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PREVENTING SECOND WAVE

No mask **NO SERVICE**

Govt asks public, private organisations not to provide services to those without face coverings

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has asked public and private organisations not to provide services to people without a face covering as it aims to curb a possible second wave of Covid-19.

A "no mask, no service" policy will be implemented and all organisations will be monitored because the government made masks mandatory in all institutions, markets, schools, and social and religious gatherings.

The directives came yesterday during a virtual cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. The PM joined the meeting from the Gono Bhaban and the cabinet members from secretariat. "No one will be allowed to enter government offices without a mask.

There will be large cautionary posters at the entrance of offices," Cabinet Secretary Khandker Anwarul Islam told journalists after the meeting. "We've given the instructions... to all levels including social, organisations and formal institutions," he said.

The instructions came amid repeated calls from the PM to always wear face masks outdoors. She also stressed this at the last cabinet meeting on

Yesterday, she asked the authorities concerned to be prepared to tackle

the possible second wave of Covid-19 this winter. The National Technical Advisory Committee (NTAC), formed to advise



WHY IS THE KILLER FREE WHEN MY SON'S IN THE GRAVE?... Salma Begum, mother of Rayhan Ahmed, holds up a sign that aptly portrays her sense of acute injustice during a protest outside Sylhet city's Bandarbazar Police outpost. Rayhan was allegedly tortured to death in the early hours of October 11 at the outpost. This photo was taken before noon yesterday.

PK Halder yet to return, cites fever as reason

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Proshanta Kumar Halder, director of International Leasing and Finance Service Limited (ILFSL), who allegedly embezzled crores of taka from NBFIs, did not return to Bangladesh though he was supposed to yesterday.

ILFSL's lawyer Mahafuzur Rahman Milon informed the Attorney General's office and Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) via e-mail on Saturday, ACC lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan told The Daily Star.

In a letter to ILFSL on Friday, PK Halder wrote, "I am feeling feverish and physically unwell. With the present Covid-19 situation, this looks like a symptom and it will be unwise and not possible for me to travel at this point of time."

He added that he will inform the authorities

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PROTECTING HILSA

25 cops hurt as fishermen attack them

A CORRESPONDENT, Chandpur

At least 25 river police personnel were injured when fishermen attacked law enforcers conducting a drive against hilsa catching and selling at Chandpur's Laxmirchar in the Meghna yesterday.

The injured took primary treatment at Chandpur 250bed General Hospital. The government has

imposed a 22-day ban on catching, selling, hoarding,

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UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday urged journalists to write reports based on facts and perform their duties to the country and the nation, shunning unethical journalism.

"We want neutrality in journalism, reports based on facts, dutifulness towards the country and the nation. Unethical journalism cannot bring any good for any country as it causes harm... let there be no unethical journalism," she

Shun unethical

journalism

PM tells journos at DRU programme

prime minister said this virtually while speaking at the Silver Jubilee programme of Dhaka Reporters' Unity (DRU) held at InterContinental Hotel. She was speaking from her official residence the Gono Bhaban.

She urged all to maintain the neutral policy of journalism for the welfare of all. The prime minister called upon the journalist community of the country to

US ELECTION 2020 'We can make things better'

Biden, Obama slam Trump's Covid response; president blames rise of cases on more testing

An energized Joe Biden and Barack Obama a massive screw-up in his handling of the coronavirus, but the US president remained ebullient despite trailing in polls with 8 days to go until the election.

More than 56.5 million Americans have already voted in person or by mail, a pace of early voting that could lead to the highest voter turnout rate in more than a century, according to data from the US Elections Project.

Trump plowed through three campaign rallies in one day, targeting separate battleground states as he sought to close the gap with Biden.

But the president's efforts have been inescapably overshadowed by a grim reality: the US set a daily record for new Covid-19 cases for the second day in a row on

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The majority has returned to KSA

Biman, Saudia ferried over 31,000 stranded Bangladeshis in 31 days

RASHIDUL HASAN

Biman Bangladesh Airlines and Saudi Arabian Airlines have ferried over 31,316 stranded Bangladeshi migrant workers to their workplaces in Saudi Arabia in 31 days since September 23.

Managing Director and CEO of the country's national flag carrier Mokabbir Hossain yesterday said they have arranged four special flights to Saudi Arabia late this month for those who returned to Bangladesh from the Gulf country on airlines other than Biman and Saudia.

Different airlines that used to operate flights to Saudi Arabia via stopovers in their respective countries are yet to resume operations to the country from Dhaka amid the coronavirus pandemic.

The return of Bangladeshi migrant workers, who had come home on airlines other than the two national flag carriers, to Saudi Arabia became uncertain as Biman and Saudia did not issue any new tickets amid the huge rush of their own passengers to return to their places of work.

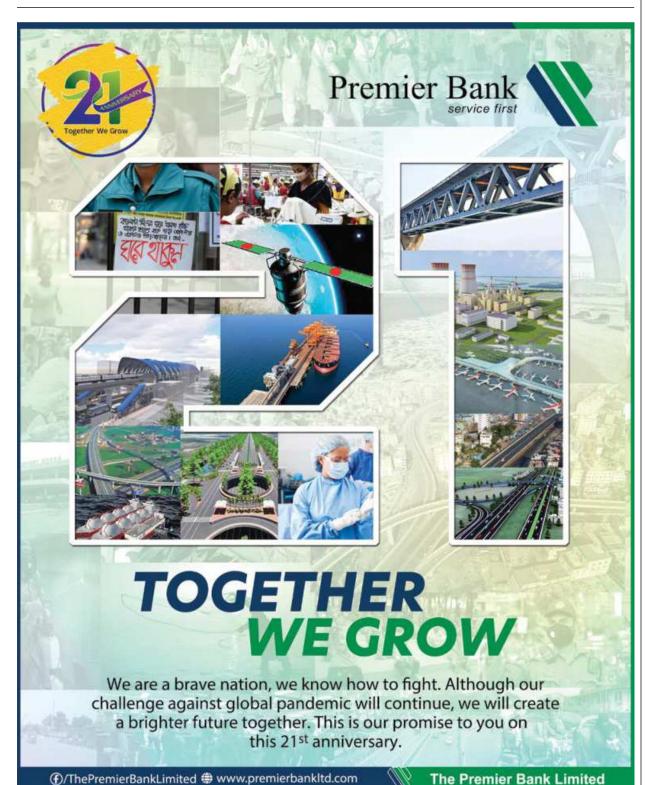
waiting to return to their workplaces in Saudi Arabia since resumption of regular flights to the Gulf country from September 23 Talking to The Daily Star, MD and CEO of Biman said they have already

Around 55,000 Saudi-bound Bangladeshi expatriate workers have been

carried 14,316 Bangladeshis to Jeddah, Riyadh and Dammam through 40 A top official of Saudia yesterday said they have already carried over

17,000 Bangladeshi expatriates to different destinations in Saudi Arabia through 48 flights since September 23.

Sources at both Biman and Saudia said that Bangladeshi workers with return tickets will have no problem reaching the Kingdom as there are



Two held in connection with rape in Noakhali

STAR REPORT

Two people were arrested in cases filed over rapes of a teenage girl and housewife in Noakhali's Begumganj and Hatiya upazilas yesterday.

Besides, two others were sent to jail on charges of raping a housewife in Kishoreganj yesterday, and a quack was sued for rape in Gazipur on Friday.

Quoting the case statement, police said a youth named Sumon broke into the victims' room in Noakhali's Begumganj around 2:30am Saturday.

He then raped her at gunpoint. When the victim's parents went to the room, Sumon, who also the victim's neighbour, managed to flee.

Later, her father filed a case against Sumon, who was arrested yesterday, said Md Kamruzzaman, officerin-charge of Begumganj Police Station.

In another incident, a SEE PAGE 2 COI

We Deeply Mourn



Barrister Rafiq-Ul Huq (1935 - 2020)

We grieve the passing away of former Attorney General of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. A luminary, a respected lawyer and a noted philanthropist.

Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family. May his soul rest in peace.









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Shun unethical journalism

responsibility and work with patriotism for the welfare of people. She also urged them to refrain from publishing any report which can mislead people.

"Journalists work risking their lives and many inside stories come to light with their reports. As a result, necessary action can be taken to solve various problems.'

Putting emphasis on abiding by the existing policy for journalists, the prime minister said they would have to engage in this profession to work for the welfare of the country and its people.

Quoting Father of the Nation Bangabandhu, she said like politics, journalism without principle can give nothing to the country and the nation.

About her government's policy, Hasina said, it believes in freedom of thoughts and expression of opinions.

"The government doesn't have any objection to criticisms," she said, adding that many facts are unearthed through logical criticisms.

Hasina, however, called upon all concerned to respect the opinions of others as well as keep in mind the responsibilities to the state while making any criticism.

Terming newspapers the mirror of society, the prime minister said her government did not believe in the culture of hiding information.

She pointed out the reports in

newspapers on corruption and other irregularities and said the government takes action without considering party identities of the corrupt people.

Highlighting various steps taken by her government for the welfare of journalists, Hasina said the National Broadcast Commission has been formulated, while works are underway to enact the Broadcast Law.

"We'll formulate the Broadcast Law so that fact-based works can be done...there must not be any yellow journalism to mislead people through unnecessary criticisms," she said.

The prime minister said the government has formulated a law for ensuring the job security of journalists.

She vowed to establish povertyand hunger-free Bangladesh as dreamt by Father of the Nation Bangabandhu

Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. PM's Press Secretary Ihsanul Karim conducted the programme from the Gono Bhaban.

Presided over by former DRU President and Chairman of the Silver Jubilee Celebration Committee Shahjahan Sarder, the function was attended, among others, by DRU President Rafigul Islam Azad, former DRU president Shahed Chowdhury, founding DRU General Secretary Mostafa Firoze, DRU Vice-president Nazrul Kabir, DRU General Secretary Reaz Chowdhury and DRU Organising Secretary Habibur Rahman.

'We can make things better'

Saturday, at nearly 89,000, with a a Trump super-recovery and a Biden further surge expected as cold weather

The virus has claimed more than 224,000 American lives, with no end in sight, and a majority of voters say Trump has handled the crisis poorly.

"That's Donald Trump's Biden said Saturday during a drive-in rally, one of two events in his native Pennsylvania, a critical swing state. He spoke from a stage decorated with bales of hay and Halloween pumpkins.

"Donald Trump said, and is still saying, we're rounding the corner. It's going away. We're learning how to live

Biden added: "We're not learning how to live with it. You're asking us to learn how to die with it and it's

The Biden campaign also deployed a key surrogate, former president Barack Obama, who slammed the Trump

administration's Covid-19 response. The idea that somehow this White House has done anything but completely screw this thing up is nonsense," Obama told supporters at

a drive-in rally in Miami, Florida. "Donald Trump isn't suddenly going to protect all of us. He can't even take the basic steps to protect himself," Obama added, referring to Trump's hospitalization for Covid-19

three weeks ago. Also slamming the president's failure to denounce white supremacy, and the many times he has lied in public, among other issues, Obama called on supporters to vote for his

former vice president. "We can make things better... That's what voting is about, not making things perfect, but making things

better," he said. "If we vote up and down the ticket like never before, we will elect Joe

Biden. Trump shrugged off Obama's criticism, saying on Twitter that the former president had only "47

people" at his event. "No energy, but still better than

Joe!" he quipped. And he shrugged off polls which continue to show his Democratic rival Biden leading the race.

"They want to depress you," he said of the political and media outlets reporting the numbers. "These polls are much better than four years ago."

"This election is a choice between depression," he told supporters under a hot sun in North Carolina, highlighting promises of a cure to Covid-19 and a rapid economic recovery.

"You know why we have cases? It's because we test so much," the president told his rally crowd. "In a lot of ways it's good, and in a lot of ways

"If we tested half, cases would be half," Trump said.

During the rally Trump added: "That's all I hear about now. Turn on television, 'Covid, Covid, Covid, Covid, Covid, Covid'.

"A plane goes down, 500 people dead, they don't talk about it. 'Covid Covid Covid.' By the way, on November 4th, you won't hear about anymore. 'Covid! Covid! Please don't go and vote, Covid!""

Late on Saturday a spokesman for Vice President Mike Pence disclosed that Marc Short, Pence's chief of staff, had tested positive for the new coronavirus. Pence and his wife tested negative earlier in the day and the vice president will not alter his schedule, the spokesman said.

Biden has a firm lead in national polls, and narrower leads in many battleground states like Florida that typically decide the winner of US presidential elections.

But Democrats are not about to forget the stunning upset Trump pulled off in 2016 when he defeated Hillary Clinton, and Biden worked to chip away at Trump supporters

"I understand why some people voted for Donald Trump, they believe they weren't seen, or being respected or heard... I get it. But then he got elected, he immediately forgot the Forgotten Man," he said at a second rally in Dallas, Pennsylvania.

"You know, you'll be seen and you're heard and respected by me... if elected president, there'll be no red states or blue states, only the United States," he said.

Trump's current grueling travels aim to repeat his 2016 feat.

Trump will campaign in New Hampshire later yesterday, a state he narrowly lost in 2016 but is trying to reclaim in this year's White House race. Biden has no public schedule for Biden has no public schedule.

New fighting flares over Nagorno-Karabakh as Aliyev warns against Russian involvement

REUTERS, Baku

New fighting erupted between Azerbaijan and ethnic Armenian forces yesterday over the mountainous enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh as both sides blamed each other for blocking a peaceful settlement to the conflict.

Armenia accused Azeri forces of shelling civilian settlements. Baku denied killing civilians and said it was ready to implement a ceasefire, provided that Armenian forces withdrew from the battlefield.

The weekend's clashes in and around Nagorno-Karabakh, a part of Azerbaijan populated and controlled by ethnic Armenians, came after U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo hosted the foreign ministers of both countries in a new peace push on Friday.

The collapse of two Russiabrokered ceasefires had already dimmed the prospect of a quick end to fighting that broke out on Sept. 27 over Nagorno-Karabakh.

Local officials in Nagorno-Karabakh accused Azeri forces of firing artillery on settlements in the areas of Askeran and Martuni during the night. Azerbaijan said its positions had been attacked with small arms, mortars, tanks, mortars, and howitzers.

"I am absolutely confident in the effectiveness of the peace negotiations but this also depends on the will of the Armenian side to take part in them," said Azerbaijan President Ilham Aliyev.

Azerbaijani and "Why can Armenian people live together in Georgia, Russia, Ukraine, and other countries but not in Nagorno Karabakh?" he added in a Fox News interview that was reprinted by the state Azertag News Agency.

Armen Armenian President Sarkissian accused Baku of being "aggressively stubborn and



A man trying to save what he can after his makeshift shop was knocked down. The Dhaka South City Corporation yesterday conducted a drive to dismantle illegal food stalls on footpaths in front of Dhaka Medical College Hospital. PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

No mask no service

the government on its coronavirus response, urged the government to prepare a roadmap and take all-out preparations for the second wave.

Notwithstanding this, there is a growing unwillingness among the people to wear face masks as the number of people infected with the deadly virus inches towards 4 lakh. The reported Covid-19 deaths reached 5,803 yesterday.

Countries across Europe are seeing resurgence in Covid-19 cases after successfully slowing outbreaks earlier this year.

Most of the European countries are reporting more new cases each day now than they were during the first wave earlier this year, according to global news agencies.

A second wave, in the context of a viral pandemic, does not have a formal scientific definition or a distinctly defined stage. It is generally considered as a stage when an outbreak appears to recede almost entirely before returning again. In order to say that one wave has ended, the virus has to be brought under control and cases have to fall substantially.

"Refusal to wear masks is unacceptable. Masks must be used in all institutions, haats, markets, shopping malls, schools, and social and religious gatherings. We have made it mandatory," the cabinet secretary said.

Anwarul said the Islamic Foundation has been instructed to ask the imams of mosques to spread the message after prayers at least twice a day.

The issue of face masks was discussed when the health ministry informed the cabinet about the steps it had taken during the pandemic.

When his attention was drawn to packed mass transports, he said, "We agree. Let's observe the scenario of the second wave and then we'll set our next

concerned about the new date and

time of his arrival as soon as he is

misappropriation of about Tk 10,200

crore from four non-banking financial

Halder is allegedly involved in the

Earlier on October 21, the High

At the same time, the HC bench

Court directed law enforcement

agencies to arrest Halder immediately

of Justice Muhammad Khurshid

Alam Sarkar asked law enforcers to

give PK Halder, former managing

director of NRB Global Bank and

Reliance Finance, the scope to refund

the money to the organisations from

Halder had earlier wanted to return

In August, he wrote to ILFSL -- one

of the four NBFIs -- saying he would

return home and settle the liabilities

with the firm if he is provided proper

which he embezzled the money.

home and refund the money.

after his return to the country.

physically fit.

institutions (NBFIs)

The cabinet secretary said he will sit with secretaries of roads and highways, shipping and railways in a couple of days to discuss the matter.

Contacted, Prof Nazrul Islam, a member of the NTAC, said, "We this announcement. welcome However, the question is why this announcement was not made before.

"Previously, we observed a lack in implementation [of the directives]. This announcement is very much appropriate and the implementation must be ensured.

About the vaccine for Covid-19, the cabinet secretary said the government has taken the steps necessary to get the "There are government and private

initiatives. We hope to get the vaccine at the first stage," he said. DAILY BRIEFING

Twenty-three people have died from Covid-19 in the country in the 24 hours preceding 8:00am yesterday, according to a press release issued by the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

With this, the total number of deaths rose to 5,803, which is 1.46 percent of all confirmed cases.

