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US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION 2020 Joe Biden picks Kamala Harris as running mate

The senator is first black woman and Indian-origin American to be a vice-president candidate

AFP, Washington

US presidential hopeful Joe Biden named Senator Kamala Harris, a former rival in the White House race, as his running mate Tuesday, marking a historic first for American women of colour.

Biden's announcement capped a months-long search for a Democratic partner to challenge President Donald Trump in November.

Harris, who would become America's first female and first black vice president if elected, is a "fearless fighter for the little guy, and one of the country's finest public servants," Biden, 77, said in revealing his running mate.

"I'm proud now to have her as my partner in this campaign."

The decision, announced in typical 2020 style on social media, was a crucial moment for Biden as he aims to build a broad coalition of voters to oust Trump from the White House.

Harris, who at 55 is two decades Biden's junior, could appeal to younger voters and women, particularly those in the suburbs who have been fleeing Trump.

The former California attorney general is also the first



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Cars plying Munshiganj's Sreenagar-Dohar road, which is lined with sandbags as it has been heavily damaged due to floods caused by the overflowing of the Padma. Due to enormous cracks, heavy and goods-laden vehicles are not permitted on the road until repair. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

5 'members of Neo-JMB cell' arrested

They 'planned to carry out attacks in three districts before Eid

MOHAMMAD JAMIL KHAN

They planned to draw the attention of the Islamic State by carrying out several explosive attacks ahead of the Eid-ul-Adha.

The IS-inspired militant outfit Neo-JMB formed a 10-member cell three months ago and plotted four bomb attacks in three districts, including one at Hazrat Shahjalal shrine in Sylhet.

They even developed a manual for making an Improvised Explosive Device (IED).

This time only one member was supposed to take part in a single attack.

But all the plans were foiled due to increased vigilance of the Counter-Terrorism and Transnational Crime (CTTC) unit.

CTTC chief Monirul Islam yesterday came up with these remarks following the arrests of five members of the Neo JMB

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Denied admission by clinic, she gave birth at roadside

Two probe bodies formed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogura

A woman was forced to give birth on the roadside after being denied admission by the Gaibandha Mother and Children Welfare Center around 1:00am early yesterday.

The mother, Jemi Akter, wife of Hiru Mia of Saghata upazila, delivered a baby girl on a veranda of a roadside shop on DB road in Gaibandha town.

Speaking to local journalists, Jemi's family said, "We took her to the welfare centre last night after her labour pain began. But the Family Welfare Visitor Salina Akter did not admit her even after we requested repeatedly. Without carrying out any tests or anything, they asked us to get out of the hospital."

They further alleged that the hospital authorities verbally and physically abused them to make them leave.

"Later, when we were taking Jemi to the Sadar Hospital, her baby started coming, so we stopped on the road and took her to a roadside shop," they said.

Contacted, Md Saiful Islam, deputy director of Gaibandha's Family Planning Office, said, "Two separate three-membered bodies have been formed

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FIRST YEAR OF BANGLADESH BANGABANDHU'S NATION-BUILDING CHALLENGES

Bangabandhu's health shows remarkable improvement

August 13, 1972

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

BANGABANDHU WILL LEAVE CLINIC TOMORROW

Prime Minister Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, who underwent a gallbladder operation on July 30, will leave London clinic tomorrow morning, according to a health bulletin issued by his personal physician Dr Nurul Islam today. The bulletin says Bangabandhu has shown remarkable improvement over the last two days. This morning he walked independently from one corner

of the corridor to the other. He could, the bulletin adds, be persuaded successfully not to smoke till yesterday. This morning, however, he was allowed to revert to smoking only in moderation.

BHUTTO'S DECISION A VIOLATION OF SIMLA

Pakistan President Bhutto's decision not to recognise Bangladesh at this stage is seen by India as a violation of an understanding at Simla. Indian officials also criticise Bhutto's attempt to secure a Chinese promise to veto Bangladesh's admission into the United Nations.

A report on Sunday Times says the Bangladesh prime minister is 'apparently undisturbed' by the threat of Chinese veto of Bangladesh's application for membership of the UN.

PLEA FOR EARLY ANNOUNCEMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY

Delay in announcement of the country's investment and industrial

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FLOOD-AFFECTED AREAS

Farmers face shortage of cattle feed

STAR REPORT

Fodder crisis has hit cattle farming hard in the country's flood-affected areas.

Almost all grazing land has been submerged and dry straw damaged by floodwater. So, farmers are dealing with a double blow as they have to buy fodder at high prices.

