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India, China trade blame

New Delhi pushes for dialogue; Beijing says it can't lose 'an inch of territory'; Trump offers help

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India and China traded blame for rising tensions over their disputed Himalayan border yesterday following their highest level meeting since a deadly clash in June.

India's Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and his Chinese counterpart General Wei Fenghe released rival statements accusing each other of inflaming the showdown after talks late Friday on the sidelines of an international meeting in Moscow.

Singh said they had "frank" discussions on the dispute and the strained relations between the world's two most populous countries.

The meeting between the two leaders lasted for 2 hours 20 minutes. It was also the highest level face-to-face political contact since tensions flared along the disputed mountain border in May.

On June 15, the nuclear armed neighbours came close to a major conflict after forces clashed at Galwan valley in the Ladakh region in which 20 Indian troops died. China has also acknowledged suffering casualties but not given figures.

Both sides have since sent tens of thousands of troops to the remote, inhospitable region which sits at an altitude of more than 4,000 metres (13,500 feet).

A series of talks held since, but the tensions along the

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The port city market in Barishal has been overflowing with hilsa fish as fishermen of the area struck silver in the surrounding rivers and estuaries with an abundance this monsoon. The photo was taken yesterday. Story on page 3

PHOTO: TITU DAS

US ELECTION 2020

Vote-by-mail begins as race turns ugly

AFP, Washington

The US election is officially open: North Carolina on Friday launched vote-by-mail operations for the November 3 contest between President Donald Trump and Democrat Joe Biden, which is getting uglier by the hour.

With two months until Election Day, Trump is seizing on fears over violent protests in US cities and questioning the integrity of voting by mail, while challenger Biden intensified his criticism of a "deplorable" leader who he said is not fit for office.

Worries about the unabated spread of coronavirus are expected to prompt a surge in the number of ballots cast by mail, as millions seek to avoid polling stations.

In a country on edge over the health crisis and a national reckoning about race, the next 60 days will test the ability of the world's largest economy to organize its election while

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Years gone by but they're still temps

24 teachers, 12 staffers of Savar Govt College left in limbo

AKLAKUR RAHMAN AKASH, Savar

A total of 36 employees of Savar Govt College, who were recruited temporarily 12 years ago, are facing uncertainty regarding the permanence of their jobs after the institution declared itself to be nationalised in 2018.

Twenty-four teachers and 12 staffers were recruited temporarily at the college.

Due to negligence of the then college authorities, mainly its principal, such uncertainty was created, the teachers and staffers said.

They told The Daily Star that after they saw the job circular on a newspaper and applied. They were given temporary jobs after passing the recruitment tests.

"We are all public university students with good academic results, who are now teachers. Now, we are facing uncertainty about our future life," said Md Mashud Rana, who joined the college as a temporary lecturer of the marketing department in 2013.

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FIRST YEAR OF BANGLADESH BANGABANDHU'S NATION-BUILDING CHALLENGES

Bangabandhu phones Nazrul, asks about price hike

September 6, 1972

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

BANGABANDHU INFORMED OF STEPS TO CHECK PRICE HIKE Acting prime minister Syed Nazrul Islam has talked over telephone today with Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman who is now in Geneva for convalescing after his gall stone operation. Bangabandhu wanted to know steps taken to face the food problem and to check the price hike. He is very much eager to return home immediately. Syed Nazrul Islam apprised him of the whole situation of the country.

BANGLADESH FIRM IN HER ATTITUDE TOWARDS PAKISTAN

There is no change in the Bangladesh Government's stand that Pakistan must recognise Bangladesh before any talks can be held at the top or official level, sources close to Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Mujibur Rahman has said.

The sources were commenting on reports from Pakistan that a statement by Bangladesh Foreign Minister Abdus Samad in New Delhi on Sunday was believed to have indicated a shift in Bangladesh Government's attitude towards the relations with Pakistan.

It may also be mentioned that the Bangladesh foreign minister's statement made in New Delhi on which the Pakistani reports are

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Parliament goes into 9th session today

UNB, Dhaka

Parliament is set to go into its ninth session today after a 59-day recess as the last (budget) session was prorogued on July 9.

"The session will begin at 11:00am tomorrow [today] maintaining the health codes amid the Covid-19 pandemic like it was done during the last session," Chief Whip Noor-e-Alam Chowdhury told UNB yesterday.

President Abdul Hamid on August 19 summoned the 9th session (4th session of this year) of the 11th parliament exercising the power bestowed upon him as per clause (1) of article 72 of the constitution.

The last session was prorogued after only nine sittings due to the Covid-19 outbreak in the country. It was the shortest budget session in Bangladesh's history.

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'Flying-V' makes successful maiden flight



CNN ONLINE

Researchers have conducted a successful maiden flight of the Flying-V, a futuristic and fuel efficient airplane that could one day carry passengers in its wings.

The Flying-V's unique design places the passenger cabin, the cargo hold and the fuel tanks in the wings, and experts hope that the plane's aerodynamic shape will cut fuel consumption by 20% compared to today's aircrafts.

Experts tested a 22.5 kg and 3-meter scale model of the futuristic airplane, developed by researchers at Delft University of Technology in the Netherlands and partner Dutch airline KLM, on February 16.

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Parents put kids to sleep with stories of Pradeep

Cox's Bazar DC told a programme last year

MOHAMMAD AL MASUM MOLLA

When he was the officer-in-charge of Teknaf Police Station, Pradeep Kumar Das earned such a name that parents put small children to sleep by telling them scary stories about the OC.

Cox's Bazar Deputy Commissioner Kamal Hossain said this last year at a public event while praising Pradeep.

"The war on drugs has started and we cannot backtrack from it. I would like to thank the OC [Pradeep] of Teknaf Police Station after whose arrival I heard that locals put their children to sleep saying Pradeep would visit. We want it to continue like this," the DC told the event, marking the surrender of 102 yaba dealers and smugglers, on February 16.

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Bus runs over BAEC official in Banani

STAR REPORT

A female official of Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission (BAEC) was seriously injured after the wheels of a bus ran over her right leg in Banani area of Dhaka yesterday noon.

Afroza Begum, 58, was receiving treatment at National Institute of Traumatology and Orthopedic Rehabilitation (Nitor) in the capital, her son Al Amin told The Daily Star.

The incident happened when his mother was returning home in Cantonment's Kochukhet area from Palash upazila of Narsingdi by a bus.

Noor-e-Alam Miah, officer-in-charge of Banani

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Ferdousi Begum had gone to Mugda General Hospital yesterday morning to test for Covid-19 after she noticed symptoms of the viral disease developing in her body over the last three days. However, even before she could get examined, she fell sick due to waiting under the sun for long hours.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

'Worst is yet to come'

India becomes third country to pass four million coronavirus cases, after US and Brazil

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India became the third country to cross four million coronavirus cases yesterday, also setting a new global record for a daily surge in infections and closing in on Brazil's total as the second-highest in the world.

The 86,432 cases added in the past 24 hours pushed India's total to 4,023,179. India's health ministry also reported 1,089 deaths for a total of 69,561.

Brazil has confirmed 4,091,801 infections while the United States has 6,200,186 people infected, according to Johns Hopkins University.

The pandemic has killed at least 875,703 people worldwide since surfacing in China late last year, according to an AFP count at 1100 GMT yesterday based on official sources. More than 26.6 million cases have been registered worldwide.

The United States has recorded the highest number of deaths with 187,777, followed by Brazil with 125,502, Mexico 66,851 and Britain 41,537 fatalities.

Initially, the virus ravaged India's sprawling and often densely populated cities. It has since stretched to almost every state in India, spreading through villages and smaller cities where access to healthcare is crippled.

With a population of nearly 1.4 billion people, India's massive caseload does not surprise experts. The country's delayed response to the virus forced the government to implement a harsh lockdown in late March. For more than two months, the economy remained shuttered, buying

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