Besides, 1,308 people tested positive for the coronavirus, raising the total number of people infected to 3,98,815. With this, Bangladesh is now the

country with the 18th highest number of confirmed cases, according to the worldometers.info. Following 11,757 tests, yesterday's

positivity rate was 11.78 percent. With

this, the overall positivity rate stood at 17.67 percent. Meanwhile, 1,544 Covid-19 patients recovered in the 24 hours, raising the total number of recoveries to 3,15,107.

This is around 79.01 percent of all confirmed cases.

According to Canadian media

reports, Halder is now staying in

Toronto. He is the director of Canadian

Halder allegedly embezzled crores of

taka are People's Leasing and Financial

Services, FAS Finance and Investment,

In an investigation, the central

bank found that Tk 1,596 crore was

transferred from ILFSL in violation

of the rules through 48 accounts of

various organisations related to the

directors and shareholders of the

firm, according to Bangladesh Bank

during the anti-casino drives last

year. The ACC opened investigations

into the involvement of 43 people,

including Halder, in the illegal casino

on him on October 3 last year, but he

The government issued a travel ban

Halder came under the limelight

The three other NBFIs from which

corporation P&L Hal Holding Inc.

and Reliance Finance.

years, three were between 41 and 50, three others between 51 and 60, and 16 above 60.

One was aged between 31 and 40

One each was from Rangpur, Khulna, Rajshahi and Chattogram divisions while 19 were from Dhaka. So far, Dhaka division accounted for

51.61 percent of all the deaths due to Covid-19. WOMEN AND **CHILDREN**

REPRESSION BILL Yesterday, the cabinet also gave the final approval to the draft of the Women and Children Repression Prevention (Amendment) Bill, 2020,

allow death penalty alongside life term imprisonment as punishment for rape. However, the measures that have been taken under the ordinance will

to enact a law in parliament repealing

a recent ordinance promulgated to

remain valid. Women and Children Repression Prevention (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020, was promulgated as parliament was not in session at that time, Khandker Anwarul Islam.

"If an ordinance is promulgated in the absence of a parliament session, it is to place the ordinance in parliament on the very first day of the next session," he said, adding that the next session will be held on November 8.

The cabinet secretary said that President Abdul Hamid will address the special session of parliament scheduled to mark Mujib Borsho, the birth centenary of Father of Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibu Rahman.

It was supposed to be held on March 22 but got postponed due to the

Anwarul said the cabinet also discussed the progress of construction of the Padma bridge.

The 34th span has already been Among the 23 deceased, 19 were installed. Seven more spans are ready male. All of them died in hospitals. and will be set up by January, he added.

PK Halder yet to return, cites fever

managed to flee the country.

The ACC on January 8 this year filed a case against Halder on charges of illegally amassing wealth worth Tk

Following a petition filed by two depositors, the HC on January 21 directed the Bangladesh Bank and all private banks to freeze the accounts of Halder, his five relatives, Bank Asia's former managing director Erfan Uddin Ahmed and Halder's aide Uzzal Kumar Nondi for allegedly misappropriating funds.

The HC further ordered the government to seize the passports of 20 people, including Halder, his wife Susmita Saha and his brother Pritish Kumar Halder.

The court also directed authorities concerned not to allow transfers of any of their movable and immovable property, including stock, cash and cars, to any persons or entities until the disposal of the case.

Two held in connection

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housewife was raped in Hatiya's Char Kailash area on Friday night.

Police said the victim and accused Tropel Das Noyan, 28, knew each other. Taking the chance, Noyan went to the victim's house around 10:00pm on Friday and raped her. His friend Masud helped him.

The victim lodged a case against the duo yesterday and police arrested Noyan, said Abul Khayer, OC of Hatiya Police Station. In Kishoreganj, a court yesterday

sent two people to jail on charges of raping a woman in Astagram upazila. The accused are Haris Mia, 32, and Zakir Mia, 30, of Boragirkandi village in the same upazila.

who is the mother of one, went outside her room around 11:15pm on October 4. At that time, the two forcibly took her to a nearby place and raped her.

On Saturday, the victim's husband filed a case against them. Hours later, police arrested them. During primary interrogation, they confessed their involvement in the crime. They were produced before the court that sent them to jail yesterday, said Kamrul Islam, OC of Astagram Police Station.

In Gazipur, a quack was sued for raping a female garment worker after making her unconscious on Friday.

Police said the victim works at a garment factory in Sreepur and has been residing in a rented house in Police said the 22-year-old victim, the area for around two and a half

months. Abul Hashem, the quack, used to live in the same house.

On October 20, Hashem asked the girl to come to his room. When she went there, he asked her to drink some blessed water so that she might get married soon. After drinking the water, the girl lost consciousness and Hashem raped her, said police, quoting the victim.

Police suspected that the water was mixed with sedative.

On Friday night, the victim filed a case against Hashem, who went into hiding. Police were trying to arrest him, said Khandaker Imam Hossain, OC of Sreepur Police Station.

[Our correspondents in Noakhali, Mymensingh and Gazipur contributed to this report

25 cops hurt

and transporting of hilsa from October 14 to November 4 to protect safe spawning of hilsa during its peak breeding period.

Farida Parveen, additional superintendent of river police, who was leading the drive was among the injured.

Injured Inspector Mujahidul Islam told The Daily Star that a team of 80 police personnel went to Chandpur from Dhaka to conduct the drive around 11:00am.

"When we reached Laxmirchar area, hundreds of fishermen attacked us with sticks and threw brick chunks. Later, some of us fired rubber bullets and shotgun shells to bring the situation under control."

"We arrested seven fishermen," the police officer added.

The river police personnel returned

Mohammad Nasim Uddin, OC of Chandpur Model Police Station, said, 'We have not been informed about the drive before. After getting the news, we visited the injured policemen at hospital."

A case was filed in connection with the attack.

"It is not the first attack. Several officers were injured by fishermen attack on the same spot last year," said Asadul Baki, district fisheries officer.

The majority

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enough available seats now.

Mokabbir said they have been operating Boeing 777 aircraft with a capacity of 419 seats to accommodate a greater number of passengers in a single flight.

An official of Saudia said there is no rush of Saudi-bound passengers at present in their airlines and they hope to carry all Bangladeshi migrant workers to Saudi Arabia within their scheduled time.

"No one is leaving from our counter at present without re-issuance of their return tickets," said the official, preferring not to be named. At least 55,000 Bangladeshi

expatriates with return tickets in hand have been waiting to board Saudi Arabia-bound flights since the Covid-19 pandemic halted air travel to the Kingdom. Since the resumption of flights

by Saudia and Biman, expatriate Bangladeshis rushed to sales offices of the two airlines in the capital to ensure re-issuance of their return tickets. Almost every day since resumption, several thousand expatriate workers

gathered in front of the offices with he hope of getting a ticket to return to their workplaces in Saudi Arabia. They were worried about losing

to the Kingdom before the expiry of their visa or Iqama (work permit). rne Saudi government agreed to increase visas and Iqamas of

Bangladeshi workers till October 30.

their jobs if they were unable to return

More mass testing in China after 137 virus cases in

Xinjiang AFP, Beijing

Chinese officials were racing yesterday to smother a fresh coronavirus outbreak in the country's far northwest after 137 new infections were discovered.

to cover 4.75 million residents in and around Kashgar, Xinjiang province, after a 17-year-old garment factory worker tested positive for the virus. China -- where the coronavirus first emerged late last year -- has largely

Mass testing began Saturday evening

brought domestic transmission under control through lockdowns, travel restrictions and testing, but sporadic regional outbreaks have emerged. Beijing has lauded its rapid testing capabilities, with the Communist Party eager to project an image of

victory over the virus as much of the

world struggles with lockdowns and mass outbreaks. The new cases -- all asymptomatic -were linked to a factory in Shufu county where the girl and her parents worked, the Xinjiang health commission told a

press briefing Sunday. A special team from Beijing's National Health Commission was sent to investigate the source of the outbreak and assist with preventive measures, state broadcaster CCTV reported.

As of Sunday afternoon more than 2.8 million samples had been collected in the area and the rest would be completed within two days, the city government said in a statement. Kashgar -- near the country's borders with Pakistan, Afghanistan, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan -- is the cultural heart of ethnic Uighurs and other Turkic Muslims, many of whom complain of long-running political and religious oppression, which the Chinese government denies.

All schools in Kashgar have been losed until October 30 and anyone leaving the city needs to show a negative nucleic acid test, the city government said.

Motorbike thief handed over to cops by family

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A woman handed over her son to police on Saturday night in Chattogram's New Market area, after finding out he lifted a motorcycle.

The incident took place at Askar Dighi Par area under Kotwali Police

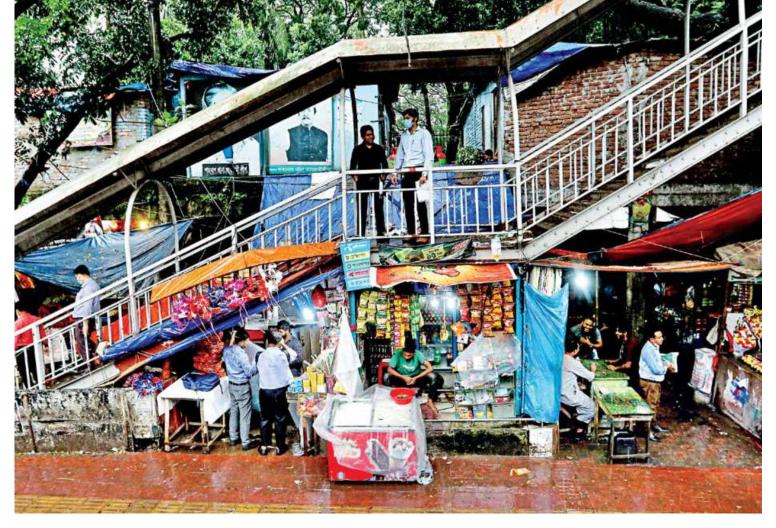
The arrestee was identified as Tuhin Bhuiyan (22). His mother Mamtaj Begum is a peon at a local primary school.

The arrestee is a drug addict, said police.

Officer-in-Charge (OC) Mohammed Mohsin of Kotwali Police Station said one Ashfaq Uddin entered Tamakundi Lane mobile market on Saturday night, keeping his newly-bought motorbike on the road, under lock and key.

"When he came back, his bike was missing and local hawkers said a youth picked the bike up on a rickshaw and went away. Following the matter, Ashfaq informed the matter to a patrol police where police started looking for the rickshaw," said the OC.

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Shops have flourished under the stairs of this footbridge on both sides of the road at the capital's Shahbagh, illegally encroaching all available spaces, some even spilling over to the footpath. Vendors are comfortably running their businesses like this for ages, as authorities seem to turn a blind eye to this open violation. This photo was taken on Saturday. PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Rape of 6-year-Old in CTG

A mother's weary quest for justice

Last week, a woman was seen sitting in front of Chattogram Press Club. She did not have any banner or poster with her nor a group of people to express solidarity. All she had was pain in her eyes, which had become weary seeking justice.

When approached by this correspondent, she said she wants justice for her six-year-old daughter, who was raped by their neighbours in 2018.

Though she had filed a case in this regard, two years after the incident, the case is yet to be resolved, with the

perpetrators -- out on bail -- roaming free. I have nowhere else to go, that's why I came to seek

help from the media," she wailed. She said on April 18, 2018, her daughter was home alone at their rented tin-shed house at CNB area's Hamidchar.

She, an apparel factory worker, and her rickshaw-puller husband were both out on work.

When the mother came back home, she found her daughter writhing in agony. She said two men had come in and hurt her. Distressed over what might have happened, she checked her daughter's body and found blood around

She informed her neighbours. A crowd then gathered and the girl was asked to identify who had hurt her.

She pointed at their neighbour Abu Nasher alias Jamal (50). It was later found that the other person was Jasim

She said her husband was visiting Sylhet at the time and she could not take up the issue immediately. On top of this, she fell ill with chickenpox soon after.

It took around 10 days before the family could lodge a case with Chandgaon Police Station accusing Jamal and Jasim of raping their daughter.

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Pubail 'shooting village' coming back to old self



Actors and crew have started returning to Bhadun, after months of closure.

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

For many celebrities of the big and small screen and the creative people behind their success, the 'shooting graam' on the outskirts of Dhaka has been almost like a of time they spend there.

The entire village -- dedicated to yearlong shooting of TV plays and films -- is Bhadun, under Pubail union of Gazipur, known for multiple shooting spots interspersed across it.

The economy of the village -- almost completely dependent on shooting -took a big hit when filming of all kinds was off for close to five months due to the coronavirus outbreak. All shooting houses were forced to lay shut. Stripped of their rent income, the owners of the houses had a hard time coping with the "new normal", like many others who make a living off the entertainment industry.

But things are getting back to normal again. As the shutdown has been eased and fear of the virus is gradually

subsiding, the houses have started to bustle once again. Filming is going on all day, and sometimes even into the night, but business is yet to pick up to previous

"We have been bearing a lot of losses second home, if only by the sheer amount over the last five months, "shooting house owner Musa Miah lamented "Though filming has resumed, it's yet to reach normal levels. We also have to bear the cost of buying masks and sanitisers for the staff.

The costs of the pandemic isn't limited to just the house owners of Bhadun. A case of all eggs in one basket, almost the entirety of Bhadun's economy is dependent on filming. When schedules are off, the whole community suffers.

The list of beneficiaries of Bhadun's unique disposition stretches long. Alongside shooting houses and the staffers they employ, there are households that rent out their farm animals for "acting", generator service providers, dining staff, and even shopkeepers.

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Biman to resume flights to India Oct 29

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Biman Bangladesh Airlines will resume regular passenger flights to India from October 29 after a recess of seven months due to suspension of air communication between the neighbouring countries following the pandemic.

The national flag carrier will operate flights on Dhaka-Delhi-Dhaka route from October 29, Dhaka-Kolkata-Dhaka route from November 1 and Dhaka-Chennai-Dhaka route from November 15, Tahera Khondoker, deputy general manager, (public relations), Biman, said in

Biman has requested interested passengers to purchase tickets through Biman Sales Center, mobile app, website and travel agents.

Conditions, instructions and flight schedule regarding Covid-19 can be found on Biman's website, Tahera added. Meanwhile, US-Bangla Airlines will resume its flight on Dhaka-Chennai-Dhaka, Chattogram-Chennai-Chattogram and Dhaka-Kolkata-Dhaka route from October 28

RAYHAN'S 'DEATH IN CUSTODY'

1 more arrested, cop remanded

Our Correspondent, Sylhet

Salma Begum, mother of Rayhan Ahmed, who was allegedly tortured to death in Sylhet city's Bandarbazar police outpost, went on a hunger strike yesterday, demanding justice for her son.
She, along with other relatives, started

the fast unto death in front of the outpost at 11am. The family demanded prompt arrest of all responsible police personnel and highest punishment for them.

The mother became ill in the afternoon. With Sylhet City Mayor Ariful Haque Choudhury, several councillors and concerned citizens assuring her of continuing protest till she gets justice for her

son, she broke her hunger strike at 4:45pm. Meanwhile, Police Bureau Investigation (PBI) yesterday arrested another person in connection with

Saidul Sheikh has been arrested under Section 54 for his involvement in the case, said PBI Special Superintendent in Sylhet Muhammad Khaled-uz-Zaman. Law enforcers are also looking for one of

his associates, who is on the run, he added. In another development, arrestee Titu Chandra Das, a suspended constable, was placed on a three-day remand yesterday

after he was produced before the court of Sylhet Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Ziadur Rahman. Before he was put on a five-day remand in the case after his arrest from Sylhet Police

Lines on October 20. Constable Harunur Rahman -- arrested on October 24 -- is on a five-day remand.

Rayhan (33), of Sylhet city's Neharipara, died at Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital at 7:50am on October 11 after being admitted by police.

Makeshift casino busted, 21 held

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested 21 persons on Saturday night, while they were gambling at a makeshift casino in Dhaka's Ashulia area, on the outskirts of the capital.

The casino was active at Bypile's Kaichabari area, said Mozammel Haque, commanding officer of Rab-4, at a press briefing at his office in the capital's Mirpur yesterday.

The two supposed owners of the casino were not found during the drive, he added.

The elite force seized one electronic casino board imported from Malaysia, 100 yaba tablets, 12 cans of beer, 22 mobile phones and Tk 38,000 from the detainees during the four-hourlong drive. The arrestees are Azadul Islam (50), Habibur

Rahman (47), Liton (45), Billal (38), Abdul Alim (35), Ekhlas (35), Rubel Mia (33), Maidul Islam (32), Sohel Molla (32), Asadul Islam (30), Jewel (28), Sabuj Miah (28), Sharif (28), Moin Miah (28), Roni Bhuiyan (25), Rabiul Molla (24), Fazle Rabbi (22), Abu Taleb (20), Didarul Islam (20), Shipon (20) and Masud Rana (20).

According to Rab-4, during primary interrogation, the arrestees admitted to their involvement in gambling. Cases are being filed against them under the gambling act.

Rayhan's death.

Replying to a question, Rab-4 Senior Assistant Superintendent of Police Sajedul Islam claimed that two persons, Biplob and Hasan, were running the casino. Their houses were raided on Saturday too, but they were not there. The search for them will continue.

While visiting the site yesterday noon, this correspondent talked to several locals to know who ran the operation, but no one agreed to speak

Amir Hossen, owner of a rickshaw garage next to the gambling spot, told The Daily Star that the perpetrators rented the spot from one Harun Mondol.

Eklash, one of the arrestees, built a tin-shed room there, after getting permission from the landlord. They had been running a business surrounding the tabletop game carrom for the last one year. Fifteen days ago, two unknown persons brought the casino board to the tin-shed room.

Contacted, Harun Mondol confirmed that the property is their paternal land, but he did not know about the gambling.

