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# India's Covid cases top 7 million

Experts say true number may be much higher

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India's coronavirus caseload topped 7 million yesterday when the health ministry reported 74,383 new infections in the previous 24 hours, with a rise in infections in southern states offsetting a drop in western regions.

Deaths from Covid-19 rose by 918 in the last 24 hours to 108,334, the ministry said.

India added a million cases in just 13 days, according to a Reuters tally of government data, and it has the second-highest number of infections, behind the United States which is approaching the 8 million mark.

But experts say the true number may be much higher, with testing rates in the country of 1.3 billion people -- home to some of the planet's most crowded cities -- much lower than elsewhere in the world.

The southern state of Kerala, which won praise for its early handling of the coronavirus pandemic, on Saturday reported 11,755 new cases, the highest in the country.

Neighbouring Karnataka and its capital Bengaluru, where many software companies are based, has also been struggling to contain the spread of virus.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government, faced with a collapsing economy after imposing a tough lockdown to try to stem the spread of the virus in late March, is pushing ahead with a full opening of the country just before the festival season.

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Traffic jams have become normal in front of the Jatrabari wholesale fish market in the capital. The jams are created as vehicles, after unloading goods, are parked haphazardly under the Mayor Hanif Flyover on the Dhaka-Chattogram highway. This photo was taken on Saturday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON



## Nadal wins 13th French Open title

REUTERS, Paris

Spain's Rafael Nadal demolished world number one Novak Djokovic of Serbia 6-0 6-2 7-5 in the French Open final to claim a record-equalling 20th Grand Slam title on Sunday.

With his record-improving 13th triumph at Roland Garros, world number two Nadal is now tied with Swiss Roger Federer as the player with the most men's singles major titles.

Nadal was the early aggressor as he choked Djokovic to win the opening set in brutal fashion having made only two unforced errors. He then kept a firm grip on a subdued Djokovic in the second set under

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## Trump back to campaigning

Doctor says he is no longer a transmission risk, stays mum on Covid tests

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Donald Trump is no longer a transmission risk for Covid-19, his doctor said late on Saturday, as the US president seeks to put his bout with coronavirus behind him and return to the campaign fray.

Trump, trailing his Democratic challenger Joe Biden in opinion polls, addressed supporters from a White House balcony on Saturday afternoon. He urged a crowd of hundreds of largely Black and Latino supporters to help get out the vote in the November 3 election.

His physician Sean Conley said in a statement later that Trump had taken a test on Saturday showing he was no longer "a transmission risk to others," and there was no longer evidence "of actively replicating virus."

The White House had no immediate comment on whether Conley's statement meant Trump had actually tested negative for the coronavirus.

Some medical experts had been skeptical that Trump could be declared free of the risk of transmitting the virus so early in the course of his illness. Just 10 days since an initial diagnosis of infection, there was no way to know for certain that someone was no longer contagious, they said.

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## FIRST YEAR OF BANGLADESH BANGABANDHU'S NATION-BUILDING CHALLENGES

### Constitution written in martyrs' blood: Bangabandhu



Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman addressing the Constituent Assembly on October 12, 1972.

October 12, 1972

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

#### BANGABANDHU ADDRESSES CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY

Prime Minister Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman maintains today that the Gono Parishad (Constituent Assembly) would soon present the country a constitution that would be "a beacon of light to the people".

Speaking on the Constitution Bill which is placed in the Gono Parishad by Law Minister Dr Kamal Hossain, Bangabandhu, who is also the leader of the House, says that the framing of the constitution would be the fulfilment of a dream cherished by the people and himself for years.

"The people, my colleagues and I am today legitimately proud, as we are going to give ourselves a constitution on the free soil of Bangladesh," he says. The prime minister reiterates that the constitution would be based on the four basic principles of state

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## ROHINGYA REPATRIATION

### Start delay concerns Beijing

Chinese ambassador tells foreign minister

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Beijing is concerned over the delay in the start of Rohingya repatriation, Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Li Jiming said yesterday during his call on Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen.

Jiming agreed to the minister's observation that repatriation to Myanmar would lead to a sustainable solution to the crisis, not just providing humanitarian assistance to the nearly one million Rohingyas sheltered in Cox's Bazar.

Some 750,000 Rohingyas of Rakhine state fled a military crackdown and joining some 300,000 others who had fled earlier waves of violence since the 1980s.

