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# 2 crore people extreme poor

Revised WB estimate shows Bangladesh's marked improvement

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh's extreme poverty rate has dropped to 12.9 percent in 2015-16, according to a new estimate of the World Bank.

This 12.9 percent accounts for two crore people. The revised poverty rate is based on the new international poverty line of \$1.90 a day and 2011 purchasing power parity (PPP) conversion rate. PPP provides a measure of price level differences across countries.

Under the new international poverty line, 2.80 crore, or 18.5 percent of Bangladeshis lived in extreme poverty in 2010, the most recent year for which a household survey is available for Bangladesh.

In contrast, the extreme poverty rate at the now retired line of \$1.25 per day was 43.3 percent or about 6.55 crore people in 2005 PPP.

The rate reconfirms the impressive pace of poverty reduction in the past three decades, said the Washington-based lender yesterday in its latest Bangladesh Development Update.

"There is a lot for Bangladesh to celebrate," said Qimiao Fan, country director of the bank for Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal, while releasing the report to the media at his office in Dhaka.

"This is a huge reduction and truly astonishing," he said.

Because of Bangladesh's impressive gains on poverty alleviation, World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim plans to travel to Bangladesh as part of a global End Poverty Day campaign. His visit is intended to draw attention to Bangladesh's impressive record in dramatically reducing extreme poverty, said the bank in a statement.

"I'm very much looking forward to seeing firsthand Bangladesh's progress in improving the livelihoods of tens

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Without taking any safety precautions, two workers weld metal frames on a footbridge in the capital's Shahbagh area. Pieces of metal may fall off during the welding, and injure pedestrians and damage vehicles. The photo was taken around noon yesterday.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

# Delhi, Islamabad agree to reduce tensions

Says top Pakistan diplomat; BSF foils fresh infiltration bid in Punjab; Russia backs surgical strikes

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Pakistan and India have agreed to reduce tensions after their National Security Advisors spoke over phone, top Pakistani diplomat Sartaj Aziz said yesterday about the first such contact after the Uri attack and India's retaliatory surgical strikes on terror launch pads across the LoC.

Aziz said a contact was established between India's NSA Ajit Doval and his Pakistani counterpart Nasir Janjua after recent tension between the two countries on the Line of Control (LoC).

"Pakistan wants to reduce tensions on LoC and focus on Kashmir," Geo News quoted him as saying. He said that India wants to divert the world's attention from Kashmir by escalating tensions.

Talking about Sharif's recent US visit, Aziz said the Prime Minister had explained to the world leaders that incidents of border tensions would continue between both countries without the resolution of Kashmir dispute.

Meanwhile, the BSF yesterday opened fire after a suspected infiltration at Chakri post of Gurdaspur sector of Punjab. Inspector General of the BSF, Anil

Paliwal confirmed this to ANI.

The incidents come hours after the headquarters of the 46 Rashtriya Rifles was attacked by terrorists late on Sunday night in Baramulla sector of Jammu and Kashmir.

However, the BSF confirmed that there was no retaliation of fire from the other side, adding that it was not across the international border. A search operation is being conducted in Gurdaspur after some suspected persons were spotted there.

Pakistan's military said yesterday Pakistani and Indian troops exchanged fresh fire across their de facto border in Kashmir, following an overnight militant raid on an Indian army camp in which one trooper was killed.

No casualties were reported in the latest skirmish.

"Indian troops yet again resorted to unprovoked firing after midnight at the Line of Control (LoC) in Iftikharabad sector and Pakistani troops befittingly responded," Pakistan's military said in a statement yesterday, adding the exchange ended in the morning.

It said troops also responded to unprovoked

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WORK ON CELL RECYCLING

# Ohsumi wins Nobel Prize in Medicine

AFP, Stockholm

Yoshinori Ohsumi of Japan won the Nobel Medicine Prize yesterday for his pioneering work on autophagy -- a process whereby cells "eat themselves" -- which when disrupted can cause Parkinson's and diabetes.



A fundamental process in cell physiology, autophagy is essential for the orderly recycling of damaged cell parts and understanding it better has major implications for health and disease, including cancer.

Ohsumi's discoveries "have led to a new paradigm in the understanding of how the cell recycles its contents," the jury said.

"Mutations in autophagy genes can cause disease, and the autophagic process is involved in several conditions including

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# Pigeon from Pak spreads hate msg

AFP, New Delhi

Indian police yesterday said they have taken a pigeon into custody after it was found carrying a warning note to Prime Minister Narendra Modi near the nation's heavily militarised border with Pakistan.

Border Security Force (BSF) officers found the bird at Pathankot in the northern state of Punjab, where Pakistan-based militants launched a deadly attack on an airforce base in January.