ICCB president Mahbubur Rahman on elite global list

Mahbubur Rahman International Chamber Commerce, Bangladesh (ICCB) -- is among the 150 high-

impact leaders in business and social enterprise from Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East, who have been interviewed under the "Creating Emerging Market Project (CEMP)" at Harvard Business School (HBS) recently.

The interviews address pivotal moments of transition throughout these regions with emphasis on entrepreneurship, innovation, family business and globalisation of firms and brands, says HBS while explaining CEMP, which is viewed as a unique teaching and research resource in business leadership.

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34th span of

Padma Bridge

installed Bss, Munshiganj

The 34th span of the Padma Bridge was installed

yesterday, bringing a

structure into view.

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Executive Engineer (Bridge) Dewan Md Abdul

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Road crashes kill four, injure eight

STAR REPORT

Four people were killed and eight injured in road accidents in two districts yesterday, according to reports from our correspondents.

Our Faridpur correspondent reports, two people were killed and five injured when a truck hit a Chuadangabound microbus from behind on Dhaka-Khulna highway in front of Arpara High School in Madhukhali upazila around 1:30am.

All the victims were passengers of the microbus, said Mosharaf Hossain (75) from Alandaga upazila and

Momena Khatun (60) from Rail Colony area in Chuadanga died on the spot, said Abdur Rahman, sub-inspector of Karimpur Highway Police Outpost.

Of the injured, four were taken to Faridpur Medical College Hospital and the other to Madhukhali Upazila Health Complex, said the SI. Police seized the truck but the driver managed to flee

Our Mymensingh correspondent adds, a woman died on the spot and three people were injured when two CNGrun auto-rickshaws collided head-on on Mymensingh-Kishoreganj road at Gangasram in Gouripur upazila

Police said identity of the deceased could not be known immediately.

The injured were taken to Ishwarganj Upazila Health Complex, said Gouripur Police Station Officer-in-Charge Md Borhan Uddin.

Meanwhile, Afroza Akter (9) was killed when a batteryrun auto-rickshaw hit her on Nandail-Tarail road at Darilla, said OC Md Mizanur Rahman of Nandail Police

The accident occurred while the girl was returning home from a local madrasa around 9am, according to the police official.



Yesterday marked the Nobomi of the Durga Puja celebrations. It is the final day of worship before the Bijoya Dashami. On this day, the goddess Durga defeated the evil buffalo demon Mahishashura. To mark the day, devotees at the capital's Dhakeshwari Temple lit up candles.

the bridge this month. The 35th span is to be set up on the banks of

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Padma river in Mawa on October 30. The other 6 spans will be installed on the pillars by December this year. A total of 42 pillars are

being constructed for the 6.15km long two-storey Padma Bridge.

Pubail

Shopkeeper Azizul revealed a fun little tidbit. "Ît's something of a ritual here. If a director comes to film at our shops, whether they use it for 10 minutes or an hour, they pay us 500 taka."

There's also a generator business that sprouted around the village. As demand for uninterrupted electricity is high, generators are always in demand, at least they used to be, until the pandemic hit. There's around 20 generators up for rent in Bhadun. Mamun, works for a team of generator service providers, told this correspondent, "I've made quite a few bucks over the last couple of years, but it hasn't been the same for the last few months."

Another source of income comes from working at dining units. With so many outsiders living in Bhadun all the time, there's always a need for cooks and chefs, and a sizeable part of Bhadun's population makes their money by working at dining units on the sets.

Bhadun's filming hub grew up some 23 years ago. It began when famed director Amzad Hossain went out looking for shooting spots and stumbled upon the village. Amzad loved it; from the greenery to the water bodies, there's ample nature for one to unwind. He started coming to it for his productions, kick-starting an entire economy in the course. Amzad Hossain's "Agoon Laga Shondha" was eventually televised on Ekushey Television.After things started picking up, the village gradually became what it is now. Today, there's more than 20 shooting houses in Bhadun, with mudhouses being of extra demand. One of the mudhouses is owned by Badshah. Along with Badshah's, there are other known houses in Bhadun. There's Shahin's house,

Harun's house, Meghla Akash, Bilbilai and more. Bilbilai stands in the middle of a pond, and you need small boats to get there.

However, the village is perhaps best known for Salauddin Lavlu's rural teledramas. Lavlu has spent months on end here, filming his long-running TV series.

Reminiscing his time with Bhadun, the famed director was at a loss. "It's hard to numerate exactly how many of my natoks were shot here. Most of them were drama serials. "Shakin Sharishuri" and "Alta Shundori" were the most prominent of them."Lavlu, now president of the Director's Guild, said, "Filming has become more expensive now (post-coronavirus). There's a lot of additional costs due to the need to maintain health guidelines. But while costs have increased, the price of the productions remain the same."

It's a haven for fans of the showbiz. A few students of Pubail College said they're happy that they get to meet so many celebrities sitting right at home. Spending a day at Bhadun will inevitably include a lot of celebrity encounters, and it was no different for this correspondent.

Actor Shaju Khadem was found at Harun's house. "I call Bhadun the celebrity village. Even the mudhouses and stores are stars here," the popular actor said. Also present were veteran actors Mamunur Rashid, Tariq Anam Khan, playwright Briandon Das, director Aranya Anwar and many more. "This village is home to our love and nostalgia," Aranya Anwar said.But veteran actor Dr Inamul Huq complained about the time it takes to get to Bhadun. "In the past, it didn't take long to get to Pubail. But you now have to go through hours of traffic. This is a big issue for us.



Lines of illegally parked cars leave little space for vehicular movement on the capital's Secretariat Road. Such disregard of traffic rules, that too at a prominent location, bears testament to negligence of authorities. The photo was taken vesterday. PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

ICCB president

Some of the interviewees include Indiabased global firms like Bajaj, Cipla, Tata, Godrej, Oberoi and Tata; regional multinationals such as Dubai-based Aramax and Chalhoub Group, and Saudi-based Jarir; multinational Latin American companies like Bunge and Cencosud; and African firms, including Nando's and the former Celtel (now part of Bharti Airtel).

Rahman, during the interview, reflected on his family background and childhood in Cumilla, and how, in 1962, he started his first business, Eastern Trading Company (now ETBL Holdings), located in Chattogram.

He said his company primarily focused on importing consumer goods and representing foreign companies which were selling their products in East Pakistan.

He dwelt on the early years of his business, which he started in a small cottage built by his father, and worked by himself with no employees until 1966. By the late 1960s, ETBL Holdings had become the sole distributor of coconut oil for Sri Lanka and East Pakistan.

Rahman also threw light on the difficulties that businesspeople used to face when Bangladesh was part of Pakistan and during the post-liberation days. He also explained how he had strongly lobbied for establishing banks, insurance companies and financial institutions in the private sector in the early 80s.

Rahman -- who is also chairperson of The Financial Express's board of directors, the country's first English financial daily -- also explained his entry into newspaper publication. He gave details of the newspaper's start-up process, how he was able to raise capital, how the company gained an edge over other newspapers, and how it became the second leading English language daily newspaper and even became

When asked to comment on the level of corruption in Bangladesh, Rahman traced the root of the vice in the British colonial rule and a resulting lack of transparency, archaic laws, and political cronyism.

Turing to his engagement with the ICC, Rahman described how ICCB differs from other chambers of commerce globally.

He presented a few examples of banking and financial sector reform that he has done with the organisation, including encouraging an opening to private sector activity.

Rahman concluded his interview by discussing how Bangladesh reacted to the 2008 financial crisis and issues of succession.

He felt that the biggest priority and opportunity for Bangladesh for the private sector is to engage in poverty alleviation and explore solutions for climate change.

Telemedicine for livestock launched

CITY DESK

PraniSheba Vet, a specialised telemedicine platform for livestock, the first of it's kind in the country, was launched yesterday. SM Rezaul Karim, Minister of Fisheries and Livestock, was present at its virtual inauguration ceremony as chief guest, says a press release.

In his speech, the minister said he expects the platform to play a crucial role in the welfare of the livestock sector. "I hope the virtual hospital will work to ensure quality animal health services through skilled and specialised veterinarians," he added.

Through it, livestock owners can get necessary advise and medical services from any part of the country in just 10-15 minutes via a phone call, the press release added.

Raunak Mahmud, secretary of the livestock ministry said, "It has become difficult to look after the health of animals during the pandemic. In this context, a platform like PraniSheba Vet, which ensures quality service to livestock owners through a simple phone call, is timely and certainly deserving of praise.

Dr Abdul Jabbar Sikder, Director General of the Department of Livestock, echoed the sentiment, saying, Representatives of the young generation are finding interest in the livestock sector everyday. This use of technology in animal health services will further motivate them.

Fida Haq, Managing Director and CEO of Adorsho PraniSheba Ltd, said the goals and objectives of 'PraniSheba Vet" are easy access to animal health services, 100 percent vet based medicine, prevention of unnecessary use of antibiotics and ensuring safe meat for consumption.

A mother's

FROM PAGE 3

Liton Chandra Roy, then sub-inspector of Chandgaon police, was the case's investigation officer. He visited the spot, spoke to the girl, her family and neighbours.

The girl was sent to the One-stop Crisis Centre of Chattogram Medical College Hospital for tests. Later, the IO arrested the two accused in connection with the case.

In the statement, which was taken by a magistrate under Section 22 of the Women and Child Repression Prevention Act, the child stated how the two men raped her. Law enforcers also spoke to witnesses.

On September 25 of the same year, the then Inspector of Chandgaon police Jobayer Sayed pressed charges against the two. But the two got out on bail, the mother said.

This correspondent has obtained a copy of the case statement and charge sheet. Their story of trauma did not stop with

the rape, she told this correspondent. Rather, their agonies have been piling ever since.

"After getting arrested, the duo started to have people threaten us. They were trying to force us to withdraw the case," she said.

"We had to leave our area and shift to another place at Double Mooring. We also lodged a GD against them," she added. "My daughter is still traumatised. I feel so distressed to leave her alone at home that I've left my job."

September 27 was the latest scheduled date for the case's hearing.

On the day, the accused straight up walked up to the family and threatened them to withdraw the case, right on the court premises, she alleged.

She said they have been doing this ever since they came out on bail early last year. The case is now under trial at Chattogram

Women and Child Repression Tribunal-5. Talking to The Daily Star, complainant's lawyer advocate Uday Sangkar said, "Only the mother has testified in the case so far. The trial process is being delayed due to absence of witnesses, which intensified after

the family changed their location." "The court has issued summons to witnesses but most remain untraceable," said advocate Uday. For example, for the hearing on September 27, no witnesses came to the court, he added.

He said there are in total 13 witnesses including police and the mother. "We will inform the court that some witnesses are reluctant to appear before it. The court will take action in this regard," he added.

Such complications escape the mother, who demands justice no matter what.

"You won't believe how we're surviving All I know is that I want justice, that I want capital punishment for the criminals," she

সিরাজুল ইসলাম চৌধুরী সম্পাদিত সাহিত্য-সংস্কৃতির ত্রৈমাসিক উনবিংশ বর্ষ প্রথম সংখ্যা প্রকাশিত হয়েছে

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Marking World Polio **Day, Rotary International Bangladesh District 3281** in Dhaka organised a seminar at a city hotel yesterday. Chaired by Rotary governor M **Rubayet Hossain, Rotary International Polio Plus Committee chairman** Michael K McGovern, former governor KM Zainul Abedin, Jalal U Ahmed, Md Hafizullah, and others spoke at the event.

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SAVING LIVES CHANGING LIVES

INVITATION FOR Expression of Interest (EOI) FROM INTERESTED COMPANIES FOR PROVISION OF **PEST CONTROL & FUMIGATION**

The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) invites applications from interested companies for enlistment with WFP as its vendor for provision of logistics services such as Pest Control & Fumigation for Cox's Bazar, Chattogram, Modhuchara/Ukhiya and Teknaf areas.

Conditions for entry into the process and the documents required to be submitted are given below:

Pre-Qualification for entry:

Valid trade license for the core business of the company for pest control & fumigation service

Minimum 3 years' experience in running the business

 Should have experience working with government, international NGO, national NGO or any other reputed organization Company presence/ footprint in Cox's Bazar or Chattogram

 Business house having the same address, telephone and fax number with different name will not be accepted Supplier must have operational email address

Supplier should mention about the sister concerns/ subsidiary agency if any, with appropriate proof

Clearly specify services to provide: PEST CONTROL & FUMIGATION SERVICE

Company profile

2. Completed & signed WFP PEST CONTROL and FUMIGATION Questionnaire available in the below link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/17OAPRfOA53AZnQRrRYhtBaM4uSMi-2EF/view?usp=sharing

3. Proof of experience working with government, international NGO, national NGO and any other reputed organization. (Purchase Order (PO) and/or recommendation letter and/or work completion certificate from at least three (3) organization)

Copy of Trade/Business License 5. TIN (Tax Identification Number)

6. Bank Solvency Certificate with Account Number

8. Certificate of incorporation

Clients' list

9. VAT Registration, Compliance Certificate and ISO Certificate (if applicable)

Those who are interested in registering with WFP are requested to submit the completed/filled-in and signed WFP's PEST CONTROL and FUMIGATION Questionaries' along with copies of above listed documents by sending e-mail to:

The subject line should be marked as Expression of Interest for Enlistment as 'PEST CONTROL & FUMIGATION' Deadline for Registration: Tuesday, 10 November 2020, 17:00 hrs Bangladesh time

For any further information please contact: Logistics Unit, World Food Program, Cox's Bazar through the email coxsbazar.logistics@wfp.org

Motorbike thief

OC Mohsin said at one point police was informed that the rickshaw was seen Askar Dighi Par area of Kazir Dewri and police rushed to the spot and found the bike near Shotodal Club area.

"After learning the incident, the mother handed over her son to police," said the OC.

A case was lodged in this connection with Kowali police

Online Certificate Course

Genocide and Justice

Center for the Study of Genocide and Justice (CSGJ) of the Liberation War Museum (LWM) invites interested individuals to apply for participating in the Online Certificate Course on Genocide and **Justice** to be held from 05 November 2020 till 28 November 2020. The month-long certificate course will be held virtually (using Zoom platform) on each Thursday, Friday and Saturday afternoon. Academics and experts from home and abroad will conduct the classes. The deadline for submitting the application form is 31

The applicants should be from Bangladesh and at least 3rd Year student of any university or a professional with Bachelor's degree or equivalent. Proficiency in English is required.

The selected applicants will have to pay a course fee of Tk. 1000 before the commencement of the course. The students will have to pay Tk. 500 as concessional course fee. Limited number of course fee waiver shall be offered to some deserving candidates

The interested individuals are requested to fill up the form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1mTWoD-g8ZeUbYLe4cBup1l1vyjqC-Z1laVM6jW6VGV8w/edit



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Flights of US-Bangla Airlines will leave Dhaka for Kolkata at 9:45am six days a week except Monday and will land in Kolkata at 10:15am local time, the airlines

said in a release. From Kolkata, the US-Bangla Airlines' flights will fly for Dhaka at 11am local time and land at Hazrat Shahjalal International

Airport in Dhaka at 12:30pm. In Chennai route, the flight of US-Bangla

Airlines will leave Dhaka at 10:30am on every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday and land in Chennai at 12:40pm local time. From Chennai, the flight will leave for Dhaka at 1:30 pm the same day

and will land in Dhaka at 4:40 pm. Besides, US-Bangla Airlines operate flights from Dhaka to Chennai via Chattagram and from Chennai to Dhaka via Chittagong every Tuesday, Thursday





অমর এক্রুশে বইমেনা ও অনুষ্ঠানমানা ২০২১ স্পন্সরশিপ সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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Experts predict no major shift in US foreign policy if Trump is defeated in election

Joe Biden vows to revive the moral leadership of the United States in the world if he is elected president, but after nearly four years of Donald Trump smashing through norms, is the veteran Democrat's vision even

A senator for 36 years and vice president for eight more under Barack Obama, Biden will enter the White House with far more foreign policy experience than any president in decades if he beats Trump on November 3.

Trump has sought to turn Biden's resume into a liability and has delighted in breaking the diplomatic consensus both at home and abroad by bolting from international arrangements such as the Paris climate accord and the World Health Organization, and praising autocratic leaders.

For international partners aghast at Trump, the issue is not just him but whether US voters will keep choosing people like him, said Katrina Mulligan, managing director for national security and international policy at the left-leaning Center for American Progress.

"For the rest of the world," she said, the presidential vote is also "about whether America is really what the last election suggests it was



or whether that was an aberration."

Mulligan said she expects a Biden administration would move quickly to show its commitment both to international cooperation dating from the Obama years and to liberal values, with Biden already promising to convene a summit of democracies in his first year.

"But (in) the bigger picture, I do not see a Biden foreign policy being a redux of an Obama-era foreign policy," she said. "The world has changed a lot. We're now 20 years away from 9/11.'

Biden has promised to move toward fighting global challenges such as climate change and Covid-19, and has called for a firmer line on human rights with

allies such as Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Turkey, whose leaders have all wooed Trump.

Celia Belin, a visiting scholar at the Brookings Institution who studies the Democrats, said that Biden has advisors who have come up with fresh ideas for a post-Trump foreign policy.

But she said: "There is a risk that Biden and some of his closest aides are traditional internationalist, transatlantic Democrats who see the world as it was when they left and not as it is today.

Biden is unlikely to belittle foreign allies or threaten war on Twitter, but he is also not the polar opposite of Trump.

Biden sides with Trump on

several key issues. Biden's view on Israel, Afghanistan aren't so much different from that of Trump.

In line with a rising bipartisan mood in Washington, Biden has also called for a hard line on China over trade, security and rights, with the two candidates trading barbs on who would be tougher.