Despite two attempts, since 2018 after deals signed between Bangladesh and Myanmar, the Rohingyas refused to return to Myanmar saying that they have no guarantee of safety, freedom of

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## Teenager breaks 2 world records for longest legs



CNN ONLINE

Maci Currin isn't all legs, but they do make up 60 percent of her total height.

The 17-year-old from Cedar Park, Texas, broke two Guinness World Records: one for having the longest legs for a female, and another for a teenager with the longest legs.

Her left leg is over 53 inches long, while her right leg is slightly shorter, at 52.874 inches, according to Guinness.

In a video posted on the group's YouTube channel, Currin's mother talks about realising that her daughter was taller than her peers at an early age.

"I guess there's some kind of gene in there that gives her that tallness," her mother said in the video.

Currin is 6-foot-10. Her father was 6-foot-5, her brother is 6-foot-4 and her mother is 5-foot-7.

"Around sophomore year, I just stopped caring

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## Padma bridge now as long as Bangabandhu bridge

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Another span of the Padma bridge was installed yesterday, ending a four-month stalemate over installing spans due to flood situation and strong currents in the Padma.

The 32nd span was installed to link the fourth and fifth pillars at Mawa end in Munshiganj around 9:30am, Dewan Md Abdul Kader, project manager (main bridge), told The Daily Star.

The authorities started the process of installing the span from Saturday morning, but they could not fix it that day due to strong currents in the river,

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### PRAYER TIMING OCTOBER 12

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha  
AZAN 4:45 12:45 4:15 5:45 7:15  
JAMAAT 5:20 1:15 4:30 5:50 7:45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



A human chain was held yesterday in front of the National Museum under the banner of Rakhine Community of Bangladesh to stop killing, rape, arson attacks and other crimes against humanity in Myanmar's Arakan. The protesters urged the international community to take necessary steps in this regard.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

## CITY DRAINAGE HANDOVER

### Key meeting postponed as mayor, officials fall sick

HELEMUL ALAM

A spate of illnesses among officials of the two city corporations, including the Dhaka North mayor, caused the LGRD ministry yesterday to postpone a meeting that would have paved the way to handing control of the city's drainage management from Dhaka Wasa to the city corporations.

"We have postponed the meeting as Dhaka North City Corporation Mayor Atiqul Islam, its chief executive officer and many other officials of DNCC are now ill. We have postponed it due to the request of DSCC Mayor Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh as some officials of DSCC

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ইইএফ সার্কুলার নং-৩৫/২০১৮, তারিখঃ ০৫-০৮-২০১৮ এর মাধ্যমে জারীকৃত  
ইএসএফ নীতিমালা, ২০১৮ এর সংশোধন সম্পর্কিত গণবিজ্ঞপ্তি।

সর্বসাধারণকে এই মর্মে অবহিত করা যাচ্ছে যে, Entrepreneurship Support Fund (ESF) এর আওতায় খাদ্য প্রক্রিয়াজাতকরণ ও কৃষি এবং আইসিটি খাতে প্রকল্প স্থাপনের জন্য বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক কর্তৃক ০৫-০৮-২০১৮ তারিখে ইইএফ সার্কুলার নং-৩৫/২০১৮ এর মাধ্যমে জারীকৃত ইএসএফ নীতিমালা, ২০১৮ সহজ ও উদ্যোক্তা বান্ধব করার লক্ষ্যে এর বেশ কিছু অনুচ্ছেদ সংশোধনপূর্বক ইইএফ সার্কুলার লেটার-০১/২০২০, তারিখঃ ২৭-০৯-২০২০ জারী করা হয়েছে। 'ইইএফ সার্কুলার লেটার-০১/২০২০', 'সংশোধিত ইইএসএফ নীতিমালা, ২০১৮' এবং 'সংশোধিত EOI Form পূরণের গুরুত্বপূর্ণ নির্দেশিকা' বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের ওয়েবসাইটে (www.bb.org.bd/mediaroom/circulars/circulars.php) আপলোড করা হয়েছে। ইনভেস্টমেন্ট কর্পোরেশন অব বাংলাদেশ (আইসিবি) এর ওয়েবসাইটেও (www.ecf.gov.bd/circulars) এ সম্পর্কিত বিস্তারিত তথ্য পাওয়া যাবে।



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