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## Bangladesh Signs Contracts for SASEC Dhaka-Sylhet Highway Expansion

27 October 2022: Dhaka, Bangladesh

The Bangladesh Roads and Highways Department signed a contract for road expansion work under the South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) Dhaka-Sylhet Corridor Road Development Project. The contracted work will expand the 35 kilometers section of the national highway between Narayanganj and Narsingdi districts from two to six lanes to ease traffic. [Read more](#)



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## India Power Secretary Reaffirms India's Commitment to Hydropower Projects in Bhutan

**31 October 2022: Thimphu, Bhutan**

Mr. Alok Kumar, Secretary of the Ministry of Power of the Government of India, led a delegation to Bhutan on 29-31 October 2022. His visit reviewed all aspects of Bhutan-India energy cooperation and emphasized the commitment by both countries to complete ongoing hydropower projects according to the agreed timeline. Projects reviewed include Punatsangchhu-I and II Hydroelectric Power projects, and Kholongchhu hydropower project.

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## Nepal to Export Additional 22 MW of Power to India

**31 October 2022: Kathmandu, Nepal**

India's Central Electricity Authority granted the Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA) approval to export an additional 22 megawatts (MW) of power produced by the Chilime Hydropower Company. Mr. Suresh Bahadur Bhattarai, Spokesperson of NEA, confirmed the approval obtained on 31 October 2022. Nepal is now able to export 386 MW of power to India.

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## Indian Railways Delivers SUVs from India to Bhutan via Rail and Road

**29 October 2022: Alipurduar, India**

Indian Railways successfully delivered 75 sports utility vehicles (SUVs) by rail and road to Bhutan—its first delivery to Bhutan via multimodal route. The SUVs were loaded at the Walajabad terminal, Chennai, bound for Hasimara station, Alipurduar. Upon arriving at Hasimara, the SUVs were loaded on trucks en route to Bhutan via road. Hasimara is an Indian town strategically located around 20 km from an India-Bhutan border.

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# Nepal Envoy Notes Planned Supply of 50 MW of Electricity to Bangladesh

26 October 2022: Dhaka, Bangladesh

Mr. Ghanshyam Bhandari, Ambassador of the Government of Nepal to the Government of Bangladesh, noted when he met Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina that Nepal will initially supply 40-50 MW of electricity to Bangladesh. Nepal will increase the supply further upon completion of the 900 MW Upper Karnali hydropower project.

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# Sri Lanka to Cooperate with India on Trincomalee Port Development

14 October 2022: Trincomalee, Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka President Ranil Wickremesinghe visited the eastern port district of Trincomalee to inspect its integrated development plan. During his visit, he emphasized the need for India and Sri Lanka to cooperate to develop the Trincomalee port on the country's northeastern coast.

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# Foreign Secretaries of Maldives and India Hold Official Discussions

2 October 2022: Malé, Maldives

Mr. Vinay Mohan Kwatra, Foreign Secretary of the Government of India, and Mr. Ahmed Latheef, Foreign Secretary of the Government of Maldives, conducted official discussions and noted the successful economic cooperation between India and Maldives, and the progress of projects being implemented under Indian grant assistance and line of credit scheme. The Governments of India and Maldives also exchanged an agreement to extend a \$100 million Indian line of credit that help ease and facilitate ongoing key infrastructure projects in Maldives.

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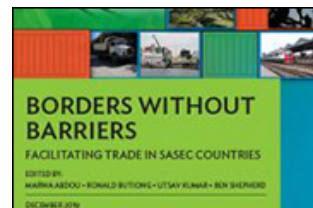
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