"As Europeans, we should not think that if there is a new American president, the situation is as it was before President Trump was elected," said Clement Beaune, the French minister of state for European affairs.

"Some of the trends of the Trump presidency -- putting pressure on the EU regarding its own security financing, being quite tough on trade, the hard game played by President Trump with China -- the main elements of this, I think, will

continue somehow," he said. Bill Burns, a veteran US diplomat who has appeared on speculative shortlists for a top position in a Biden administration, said that how to handle a rising China will be the most consequential question for US foreign policy for decades to

Still, Burns expected Biden would first take on troubles at home and would be obliged to pursue US goals overseas in a "disciplined,

Majority of Americans will accept result of polls: survey

US ELECTION 2020

7 DAYS TO GO

As the 2020 presidential election enters its final week, a majority of Americans appear ready to accept the result of an exhausting campaign even if their preferred candidate loses, a Reuters/Ipsos poll found.

Its latest survey, conducted from Oct. 13-20, shows that 79% of all Americans, including 59% of those who want to reelect President Donald Trump, will accept a win by Democratic challenger Joe Biden even if they may not support a Biden presidency.

Among those Trump supporters who said they would not accept a Biden victory, 16% said they would do something to challenge a Democratic win such as protesting in public or resorting to violence.

The poll also found that 73% of Americans, including 57% of Biden supporters, would similarly accept a Trump victory. Among those who said they would not accept a Trump win, 22% said they would take action to challenge the result.

series of challenges this year that have raised concerns about the public's confidence in Top national security officials warned last week that Russia and Iran have been

U.S. election officials are dealing with a

hacking into U.S. voting systems and looking for ways to undermine the election. Trump also has repeatedly questioned the process is "rigged" against him and repeatedly asserting without evidence that the surge in mail-in voting this year will increase the likelihood of voter fraud. He has refused to commit to a peaceful transfer of power if the vote count indicates

he has lost. So far, at least, a majority of the US public appears ready to accept the result. Donald Green, a political scientist

at Columbia University, said the poll

results ease his concerns post-election about violence. But he warned that if the election is close, or one candidate can make a credible accusation of voter fraud, it could spark wider

discontent and protests than the poll suggests.

"This is why many people who oppose Trump are holding their breath and hoping for a lopsided outcome that is not up for grabs," Green said.

The latest Reuters/Ipsos poll shows Biden leads Trump by 8 percentage points nationally: 51% of likely voters say they are backing the Democratic challenger while 43% are voting for the president.

Biden also is ahead in Wisconsin and Michigan, but the race appears to be much closer in other battleground states including Pennsylvania, Florida, Arizona and North Carolina.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Malaysia's king rejects PM's emergency plan

Malaysia's King Al-Sultan Abdullah yesterday rejected a request by Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin for him to declare a state of emergency in response to the coronavirus crisis, saying that he did not see the need. The move is a blow for Muhyiddin, who is facing a leadership challenge from opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim and infighting within his ruling coalition. Anwar and other critics have denounced Muhyiddin's proposal for emergency rule, which included the suspension of parliament, as an attempt by the premier to stay in power by avoiding a showdown in parliament over the support he commands.

Key al-Qaeda leader killed in Afghanistan

Afghan forces have killed a top al-Qaeda militant wanted by the United States, as the government yesterday accused the Taliban of still keeping close ties with the Islamist militant group. Abu Muhsin al-Masri, an Egyptian national believed to be the group's numbertwo in the Indian sub-continent, was targeted in eastern Ghazni province, Afghanistan's intelligence agency said in a statement. The National Directorate of Security did not provide further details about the operation or when it was carried out. The Taliban government's sheltering of Al-Qaeda was the original reason for the US invasion of Afghanistan after the September 11, 2001 attacks.

Turkey extends research vessel mission for gas hunt

Turkey has extended once again a research ship's search for gas in contested waters of the eastern Mediterranean in defiance of calls from the West to pull back the vessel. The navy said in a message on the international maritime alert system NAVTEX late Saturday that the Oruc Reis would stay in the region until November 4. In a counter-message on NAVTEX, Greece deemed the Turkish activity as "unauthorised and illegal, in an area that overlaps the Greek continental shelf." The Oruc Reis, escorted by military ships, has become the symbol of Ankara's quest for natural gas in the eastern Mediterranean, where recent discoveries have triggered a rush for the resource.

Cameroon school attack kills 8 students: UN

Attackers armed with guns and machetes killed at least eight children Saturday in a raid on a school in southwestern Cameroon, the United Nations said. No group claimed responsibility for the attack on the bilingual school in

Kumba, but the area has been caught up in violence between Anglophone separatists and government forces for three years. Two Englishspeaking regions of Cameroon, Southwest and Northwest provinces, have long chaffed against perceived discrimination from the country's French-speaking majority.

SOURCE: AFP, REUTERS

Treaty banning nuke arms to enter into force

AFP, United Nations

An international treaty banning nuclear weapons has been ratified by a 50th country, the UN said, allowing the "historic" text to enter into force

While nuclear powers have not signed up to the treaty, activists who have pushed for its enactment hold out hope that it will nonetheless prove to be more than symbolic and have a gradual deterrent effect. Honduras became the 50th country to ratify.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called it "the culmination of a worldwide movement to draw attention to the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of any use of nuclear weapons," according to a statement from his spokesman on Saturday.

NGOs also welcomed the news, including the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), a coalition that won the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize for its key role in bringing the treaty to fruition.

Peter Maurer, president of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), said in a statement: "Today is a victory for humanity, and a promise of a safer future. The 75th anniversary of the nuclear attacks on Nagasaki and Hiroshima,

marked in August, saw a wave of countries ratify the treaty, which will now to enter into force on January 22, 2021, the UN said. The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons -- which bans the use, development, production, testing, stationing, stockpiling and threat of use of such weapons -- was adopted by the UN General Assembly in

signed it, though not all have ratified the text. The clutch of nuclear-armed states, including the United States, Britain, France, China and Russia, have not signed the treaty.

July 2017 with the approval of 122 countries. Eighty-four states have since

Japan, the only country to have been attacked with atomic weapons, ruled out any immediate plans to sign



Pro-democracy protesters hold up three-finger salute during a rally in Bangkok, yesterday.

MACRON'S CONTROVERSIAL COMMENTS ON ISLAM

Calls grow to boycott of French goods

Calls to boycott French goods are growing in the Arab world and beyond, after President Emmanuel Macron criticised Islamists and vowed not to "give up cartoons" depicting a controversial topic for Muslims. Macron's comments, on Wednesday,

came in response to the beheading of a

teacher, Samuel Paty, outside his school in

a suburb outside Paris earlier this month, after he had shown the cartoons during a class he was leading on free speech. The teacher became the target of an online hate campaign over his choice of lesson material -- the same images that unleashed a bloody assault by Islamist gunmen on the offices of satirical magazine

January 2015. The backlash against Macron's comments on Islam intensified Sunday, with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Érdogan again urging him to have "mental checks.

Charlie Hebdo, the original publisher, in

But Erdogan on Saturday urged Macron to have "mental checks" for treating "millions of members from different faith groups this way" -- comments which

prompted Paris to recall its envoy to Ankara.

The European Union's top diplomat, Josep Borrell, called the comments Erdogan made on Saturday "unacceptable" and urged Turkey "to cease this dangerous spiral of confrontation."

On Saturday, Jordan's foreign ministry said it condemned the "continued publication of caricatures under the pretext of freedom of expression" and any "discriminatory and misleading attempts that seek to link Islam with terrorism."

Front party called on the French president to apologise for his comments and urged citizens in the kingdom to boycott French

Such boycotts are already underway in Kuwait and Qatar.

Dozens of Kuwaiti stores are boycotting French products, with images on social media showing workers removing French Kiri and Babybel processed cheese from shelves.

In Doha, an AFP correspondent saw workers stripping shelves of French-made St. Dalfour jams and Saf-Instant yeast in a branch of the Al Meera supermarket chain

Nayef Falah Mubarak Al-Hajraf, secretary general of the Gulf Cooperation Council called Macron's words "irresponsible" on Friday, and said they would "increase the spread of a culture of hatred".

Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan yesterday accused Macron of "attacking

Macron already sparked controversy earlier this month when he said "Islam is a Jordan's opposition Islamic Action religion that is in crisis all over the world."

3-DAY ULTIMATUM TO PM TO QUIT

Protesters return to Bangkok streets

Thousands of people protested in the centre of Thailand's capital Bangkok yesterday in the first demonstration since Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha ignored their Saturday night deadline to resign.

It was also the first major show of force since Prayuth lifted Oct. 15 emergency measures that had been meant to stop three months of protests against the government and monarchy, but which brought tens of thousands of people

"If he doesn't resign, then we must come out to ask him to quit in a peaceful way," protest leader Jatupat "Pai" Boonpattararaksa said as people chanted "Prayuth Out".

The prime minister's office posted a note on Twitter to say he was not quitting. He has said the crisis should be discussed in parliament, which is due to hold a special session on Monday and Tuesday.

But his opponents have little faith in an assembly dominated by his supporters.

Protesters seek the departure of Prayuth and a new constitution. He rejects their accusation that he engineered last year's election to keep power he first took in a 2014 coup. They have also demanded curbs on the monarchy, saying it has enabled decades of military domination.

Iraqi demonstrators gather to mark the first anniversary of the anti-government protests in Baghdad, Iraq, yesterday. Thousands of Iraqis took to the streets yesterday on the first anniversary of a revolt against a political system failing to deliver basic services and against the growing influence of pro-Iran militias. About 600 protesters were killed in clashes with security forces before the movement lost momentum due to the coronavirus pandemic. PHOTO: REUTERS

Peace deals 'changing map' of ME: Israel PM

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that a trio of normalisation accords with Arab states offered an end to the Jewish state's former geographic isolation, with shorter and cheaper flights.

"We are changing the map of the Middle East," he told a televised press conference in Hebrew, pointing to a whiteboard with diagrams of flight corridors.

Air travel over Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates would save passengers heading for India and other Asian destinations "hours and a lot of money of

Israel struck landmark agreements last month with the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain, and on Friday, agreed with Sudan to normalise relations in a US-brokered deal. "There will be more countries," Netanyahu said.

Meanwhile, prominent political factions in Sudan have rejected a deal brokered with the help of the United States to take steps to normalise ties with Israel.

Among those criticising the deal was the National Consensus Forces Alliance, a leftist coalition and key component of the Freedom and Change (FFC) alliance that emerged from the uprising against Bashir.



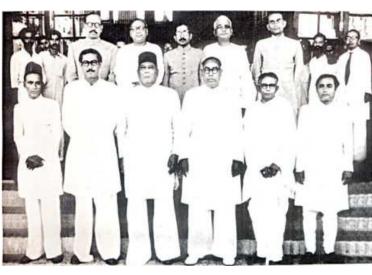
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AK Fazlul Huq and Quaid-i-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah. Muslim League Council Meeting in Bombay in the early 1940s. PHOTO: DAWN / WHITE STAR ARCHIVES



The Working Committee of the Lahore Resolution in 1940. Prime Minister AK Fazlul Huq is standing beside M. A. Jinnah .



AK Fazlul Huq's short lived cabinet in East Bengal, 1954, which included Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

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SHER-E-BANGLA IN SEARCH OF A NATIONAL SOUL

ABUL MANSUR AHMAD

Sher-e-Bangla was an institution rather than an individual. So say his critics as well as his admirers. And rightly so. But it seems very few have really appreciated the deeper significance of the epithet given him by themselves. It appears that many regard him as an institution just in a conventional way. They do so because his colourful personality, his phenomenally eventful life, his apparently conflicting ideologies, his incomprehensible contradictions, his bold and unapologetic inconsistencies, his recklessly magnificent obsession of secret munificence, his monumental successes interspersed by abysmal failures, his childish mistakes in the context of his prodigiously sharp intellect, in short, the ocean-like expanse of his stormy life full of gems and jewels on the one hand and mud and dirt on the other, could not be explained except on the theory of an institution. But their assessment of Fazlul Huq's life, otherwise quite correct, appears to have overlooked two very important traits of his character viz: One, his confident and unfaltering insistence that in all his quarrels it was his opponents who were mistaken and not he; two, his candid confession that he never tried to be the master of his fate but allowed chance to play her part in his life. This is very significant. Indeed in my view these two traits taken together is the key to the secret chamber of Fazlul Huq's life.

It clearly implies that Fazlul Huq was led more by intuition than by intelligence. In judging Fazlul Huq we have always talked of his being guided more by heart than by brain, more by impulse than by deliberation. But we have never thought of intuition. An intuition is no mere instinct or impulse. It is that esoteric channel through which men can approach the portals of truth or rather truth may glint in men's mind in flashes. Most of Fazlul Hug's uncommon and eccentric behaviour referred to above become crystal clear if seen through this prism light or intuition. Thus interpreted Fazlul Huq's life can only mean that he was destined to fulfil a mission. At least he felt he was. It was his intuition, and he believed in it.

On his recovery from a death illness in 1935 he solemnly asserted: 'The fact of my miraculous recovery from such mortal disease indicates that Allah wishes me to fulfil a noble mission.' He may have expressly said so on that occasion but in reality he must have started feeling it decades earlier. He might not himself have any clear idea as to what that noble mission was. Most probably he had not. His mind at that time might have been too much engrossed in his quarrel with the Congress over the Mayoralty of Calcutta Corporation and of his dual with Governor Anderson over the latter's nominee Sir Nazimuddin whom he was to fight at Patuakhali for any such spiritual evaluation. These two events in and by themselves were no doubt great events serving as turning points in the political history of Bengal, but compared to Fazlul Huq's life's mission even these events pale into insignificance.

What was the mission?

But what was that mission? A little reflection on the salient traits of Fazlul Huq as a public man will supply the answer. Let us see what those traits were. To the Muslim Intelligentsia he was the champion of all round renaissance of Muslim Bengal. To the educationist he was the patron saint of education in Bengal second only to his teacher Sir Ashutosh Mukherjee. To the Hindu intelligentsia he was the most beloved of the Muslim leaders in spite of the fact that amongst the latter Fazlul Huq was the most ruthlessly outspoken in his attacks against the Caste Hindus. To Dr. Sir P.C. Roy, the great scientist-philosopher, who typified a catholic Hindu mind with broad outlook, Fazlul Huq combined in himself a true Muslim and a true Bengalee and thus constituted and ideal Bengalee of the future. To the teeming and starving millions of the peasant Bengal he was the Messiah of their Dal-bhat. Last of all he was Sher-e-Bangla, the people's lion of Bengal, in spite of or rather because of, the various esteems he was held in by their cross sections. On the whole, he belonged to the people and the people belonged to him. This has been very succinctly epitomized in the aphorism that

Fazlul Huq was Bengal and Bengal was Fazlul Huq. The one really belonged to the other. To Fazlul Huq the people was not a vague term to be interpreted according to political exigencies. To him it was the peasantry, the common man,

So, if democracy could be defined by Abraham Lincoln as 'the government of the people, for the people and by the people', we can as well describe Fazlul Huq as the 'Sher-e-Bangla of the common man for the common man and by the common man.

Many a politician has spoken and written democratically, but no one has lived democratically as Fazlul Huq has done. Many a statesman has spoken and written of the common man, but no one has lived like a common man in the midst of the common man as Fazlul Huq has done. The one trait of his character which has completely identified him with the common man was the ups and downs, lights and shades, the sun and the rain of his own life. In the case of the common man this instability in life was entirely to the social and economic inequities which he had been suffering. But what about Fazlul Huq? If he wanted, he could have led a successful and happy career and got at the top in any sphere of life, as success and happiness are understood by an average wise man, and thereby could have lived in a station far above the common man. But he seemed not only not to have wanted such a life but to have deliberately avoided it. If he so wanted he could, much earlier in his life, have adorned all the high offices he ultimately occupied in the ripe old age when he could and should have retired from an active life and led a peaceful one. But he did not. He would not accept anything unless it was a gift from the common man. To him no office was attractive enough to separate him from his people. And he did not want to lead a peaceful life. Peace seemed to be the last thing he wanted. If normal political life meant peace he would prefer an abnormal one. In all disputes he was the aggressor. He quarrelled with the Congress at a time when it was the most influential political party in the country and left it. He quarrelled with Governors and left ministership. He quarrelled with Quaid-e-Azam and left the Muslim League after he himself made it the most powerful party in

the country. So it was always the stronger party that he picked up to quarrel with and never with the



AK Fazlul Haque with Rabindranath Tagore

In all these quarrels, however, he claimed to be in the right and his opponents in the wrong. It was in these quarrels again "if he was ever sorry for what he had done, he was far more remorseful for what he had left undone. Search for a national soul

Now, if we examine these traits and the popular appellations attached thereto in the context of the respective events and quarrels which brought them into play, the following deduc-

Fazlul Hug was possessed with a restless soul. This restlessness was due to his search for

Fazlul Huq's concept of this national soul passed through different, various and even contradictory formative stages. A national soul has all the elements of an individual one. If an individual soul is not just a philosopher's dream, neither is the national soul a dream of the statesman. It is a reality.

Like an individual a nation has a self. This self is not just a behaviourism. It cannot merely be objective. It must be subjective also. For a Bengalee Muslim of Fazlul Huq's time it was extremely difficult to find such a subjective feeling of a national identity, not to speak of a national soul. The very idea of nationhood throughout the world had already been passing through a revolutionary transformation as a result of the French and American revolutions. Indian Muslims in general and Muslims of Bengal in particular, were groping in darkness as to what their future and national identity would be. All chances of their revival had been dashed to pieces in consequence of the abortive war of independence miscalled Wahabi Movement and Sepoy Mutiny. Now the only question was that of survival. Thus the entire Muslim India was bleeding. This bleeding was the profusest in Bengal because in no other province of British India were the Muslims so ruthlessly denuded of all semblance of life, liberty, and culture as in Bengal by systematic brutal, unjust and illegal maltreatment meted out to the ex-rulers by the new ones.

