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'No wisdom, no courage!'

Trump fumes as US SC swiftly rejects Texas lawsuit to upend election results

REUTERS, Washington

The US Supreme Court on Friday rejected a long-shot lawsuit by Texas and backed by President Donald Trump seeking to throw out voting results in four states, dealing him a likely fatal blow in his quest to undo his election loss to President-elect Joe Biden.

The decision allows the US Electoral College to press ahead with a meeting on Monday, where it is expected to formally cast its votes and make Biden's victory official.

Biden, a Democrat, has amassed 306 votes to Trump's 232 in the state-by-state Electoral College, which allots votes to all 50 states and the District of Columbia based on population.

The four states in question - Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin - contributed a combined 62 votes to Biden's total. To win the White House, 270 votes are needed.

In a brief order, the justices said Texas did not have legal standing to bring the case, abruptly ending what Trump SEE PAGE 10 COL 2



Ignoring the government's directives on social distancing and closure of educational institutions, around 4,000 job seekers gathered at Shiddheswari College and Viqarunnisa Noon School and College in the capital to attend the examination for the post of medical technologists (laboratory). The Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) organised the test yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

FIRST YEAR OF BANGLADESH BANGABANDHU'S NATION-BUILDING CHALLENGES

Hand-written copy of the **Constitution shown to PM**

December 13, 1972

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

BANGABANDHU OVERWHELMED WITH JOY

Boundless joy overwhelms Prime Minister Sheikh Mujibur Rahman as he sees the manuscript of the 153-article constitution of the People's Republic of Bangladesh bearing the monogram of the national flower 'shapla' in Dhaka today. A team of six artists led by renowned artist Zainul Abedin took three months to complete the writing, designing and drawing representing our national life and culture in the constitution -- both

in Bangla and English. Bangabandhu appreciates the work done by the artists that reflect common rural, riverine scene of Bangladesh on the historic document which is 16 inches by 12 inches in size.

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Amar Ekushey Boi Mela to go virtual

SARAH ANJUM BARI

The Amar Ekushey Boi in February will be virtual. "Plans to host the Amar Ekushey Grantha Mela 2021 at its usual physical location have been suspended due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We have decided to have the fair virtually this year," Ialal Ahmed, member secretary of the book fair committee, told The Daily Star yesterday

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Cold, fog cause distress

No improvement forecast

STAR REPORT

Low temperature coupled with fog has been disrupting people's daily lives and disrupting communications over

Met office said moderate to thick fog may continue across the country until noon today.

Yesterday, flight operations were disrupted at Chattogram's Shah Amanat International Airport in the morning due to poor visibility.

A Biman Bangladesh Airlines flight from Dubai landed at Sylhet's MAG Osmani International Airport instead of

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Five Sylhet councillors eat wild birds

Viral Facebook video draws flak

Dwoha Chowdhury, Sylhet

Six people, including five councillors of Sylhet City Corporation, were seen in a Facebook Live video eating cooked meat of wild bird at dinner at a restaurant in Jaintiapur upazila's Haripur Bazar area on Friday night.

A waiter and several councillors were heard

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5-Star Hotel in Bandarban

6 Mro villages will be gone

Say speakers at a conference warning 116 more settlements will be affected if plans went ahead

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

As many as six Mro villages would be evicted and 116 Mro settlements would be adversely affected if the plan of Marriot Hotel and Resort is implemented, said speakers at a virtual conference yesterday.

The conference was organised by Chittagong Hill Tracts Citizens' Committee, a group of eminent civil society actors protesting against the proposed establishment of R&R Holdings Ltd in Bandarban.

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'She's abducted, converted, murdered'

Says father of Chakma teen found dead 11 months later

Lakingme Chakma was a student of class-VI and according to her birth certificate she was 14 years and 10 months old when she was abducted on January 5 from her home.

After 11 months and six days, police called in her father on Thursday to identify his daughter's body in Cox's Bazar hospital

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To commemorate the 50th anniversary of Bangladesh's independence and the 100th birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation

