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# ATROCITIES ON ROHINGYAS ICC launches investigation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Criminal Court (ICC) yesterday officially launched an investigation into the allegations of atrocities committed by Myanmar against the Rohingyas.

The intergovernmental organisation and international tribunal that sits in The Hague also announced that they will be investigating the crimes of deportation, which also includes crimes against humanity.

Phakiso Mochochoko, director of the Jurisdiction, Complementary and Cooperation division of the ICC Office of the Prosecutor, made the announcement at a press conference at Pan Pacific Sonargaon hotel in the capital yesterday afternoon.

"Whoever you are, whatever position you hold, you will be held individually criminally responsible," Mochochoko said, adding that the process will identify individual perpetrators, including soldiers.

This announcement by the ICC comes at a time when the International Court of Justice (ICJ) has issued a preliminary ruling against Myanmar, imposing four provisional measures against the state.

The measures require the government to prevent genocidal acts, ensure that military and police forces do not commit genocide, preserve evidence of genocidal acts, and report back on its compliance within four months, and then every six months afterwards.

This legal proceeding is different from the ICJ because, while the ICJ prosecutes states and orders governments to take certain actions, the ICC prosecutes individuals and sentences them to prison.

The Office of the Prosecutor at the ICC will now carefully and thoroughly seek to uncover the truth about what

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A trench was dug up on this road in Old Dhaka's Chawk Mogaltuli area about two months ago to construct a sewer. The slow progress of the work is causing sufferings to locals as almost half of the road remains unusable. Traders also spend extra money to transport their goods to and from their shops. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

# SC clears the way for recovering Turag land

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday cleared the way for the government to recover the land of Turag river from illegal possession of Nishut Jute Mills Ltd of Hameem Group, and Hossain Dyeing and Printing Mills Ltd of Anwar Group.

A four-member bench of the Appellate Division of the SC, headed by Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain, passed the order after hearing two separate appeals filed by Nishut Jute Mills Ltd and Hossain Dyeing and Printing Mills Ltd challenging a High Court verdict on this issue.

Following a writ petition filed by Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh (HRPB), the HC on February 3 last year declared the Turag a "legal person" and a "living entity" and also directed the authorities concerned to free the river from all kinds of encroachment.

Later, Nishut Jute Mills  
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# He had his heart set on the poor

Say speakers about Sir Fazle Hasan Abed at his memorial service

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Sir Fazle Hasan Abed was a man with vision, but more importantly, he had the determination and highest level of efficiency to turn his vision into action, and that was what he used to establish and turn Brac into one of the world's biggest development organisations.

Abed, a brand name in the development sector worldwide, had his heart set on the poor, and so he worked and innovated relentlessly to bring them out of poverty.

"Abed Bhai had the heart to love people. He held the hands of the people to help them stand up," said Mazeda Khanam, one of the first teachers of Brac's informal education programme in Manikganj, at a memorial service titled "Celebrating the life and legacy of Sir Fazle Hasan Abed: 1936-2019".

Organised by Brac at the city's International Convention City Bashundhara yesterday, the event was attended by

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FIRST YEAR OF BANGLADESH

# Bangabandhu's nation-building challenges



Bangabandhu discussing with cabinet colleagues before leaving for Kolkata on February 5, 1972.

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SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

**PM'S RELIEF FUND OPENED**  
A fund titled 'Prime Minister's Relief Fund' has been opened for collection of donations from philanthropic persons and organisations for relief in Bangladesh.

**TK 2000CR PLAN TO REHABILITATE DISPLACED PERSONS**  
Rehabilitation Minister AHM Kamaruzzaman informs that the government has taken up a Tk 2000 crore long-term plan to rehabilitate the displaced persons in Bangladesh. They will be rehabilitated in a way that there will be no necessity of relief in the country. Four vocational institutes will be established in four divisions -- Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna and Rajshahi -- to bring up children who have been rendered orphans during the War as

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# OC closed for letting rapist go

He didn't record case

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

The officer-in-charge of Haragachh Police Station has been closed as he allegedly let go a rape suspect hours after his arrest without recording a case against him in Rangpur's Kaunia upazila.