Muslim India from extinction by merger with the vast ocean of an All-India soul, the soul of Viswa-Bharati of Rabindranath's conception. Fazlul Huq was prominently in the thick of all these movements and parleys. Almost all the prominent Muslim leaders of Bengal participated in them in one form or another at one time The callous indifference to the annulment of the Muslim province of Eastern Bengal and Assam and their agreement in the Lucknow Pact to the permanent reduction of the Muslims of Bengal to a minority by other Muslims

movements, Jinnah's 14-points, boycott of

Simon Commission and Round Table Confer-

ence, culminating in the Communal Award. All

these were undoubtedly attempts to maintain

the separate identity and national soul of

in exchange of weightage of a few Muslims seats in other provinces disillusioned him. It must have pained Fazlul Huq that all-India Muslim leadership did not raise its little finger of protest when Deshbandu's Bengal Pact was a concrete shape. He was demonstratively the happiest man at that time.

But his happiness was only transitory. The Lahore Resolution, his pet child in which independent Bengal of his life-long dream was enshrined, very soon started being distorted and disfigured in the course of tumultous and misdirected propaganda for Pakistan. He could clearly visualize the ultimate result. He could see that official propaganda of the Muslim League was bound to end in the ultimate partition of Bengal producing a truncated East Pakistan to be ruled by Western Muslim Marwaris from a distant foreign land like the Punjab. He resolutely stood up against such catastrophe. Sher-e-Bangla started protesting to, quarrelling with and writing letters, including open letters, to Quaid-i-Azam and ultimately quitted the Muslim League. As a last resort to save Bengal from being divided he formed a Progressive Coalition ministry excluding the Muslim League but inclusive of all the Parties including Congress and Hindu Sabha. But then it was too late to save Bengal as the Hindu, themselves, in the meantime, had decided to partition it. There ended Sher-e-Bengla's search for a national soul in the undivided Bengal.

But did his search for a national soul end there? It definitely did not. The defeated Lion of Bengal spent some time in licking his wounds: but did not meet 'his Waterloo.' He resumed his pilgrim's journey in search of his ideal in which he had immense faith. His failure did not make him wise. To him to be wise was not the only wisdom. It was impossible for him to close his eyes on the inward vision of the soul of his nation. So it was chance again that impelled him to continue its search. If undivided Bengal did not prove to be the reservoir of that soul, East Bengal, which was the real Bengal, certainly would. So he began the search with renewed energy and vigour. In the Language Movement, spear-headed by the students and youths, he found the spark of that soul. It ignited the fire. The Lion roared again. It resoundingly reverberated. The echo came from the core of the heart of the masses. It shook the earth. The Lion's Bengal appeared to have assumed a national identity and a spiritual personality. It seemed Sher-e-Bangla's dream was about to be fulfilled.

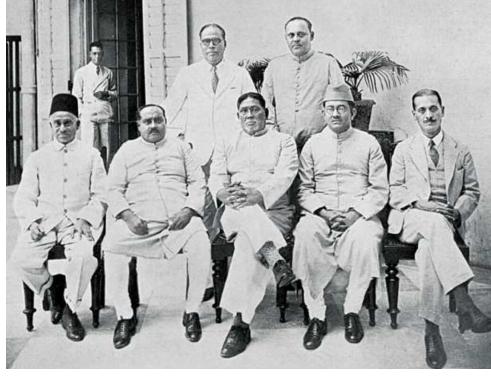
But no! It was only a false dawn, a Subeh Kazeb, not a Subeh Sadeq! The light receded. The darkness thickened! Storms raged. Fazlul Huq was again disappointed. But "these disappointments did not cure him" of his hunger for a national soul which he modestly called his "ineradicable romanticism." This was so because he "never tried to make himself the complete master of his fate." He intuitively knew that it was not his individual fate that he was striving for. It was the fate of a nation. Intensely religious, Fazlul Huq believed in the immutability of the destiny any immortality of the soul of his people as well as his own. He, therefore, continued upto the end, to "let him be up and doing with a heart for any fate, still achieving still pursuing." He did "learn to labour and to wait".

Thus the great pilgrim died in the midst of his quest for the soul of his nation. His old body fell, but not his young heart. His hands dropped, but not the unextinguishable lamp they held. The restless soul that for half a century yearned to fulfil itself in a national identity and could not do so during his lifetime is, still, after his death, beckoning his people from a way side grave to go on with the quest. The fact that this he is doing from the precincts of the High Court of Judicature of the realm and that his two great comrades have joined him there, is symbolic of the sign—justice and his erstwhile comrades are on his side.

Will the new generation fail him and the

Abul Mansur Ahmad (September 3, 1898-March 18, 1979) was an eminent litterateur, journalist and politician.

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AK Fazlul Hug and his cabinet, 1937.

Just imagine a people who only about a century ago were the enlightened rulers of the country not as foreigners but as those belonging to the country: the people who only 50 years ago were the teachers of the people in the arts and literature not only in the language of state but also in the language of the people, were, now, in the course of only fifty years, reduced to an illiterate mob passing their wretched life in the hovels of destitution. Imagine also the cruelty of the revengeful rulers who had been inflicting wounds after wounds on the bleeding heart of the Muslim Bengal by successive illegal steps and measures like Resumption Policy and the Permanent Settlement. Lastly, imagine the heartless addition of insult to injury by creating new Muslim province of Eastern Bengal and Assam with Dacca as its capital in belated recognition of the enormity of the treacherous breach of faith with the Muslim Bengal and then most unceremonioulsy annulling it within five years of its inauguration. This was in 1911. This event coincided with Italy's aggression on Tripoli. The Balkans were soon snatched away from Turkish hands. Iran and Afghanistan were virtually occupied by Britain and Russia.

Now by the end of the First World War the subjugation of almost all the Muslim countries by the Christian powers of Europe under the leadership of Great Britain was complete. The Indian Muslims were, therefore, convinced that the anti-Muslim attitude of the British Government in India was not an isolated affair but an integral part of their global and imperial policy. This realisation on the part of the Muslims was responsible for all their subsequent political activities based and to be based on the Hindu-Muslim understanding including Lucknow Pact, Khilafat and Non-cooperation

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turned down by Indian Congress during his life time and rescinded by the Bengal Congress after his death. Fazlul Huq, therefore, never completely merged his Bengal politics in all-India affairs. Be he in the Congress, Khilafat or in the Muslim League he would never give up his Praja movement in Bengal. To Fazlul Huq there was nothing wrong or inconsistent in his simultaneously heading both the Praja Party and the Muslim League of Bengal. To him the peasantry and the Muslims of Bengal were identical. More than that. In Fazlul Huq's view the spirit of Islam was inherent in the soil of Bengal. The religion of Islam was a levelling energy in the social plane. Just so the soil of Bengal was a levelling force in the terrestrial plane. There is no nobility and aristocracy in Islam. There is no Fort and Castle in Bengal either.

It was in this grand conception of the soul of Bengal that Fazlul Huq's own soul yearned to realise itself. It was, therefore, only natural that Fazlul Huq never agreed to any political plan by which the national soul of Bengal would be sacrificed at the altar of any bigger soul of India either divided or undivided. Indeed his persistent reluctance to enter all-India politics clearly showed that Fazlul Huq never believed in anything all-India. It was also very clear to him that if there was no one-India there could not be a one-Muslim-India either. All his quarrels with all-India leadership whether Muslim or Hindu were due to this. The Lahore Resolution

Fazlul Huq's life's dream seemed to have attained fruition in the historic Lahore Resolution which he himself moved and in which the soul of Bengal of Fazlul Huq's conception was not only recognised but also fully enshrined in

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Explore all possibilities for procuring Covid-19 vaccines

We must not lag behind in the global race for a vaccine

N the midst of hopes that a coronavirus vaccine could be ready by early next year, the government of Bangladesh has asked for more than USD 1.5 billion from development partners to procure and distribute the vaccine when it becomes available. According to estimates from the finance ministry, Bangladesh might need between USD 1.65 billion and USD 2 billion to vaccinate the country's 165 million people. As a part of this call for assistance, the finance minister held a virtual meeting with the World Bank Vice President on Thursday and sought USD 500 million from the World Bank to purchase, store, transport and distribute the

It is reassuring to see that the government is taking concrete steps and seeking financial assistance to ensure that Bangladeshi citizens have access to a Covid-19 vaccine as soon as it hits the markets. As the World Bank management is currently mulling the approval of additional financing of USD 12 billion to help low- and middle-income countries with acquiring the vaccines, it is a good time for Bangladesh to be reaching out. However, we hope the authorities will also be looking elsewhere for financing—while talks have already been initiated with Japan, we also hope that other friendly nations will step forward. Since the government has plans to seek loans from the Asian Development Bank and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank as well, there must be careful consideration of the economic risks of too many loans at a time when the stimulus packages to keep our economy afloat are still being distributed. The entire process of acquiring funding as well as using it for the sourcing of vaccines must be completely transparent, and all parties involved must be held accountable in order to discourage any corruption or misuse of funds.

However, financing is only one part of the process of acquiring vaccines, and we urge the authorities to explore all options with regard to the actual sourcing of the vaccine. Last week, the government decided not to co-fund the trials of a Chinese vaccine, and although we are meant to be in talks with the makers of five front-running vaccine candidates, there have been no updates from the authorities in this regard. While we should definitely aim to use the COVAX Facility to acquire vaccines through the WHO and the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation, we must also explore cutting deals with governments and global pharmaceutical companies in order to not lag behind in the global race for a coronavirus vaccine.

Path to economic recovery must be inclusive and sustainable

Govt must put people and productivity in key sectors at the centre of attention

O say that it has been a difficult journey for us over the last seven months of Covid-19 would be an understatement. Nearly six thousand people have died so far. Nearly four lakhs have been infected. But the number of people hit by the pandemic's impact on life and work runs into many millions. There are, however, indications that the economy is on the rebound and it gives us hope. Recent figures point to a slow, painful but assured recovery, provided the current momentum holds and progress made after the lifting of the lockdown is not undone by the second wave of coronavirus expected in winter. But there are also legitimate concerns about the "quality" of this recovery and whether or not it will be inclusive and sustainable questions that have always haunted Bangladesh's policymakers. Experts at a recent webinar organised by the South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (Sanem) also highlighted this concern, stressing the need for "a parallel recovery of social conditions and the

Some of the issues they raised deserve appropriate attention. Of particular note is a readjustment of priorities, especially by shifting the focus away from GDP growth to other performance indexes, which could show us the real state of the economy. So far, the return of work orders for the RMG sector and increased inward remittance have acted as catalysts in driving our economic recovery. But unless productivity in other key sectors is also increased and the pre-existing challenges of inequality, poverty, employment generation and institutional weaknesses are addressed efficiently, the marginal recovery achieved so far may flatten out in the face of a second wave and its effects. We also need initiatives to address the sluggish demand in domestic market, low private investment, and slow disbursement of the government's stimulus packages which, if left unaddressed, could prove to be a major drag. There is also a need for specific interventions to increase

The main objective, as one expert has highlighted, should be to help citizens recover from the pandemic's impact on health, education, poverty and social discrimination, among other indicators, with the same urgency as boosting macroeconomic indicators like the GDP. The need for inclusive growth that benefits all and leads to a sustainable economy cannot be overestimated. The government must design and pursue policies keeping this in mind. It must put people—especially the newly poor and traditionally marginalised groups whose lives have been battered by the pandemic—at the centre of all activities.

Getting the best out of a changing rural economy



Bangladesh is changing. This change has been happening rather fast during the last two decades. Rural activities are changing and the types of

occupations are changing. So is the lifestyle of the rural population. This has been driven by income opportunities of a large number of rural population beyond agriculture. Hence the rural nonfarm sector has emerged as an important source of employment

Over time, significant structural changes have taken place in the Bangladesh economy. During the last five decades the

The Labour Force Survey and the Household Income and Expenditure Survey of the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics indicate that in the fiscal year 2016-17, the share of rural nonfarm employment in total rural employment was 48 percent. This has increased from 37 percent in 2000. Rural people are engaged in several types of physical labour-based work such as self-employed cottage industries, handicrafts, wage-based employment in rural businesses, transport and construction work, repair, etc. There are also human capital-based professions which include monthly salaried employees in public and private offices, school and college teachers, lawyers, rural doctors, mid-wives, etc. Yet another type of work such as micro, small and medium businesses, contractors, shopkeepers, etc. require both financial and human capital.

rural nonfarm sector. With large population and limited land, pressure on land is very high. The average farm size is also reducing. Besides, there is landlessness among many rural families. Hence for many, income opportunities from agriculture is shrinking. This has led the rural families to find activities beyond agriculture. Many have migrated to the cities in search of work and have been engaged in various informal activities. But not of all them can get a job. So, they try to find work in the rural nonagricultural sector.

Education among the new generation is another factor for rural people to move out of the agriculture sector. Many families have been able to increase agricultural productivity through the use of technology despite small land size. They invest this income on children's education so that their future generation can move towards human capital-based activities instead

also made significant changes in the rural areas. Rural electrification has facilitated the creation of several new employment and income opportunities. People could work at night and shops could remain open at night due to electricity availability in the villages.

Third, remittances sent by non-resident Bangladeshi workers have been invested in the nonfarm activities. Remittances have also increased the purchasing power of rural people. Rural wages have gone up due to the inflow of remittances, though productivity has not increased by equal measure. Indeed, labour productivity in the agriculture sector is comparatively lower in Bangladesh than in many other countries. In addition to remittances, expansion of the manufacturing sector in the cities where migrated rural workers have been engaged has also pushed rural wages up. Exportoriented readymade garments sector is a major source of employment for the rural population, including women.

Fourth, access to technology has created new opportunities. Cable television, computer, mobile phone and internet have brought radical changes in the rural areas. Rural people can connect with the large cities and the world. They can access information on markets for their products, weather, jobs, healthcare facilities and much more through technology.

Much of the potentials for further transformation of the rural economy is still untapped. Through higher investment the sector can be further diversified and developed. During the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic reverse migration has been observed in Bangladesh. Many people who had earlier migrated to the cities have returned to villages as they lost their jobs and incomes. Ironically, large cities could not accommodate them, but they could somehow survive in the villages. Not only is the cost of living lower in the villages, they have a place to stay, and they have a social support mechanism.

The pandemic has reminded us of the importance of the rural economy. Also, the need for financial support to the small businesses has been felt more strongly. Most businesses in the rural areas are very small in size, and focused on services and trade. Many of them are not registered and rely on local markets only. Very few could expand their businesses outside their areas. Since many operate informally, they cannot take loans from the financial institutions. This has also been observed in case of the stimulus package for the small businesses announced by the government. Micro and small businesses do not have banking records which is discouraging banks to provide loans to them. However, if these businesses are not supported, many will not be able to survive. Therefore, special measures for disbursement of credit under the stimulus packages are needed. Besides, the role of the micro finance institutions in making the rural economy more dynamic and modern is also crucial.

A stronger and larger rural economy is crucial for employment generation and poverty reduction. This will in turn help reduce inequality and achieve sustainable development.

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In Bangladesh more than 40 percent of the total labour force is still engaged in agriculture though the sector contributes only 13.65 percent to the gross domestic product (GDP) of Bangladesh as of 2019.

agriculture sector has been surpassed by industry and services sectors in terms of its contributions to the economy. Many developed countries have experienced similar structural transformation in their economies. Agriculture plays much less of an important role compared to the other sectors there. As a result, the sector is no more a major source of employment in

However, in Bangladesh more than 40 percent of the total labour force is still engaged in agriculture though the sector contributes only 13.65 percent to the gross domestic product (GDP) of Bangladesh as of 2019. This implies that there are surplus labour in the agriculture sector who are underemployed. On the other hand, employment in the manufacturing sector whose share in GDP is 35 percent, has not increased as expected but rather remained

Most villages in Bangladesh are now linked with the cities as economic needs have increased. Improved connectivity has facilitated this. This has changed the rural landscape too. New activities and services including tea stalls, coffee shops, restaurants, salons, beauty parlours, kindergarten schools, coaching centres, health clinics, diagnostic centres, photocopying, printing, cybercafé, communication, processing, and many other vocations are available in and within the periphery of the villages. This diversification also indicates the increased purchasing power in the rural areas. Moreover, this suggests that the quality of human resources and the entrepreneurship of rural people have improved now than

Limited land is an important push factor for the rural people to be engaged in the

of labour based activities. So, children of agricultural families are making a transition from agriculture towards non-agriculture sector-based livelihoods.

Many initiatives have also facilitated the expansion of the rural nonfarm economy. First, programmes by both non-government and government organisations have helped nonfarm activities flourish. Organisations such as, Grameen Bank, Brac, Palli Karma Sahayak Foundation and similar ones have played important roles in helping the rural people with finance for their businesses.

Second, improved infrastructure had an important role to play in creating more employment opportunities in the nonfarm sector. Since the mid-eighties improved roads, culverts and bridges have increased the speed of lives by several times. So, the required time for completing activities has gone down. Besides, access to electricity has

A crisis like no other: But what have we learned?



fighting, even though the past few months have been tough. Myself, and many of my contemporaries running garment factories in Bangladesh are

well qualified, experienced, we have the training and we have the knowledge. But absolutely nothing could have prepared us for the past few months. It has been a rollercoaster ride like no other.

