as elsewhere in the globe yesterday, aimed at raising awareness

about the inherited blood disorder. This year's theme was "Make sure to do electrophoresis test of blood before marriage, to protect upcoming

newborn from Thalassaemia". Different organisations chalked out elaborate programmes to observe the day, that included processions,

discussions, cultural functions and sports competitions. Bangladesh Thalassaemia Foundation (BTF) organised a discussion, with advisor of the organisation Dr Syeda

Masuma Rahman in the chair. Social Welfare Minister Nuruzzaman Ahmed, State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr Murad Hasan and Chairman of Bangladesh Medical Association Dr

Mostafa Jalal, among others, spoke. Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) also arranged a discussion on the occasion.

According to BTF, every year 15,000 new babies are born with Thalassaemia in Bangladesh, and the number is gradually increasing every year.



Bangladesh Navy East Patenga, Chattogram

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FROM PAGE 5 Abdul Jalil, sub-inspector of Ashulia Police Station, said the accident took place in Zirabo on Tongi-Ashulia-EPZ highway, when a speeding Dhaka-bound bus hit the motorcycle from the opposite direction, leaving the rider dead on the spot.

"We are trying to know the identity of the victim and find the bus, its driver and helper," added the SI.

(Our correspondents from Noakahli, Bandarban, Faridpur and Savar and a correspondent from Chandpur contributed to the report.)

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Current trends

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He said the globally renowned poet considered himself a Bengali first because of Bangla language. To him, geography behind nationalism came second, Prof Anisuzzaman added. On education, Tagore gave priority to enjoyable learning

rather than achieving good academic results through success in exams. It is unfortunate that the current trends go exactly the

opposite way, he regretted. "Even after so many years of his death, Tagore's thoughts on education, homeland and internationalism are very

much relevant," he added. Welcoming the audience, Bangla Academy Director General and poet Habibullah Siraji said the academy has been honouring those, with the award, who have made significant contribution to disseminating Rabindranath

Tagore's works through research and music. Educationist Prof Anwarul Karim, among others, spoke at the ceremony.

Judicial committee

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PHOTO: TITU DAS

Date: May 08, 2019

Panchagarh-Dhaka highway in Panchagarh town where Palash allegedly made the derogatory remarks through a loudspeaker. He along with his family members also threatened to die by suicide in front of the DC's office if their demand was not met, added locals.

At one stage, locals handed him over to police, the jailor added. Md Razib Rana, a local, filed the defamation case. On March 26, a Panchagarh court sent Palash to jail.

Palash's family is yet to file a case.

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