OC Nazmul Quader was closed to Rangpur Metropolitan Police on Monday night, said Altaf Hossain, an assistant commissioner (media).

Police again arrested accused Sohel Rana, 27, of Thakurdas village under Haragachh municipality, around 9:00pm, said Faruk Hossain, assistant commissioner (Mahiganj zone) of Rangpur Metropolitan Police.

The arrest was made after the rape victim's father had filed a case against Sohel, a part-time teacher at a local high school, that

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# Oldest manmade timber structure discovered



MAIL ONLINE

An oak water well uncovered in the Czech Republic is the world's oldest wooden construction ever discovered.

The well dates to 5,256 or 5,255 BC – the Neolithic period, or the end of the Stone Age – making it 7,275 years old.

The structure has been dated using the internal rings of the wood, which are visible in cross sections.

The sophisticated oak well has a square base area of about 30 inches by 30 inches, and is 4.5 feet in height.

The object is unusual for the Neolithic period and shows that even people in ancient human settlements benefited from skilled carpenters.

"The design consists of grooved corner posts with inserted planks," said the researchers in their

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# ASSAULT ON COPS Councillor-elect lands in jail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The newly elected ward-23 councillor of Dhaka North City Corporation was sent to jail yesterday, hours after police arrested him on charges of assaulting two cops.

Shakhawat Hossain, who was backed by the Awami League in Saturday's city polls, was picked up from the city's Khilgaon area on Monday night after Sub-Inspector Abdul Majid of the police's Special Branch filed a case in connection with the incident, police said.

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PRAYER TIMING FEBRUARY 5

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha  
AZAN 5:30 12:45 4:15 5:52 7:15  
JAMAAT 6:05 1:15 4:30 5:56 7:45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



Women sell vegetables at their temporary shops on the footpath in the city's Begunbari area yesterday. They buy low-priced vegetables from Karwan Bazar and sell those to people, mostly from low-income families.

PHOTO: STAR

# No decision yet for NRC at nat'l level

India's home ministry tells parliament

NDTV ONLINE

There are no plans for now to conduct a nationwide National Register of Citizens (NRC) exercise, the Indian government said in parliament yesterday.

"Till now, the government has not taken any decision to prepare National Register of Indian Citizens at the national level," Minister of State for Home, Nityanand Rai, said in a written reply.

With the clarification, the Home Ministry hopes to defuse anger and protests over the NRC and the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) for the past two months.

Significantly, during the joint session of parliament last Friday, President Ram Nath Kovind had skipped any reference to the NRC in his customary opening address.

The CAA, which for the first time in

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**বাংলাদেশ মেডিকেল এন্ড ডেন্টাল কাউন্সিল**  
২০৩, শহীদ সৈয়দ নজরুল ইসলাম সরণী  
(পুরাতন ৮৬ বিজয়নগর), ঢাকা-১০০০।  
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**বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

এতদ্বারা সকল নিবন্ধিত মেডিকেল/ডেন্টাল চিকিৎসকদের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাইতেছে যে, কাউন্সিলের কার্যক্রমকে আরও গতিশীল করার লক্ষ্যে কাউন্সিল বিভিন্ন উদ্যোগ গ্রহণ করিতেছে। সকল মেডিকেল/ডেন্টাল চিকিৎসকদের Profile Update করার জন্য কাউন্সিলের ওয়েব সাইট (www.bmdc.org.bd) এ (Update Doctor Profile) নামে একটি Link দেওয়া আছে। উক্ত Link এ তাঁহাদের মোবাইল নম্বর, ই-মেইল, জন্ম তারিখ, পিতার নাম, মাতার নাম এবং NID নম্বর, লিখে Profile Update করা যাইবে। ইহার মাধ্যমে কাউন্সিলের সকল তথ্য আদান প্রদান করা সহজ হইবে। এমতাবস্থায় যথাশীঘ্র Doctor Profile Update করার জন্য সকল নিবন্ধিত চিকিৎসকগণকে অনুরোধ করা যাইতেছে।

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