In the midst of the battle, it has been difficult at times to sit back and take stock. We've all been fire-fighting and it has been all hands on deck pretty much since March. Sleepless nights and regular trips to the bank have become the norm for

Despite this, even in these incredibly challenging times, a few clear dynamics have presented themselves. Without doubt, we have learned a lot in the past few months, about ourselves and the industry in which we operate.

So what are the key lessons? Here are five things that stood out during the

coronavirus pandemic. One, we are resilient. We probably always knew this but this pandemic has shown that, as an industry, we are capable of digging deep and drawing on amazing reserves. There are factories still operating now which I would not have given a prayer a few months ago. But somehow, they have clung on, from week to week, and month to month. No factory owner wants to go down without a fight, and this pandemic has highlighted the incredible, indomitable human spirit which is alive and well in our industry.

Two, sometimes it takes a crisis to show There is a lot of talk about partnership people just what they are capable of. Look back to early on during this pandemic when our factories quickly adapted to producing personal protective equipment, despite having little experience in this area. Look at how factories across the industry have shown agility and flexibility, altering their layouts and introducing stringent cleansing programmes to ensure they remain Covid bio-secure. And look at how operations managers have somehow managed to cut costs even further, operating on a shoe-string budget at times so that they can retain as many staff as possible and, more importantly, remain in the game for when things pick up. Many of the lessons learned can surely be carried forward to better times.

Three, there is over-capacity. Before Covid struck, it was clear there was an over-capacity issue in the Bangladesh RMG sector. The past few months have simply brought this into further focus. With global demand for clothing down by more than 50 percent in the first half of 2020, it was fairly obvious there would be too many garment makers fighting over too few orders this year. Unit prices are down significantly, but don't let the pandemic muddy the waters here. Unit prices have been falling for apparel from Bangladesh for years. There are too many factories supplying the same, homogeneous produce and this is allowing brands to simply play one factory off against another. As painful as it may be, our industry needs a rationalisation at some point, and now might be the time to think about what shape our industry will take moving forwards, especially with a global recession forecasted.

Four, supplier relationships must improve. We have learned who our friends are during the pandemic. And, let's be honest, we don't have many of them.

in our industry but the reality, as we have learned, is that when push comes to shove, it is generally every man for himself. Some major brands committed to supporting suppliers by honouring all orders in the early days of the pandemic. But these were the exception rather than the rule. Most used the pandemic to squeeze large discounts out of suppliers, delay payments and in some cases, walk away from orders without looking back.

more than ever I feel we need a clearly laid out strategy for our RMG industry. This needs to set short, medium and long-term goals for the industry and it has to be holistic—considering how industry, academia and other stakeholders can work together to make our industry world class. As I have said repeatedly in my column, this pandemic represents an opportunity as well as a threat. Everything is up in the air right now, and it is clear that now more than ever brands and



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Supplier relations cannot continue like this—it is literally not sustainable. We need a more equal balance between supplier and retailer, one built on transparency, trust, openness, honesty and mutual benefit. Surely that is to all our

Five, we need a broader strategy for our industry. This final point is one for our leaders and government. As we move towards the end of a year like no other,

retailers are seriously looking at shifting more and more production out of China. This will be the biggest sourcing shake-up our industry has seen in a generation and, once it has unfolded, we all have to work together to ensure Bangladesh RMG is sitting pretty.

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147th Birth Anniversary of Sher-e-Bangla

The champion of the Bengali Muslim peasantry

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K Fazlul Haq burst into an all-Indian national political scene through the 1937 elections for the Bengal Legislative Assembly. The 1937 elections were held under very limited forms of self-rule that the British colonial masters had granted to Indians: the franchise was limited to about 12 percent of the population in Bengal, Muslims voted in separate electorates for Muslim representatives, and the victors' control over the provincial government of undivided Bengal was limited by the power of colonial bureaucracy. Regardless of these limitations, the 1937 elections transformed AK Fazlul Haq into Sher-e-Bangla, the fierce champion of Bengal's Muslim peasantry.

AK Fazlul Haq and his political party, the Krishak Praja Party represented the interests of the Bengali Muslim peasantry, against the prolandlord and pro-capitalist Muslim League. The KPP's 14-point programme was truly radical. It included the promise to abolish the zamindari without compensation, to settle outstanding debts to *mahajans*, to fix the minimum price of jute, and to introduce universal primary education. In the months leading to the election, the KPP's signature slogan, "Shobar Jonno Dal Bhat," rang through the small towns and villages of East Bengal, today's Bangladesh.

The 1937 elections, from contemporary accounts, carried the excitement and festive air that we associate with elections in our country today. For the first time in our history, candidates used symbols for the electionpalki, lantern, chair, etc. During polling days, candidates' supporters chanted slogans with the candidate's symbols and some reportedly painted the symbols on their foreheads. In several places, candidates arranged motorcars to transport voters to polling booths. The excitement around the 1937 election was due at least in part to the peasant populist programme of the KPP, its fierce rivalry with the Muslim League, the fiery rhetoric of its leader, AK Fazlul Haq.

The election also had its signature contest,

Fazlul Haq against Khwaja Nazimuddin, the champion of the Bengal peasantry versus the aristocratic scion of the Dhaka nawab family. Fazlul Haq had challenged Nazimuddin to a contest in a constituency of his choosing. Nazimuddin chose the Rural Mohammadan Patuakhali North constituency, where the Dhaka nawabs held considerable zamindari rights. The other three independent candidates dropped out, focusing all attention on the two leaders going head-to-head. Fazlul Haq won in a landslide, receiving 70 percent of the vote.

The elections were not an outright victory for the Krishak Praja Party. The League had won more seats province-wide (39-36), though its alliance with the Tippera Krishak Samiti gave the KPP a slight lead (41-39). However, the KPP were the clear underdogs and a tie was construed as a victory. The KPP were poorly funded, three senior members of the party had defected to the Muslim League on the eve of the election, and the League had run a vicious campaign portraying the KPP as Hindu or Congress stooges sabotaging Muslim unity.

The Krishak Praja Party's victories were almost exclusively in East Bengal, today's Bangladesh. The party naturally dominated in Barishal, Fazlul Haq's home district, but also in Khulna, Jashore, Rajshahi, Bogura, Mymensingh, and, after its alliance with the Tippera Krishak Samiti, in Comilla. In understanding the KPP's success, we should follow Abul Mansur Ahmed's advice and think of the KPP not as a political party but as a movement, the praja movement for peasant freedom and dignity. The larger argument one can make is that Bengali Muslim peasant politics should be located in a small-town or mofussil print culture, in the numerous poems and pamphlets written by a newly-emergent class of a mofussil Muslim intelligentsia, who were patronising, writing, and reading texts published in towns like Noakhali, Comilla, Mymensingh, Faridpur, Rangpur, etc., during the 1920s and 1930s.

Politically, this movement took on the form and shape of the Krishak Praja Party, albeit in the context of the limited forms of electoral



Sher-e-Bangla AK Fazlul Haq (1873-1962)

and representative democracy under British imperialism. In the 1937 election, the KPP and its leader, AK Fazlul Haq, transformed the movement into a 14-point election campaign, into rallies, slogans, and speeches. Fazlul Haq deserves primary credit for this remarkable moment in our history: the rise of a populist party campaigning upon principles of social and economic justice with foundations in a grassroots movement of the peasantry.

AK Fazlul Haq was premier of undivided British Bengal from 1937 to 1943, when he was dismissed by the British governor and replaced by his old rival, Khwaja Nazimuddin. His parting speech to the Legislative Assembly recaptured some of the fire of his speeches from the 1937 campaign, as he directed his anger at the British officials, "the steel frame of the imperial service," who had stymied many of his efforts to craft a pro-poor and pro-peasant government. This racist and imperialist bureaucracy was responsible for the famine that soon followed AK Fazlul Hag's

ouster, killing between 3 and 4 million through starvation during 1943 and 1944.

The Krishak Praja movement did not die with the famine, but the belief in the possibility of a pro-peasant government under the conditions of colonialism was extinguished. The Muslim League conducted the 1946 elections, the first since 1937 after a decade of depression, war and famine, as a referendum on Pakistan. As Taj Hashmi and Ahmed Kamal have shown, Pakistan was imagined as "peasant utopia," "the land of eternal eid," a place where landlords and moneylenders did not exist, the prices of commodities were fair, and justice prevailed through society. The Muslim League, under the leadership of its left faction, had adopted Krishak Praja demands and slogans, notably, the demand to abolish zamindari without compensation and the slogan, "langol *jar, jomi tar."* In the words of Abul Mansur Ahmed on the eve of the 1946 elections, "today the Muslim League is the carrier and conductor [dharok o bahok] of the krishak praja

movement... the Praja movement has been fully realised in the Pakistan movement." The Muslim League, as champions of the ideas of Pakistan, achieved a thumping victory in the 1946 elections, winning 87 percent of the rural Muslim vote. AK Fazlul Haq was one of a handful of Krishak Praja candidates to be returned to the assembly.

AK Fazlul Haq did not create the movement that he represented. The movement had much deeper roots in the formation of a new community of Bengali Muslim peasantry under the conditions of colonial capitalism. In my book, I show how this community emerged from and was imagined within the broad transformations wrought by the cultivation and trade of jute, in particular, as fibre changed relations of town and countryside and created new accumulations of wealth and new forms of exploitation and impoverishment. Fazlul Haq's peasant populist election campaign, particularly his fiery oratory, were critical in shaping this emergent Bengali Muslim peasant community into a political force. Sher-e-Bangla was the first political leader from this region to give this Bengali Muslim community, shaped and exploited by colonialism and capitalism, a voice and a champion in all-India nationalist politics and in the corridors of British imperialist power.

When the idea of Pakistan as peasant utopia was, in turn, betrayed by the Pakistani governing and capitalist classes, Sher-e-Bangla continued his lifelong fight for the Bengali Muslim peasantry. He played a key role, in partnership with his old rival, Suhrawardy, in the formation of the United Front and in their landslide victory in the 1954 East Pakistan elections. However, he served as East Pakistan's Chief Minister for only two months before being dismissed, once again, by the unelected Governor of Bengal, this time Pakistani and, this time, purportedly for expressing the desire for the unity and autonomy of Bengal.

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US Presidential Election 2020

Biden leads the polls, but can he win?



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OW that the Presidential debates are over, the public debates on whether there will be a change in the White House come November gathers momentum. Opinion polls give Democratic Party nominee and former Vice President

Joe Biden a sizeable lead, importantly, in what the Americans call, "battleground" states. These are the ones that made the difference for current incumbent Donald Trump in 2016. Even Trump's favourite media outlet, Fox News, gives Joe Biden a ten percentage point lead. In normal times such a scenario so close to election day would have been enough for the candidate in front to feel comfortable. But these are not normal times.

America today is torn by an unprecedented degree of toxic social and political polarisation amidst a massive pandemic that shows no sign of letting up. In addition to disrupting normal life, Covid-19 has shaken the US economy that does not look like stabilising anytime soon.

Past American presidential elections have usually been dominated by the promises the candidates made on what impact their respective socio-economic policies would have on the lives of the average citizen. At times, but rarely, have foreign or security issues played a decisive role. The election of 2004, of course, was an exception when the terror attacks on September 11, 2001 impacted heavily on the minds of a frightened electorate. None of this feature prominently in this election. This time it is healing a fractured society and the impact of a microbe, that has dominated the discourse leading up to election day on November 3.

At the beginning of the year when the Democratic Party was in the process of nominating its candidate to take on President Trump in November, the common belief, both in the US and outside, was that the president would have little difficulty in winning a second term. This despite the fact that by then his words and actions had already began to cause

severe divisions in the American society, that he was hell bent on doing away with President Barack Obama's popular Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, that he had already angered the mainstream US media, that key administration personnel were being rotated or removed at a pace that made the White House resemble a fast moving revolving door, that he had weakened America's historical close ties with its traditional allies abroad, that he had pulled the US out of any dialogue on critical issues like the Iran Nuclear Deal, climate change and had publicly ignored the real

young, white non-college educated groups who constituted a very decisive part of the voters in some key States. His strong resistance to strengthen gun control laws despite a sharp rise in gun related violence, made him a hero with America's powerful gun lobby. All these groups had morphed into a solid base for him that apparently looked impregnable. He drove home the point that the decision making culture in Washington was outdated and needed major reforms. His strong antimmigration stance also appealed broadly. He has been consistently reluctant to condemn



Joe Biden addresses supporters at his South Carolina primary night rally in Columbia, South Carolina, February 29, 2020.

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threats posed by global warming.

His strength had been a sustained growth of the country's economy, his dogged commitment to reshaping existing US trade agreements and arrangements with a number of countries, importantly, China and, to a lesser extent, Canada and Mexico. Most importantly, his rallying cry to put "America First" and to "Make America Great Again" resonated deeply with large segments of the country's population. This was mainly the

white supremacists. His appeasement of the powerful Jewish lobby led him to move the US Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem, thereby validating Israel's policy of military occupation and annexation of Palestinian land.

Then the dreaded coronavirus landed on America's shores in March, although reports now suggest that signs of the virus had already become evident in America as early as January and February. Initially President Trump tried to downplay the seriousness of

the threat and publicly pronounced it would disappear soon, ignoring the fact that by then the situation in Europe was already assuming alarming proportions. Trump also claimed that America was too strong to be seriously inflicted by it. But within days and weeks the virus began to spread like wildfire almost all across the country. As the administration began putting together special task forces consisting of doctors, scientists and other related experts to address the threat, lockdowns, quarantines and stay at home orders in cities and states big and small had become the norm. Educational institutions were shut down indefinitely and hospitals and their staff began to get overwhelmed by the daily inflow of patients, made worse by inadequate testing facilities. In the meantime, the economy was coming under serious stress as layoffs, job losses leading to rising unemployment and shutting down of international flights began to take a toll in a manner not seen before. The United States, like most other countries across the globe, was in serious trouble. The World Health Organization declared coronavirus as a pandemic.

While President Trump could not be blamed for the outbreak of the pandemic itself, he was nevertheless coming under increasing criticism for continuously trying to play down the pandemic and its potential negative impact on the country, not just on the economy, but importantly on its over stressed healthcare facilities. The president's stressing on the need to open up the country even when cases of infections and deaths from the pandemic continued to rise exponentially, raised further questions on his understanding of the seriousness of, or his preparedness to combat, the disease. That is when things began to come undone for him.

His opponents began a systemic campaign to focus on the president's "uncaring" attitude, manifested by his refusal to advocate wearing basic protective items like face-masks or maintain social distancing. As the attacks on his handling, or the lack of it, mounted, President Trump chose to up the ante by ignoring the dangers posed by a serious health issue and challenging science and scientists.

The Democrats seized on this and put the president on the defensive. As opinion polls began to turn against him, President Trump began showing signs of desperation, made worse when he himself, and the First Lady, tested positive shortly following a disastrous first presidential debate performance and the president needing a brief period of hospitalisation.

With the elections being only a few days.

With the elections being only a few days away, Joe Biden has sharpened his attack on the Trump Administration's inability to effectively combat the wild spread of Covid-19 and has called this election as one for "retaking the soul of America" and the imperative need to erase the corrosive socio-political polarisation in the country. These are the narratives on which he is building his election platform. The opinion polls reflect that the Democratic party's playbook is working, as evident from the massive numbers of early voters, and counting, most of which are assumed to be voting for Joe Biden. But opinion polls, after all, are a snapshot and can shift rapidly.

Trump is already trying to convince his base that early and postal voting is a flawed process and is saying that the election will be rigged against him. He has also not stated clearly whether he will concede if the results went against him and has not ruled out the possibility of referring the matter to the Supreme Court for a ruling.

The answer to the question in the title is, yes, Joe Biden can win. For that to happen though, the Democratic Party strategists need to remain focused, not lull into a state of complacence and to target the Electoral College votes in States that Hillary Clinton needed to win in 2016. They need to be engaged full time in plugging every possible hole between now and election day. For Biden and his team, this is the main challenge. In the meantime, President Trump's perceptible acts of desperation and a sharp increase in vitriolic decibel against the media and medical experts alike fail to mask a sense of realisation that neither time nor tide may be on his side this time.

Shamsher M Chowdhury BB is the former Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh and former Ambassador to the United States.

Quotable Quote



NELSON MANDELA (1918-2013) President of South Africa.

I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear.

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The Noai river devours several houses at Duajani village in Tangail's Nagarpur upazila.

Erosion by Jhenai and Noai takes serious turn

Erosion by the Jhenai and Noai rivers has devoured a number of dwellings, including the houses of four freedom fighters, in Basail and Nagarpur upazilas of the district in the last few days.

The erosion-hit people are living under the open sky and facing immense sufferings while dwellings of many others are under threat of being washed away.

With decreasing water level in the Jhenai basin, erosion has taken a serious turn, devouring houses of freedom fighters Joaher Ali Khan, 85, Khandakar Bodiur Rahman, 80, and late Khandakar Sanwar Hossain in Danajore area of Kasil union under Basail upazila, said locals.

The family members of the freedom fighters said six out of 11 rooms of the three families have been washed away while the rest may go into the river anytime.

Freedom fighter Joaher Ali Khan, a necessary steps in this regard after visiting

father of four sons and two daughters, said acute erosion started at Dapnajore point on Thursday with deceasing water level in

A major portion of his dwelling house was already devoured by the river, he said. On the other hand, several local dwellers including Julfiquar Ali, Khandakar Abul Hossain, Rafiq Khan and Khandakar Iran

have already shifted their houses to safer

places in fear of further erosion. Mohsin Miah, a union parishad member, said 10 to 12 houses including the houses of three freedom fighters of Dapnajore Purbopara have already been

devoured by the river. He has already informed the chairman of the union parishad about the matter, said Mohsin.

