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Indo-China row may harm co-op in the region

Observe two experts, fear it may hamper Dhaka-Beijing economic cooperation

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The Indo-China and US-China tensions can have a deep negative impact on the cooperation within the region, including Bangladesh's economic cooperation with China, two foreign relations analysts have said.

India is in a standoff with China following the killing of the former's 20 soldiers over the border issue in Ladakh in June, while US-China relations reached its lowest level in decades over the novel coronavirus pandemic, trade war and tensions in Hong Kong, Taiwan, and South China Sea.

Speaking at a virtual dialogue on Bangladesh-China development cooperation, Bangladesh Enterprise Institute President M Humayun Kabir said he could see interference by third countries over bilateral cooperation -- something that was not observed before.

"For example, we have recently seen India and China's competition at the Dhaka Stock Exchange," he told the event, organised by Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD).

Humayun, Bangladesh's former ambassador to the US, also noted that geopolitics was getting mixed up with the projects like the Sylhet airport expansion project and the Teesta basin management project.

He said he sees more difficulties in future as Bangladesh goes ahead to develop more connectivity projects and the blue economy.

"They [India and China] have taken almost mutually exclusive position. Also, they are trying to influence other countries in the region to get them

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The road median under the jurisdiction of Mayor Hanif flyover in the capital's East Jatrahari has been in this state for a long time. Shopkeepers in the area said accidents often occur there when vehicles go over the unmarked median that has rods sticking out. This photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

RELIGIOUS SENTIMENT Mob beats man to death for 'hurting' it

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

A man was beaten and burnt to death by a mob on Burimari Union Parishad premises on allegations of hurting religious sentiment in the district's Patgram upazila yesterday evening.

The dead was identified as Shahidunnabi Jewel, aged around 50, a former employee of Rangpur Cantonment Public School. He was from Rangpur town and had allegedly been suffering from a mental condition, Deputy Commissioner of Lalmonirhat Abu Jafar told The Daily Star.

The mob also beat up another person, named Sultan Jubaer Abbas, leaving him wounded. He was in police custody when this report was filed at 11:45pm.

Several people, including three UP members, who tried to stop the mob were injured.

Jewel and Abbas came to

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DEATHS FROM COVID 80pc of the victims had comorbidity

Govt study identifies diabetes, lung diseases, hypertension as top 3 comorbidity factors

MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA

Around 80 percent of the Covid-19 patients who died had comorbidity, finds a government study.

Diabetes, lung diseases, and hypertension are the top three comorbidity factors for the death of Covid-19 patients, said the study of National Institute of Preventive and Social Medicine (NIPSOM).

Other major risk factors include smokeless tobacco consumption, chronic kidney disease, chronic liver disease, and malignant diseases.

NIPSOM, the apex public health institute of Bangladesh, also finds that 60.9 percent of the deceased were aged either 60 or above.

The study titled "Risk Factors Associated with Morbidity and Mortality: Outcomes of the Covid-19 Patients in Bangladesh"

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FIRST YEAR OF BANGLADESH BANGABANDHU'S NATION-BUILDING CHALLENGES Constitution for socialism, democracy



Helke Feri presenting a set of Canadian books to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on behalf of the World Orphan Relief Association at the Gono Bhaban on October 30, 1972.

October 30, 1972

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

GENERAL DISCUSSION CONCLUDES

Winding up the general debate on the Constitution Bill in the Gono Parishad today, Dr Kamal Hossain, minister for law and parliamentary affairs, answers critics with a scholarly exposition of the draft constitution -- its contents and philosophy. His principal contention is that the parliament is supreme, and a parliament democratically elected by a politically conscious people cannot be relegated to any other organ, not even judiciary. He

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Extrajudicial killings fall significantly 9 fell victim to such incidents in last 3 months, says ASK

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The number of extrajudicial killings has dropped significantly in the country as only nine such cases have been recorded since August, said rights group Ain O Salish Kendra (ASK) yesterday.

ASK Assistant Coordinator Tamanna Hoq made the statement while presenting the findings of a report titled "Statistical Picture of Prevailing Human Rights Situation" in a virtual conference.

Three people were killed in each month since August and the number cases reduced after the killing of Maj (ret'd) Sinha Md Rashed Khan on July 31, she said.

A total of 219 persons were killed either in law enforcers' custody or in so-called gunfights till October 25, the report read.

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Mysterious 'elves' and 'sprites seen in Jupiter!



INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

Strange "sprites" or "elves" have been seen on Jupiter from Nasa's Juno mission.

The supernaturally-named phenomena refer to transient luminous events -- bright, unpredictable, and bizzarre flashes of light.

It is the first time such events have ever been seen on another world, Nasa says.

The lights on the solar system's largest planets were predicted by scientists, who thought that they would be observed in Jupiter's liquid-like atmosphere.

They were discovered by scientists who were working with the ultraviolet spectrograph

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Haider Anwar Juno no more

RASHIDUL HASAN

Valiant freedom fighter and a doyen in the country's leftist politics Haider Anwar Khan Juno died yesterday at a city hospital.

He was 75.

"Haider Anwar Khan Juno died at 1:25pm at Gonoshasthaya Nagar Hospital," Monzur Moin, a leader of Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB), told The Daily Star.

Haider Anwar, younger brother of presidium member of CPB Haider Akbar Khan Rono, had been suffering from different old age-related complications.

He left behind his wife, a son and a daughter and a host of friends, relatives and admirers to mourn his death.

After contracting

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COVID PANDEMIC 25 more die, 1,681 test positive

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Twenty-five people infected with Covid-19 died in the country in 24 hours till 8:00am yesterday.

The death toll from the virus now stands at 5,886, according to a press release from the Directorate General of Health Services.

Since the first three Coronavirus cases were reported on March 8, 1.45 percent of all confirmed cases have resulted in deaths.

Over the same 24-hour period, 1,681 people tested positive for the virus, taking the total number of confirmed cases in the

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PRAYER TIMING OCTOBER 30

Fazr	Juma	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
4:50	12:30	4:00	5:32	7:15
JAMAAT	5:25	1:15	4:15	5:35
				7:45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



A kingfisher spotted on a tree branch beside a lake on Jahangirnagar University campus ready to pounce on fish. The bird, which has a large head, long, sharp, pointed bill, short legs, and stubby tail, usually lives near rivers and eats fish.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

'TERROR ATTACK' IN FRANCE Three stabbed to death at church

Macron slams attack on 'values'; knife-wielding man arrested in KSA near French consulate

REUTERS, Nice

A knife-wielding attacker beheaded a woman and killed two other people at a church in the French city of Nice yesterday.

A defiant President Emmanuel Macron, declaring that France had been subject to an Islamist terrorist attack, said he would deploy thousands more soldiers to protect key French sites, such as places of worship and schools.

Speaking from the scene, he said France had been attacked "over our values, for our taste for freedom, for the ability on our soil to have freedom of belief".

"And I say it with lots of clarity again today: we will not give any ground."

In Saudi Arabia, meanwhile, state television reported that a Saudi man had been arrested in the Red Sea city of Jeddah after attacking and injuring a guard at the French consulate. The French Embassy said the guard was in hospital though his life was not in danger.

Within hours of the Nice attack, police killed a man who had threatened passersby with a handgun in Montfavet, near the southern French city of Avignon.

France's Le Figaro newspaper quoted a prosecution source as saying the man was undergoing psychiatric treatment, and that they did not believe there was a terrorism motive.

Nice's mayor, Christian Estrosi, said the attack in his

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