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WHO dampens hope of Covid vaccine soon

Says widespread vaccination not expected till mid-2021; probe into origin of coronavirus begins

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The World Health Organization yesterday said it did not expect widespread immunisation against the coronavirus until mid-2021, despite growing expectations in the US and beyond that a vaccine could be released within weeks.

Across the world, governments are hoping to announce a vaccine as soon as possible and roll out treatments for Covid-19, which has killed nearly 870,000 people and infected well over 26 million.

The UN health agency welcomed the fact that a "considerable number" of vaccine candidates had entered final stage Phase III trials, which typically involve tens of thousands of people.

"We know of at least six to nine that have got quite a long way with the research already," WHO spokeswoman Margaret Harris told reporters in Geneva.

However, she stressed, "in terms of realistic timelines, we are really not expecting to see widespread vaccination until the middle of next year".

Under normal procedures, test administrators must wait for months or years to verify that vaccine candidates are safe and efficacious.

But as the pandemic continues to take a devastating toll, there has been massive pressure to roll out a vaccine quickly.

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A woman standing near the precipice of an eroded bank in Manikganj's Harirampur upazila. The previous day, her house had fallen into the Padma river as a result of erosion. It is the fourth house she has lost because of such reason in the last 30 years. The photo was taken on Thursday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Ensure voting rights of the Rohingyas

14 rights groups tell Myanmar ahead of its November 8 polls

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Fourteen Rohingya-led rights groups in Cox's Bazar have demanded that Myanmar ensures voting rights of all Rohingyas, including those in Bangladesh, and their participation in the national elections due on November 8.

The demand was made in an open letter to the Union Election Commission (UEC) of Myanmar by the Rohingyas on Thursday.

Recently, the UEC of Myanmar rejected at least five Rohingya men from competing in the upcoming polls. The commission disqualified four of them, saying their parents weren't Myanmar citizens when the candidates were born.

On July 2, the UEC announced that Myanmar nationals living abroad could cast advanced ballots in this year's general election. The government

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BORDER DISPUTE

Defence ministers of India, China to meet in Moscow

Beijing moves more forces in eastern Ladakh

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The defence ministers of India and China are expected to hold talks in Moscow -- the highest level face-to-face political contact since tensions flared along their disputed mountain border in May, government officials said yesterday.

Both sides deployed additional forces along the frontier running through the western Himalayas, after a clash in June, during which 20 Indian soldiers were killed in hand-to-hand fighting.

Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh was given clearance to meet his Chinese counterpart Wei Fenghe in Moscow, where both are attending a Shanghai Cooperation Organisation meeting, an Indian government official said. The request for the meeting came from the Chinese side, the official added.

"Subsequently a green signal was given for the meeting," the official said, asking not to be identified because of Indian service rules.

There was no word from China, but

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FIRST YEAR OF BANGLADESH BANGABANDHU'S NATION-BUILDING CHALLENGES

Indonesian proposal for Bangladesh-Pakistan rapprochement

September 5, 1972

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

ADAM MALIK ARRIVES IN DHAKA

Dr Adam Malik, Indonesian foreign minister, who flew into Dhaka today, brings with him a new proposal for a rapprochement between Bangladesh and Pakistan. Dr Adam Malik makes a forthright and unambiguous answer to a query by a correspondent that the twin problems of 'no talks before recognition' and 'no recognition without talks' could be settled by a simultaneous announcement of recognition and commencement of a dialogue between Bangladesh and Pakistan.

Talking to newsmen at the foreign office after his first round of meetings with Adam Malik, Bangladesh Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad says the Indonesian proposal would not be unacceptable to Bangladesh. He reiterates that Bangladesh has always stood for the settlement of issues between Bangladesh and Pakistan on a bilateral basis but Pakistan must eschew the use of force. **BANGABANDHU DIDN'T VETO REPATRIATION PROPOSAL** The allegation that Bangladesh Prime Minister Bangabandhu

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SINHA MURDER

Govt probe committee to submit report tomorrow

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

The probe committee formed by the home ministry will submit its report tomorrow over the killing of Major (ret'd) Sinha Md Rashed Khan.

