



## PM opens BDF meet on Saturday

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Bangladesh Development Forum (BDF) meeting with span of over three days begins in Dhaka on Saturday, official sources confirmed.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will open the extraordinary meeting in Sonargaon Hotel at 5pm. Previously the BDF meeting used to take place in Paris of France.

Cabinet members, representatives of the development partners and senior government officials will attend the opening session of the meeting.

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman will remain in the steering seat of the meeting with Vice president of World Bank South Asia Region Pratul C. Patel coordinating the

donors' side.

Ministers and secretaries of the government will take part in discussions on various issues and review of progress with the representatives of the development partners.

Representatives of 23 development partner countries and agencies, some from their local offices and others from their headquarters will attend the meeting. Last year, the BDF meeting also took place in Dhaka.

The meeting will discuss in several working sessions the issues like trade and investment climate, governance and law and order, ports and infrastructure development, human resource development and government NGOs partnership. ■