**Rosatom Director General Alexey Likhachev discussed the course of construction of Rooppur NPP with Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina**

Director General of Rosatom State Corporation Alexey Likhachev visited Bangladesh. During the visit, Mr. Likhachev met with Prime Minister of the Republic of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina.

At the meeting, the Parties discussed the current issues of Rooppur NPP construction and the readiness of the site for the most important milestone of the year - delivery of fresh fuel for the Unit 1 of Rooppur NPP under construction.

“Jointly with the Bangladeshi colleagues we have reached one of the most important stages of the project implementation - delivery of fresh nuclear fuel to the NPP site”, said Alexey Likhachev. - This event will mark the transition of the NPP under construction into the status of a nuclear facility and will make Bangladesh a member of the “nuclear community” of the countries operating the energy of peaceful atom.

The Rooppur NPP equipped with two VVER-1200 reactors totaling to 2400 MW is being built according to the Russian design 160 km from Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh, under the General Contract dated December 25, 2015. The Russian design with VVER-1200 reactors that had been successfully implemented at two units of Novovoronezh NPP was selected for the first NPP in Bangladesh. This is an evolutionary GenIII+ design which fully complies with all international safety requirements.

Russia is consistently developing international trade and economic relations, focusing on cooperation with friendly countries. Despite external restrictions, the domestic economy is augmenting its export potential to supply goods, services and raw materials all over the world. The implementation of major international energy projects is underway. Rosatom and its enterprises are taking an active part in this work.

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