The government allocation for feed is insufficient than the demand, said farmers and the officials concerned.

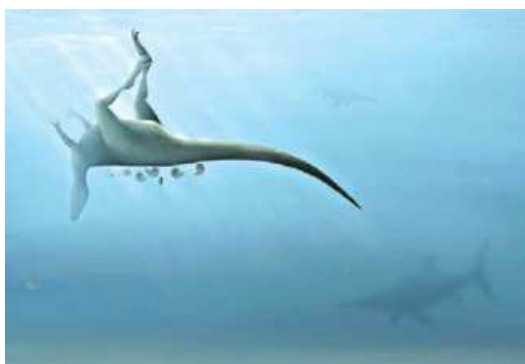
Over 54 lakh people have so far been affected by flood in 161 upazilas of 33 districts across the country, says the latest report of the National Disaster Response Coordination Centre.

Our district correspondents report on the crisis and the cattle farmers' sufferings.

In Sirajganj, many people took shelter in flood centres as their houses were

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New dinosaur species related to T. rex found



INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

A collection of bones found on the Isle of Wight belong to a new species of dinosaur from the same family as Tyrannosaurus rex, British scientists said.

Vectaeovenator inopinatus, as the dinosaur has been named, walked the earth 115 million years ago in the Cretaceous period and is estimated to have been up to four metres long, according to palaeontologists from the University of Southampton.

The dinosaur is a new species of theropod, the group that includes Tyrannosaurus rex and modern-day birds.

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'CROSSFIRE THREAT' Expatriate sues 5 B'baria cops for extorting money

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria

Five policemen, including two sub-inspector of Brahmanbaria's Akhaura Police Station, have been sued yesterday for extorting Tk 90,000 from an expatriate by "threatening to kill him in crossfire".

Harun Mia, a resident of Masjid Para in Akhaura municipality, filed the case with a Brahmanbaria court against sub-inspectors Matiyur Rahman and Humayun Kabir, Assistant SI Khorshed, constables Prashanto Sarkar and Md Saikat.

"Taking the case into cognisance, the court asked Brahmanbaria police superintendent to investigate and submit a report within 30 working days," said Harun's lawyer Gulam Sarwar Khokon.

Citing the case statement, Sarwar said,

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COX'S BAZAR SADAR OC suspended over death of 'drug peddler' in custody

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

The officer-in-charge of Sadar Police Station in Cox's Bazar has been suspended after an alleged drug peddler has died in police custody.

Abu Mohammad Shahajahan Kabir faced the music for the negligence of duty, says an order issued by the Police Headquarters on Tuesday.

He would be attached to the office of Deputy Inspector General of police in Sylhet during the suspension period, the order added.

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PRAYER TIMING AUGUST 13

Fajr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
4:25	12:45	4:45	6:41	8:30
AZAN	5:00	1:15	5:00	6:44

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



Expatriates returning to the Middle East gathered at the Biman Bangladesh Airlines office in Chattogram for plane tickets. Authorities also recruited Panchalish police to deal with the large number of ticket seekers on Tuesday. Many expatriates have shown frustration and anger as they have had to return after waiting for long hours and not getting a ticket. Many who came to the country during pandemic have been told that their visas would be canceled if they do not arrive at their workplace before the end of the holiday.

PHOTO: RAJIB RATHAN

VIOLENCE OVER FB POST 3 dead as cops, protesters clash in Bengaluru

110 held; politician's house, vehicles torched

REUTERS, Bengaluru

At least three people died in clashes with police in the Indian city of Bengaluru on Tuesday night after a Facebook post offensive to Muslims sparked protests in which a police station was attacked, and a politician's house and vehicles were torched.

Unable to quell protesters using batons and tear gas, besieged officers opened fire as they risked being overpowered during the violent unrest in a Muslim-dominated neighborhood, the southern city's police chief told Reuters yesterday.

"Despite elders of the community trying to pacify the crowd, the mob burnt vehicles on the road, they attacked the police station," Police Commissioner Kamal Pant said.

"The police had no escape and they had to resort to firing and three people died," Pant said, adding that 110 people had been arrested for alleged vandalism and attacking the police.

A police official said an emergency law prohibiting gatherings had been imposed in Bengaluru, a city of 12 million people best known as India's Silicon Valley.

Pant said the person responsible for the offensive post had been arrested. The anti-Islam post has since been deleted. Facebook did not immediately comment on the issue.

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