Basail Upazila Nirbahi Officer Shamsunnahar Swapna said she will take

Meanwhile, several houses, including the dwelling of freedom fighter Mohammad Mofiz, have been devoured by the Noai river at Duajani village in Nagarpur upazila.

The erosion is also threatening the bridge on Goihata concrete road in Ketar Bhanga area, locals said.

Despite repeated pleas, the authorities are yet to take any steps to check the erosion, alleged the villagers.

Sujayet Hossain, former commander of the freedom fighters in Nagarpur, said the families, including the family members of the freedom fighter, fell in trouble after losing their homesteads to the river.

Asked about the matter, Tarin Masrur, assistant commissioner (Land) in Nagarpur, said Water Development Board (WDB) authorities will take steps to check the erosion.

Bilboiltha, a village of alpona

RABIUL HASAN, Chapainawabgan

Seventh grader Bishoka Tudu along with her sister Ashanti Tudu drew flower and leaves on the wall of their house.

Like them, 15 houses of the indigenous Kole community at Bilboiltha village, some 12 kilometres away from Chapainawabganj town, are decorated with colourful motifs drawn by older and younger female generations.

They adorn their houses with traditional art called alpona on the occasion of Durga Puja. They called it Dansey. Dansey means Durga in Kole language.

The women of the village paint alpona on the mud walls and floors of houses and it lasts all year round. They have been doing the traditional artwork for long.

During a visit to the village in Sadar upazila on Friday, this correspondent saw that women from the indigenous Kole community painted colourful alpona on the exterior and interior walls of their houses. Housewife Fulboti Murmu said they usually

decorated their house with the tradition artwork during different religious festivals like Durga Puja and other festivals like wedding ceremony.

Saroda Rani Hasdak, a primary schoolteacher, said "I have been seeing it (alpona) since my

childhood. Our women and girls are keeping alive

the traditional art. "We have been painting decorative motifs on the

walls of the house since long time and it is a part of our culture," said Saroda, also an alpona artiste. They draw motifs with a liquid of rice powder, flour, chalk powder, turmeric and vermilion, she

"But for the first time in this year, we used different chemical colours to paint alpona as the material is available in the local markets," she added.

Locals said there are a small forest and a tourist spot, Babudaying, near Bilboiltha village. Many visitors from different areas in the district and neighbouring districts come to the village to see

"As many tourists come to the village to see the artwork, we decorate our houses to draw their attraction," said Saroda Rani.

Bijlu Kole, head of the Kole community, said 'People of our Kole community, especially women, have kept alive the traditional folk art."

They usually decorate their houses with alpona during religious festivals like Durga puja, said Bijlu, adding that such painting legacy is passed on from one generation to another.



A girl from the indigenous Kole comminity stands in front of her newly decorated house at Bilboiltha village in Chapainawabganj Sadar upazila.

Dhaka seeks Tokyo's help

conducive environment for an early, safe, sustainable and dignified repatriation of 1.1 million Rohingya refugees temporarily sheltered in Bangladesh, reports UNB.

Dr Momen discussed the issue when the ambassador met him yesterday.

The ambassador referred to Japanese Foreign Minister Totshimitsu Motegi's recent visit to Myanmar, where he called upon the Myanmar authorities for early repatriation of the Rohingya refugees and assured that his government would continue to pursue the matter.

He said Japan reiterated its position regarding repatriation at the Conference on Sustaining Support for the Rohingya Refugee Response held on October 22.

The foreign minister appreciated Japan's continued support to strengthen infrastructure and socio-economic development of Bangladesh.

He urged Japanese entrepreneurs to invest in two special economic zones -- in Araihazar (Narayanganj) and Gazipur.

Dr Momen called upon Japanese businesses to take advantage of Bangladesh's high corporate profitability, businessfriendly policies, massive domestic market and strategic access to key markets across

He termed Bangladesh a good destination for investment and hoped to elevate further the level of cooperation between the two friendly countries.

Ambassador Naoki referred to the newlyelected Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga's letter to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and expressed Japan's keenness to

region, which logged a one-day record high

now been registered in the region. "We are at a

critical juncture in this pandemic, particularly

in the northern hemisphere," WHO director-

general Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus told a

"The next few months are going to be

very tough and some countries are on a

dangerous track. "Too many countries are

seeing an exponential increase in cases

and that is now leading to hospitals and

ICU (intensive care units) running close

or above capacity -- and we're still only in

"The WHO urged leaders "to take

In total, more than nine million cases have

of 221,898 cases.

press conference on Friday.

further strengthen bilateral relations.

Both the foreign minister and the ambassador expressed satisfaction at the excellent bilateral relations and agreed to celebrate the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations in 2022 by organising

Dr Momen also thanked the government of Japan for its support in the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic.

BANGLADESH SEEKS GREEK SUPPORT Bangladesh Ambassador in Greece Ashud Ahmed raised the issue of Rohingya repatriation before Greece President Katerina Sakellaropoulou while presenting his credentials during a ceremony at the Greek Presidency in Athens on Friday, the Embassy said in a social media post yesterday.

Ambassador Ahmed said Bangladesh has created "a unique example of humanity" while providing shelter to about 1.1 million Rohingva refugees.

During the meeting held between the Greek president and the Bangladesh envoy following the credential presentation ceremony, the president congratulated and felicitated Ambassador Ahmed on his important assignment.

The Bangladesh envoy thanked President Sakellaropoulou for accepting his credentials and giving her audience, and conveyed to the president the greetings and regards of President Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

During the meeting, the Bangladesh envoy also discussed different bilateral issues including economic cooperation between the two countries.

Bangabandhu has ministry to take immediate steps for protecting standing crops threatened by ear-cutting caterpillars in Comilla district. The prime minister gave this instruction when a from the area called on

Council at the Asian SOURĆES: October 27, 1972 issues of Bangladesh Observer, Dainik Bangla

US man

"I couldn't believe it," he said. "What are the odds? I didn't think it was real," Christiansen said in a press release.

He purchased both winning tickets from Louie's Liquor in Norfolk.

money, Christiansen the money away for his retirement.

daughter recently passed away, and he's going to try purchase the house she lived in.

DU teacher

Mahbub Alam, editor of monthly magazine Al Bayyinat and daily Alseparately, Shamim mentioned. After the hearing, the

tribunal took the cases into cognisance and recorded statements of both

Cyber Crime Investigation matter and submit two separate reports to it by November 1.

documents, Ziaur made anti-Islamic remarks during a talk show of private TV channel DBC News recently, hurting people's religious sentiment. Video clips of the talk show went viral on Facebook and YouTube.

Security officer gone rogue

after Shaheen allegedly beat him up with a stick for hours for bringing his van inside the campus.

Nahid said Shaheen detained him from the Chowrangi area on October 16 and took him to JU's security control "Hurling abuse, he [Shaheen] first

slapped me in the ear with all his force. Then he repeatedly kicked me... I fell to the ground while a security guard named Uzzal was holding me there," Nahid told The Daily Star on October 20.

"Stuck in the control room for three hours, Shaheen beat me mercilessly with a stick. When I was screaming, he warned that he would continue to beat me forcing a towel in my mouth,"

Nahid said he was released on the condition that he would keep his mouth Alam, who heads the probe body shut, or else Shaheen would hand him over to the police framing him as a drug peddler.

Nahid, who used to run a mobile tea stall on campus before it closed down due to coronavirus, asked in tears, "How will I earn now with this broken leg? Shaheen, however, denied these

allegations, saying he has been just doing his "duties". Students said Shaheen targets mostly

campus visitors -- particularly couples, accusing them of "indecent behaviour" on campus and harassing them.

On December 10, 2018, Mohammad Shamim, 27, who had come to the campus with his girlfriend, was taken by Shaheen to his office.

There, Shamim said, he was beaten up for hours with a pipe and sticks and then Shaheen pushed marijuana and cartridges into his pocket. Shaheen then threatened that he would destroy his life by calling the police and journalists if he reported

Similar incidents happened with a Buet student, local trader Jahangir Alam, and Sharif Mia, president of the university's employee union, in 2019.

Another incident, which took place on February 15 last year, involved a female

news presenter of a private television channel who was verbally abused by Shaheen for being on campus.

Contacted, JU acting registrar Rahima Kaneez said, "A probe is ongoing regarding all the complaints. Steps will be taken after getting the report.' Rahima Kaneez had said almost

exactly the same thing last year when this

correspondent asked her for comment about an earlier incident involving Shaheen. She this time said, "The probe body is looking into all the allegations. It

was delayed due to the coronavirus Asked how many allegations are there against Shaheen, Rahima Kaneez said she

couldn't remember. JU Pro-VC (academic) Prof Nurul looking into these allegations, said, "The investigation against Shaheen has been completed. All that remains is to forward the complaints to the relevant officer. We are going to submit the report very

quickly. The delay, he said, was due to the body having no available typist to write this up. Earlier, another committee had been formed by the university administration to investigate a complaint against

Wishing not to be named, a committee member said, "We recommended higher punishment of the accused last year. But, the authorities didn't place it at the syndicate meeting yet.

"Due to lack of accountability and punishment, this officer is committing crimes day after day."

Contacted, Sudipta Shaheen denied beating up Nahid or any other outsiders, like visitors and van-rickshaw pullers, on campus.

"Since I took over the post of university security in-charge, I have shut down several drug-taking spots and some places where indecent activities would take place so I have been an eyesore to many. I just pursued the directives and rules of the university," he added.

Father-in-law 'has Qatar expat

superintendent of police in the district. Police also arrested his father-in-law Anwar Hossain of Mashuakhali village in Kalapara, and the hired assassin Nizam, 45, of Barguna's Amtali, and his accomplice Amjad, 55, of Barguna town

after solving the murder mystery in just a couple of days even though the case did not accuse any specific person, he said. Dilip was a union parishad member of Lalua before he went to Qatar years ago. He came back home during the pandemic,

the officer told reporters at his office. He inherited considerable lands from his father and also bought some more lands with his father-in-law. The newly bought property was registered to himself

and his father-in-law, he added. When these lands were acquired by the Payra port authorities, his father-inlaw Anwar received the money given in to Dilip's account, the SP said.

eldest daughter, who is 20.

The nominee for that account is Dilip's Anwar got his son-in-law killed in

the hope of getting hold of the money by taking care of his daughter and three grandchildren, he added.

He hired Nizam and Amjad for Tk 2 lakh to kill Dilip. During the last Eid-ul-Azha, Anwar brought his daughter and three grandchildren to his house and they have not been allowed to go to Dilip's house since then, the SP said.

On Wednesday, Nizam and Amjad, who were on good terms with Dilip, went to his house with a bottle of soft-drink mixed with sedatives. They made Dilip drink it and he fell asleep after a while. The duo then covered his face with a piece of cloth and choked him to death and fled the scene, he said.

Police later recovered the body from the empty house. Dilip's wife Habiba Begum filed a case with Kalapara Police Station accusing unknown persons on Thursday.

Police first arrested Amjad on Saturday compensation and deposited Tk 1 crore and later arrested Nizam and Anwar according to his confession.

Anwar was arrested in Kalatala area of Patuakhali town around 3:30am

Iraqis rally to relaunch year-old antigovernment revolt

AFP, Baghdad Thousands yesterday marked first anniversary of a protest movement against the country's stagnant political class with rallies at Baghdad's iconic Tahrir

Another held

Square and its high-security

Green Zone.

FROM PAGE 12 Swechchasebak leader Masudur Rahman Shuvra.

Khairul was placed before a district court the same dav. Judicial Senior

Mahbuba Magistrate Cognizance Court number-4 recorded statement under Section-164 and sent him to jail, said Shah Kamal Akanda, officer-in-charge of detective branch (DB) of

accused also confessed his involvement in the brutal killing, the OC added.

A team of DB police arrested Khairul remote Fagua Haor area in Mohanganj upazila of Netrakona early Saturday, said the OC.

Unidentified assailants hacked Shuvra, secretary of Swechchasebak League Gouripur upazila unit, to death around 10:30pm on October 17. The victim's brother,

Abidur Rahman, filed a murder case with Gouripur Station against Police including people, Awami League leader and Gouripur Municipality Mayor Syed Rafiqul Islam, 55; and Riyaduzzaman Riyad, 36, joint convener of BNP Gouripur upazila unit and also chairman of Moilakanda union parishad. The case was handed over to DB on Thursday. Earlier,

four arrested persons Riyaduzzaman Riyad, Jahangir Alam, 32, Kasel Miah, 32 and Mujibur Rahman, 35 -- on October 18 in connection with the

They were produced before Chief Judicial Magistrate Court Wednesday seeking sevenday remand each but the court granted a three-day remand for Riyad; while two-day remand each for three other accused, said

the OC.

executive of corporate researcher firm the funeral would be. Samsung Group affiliates' 326.7 trillion won (\$289.6 billion) in 2019 revenue was worth about 17% of South Korea's gross

domestic product, according to Fair Trade

At around 5:00 pm (0800 GMT), Lee's son Jay Y. Lee, vice chairman of Samsung Electronics, wearing a face mask, walked

conglomerate said.

The funeral will be a small family affair,

immediate action, to prevent further unnecessary deaths, essential health services from collapsing and schools shutting again," he said.

Italy yesterday tightened its anti-virus curbs despite opposition from regional chiefs and street protests.

Under the new rules coming into force today and running until November 24, cinemas, theatres, gyms and swimming pools must all close while restaurants and

bars have to stop serving at 6:00 pm. Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez yesterday declared a national state of emergency vesterday, and a curfew covering all of Spain except the Canary Islands, in a bid to curb a second wave of coronavirus

Man who made Samsung

WHO reports 3rd straight

Chaebul.com.

Commission data and a Reuters calculation. Lee died with his family by his side, the

into the Samsung Medical Center where a memorial was being held. The area for the memorial was limited to 50 people, a sign

Samsung said. It did not say when or where

Lee's aggressive bets on new businesses, especially semiconductors, helped grow the conglomerate his father Lee Byungchull built from a noodle trading business into a global powerhouse with assets worth \$375 billion, including dozens of affiliates stretching from electronics and insurance

to shipbuilding and construction. "His legacy will be everlasting," Samsung

said in a statement.

The presidential office said South Korean President Moon Jae-in had plans to send condolence flowers to the funeral, and send chief of staff Noh Young-min and senior presidential secretary Lee Ho-seung to pay respects on his behalf.

Freedom FROM PAGE 12

instructed the agriculture deputation of three MCAs

him yesterday. AWARD CEREMONY Bangabandhu will be formally awarded the Juliot-Curie peace medal by the World Peace Conference to be held in Dhaka some time in January 1973.

and Dainik Ittefaq.

FROM PAGE 12

When asked what he plans to do with the gave a few ideas. He said he wants to build a new garage and put some of

Christiansen said his

FROM PAGE 12 lawyer; and Muhammad Ihsan, lodged the lawsuits

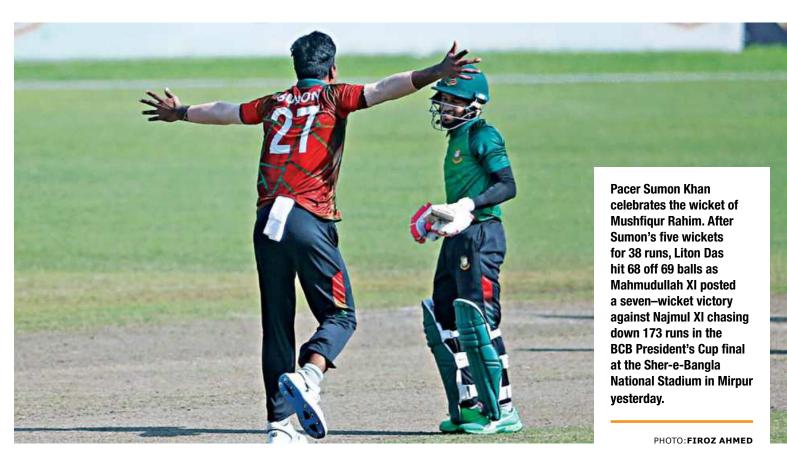
complainants. It also directed the Division of the Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime Unit of police to investigate the

According to the case

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Lesser lights grab the spotlight

SPORTS REPORTER HIGHLIGHTS



Young pacer Sumon Khan's five-wicket haul laid the platform for Mahmudullah XI to bundle out Najmul XI for a total

of 173 runs. In reply, a clinical batting display, led by a fifty from Liton Das, helped Mahmudullah XI clinch the BCB President's Cup title with a seven-wicket win at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

While the intent and attitude from many of the established cricketers was absent, it was the lesser known ones who managed to grab all the limelight in yesterday's

All eyes were on the likes of Rubel Hossain and Ebadat Hossain in the pace bowling department for Mahmudullah XI when they sent

PLAYER OF THE TOURNAMENT **Mushfigur Rahim** BATSMAN OF THE TOURNAMENT Irfan Shukkur **BOWLER OF THE TOURNAMNET Rubel Hossain** PROMISING PLAYER OF THE TOURNAMENT **Rishad Ahmed**

Najmul XI to bat first. However, young Sumon Khan, who had his way into the team due to an injury to Hasan Mahmud, stepped up and grabbed the opportunity.

Neither tall nor stocky, Sumon used his line and length with a bit of swing to great effect. The 20-yearold, who has been part of the High Performance squad, announced himself by picking three wickets in the first game before his five-for-38 in yesterday's game.

Mahmudullah's side the early breakthrough by removing Saif Hasan before Sumon, who was struck for two boundaries early, had his revenge and got the biggest scalp of Mushfiqur Rahim.

Sumon's ability to shape the ball into the right-hander worked well as Mushfiqur, batting on 12, was beaten by the late swing and got trapped leg-before while trying to work the ball on the leg side.

