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# Nothing will stop power transition

Says Biden, brands Trump's refusal to concede an 'embarrassment'

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President-elect Joe Biden said that nothing would stop the transfer of power in the US government, while President Donald Trump remained defiant, hoping to cling on to power somehow defying all odds.

Trump has declined to concede, instead lodging unsupported charges of election fraud that have gained little traction. His campaign said on Tuesday it planned to file a lawsuit in Michigan to halt the state from certifying its results, a day after it brought a similar action in the battleground state of Pennsylvania.

Judges so far have tossed out lawsuits in Michigan and Georgia brought by Trump's campaign, and legal experts say the litigation has little chance of changing the outcome of the Nov 3 election.

"We're going to be going, moving along, in a consistent manner, putting together our administration, the White House, and reviewing who we're going to pick for the Cabinet positions, and nothing's going to stop that," he said on Tuesday.

"I just think it's an embarrassment, quite frankly," he said when asked what he thinks about Trump's refusal to acknowledge defeat.

"How can I say this tactfully? I think it will not help the president's legacy," Biden told reporters in his home town of Wilmington, Delaware.

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A trader sorting through medical waste out in the open after collecting them from different hospitals and clinics in Chattogram city's Gol Pahar area. Most of the hospitals do not bother to comply with the regulations for proper waste disposal, risking the spread of various deadly diseases.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

# Post-BREXIT UK Duty-free benefits to continue for Bangladesh

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh will continue to enjoy duty free benefits for the export of its products to the United Kingdom after the end of the Brexit transition period, the UK government has said.

Bangladesh and 46 other least developed countries will not face any tariffs after that period. Low-income and lower-middle income countries will also benefit from lower tariffs compared to the UK Global Tariff, UK Department for International Trade, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office said in a statement on Tuesday.

The trade preference scheme will cover any eligible countries that do not have their existing trade agreements transitioned into a new agreement with the UK.

"Free trade helps businesses to grow, boosts the economy and creates new jobs. We are

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# DOPE TEST FOR DRIVERS BRTA moves to implement PM's directive

Sits today to devise plan

TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

The authorities concerned have started planning the implementation of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's directive to bring public transport workers under a dope testing system.

Drug addiction is considered one of the major reasons behind road accidents.

The Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) has called a meeting today to find a way to bring the huge number of public transport drivers under the test.

With BRTA's Chairman Nur Mohammad Mazumder in the chair, leaders of transport owners and workers, along with police officials, are expected to take part in the meeting held at the BRTA's head office.

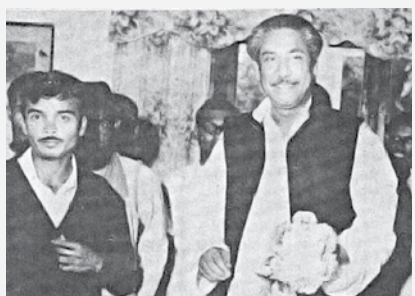
"This is a preparatory meeting to find the way to implement the prime minister's directive," Nur Mohammad told The Daily Star on Tuesday.

They would later talk with health experts and officials of the narcotics department to set how and where the tests

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

## Black marketeers, hoarders warned



Representatives of Bangladesh Teachers' Association present a flower bouquet to Prime Minister Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at the Gono Bhaban on November 12, 1972 on the occasion of his being awarded the Joliot-Curie Peace Medal.

November 12, 1972  
 SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

### DON'T CHARGE EXORBITANT PRICES: BANGABANDHU

Prime Minister Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman says the government is determined to take stern action against forces responsible for aggravating the miseries of the people. In a stern note of warning against profiteers, hoarders, black marketeers and spurious traders the prime minister says if they don't mend their ways, the government would take stringent measures against them. He asks the traders not to charge exorbitant prices from the public, who are victims of oppression and atrocities during the occupation period.

BANGABANDHU VISITS POET NAZRUL

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# Missing JnU student in CID custody

She was arrested over 'derogatory' FB remarks on religion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Criminal Investigation Department in a text message to reporters yesterday evening said they arrested Jagannath University student Tithy Sarkar who had been missing since October 25.

She was sued under the Digital Security Act yesterday for making "derogatory" comments about religion on Facebook.

The message stated that CID would hold a press briefing at 12:00pm today about the arrest.

Contacted, Jisan Haque, senior assistant superintendent of CID (media), said, "CID arrested Tithy in the evening. That is all we can disclose at the moment. The rest will be revealed at the press briefing."

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# Pigeon message found 110 years after it was sent



CNN ONLINE

A message lost by a carrier pigeon has been found some 110 years after it was sent.

Found in a field in Ingersheim, northeastern France, the message was sent from one German military officer to another in 1910, when the area was still part of Germany, according to Dominique Jarde, curator of the nearby Linge Memorial museum.

Jarde told CNN the message was folded up inside a small aluminum capsule and the script is difficult to decipher.

A German friend, whom Jarde asked to translate the message, said the officer, who was based in the

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# Father, son found dead in a city flat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered the hanging bodies of a man and his son from a Moghbazar flat in the capital last evening.

The deceased were identified as Khairul Islam Sohag, 55, and his son Shaharat Islam Areen, 14, said Selim Shahriar Jibon, sub-inspector of Hatirjheel Police Station.

The bodies were recovered from separate rooms of the flat on the fourth floor of a building at Nayatola around 5:30pm and later sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital

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**PRAYER TIMING NOVEMBER 12**  
 Fajr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha  
 AZAN 5:00 12:45 3:45 5:25 7:00  
 JAMAAT 5:35 1:15 4:00 5:30 7:30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

# BSF returns 2 Rab men after 9 hrs

Attacked by narcos, they took shelter in Indian village

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Indian Border Security Force has returned two Rab members to the BGB on Tuesday night, about nine hours after they were taken into custody from the house of an Indian national along the border in Dinajpur's Chirirbandar upazila.

The two -- ASP Shyamal Sharma, 32, and constable Abu Bakkar, 38, -- took shelter in the house on the Indian territory after coming under attack from a group of drug dealers and their family members in Saraswatipur village of the same upazila, said Rab officials.

According to officials of the elite force, a five-member team of plainclothes Rab men went to Saraswatipur around 1:30pm on Tuesday to arrest drug dealers. But drug dealers, their family

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Workers at a publishing house are busy binding textbooks for school students who are to begin the new year's session. The photo was taken at the capital's Sutrapur area yesterday.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

# US records over 200,000 Covid cases in 24 hrs

Russia says its Sputnik V vaccine 92pc effective

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The United States on Tuesday far exceeded its previous daily record of new Covid-19 cases, adding 201,961 cases in 24 hours, according to the tally compiled by Johns Hopkins University, as pandemic continued to wreak havoc in Europe.

The high number, partly due to data delayed over the weekend, took total cases in the US to 10,238,243, with a total of 239,588 deaths, as of 80130 GMT. In the 24-hour period, 1,535 deaths from Covid-19 were registered, a record in recent months as the US struggles to contain the spread of the pandemic.

The novel coronavirus has killed at least 1,275,113 people since the outbreak emerged in China last December, according to a tally from official sources compiled by AFP at 1100 GMT yesterday.

At least 51,531,660 cases of coronavirus have been registered. Of these, at least 33,300,900 are now considered recovered.

On Tuesday, 10,601 new deaths and 662,214 new cases were recorded worldwide. Based on latest reports, the countries with the most new deaths were the United States with 1,535, followed by France with 1,220 and Mexico with 587.

The United States is the worst-affected country with 239,695 deaths from 10,258,090 cases. At least 3,961,873 people have been declared recovered.