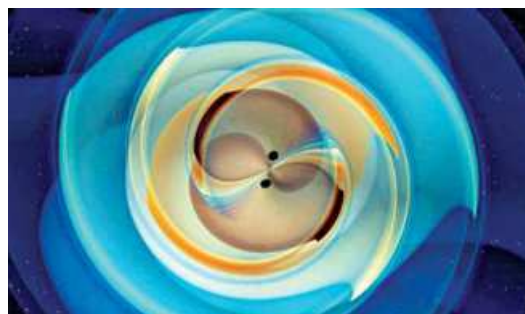
Mizanur Rahman, additional divisional commissioner of Chattogram, who is leading the four-member probe body, told The Daily Star yesterday.

He said, "The committee members have talked to 68 people related in many ways to the killing incident and recorded their statements. They have finalised the report unanimously after scrutinising the information given by the people."

"The report will be submitted to the home ministry on September 6

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Scientists detect mysterious 'mass' black hole



AFP, Paris

Scientists announced Wednesday the discovery of a black hole -- the oldest ever detected -- that shouldn't even exist according to the current understanding of cosmic monsters so dense not even light can escape their gravitational pull.

Born of a merger between two other black holes, GW190521 weighs in at 142 times the mass of our Sun and is the first "intermediate mass" black hole ever observed, two consortiums of some 1,500 scientists reported in a pair of studies.

"This event is a door opening into the cosmic process for the formation of black holes," co-author Stavros Katsanevas, an astrophysicist at the European Gravitational Observatory, said in an online press conference.

"It is a whole new world."

A so-called stellar-class black hole forms when a dying star collapses, and is typically three to ten solar masses in size.

Supermassive black holes found at the centre of most galaxies, including the Milky Way, range from millions to billions of solar masses.

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IAEA allowed to inspect disputed site in Iran

REUTERS, Vienna

Iran has let the UN nuclear watchdog inspect one of the two sites it agreed last week to grant access to after a protracted standoff, while Tehran's stockpile of enriched uranium has risen further, quarterly reports by the agency said yesterday.

The International Atomic Energy Agency inspected one of the sites and took environmental samples there, one of the two reports obtained by Reuters said, referring to samples aimed at detecting traces of nuclear material that may have been present.

The agency's inspectors will visit the other site "later in September 2020 on a

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PRAYER TIMING SEPTEMBER 5

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 4:35 12:45 4:30 6:20 7:45
JAMAAT 5:10 1:15 4:45 6:25 8:15

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



Standing in front of stumps fashioned from bits of sidewalk that are under construction, a young batsman is about to hit a ball in a game of street cricket in front of Tejgaon Adarsha School and College in the capital yesterday. Due to closure of schools since mid March amid the coronavirus pandemic, students of this school have not had access to the playground, but ensured that their games would not be sacrificed, even though face masks apparently were.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS



Clarification on Change of Category in DSE and CSE

The category of the Bank was changed to 'A' from 'Z' in DSE and CSE on September 02, 2020 based on Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission letter and the provisions of Commission's Order No. SEC/CMRRCD/2009-93/08 dated September 01, 2020 which has been also widely published in different national dailies as well as electronic media.

This news was welcomed by the investors and public, particularly due to the fact that after a couple of years of marginal performance, the Bank has been able to show a substantial improvement during the calendar year 2019 due to the committed and sustained efforts of the Board and Management.

However, we observed that a news was published in DSE and CSE website on September 03, 2020 wherein they have changed the category of the Bank to 'B' with effect from September 06, 2020.

It is important to note that both the declarations i.e. declaration of our listing category to 'A', and after 2 days changing our listing to category 'B', were made by DSE and CSE as per their regulations.

It should be mentioned that the change within a short period may have caused some confusion which required this clarification on the Bank's part.

While AB Bank will apply to BSEC, DSE and CSE for reconsideration of the category of the Bank to "A", we consider it of utmost importance to bring this to the notice of our Honourable Shareholders and Investors.

Dhaka, September 04, 2020

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