The right-arm pacer got the outside edge of another in-form batsman Afif Hossain before he got Soumya Sarkar edging while playing at a delivery going away from his

The pacer from Manikganj used his intelligence and tried to bowl at the stumps against the tail-enders and dismissed Nayeem Hassan and Nasum Ahmed late in the innings as Najmul XI were bundled out for 173 with 17 balls to spare.

Much like Sumon, another cricketer who is lesser known to many cricket fans was left-hander Irfan Shukkur. Irfan's innings was the only highlight with the bat for his side in this game.

Irfan showed promise throughout the tournament as he displayed a great amount of adaptability coming into bat in different situations. Coming in at five-down, the 75-run knock was his second half-century of the tournament and eventually he ended as the second-highest rungetter of the tournament with 214 runs behind Mushfigur's 219 runs in five games.

The selectors will surely provide more opportunities in future to players like Sumon and Irfan, who generally do not get enough opportunity compared to the established players so that a healthy competition for places in the national team ensues.

Not perfect, but enough value

Abdullah Al Mehdi



Bangladesh head coach Russell Domingo recently performance downplayed issues during the BCB President's Cup, citing the lack of cricket in the last seven

months as having played a big role in players struggling to get going. However, there were familiar patterns in the performances especially of the top-order batsmen throughout the tournament while the flux of youthful energy in the bowling department may have also piqued national selectors' interest.

Rather than neglecting performance issues of the cricketers following a break, it appears to be more prudent to look at the bright specks in this BCB-arranged tournament since some of the young players who played the tournament may very well form the backbone of the national team in the near future. It essentially became an opportunity



for juniors to present their case against seniors who have cemented their places and there were strong arguments from their part as the likes of Sumon Khan, Irfan Shukkur, Towhid Hridoy and Mahadi Hasan impressed.

There were opportunities for experienced ones too. Mushfiqur Rahim gave examples of his ability to thrive in difficult conditions and the rest of the batters' struggles against pace was evident as well

Pacers had a fantastic tournament with Rubel Hossain topping the wicket-takers' charts, working up some good pace, while his movement with the new ball and variations with the old paid dividends.

While there was disappointment at the consistency of early batting debacles, the bowlers showed consistency in mentality and process with immaculate line and length, aggression and skill. That facet led

to the competitive structure, one that makes BCB's first tournament since the coronavirus outbreak a success as match situations tested batters' resilience.

The tournament served as a notice to toporder batsmen as the likes of Tamim Igbal, Liton Das, Naim Sheikh, Soumya Sarkar, Nazmul Hossain and Mominul Haque failed to fire even though earlier on in the tournament, the Mirpur wicket had good bounce on offer for batsmen to play shots. The trend was not an unfamiliar one as the national team too have often struggled to get the top order to fire in recent years. Rust was an important factor and one also has to consider that one good delivery can upend a batsman, but the consistency of early debacles should be cause of headache and it may also raise doubts about how hard the bowlers actually had to work to trouble underperforming batsmen. All things considered, the tournament did provide an opportunity to evaluate performances as any competitive setting does and national selector Habibul Bashar was keener to focus on the bowlers' performances rather than disappointing batting displays.

"There is time before our next international assignment in January, so there will be time for batsmen to rectify things. The way I see it, the bowlers performed exceptionally and that is why the batsmen struggled. Both pacers and spinners have been bowling very well and kept a tight leash on batsmen," he said.

"Obviously we didn't expect the batsmen to underperform but it wasn't easy on the slow surface and because of the rust associated with playing after a long time," he added. But in terms of evaluating the future stars? "We're definitely looking at the performances and with the future tournaments coming before next year, we will get to see a lot more," Bashar concluded.

Rust was a key factor but if one looks at the ongoing IPL, it appears that players' preparation has been far from ideal. The key ay in how to mentally prepare to play the game, as Chris Gayle showed after coming back from sickness and hitting a crucial fifty to give his side Kings XI Punjab a much-needed win. Getting cricket back onto the field was BCB's priority but the team selections and balance of the three teams also gives them good ground to evaluate what they saw in this tournament.

'Madrid's life insurance' makes the difference

REUTERS, BARCELONA



Talking points from Saturday's action in La Liga after Real Madrid won 3-1 away to Barcelona in the 'Clasico' Laliga and Atletico Madrid beat Real

Betis 2-0: STREETWISE RAMOS PROVES THE DIFFERENCE

Real coach Zinedine Zidane was unable to explain how his side could beat Barca so comfortably after pitiful defeats to Cadiz and Shakhtar Donetsk but there was in fact a simple explanation: Sergio Ramos.

Madrid's captain got injured against Cadiz and was not risked against Shakhtar, meaning he was at his allpowerful, bloody-minded best for the game that mattered the most and once

Ramos continued to thrive in the pressure-cooker situation of a penalty, scoring a 25th consecutive spot kick and racking up his 100th goal for the club. KOEMAN LOSES TACTICAL BATTLE

A veteran of Clasico encounters as a player, Barca coach Ronald Koeman had a disappointing first experience of Spain's biggest fixture from the dugout and got the big decisions wrong.

He made a bold call in benching Antoine Griezmann, but giving a start to 17-year-old Pedri in his place proved misguided as the youngster looked out of his depth and fazed by the occasion.

The Dutchman also took far too long to change things around even as his side continued to be overpowered in the second half, not making any changes until



again the towering centreback proved the difference.

restored Ramos power concentration to Madrid's defence but above all embodied the winning mentality that runs through the club, which was underlined when he made the most of a tug by Clement Lenglet to win the penalty in the second half from which he put Madrid back in front.

"The smartest kid in class, he brought home the bacon for Madrid by falling over and reacting far quicker than any other player would," said newspaper AS, adding that Ramos was 'Madrid's life insurance'.

the 81st minute.

After the match, he chose to focus on Real Madrid's penalty which he argued was soft, insisting that his side played well and would have got a different result were it not for the decision, even though they were out-played in the latter stages.

There are also two questions: Can Griezmann find a way back after latest snub? Can Atletico grind their way to the

With Real and Barca looking far from their peak powers, Diego Simeone's side are starting to look like a consistent, solid side after seeing off Real Betis.









ON TARGET

[L-R] Moise Kean scored his first goal for Paris St Germain as the French champions recovered from their Champions League defeat by Manchester United to move top of the Ligue 1 standings with a 4-0 home victory against lowly Dijon on Saturday. Romelu Lukaku struck again, his fifth league goal of the season and seventh in all competitions, as Inter Milan ground out a 2-0 win away to Genoa in a lacklustre Serie A match. Robert Lewandowski took his Bundesliga tally to a record 10 goals in the first five games this season with a hat-trick as Bayern Munich thumped Eintracht Frankfurt 5-0. Sadio Mane congratulates Diogo Jota, who elevated to head home Mane's perfect cross from the left flank as Liverpool came from a goal down to beat Sheffield United 2-1 in their Premier League clash at Anfield on Saturday night and extend their unbeaten run at home to 62 games in the top flight. PHOTO: TWITTER

Sri Lanka to tour South Africa in Dec

REUTERS, COLOMBO

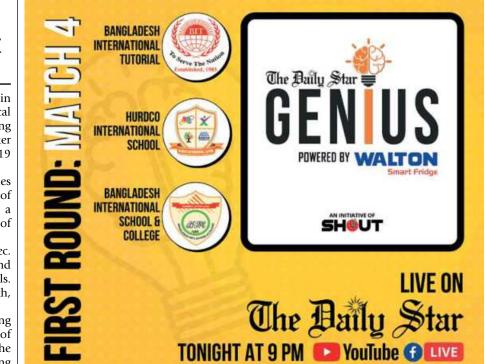


Sri Lanka will travel to South Africa in December to play a two-Test series, a local media report said on Sunday, marking their return to international cricket after a 10-month gap due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Since hosting West Indies for a limited-overs series in February, Sri Lanka cricketers have seen a number of fixtures, including test matches against England and a limited-overs series against India, postponed because of the pandemic.

The team will play a two-Test series beginning on Dec. 26 though venues have not been finalised yet, the Island newspaper reported, quoting Sri Lanka Cricket officials. The first match is set be played in Durban or Port Elizabeth, with Cape Town the likely venue for the New Year test.

Sri Lanka last toured South Africa in 2019, becoming the first Asian team to win a test series there. Most of Karunaratne's team-mates will be seen in action in the Lanka Premier League Twenty20 competition beginning on Nov. 21.





4-LANE DHAKA-BHANGA EXPRESS HIGHWAY **BUILT WITH BSRM XTREME**





Security officer gone rogue

JU community and outsiders accuse official of assault and abuse; admin takes no action

Sudipta Shaheen

MUNTAKIM SAAD and MD ASADUZ ZAMAN

More than a dozen complaints of assault, blackmail and extortion, and verbal abuse of female visitors have been submitted Jahangirnagar University authorities against its chief security officer Sudipta Shaheen in the four years since he took office.

His activities created a menacing atmosphere on campus among students and staff as well small traders, several of who have been assaulted by him.

However, the university authorities have taken no action against Shaheen so far despite the numerous allegations against

After these incidents took place, all they said is, "Investigation is going on."

The Daily Star obtained copies of most of these complaints against the 45-yearold, who did not even spare university teachers.

Written complaints were submitted to the authorities over two separate incidents -- one where Shaheen misbehaved with two teachers of the chemistry department who were with some alumni of the university and another with a former student of the university who runs a shop

near JU's main gate. Some also verbally complained to the administration against Shaheen; many didn't even report the incidents out of fear, students said.

Some were brutally beaten, tortured and threatened with dire consequences if they reported what they faced, the victims mentioned in their complaints.

The latest victim is a van-driver named Nahid Hossain, who had his leg broken



Chattogram Development Authority is demolishing some buildings at Muradpur to make way for canals. Work of canal re-excavation, expansion, renovation, and development is going on to ease waterlogging in Chattogram city. This photo was taken yesterday.

RAJIB RAIHAN

DIGITAL SECURITY ACT DU teacher sued over comments on religion

COURT CORRESPONDENT

sued

the

professor Dhaka University been under Digital Security Act making

comments

show on a private television channel. Two cases were filed with the Cyber Tribunal in

Dhaka against Md Ziaur Rahman, professor of DU's Criminology Department, yesterday.

Shamim Al Mamun, bench assistant of the tribunal, confirmed this to The Daily Star.



Lee Kun-hee

Man who made Samsung a global powerhouse dies

REUTERS, Seoul

Lee Kun-hee, who built Samsung Electronics into a global powerhouse in smartphones, semiconductors and televisions, died yesterday after spending more than six years in hospital following a heart attack, the company said.

Lee, who was 78, grew the Samsung Group into South Koreas biggest conglomerate and became the country's richest person. But he was also convicted of bribery and tax evasion, and he and the empire he built were vilified for wielding huge economic clout, and for opaque governance and dubious transfers of the family wealth.

"Lee is such a symbolic figure in South Korea's spectacular rise and how South Korea embraced globalisation, that his death will be remembered by so many Koreans," said Chung Sun-sup, chief

FIRST YEAR OF BANGLADESH BANGABANDHU'S NATION-BUILDING CHALLENGES

Freedom Fighters' Welfare Trust set up

October 26, 1972

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

ANOTHER STEP FOR FREEDOM FIGHTERS' WELFARE Prime Minister Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's government has formed a trust with an initial fund of about Tk 4 crore in both cash and industrial units for the benefit of freedom fighters who had made supreme sacrifices with their blood, sweat and tears for the liberation of Bangladesh. An eight-member board has been formed for the Freedom Fighters' Welfare Trust with Relief and Rehabilitation Minister

AHM Kamruzzaman as chairman and Mai Gen (Retd) A Rab as the managing director.

A total of seven industrial units and establishments have been placed under the disposal of the Trust. These are all profitable concerns and will generate money

for disbursements for the benefits of the freedom fighters. The welfare trust would be a permanent source of income for freedom fighters or their descendants and beneficiaries of Shaheeds of the

Liberation War. BANGLADESH TO OPEN EMBASSIES IN IRAQ, ROME

The government of Bangladesh has decided to open two embassies, one in Iran and the other in Rome, shortly. This is disclosed by Foreign Minister Abdus Samad today prior to his departure on a 16-day tour of Eastern European countries. OFFICIALS ASKED TO FIGHT PEST ATTACK

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Dhaka seeks Tokyo's help in Rohingya repatriation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen yesterday sought Japan's strong support in resolving the Rohingya

In another development, Bangladesh Ambassador in Greece Ashud Ahmed sought support from Greece for the repatriation of Rohingya refugees who fled persecution in their homeland in Myanmar's Rakhine state.

Stressing the need to ensure peace, stability and prosperity in the region, the foreign minister urged Japanese Ambassador Naoki Ito to use his government's leverage with Myanmar to create a

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US man hits jackpot twice in one year



CNN ONLINE

The chances of winning the lottery are slim to none, but one man's luck has defied the odds. Michael Christiansen of Norfolk, Nebraska, hit the jackpot for a second time this year.

Earlier this month, Christiansen won \$100,000 after purchasing a 20X The Money Scratch ticket. He collected his winnings on October 15 at the Nebraska Lottery's office in Lincoln. It was his second trip to the office this year because he won \$50,000 from a Money Clip Scratch ticket in

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"derogatory" on religion during a talk

Imrul Hasan, a SEE PAGE 10 COL 4

Shuvra Murder Another held,

confesses before judge

Our Correspondent, Mymensingh

The Detective Branch of Mymensingh police on Saturday arrested Khairul, 35, of Kawrat Paschimpara in the district's Gouripur allegedly for the upazila's SEE PAGE 10 COL 8 the



PRAYER TIMING OCTOBER 26

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha AZAN 4-50 12-45 4-00 5-36 7-15 IAMAAT 5-25 1-15 4-15 5-39

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION





Players of Mahmudullah XI celebrate with the **BCB President Cup's** trophy after beating Najmul XI in the final by seven wickets at the **Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur** yesterday. The third team, Tamim XI, was eliminated in the group stage.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

Father-in-law 'has Qatar expat killed'

Allegedly to grab Tk 1cr, 3 held Our Correspondent, Patuakhali

his son-in-law with hired assassins in a bid to obtain Tk 1 crore from his bank

for years, was drugged before he was asphyxiated to death at his home in Lalua area of Kalapara, Patuakhali, on Wednesday night, said Moinul Hasan, superintendent of police in the district. SEE PAGE 10 COL 5

বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক এসএমই এভ স্পেশাল প্রোগ্রামস্ ডিপার্টমেন্ট প্রধান কার্যালয়, ঢাকা



মাননীয় প্রধানমন্ত্রী ঘোষিত ২০ (বিশ) হাজার কোটি টাকার সিএমএসএমই আর্থিক প্রণোদনা প্যাকেজের আওতায় ঋণ/বিনিয়োগ সুবিধা

- আপনি কি একজন সিএমএসএমই (কটেজ, মাইক্রো, স্মল এন্ড মিডিয়াম এন্টারপ্রাইজ) উদ্যোক্তা? কোভিড-১৯ এর বিরূপ প্রভাবে আপনার উদ্যোগ/প্রতিষ্ঠান কি ক্ষতির সম্মুখীন?
- তাহলে, মাননীয় প্রধানমন্ত্রী ঘোষিত সিএমএসএমই এর জন্য ২০ (বিশ) হাজার কোটি টাকার আর্থিক প্রণোদনা প্যাকেজের আওতায় চলতি মূলধন ঋণ/বিনিয়োগ সুবিধা পেতে আজই আপনার নিকটস্থ ব্যাংক/আর্থিক প্রতিষ্ঠানের সাথে যোগাযোগ করুন;
- প্রণোদনা প্যাকেজের আওতায় ব্যাংক/আর্থিক প্রতিষ্ঠান কর্তৃক সিএমএসএমই উদ্যোক্তা/গ্রাহকদের ৪% সুদ/মুনাফায় অর্থায়ন করা হচ্ছে;
- এতদৃসংক্রান্ত সার্বিক সহায়তা দিতে ব্যাংক/আর্থিক প্রতিষ্ঠানের প্রতিটি শাখায় স্থাপিত 'হেল্প ডেস্ক' রয়েছে আপনার পাশে।

প্রণোদনা প্যাকেজের আওতায় সিএমএসএমই ঋণ/বিনিয়োগ পেতে হয়রানির শিকার হলে বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের এসএমই এভ স্পেশাল প্রোগ্রামস্ ডিপার্টমেন্টের প্রবলেম সলিউশন সেন্টারে যোগাযোগ করুন

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ব্যাংকিং ও আর্থিক সেবা পেতে হয়রানির শিকার হলে কিংবা কোনো অভিযোগ থাকলে ১৬২৩৬ নম্বরে ফোন করুন।

WHO reports 3rd

straight daily record

The World Health Organization's coronavirus dashboard yesterday showed a third consecutive daily record high in the number of new confirmed cases. The WHO's complete figures for Saturday showed that 465,319 cases were confirmed to the UN health agency during the day, topping the 449,720 recorded on Friday and the 437,247 logged on Thursday.

with too many witnessing an exponential increase in cases. Within each week, the pattern of cases being reported to the WHO tends to spike towards Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and dip around Tuesday and Wednesday. According to the WHO's figures, there have been more than 42.3 million confirmed cases of the respiratory disease, while nearly 1.15

The WHO has warned that some countries are on a "dangerous track",

million people have lost their lives, including 6,570 on Saturday. Nearly half of Saturday's new cases were registered in the WHO's Europe region, which logged a one-day record high of 221,898 cases.

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Police arrested a man on charges of killing

Dilip Gazi, 45, who worked in Qatar