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## CLIMATE MIGRATION Bangladesh may see seven-fold hike by 2050

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Climate migration in Bangladesh could increase by up to seven-fold, displacing three million people from their homes by 2050 due to climate disasters, a new study found.

The rate of migration in the country is more than double the average migration rate of any other South Asian country.

The displacement and climate-related migration could rise to 900,000 by 2030.

"Under current mitigation pledges and targets demonstrating lower ambition, Bangladesh could see a seven-fold increase in displacement and distress migration by 2050," states the study, titled "Costs of climate inaction: displacement and distress migration", by ActionAid and its partners Climate Action Network South Asia and Bread for the World.

The study, released last week, was

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An eight-month-old baby, suffering from breathing problems after catching a cold, being nebulised at a pharmacy in the capital's Moghbazar yesterday. Children suffer a lot during the cold wave as they are often infected with cold-related diseases.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

## Bangladeshi condemned criminal held in Delhi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Delhi Police has arrested a fugitive Bangladeshi national who fled to India after he was sentenced to death for killing a man in Bagerhat in 2005.

The Crime Branch of Delhi Police arrested Masoom from Khanpur locality of the Indian capital, said Shibesh Singh, additional commissioner (Crime) of Police in Delhi, without specifying the time of the arrest.

Police sources said the Bangladesh High Commission in New Delhi has been contacted for Masoom's possible deportation, our New Delhi correspondent reports.

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**PRAYER TIMING DECEMBER 28**

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 5:25	12:45	3:45	5:24	7:00
JAMAAT 6:00	1:15	4:00	5:27	7:30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

## ASTRAZENECA VACCINE

### It has 'winning formula' for efficacy: CEO

AFP, London

The Covid-19 vaccine developed by the British drugs group AstraZeneca and the University of Oxford has achieved a "winning formula" for efficacy, the company's chief executive said yesterday.

The vaccine, currently being evaluated by Britain's independent medicines regulator, provides "100 percent protection" against severe Covid disease requiring hospitalisation, Pascal Soriot said in an interview with the Sunday Times newspaper.

He added he believes trials will show his firm has achieved a vaccine efficacy equal to Pfizer-BioNTech at 95 percent and Moderna at 94.5 percent.

"We think we have figured out the winning formula and how to get efficacy that, after two doses, is up there with everybody else," the chief executive said, while saying only that data would be published at "some point".

The UK government announced on December 23 that the developers of the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine had submitted their data to the Medicines

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

### Bangabandhu meets Irish relief team

December 28, 1972

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

#### IRISH RELIEF TEAM CALLS ON PM

A big group of volunteers belonging to Concern, a relief organisation of Ireland, who are now working in Bangladesh calls on Prime Minister Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at the Gono Bhaban today to convey New Year's greeting to him. The volunteers of Concern are engaged in relief and

nursing missions at Perojpur, Peerganj, Sylhet and Mymensingh. Some of them are also working with the Women's Carer Institute in Dhaka. The volunteers expressed gratitude to the Prime Minister for the cooperation and help extended to their work by his government.



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## Freeze their 670 bank accounts

### Court orders about MP Papul, family; MP Selina, daughter get bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday ordered the authorities concerned to freeze 670 bank accounts and seize 92 deeds of immovable properties of lawmaker Shahid Islam Papul and three of his family members in cases filed over corruption and money laundering.

The other accused are: Papul's wife Selina Islam, a reserved seat MP, their daughter Wafa Islam, and Papul's sister-in-law Jesmin Proddhan.

Judge KM Emrul Kayesh of the Senior Special Judge's

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## Stop drugs, ensure order, security in jails: HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court has issued eight directives for authorities concerned of the government to ensure security, peace and decorum in and outside the jails and to prevent the supply of narcotics in prisons across the country.

It also said forgery in the submission of power of attorney before a court must stop. "The jail authorities should be alert and vigilant at all times to keep peace and security in and around jail premises and must take appropriate legal steps to avert all kinds of unwanted and unbecoming

situation or environment, and [against] misconduct and misbehaviours," the HC bench of Justice Md Nazrul Islam Talukder and Justice Ahmed Sohel said in the directive.

The bench came up with the directives in a full text of its verdict which was released yesterday. A shorter verdict on the issue was delivered on October 19.

In the full text of verdict, the HC bench directed the jail authorities to take appropriate steps and measures to stop the supply of all kinds of illicit narcotics and drugs inside the jails.

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**Sergi Herrero**  
Group Co-Chief Executive Officer  
VEON

Sergi Herrero joined VEON, a multinational telecommunication services company headquartered in Netherlands, as joint Chief Operating Officer in September 2019, following a period as Facebook's Global Director of Payments and Commerce Partnerships, where he oversaw the launch and growth of payment and commerce capabilities for Messenger, WhatsApp and Instagram. He has also led the deployment of Charitable Giving, the scaling and optimisation of the Facebook Ads payments business and drove the expansion of the platform's global marketplace. Before joining Facebook in 2014, he held several senior roles in technology, banking and consulting.

### CATEGORIES OF AWARDS

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- ICT BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR
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- DIGITAL COMMERCE OF THE YEAR
- ICT SOLUTION PROVIDER OF THE YEAR (INTERNATIONAL MARKET FOCUS)

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