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US ELECTION 2020 Insults, chaos force changes in debate rules

Trump criticised for refusal to peaceful power transfer, far-right militia 'shoutout'

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After a chaotic opening debate that turned almost immediately into a shouting match weeks ahead of the most tense US election in recent memory, the US Commission on Presidential Debates yesterday said it will enact new measures to "maintain order" at upcoming events.

"Last night's debate made clear that additional structure should be added to the format of the remaining (two) debates to ensure a more orderly discussion of the issues," the CPD said in a statement.

The commission said it will soon announce measures "to ensure that additional tools to maintain order are in place for the remaining debates."

The debate in Cleveland, Ohio, was as bad-tempered as had been feared, with Trump leading the way in yelling over his challenger and the Fox News moderator Chris Wallace alike.

Trump bulldozed his way through the 90-minute debate, trying to goad Biden nearly every time he spoke, claiming that Democrats were trying to steal the November presidential election with mail-in ballots and declining to condemn white supremacist groups when asked to do so.

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People walking out of the Gobindaganj Upazila Health Complex in Gaibandha yesterday. The district has been seriously affected by floods over the last two days after the Karatoa river burst its banks at many places. The river was flowing 98cm above the danger level yesterday.

PHOTO:
MOSTAFA SHABUI

Govt to extend school closure due to Covid

Decision on HSC exams by next week

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

School closure due to the pandemic will be extended and the decision on holding the postponed Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) and its equivalent examinations will be announced on Monday or Tuesday.

If there is any exam, the candidates will be informed at least four weeks before, said Education Minister Dipu Moni at a views-exchange programme with reporters yesterday.

"The situation is still not favourable for reopening schools, so school closure will be extended. We will let you know soon," she said at the virtual programme.

On March 17, the government closed the schools to contain the spread of Covid-19. The closure was extended till October 3. The long closure has led to the cancellation of exams and left academic calendars in disarray.

"We will announce our SEE PAGE 6 COL 1

Dhaka outraged by Myanmar's lies at UNGA

Bins claims of harbouring terrorists at Cox's Bazar Rohingya camps

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh is "outraged" by Myanmar's "blatant demonstration of falsehood and fabrication of facts" at the ongoing UN General Assembly in New York.

"Bangladesh strongly rejects baseless accusations and falsification and misrepresentation of facts that Myanmar made at the UN General Assembly," a senior official in Dhaka told UNB.

Bangladesh, through the UN, has urged the Myanmar government to abandon its policy of lies and propaganda and demonstrate genuine political will to take back its own nationals with safety, security and dignity, said the official.

Myanmar at the UNGA alleged that Bangladesh was harbouring terrorists in Cox's Bazar Rohingya camps, but Bangladesh rejected such "baseless" allegations.

Another official said Bangladesh, under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, maintains a "zero tolerance" policy towards terrorism, terrorists financing and other drivers of terrorism.

Bangladesh doesn't allow terrorists to use its territory and Myanmar needs to look at its own image in the mirror, the official said, mentioning that this was what Bangladesh said in response to allegations made by Myanmar during the general debate at the UNGA.

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FIRST YEAR OF BANGLADESH BANGABANDHU'S NATION-BUILDING CHALLENGES

Enrolment of voters begins



Prime Minister Sheikh Mujibur Rahman signing a form for enlisting his name in the voters' list at his residence on October 1, 1972.

October 1, 1972

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

PREPARATION OF ELECTORAL ROLLS BEGINS

The preparation of electoral rolls for the first general election to be held in independent sovereign Bangladesh began throughout the country today. President Justice Abu Sayeed Chowdhury and Prime Minister Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman are enrolled as voters in the morning.

The electoral rolls are being prepared under the Bangladesh Electoral Rolls Order 1972 and Bangladesh Electoral Rolls Rules 1972. Bangabandhu, who has been attaching great importance to timely completion of the task of electoral rolls preparation, repeats his assurance to the Election Commission that his government would give all cooperation to it for fulfilling its task.

BANGABANDHU MEETS EDITORS

Bangabandhu has an informal meeting with the editors of the newspapers and news agencies today evening at the Gono Bhaban. He holds a free discussion with the editors about the government's

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Icddr,b gets its first ever Bangladeshi chief

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dr Tahmeed Ahmed has been made the new executive director of the icddr,b, a renowned international public health research organisation.

He has become the first Bangladeshi to be appointed to this post in the organisation's 60-year history.

The International Board of Trustees of icddr,b, formerly known as the International Centre for Diarrheal Disease Research, Bangladesh, has appointed him to this new position, said a press release yesterday.

His appointment would be effective from February 1 next year.

He will succeed Dr John Clemens who has served as the executive director since 2013.

Tahmeed joined icddr,b in 1985. Over the years, he has taken on different roles and was appointed as the senior director at



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Scientists develop biomimetic prosthetic hand



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A biomimetic prosthetic hand has been developed by Italian researchers that can replicate the behaviours of the human hand.

The hand, called Hannes, is able to restore over 90 percent of functionality to people with amputated limbs, the researchers claim.

The prosthetic, which includes the hand and the wrist, moves using the electrical signals generated by the wearer's muscles.

An array of sensors detects the activity of the user's limb muscles, and uses specially developed software to make precise movements.

However, the researchers claim that the hand's mechanical design – apparently unique in the market – is the key to the prosthetic versatility and movement.

The mechanism lets the hand adapt to the object it is holding using a single motor, which allows it to be more efficient.

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Ex-MP Awal saw his property grow 40 times in a decade

Finds ACC probe

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The immovable property of former member of parliament from Pirojpur AKMA Awal Saydur Rahman has swelled up to about forty times in the last decade, according to an investigation by the Anti-Corruption Commission.

The increase took place when he was elected member of parliament consecutively for two terms till 2014.

His wife Laila Parveen's immovable wealth had also increased over six times during the same time frame, reveals the investigation.

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PRAYER TIMING OCTOBER 1

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 4-45 12-45 4-15 5-53 7-30
JAMAAT 5-20 1-15 4-30 5-56 8-00

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



A motorcycle plies a u-loop against the traffic, defying rules. Alongside motorised vehicles, rickshaws too use the u-loop in the capitals' Pragati Sarani, which poses risks to both drivers and passengers. The picture was taken recently.

PHOTO:
PRABIR DAS

Man dies in police custody

His family alleges torture
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man has died in police custody after he was picked up by the law enforcers from Gulistan area on Tuesday.

The victim -- Masud Rana, 33, a welder at a steel rerolling mill in Narayanganj's Kanchpur -- was tortured to death at Paltan Police Station in Dhaka, alleged his family members.

Police, however, claimed that he was on drugs and hurt himself at the police custody.

Walid Hossain, deputy commissioner (media) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, said, "He [Masud] was held with 300 pieces of yaba tablets from Gulistan area yesterday."

"He took drugs at the time of detention and got SEE PAGE 6 COL 4

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