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He said that after the resolution of  
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Agreement (LBA), one of the last out-  
standing issues, "now the time has  
come to go forward and tackle bigger  
bilateral and sub-regional or trilateral  
issues, where much of our hopes lie".  
Talking about the visit separately,

the backdrop of a very, very historic  
step by our government and our parlia-  
ment towards ratification of the 1974  
LBA and its 2011 protocol."  
"In my mind there could be no  
better setting for his visit to  
Bangladesh," he said.  
Modi arrives in Dhaka tomorrow.  
Rizvi said the visit should be seen as a  
turning point in regional cooperation.

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## ICT can remove barriers for businesswomen

### The Asia Foundation, DU's Centre on Budget and Policy seminar told

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Information and communication technology (ICT) can play a vital role in removing barriers for women entrepreneurs in Bangladesh, said speakers at a seminar yesterday.

Access to information is vital for every woman to decide her goal and the Internet has created equal opportunities for both males and females in this regard, said Farhana Rahman, chief executive officer of UY Systems Ltd.

The Asia Foundation (TAF) and the Centre on Budget and Policy of Dhaka University jointly organised the seminar titled "Promoting ICT Opportunities for Women Entrepreneurs" at The Daily Star Centre of the capital.

ICT will be the main tool for turning Bangladesh into a middle income country by 2021, said Partha Pratim Deb, additional secretary of ICT division, of the post, telecommunications and information technology ministry, adding that Bangladesh will be able to achieve knowledge-based economy by 2041 and women will be the main strength of it.

TAF has implemented an 18-month pilot project in Barisal, Rajshahi, Rangpur and Sylhet to empower women entrepreneurs by providing them with networking opportunities, developing the capacity of women's business forums (WBFs) and women chambers, and improving access to information through strategic use of ICT tools, said Syed Al-Muti, associate

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Jihad fell into the abyss, some 40 yards from his house at Bangladesh Railway Colony in the capital, while playing with friends. His body was pulled out by a band of indomitable volunteers the following day, around 15 minutes after the fire service called off a near 23-hour search in the 17-inch diameter abandoned shaft.

Two people -- Jahangir Alam, a senior sub-assistant engineer of the railway, and Abdus Salam, a railway contractor who installed the well -- were charged with negligent homicide of Jahid on May 21. Jahangir is on the run and Salam is in jail.

## ICT can remove

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director of economic development, TAF.

Some remarkable successes of the project include the creation of the first ever mobile network with a concessionary tariff scheme that connects women entrepreneurs with each other, he said.

## Jamaat-Shibir

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bus at Chandina, injuring eight people.

The two bomb throwers are on the run.

Law Minister Anisul Huq told parliament on Monday that a proposal regarding amending the International Crimes (Tribunals) Act-1973 to ban Jamaat and its front organizations was at the cabinet division now.

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Migration experts, developers and families of trafficking survivors yesterday demand government identify the human gangs immediately and ensure punishment for them through this heinous crime.

The law enforcement agencies concerned must be sincere in arrears overcoming all barriers to them to justice; otherwise they will remain unscathed, they said.

"There are many good Bangladesh to protect the victims of trafficking in the country. Unfortunately, there is no coordination among our government and civil society, political enforcers to deal with the issue," said Mohammad Harun Al Rashid, coordinator of CARAM Asia network working on migration issues.

## Modi's visit to high

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He said the Bangladesh premier's visit to the core of her agenda. PMs would likely discuss the trade. He also thinks that after the recent long-standing maritime dispute, the two premiers are likely to engage in "blue water economy" in the Bay of Bengal.

Echoing Rizvi, the Indian envoy said that the time has come to reap the benefits of the maritime boundary. He said that the discussion about domestic issues. Rizvi said that the visit was also significant as BNP had been fortunately retracted from its "Indian stance". India is Bangladesh's important neighbour and trade partner, he said. Rizvi said, "Relations are more important when we understand the significance, and when the benefits are shared by the people. The settlement in the e

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