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# Khaleda, Tarique sued under ICT act

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Three people, including BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia and her son and party's Senior Vice-chairman Tarique Rahman, were sued yesterday for their alleged involvement with issuing a death threat to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and

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**PRAYER TIMING OCTOBER 4**  
Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha  
AZAN 4-45 12-45 4-15 5-53 7-30  
JAMAAT 5-20 1-15 4-30 5-56 8-00  
SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



PHOTO: STAR

# ADORNING THE GODDESS

With only a couple of days left for the Durga Puja, the biggest religious festival of the Hindus, idol makers are passing a busy time making idols of Goddess Durga. In this photo taken on Thursday, an artisan gives finishing touches to an idol of the Goddess in the CRB area of Chittagong city.

# China keen to be a partner in building deep seaport

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

China is open to partnering with a third country for building Bangladesh's first deep seaport.

"We want to be a partner wherever the deep seaport is build," said Chinese Ambassador in Bangladesh Ma Mingqiang while speaking at a seminar yesterday ahead of the Chinese president's visit to Dhaka this month.

He said Sonadia could be the most ideal place for the port as 82 percent of Bangladesh's exports and imports are done through Chittagong port.

"We will also be glad to be the partner of Bangladesh in any big project that benefits Bangladesh," said the Chinese envoy while addressing the Bangladesh-China Relations: Opportunities and Challenges seminar arranged by Bangladesh Enterprise Institute (BEI) at The Westin.

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# ডেঙ্গুজ্বর প্রতিরোধে চাই জনসচেতনতা

ডেঙ্গুজ্বর কি?

ডেঙ্গুজ্বর একটি ভাইরাসজনিত জ্বর। এডিস মশা ডেঙ্গু ভাইরাসের একমাত্র বাহক। এ মশার কামড়ে ডেঙ্গুজ্বর ছড়ায়। এডিস মশা দিনের বেলায় সাধারণত ভোরে এবং সন্ধ্যায় কামড়ায়।

ডেঙ্গুজ্বরের সাধারণ লক্ষণঃ

- ❖ জ্বর (শরীরের তাপমাত্রা হঠাৎ বৃদ্ধি পায়)।
- ❖ মাথা ব্যথা, চোখের পিছনে ব্যথা, পেটে ব্যথা, মাংসপেশী ও হাড় ব্যথা (বিশেষতঃ মেরুদণ্ডে ব্যথা), বমি-বমি ভাব।
- ❖ শরীরে হামের মত দানা দেখা দেওয়া।
- ❖ লালচে/কালো রঙে পায়খানা হওয়া।
- ❖ উপরোক্ত লক্ষণ দেখা দিলে দ্রুত ডাক্তার/হাসপাতাল/ক্লিনিকে গিয়ে চিকিৎসা নিন।

ডেঙ্গুজ্বর প্রতিরোধে করণীয়ঃ

এডিস মশা নিয়ন্ত্রণ ডেঙ্গুজ্বর প্রতিরোধের প্রধান উপায়। তাই এডিস মশা নিয়ন্ত্রণে নিম্নে বর্ণিত ব্যবস্থা নিন-

- ❖ ঘর শুকনো ও অন্ধকার মুক্ত রাখুন।
- ❖ দিনে/রাতে ঘুমানোর সময় মশারি ব্যবহার করুন।
- ❖ বাড়ির ভেতর/বাহির/ছাদ এবং আনাচে-কানাচে পড়ে থাকা অপ্রয়োজনীয় পাত্রসমূহ ডাস্টবিনে ফেলে দিন। বাড়ির আশপাশের ঝোপঝাড় এবং আঙ্গিনা পরিষ্কার রাখুন।
- ❖ ব্যবহারযোগ্য পাত্রসমূহে যেমন বালতি, ড্রাম, টব, ফ্রিজ এবং এয়ার কন্ডিশনারের নীচের ট্রেতে পানি কোনভাবেই যেন একনাগাড়ে ০৫ (পাঁচ) দিনের বেশি জমে না থাকে, সেদিকে লক্ষ্য রাখুন।
- ❖ অব্যবহৃত গাড়ির টায়ার নির্মাণ কাজে ব্যবহৃত চৌবাচ্চা পরিত্যক্ত টিনের কোটা, পলিথিন, প্লাস্টিকের বোতল, ক্যান, গাছের কোটর, পরিত্যক্ত হাড়ি, ডাবের খোসা ইত্যাদিতে যেনো ০৫ (পাঁচ) দিনের বেশি পানি জমে না থাকে সেদিকে লক্ষ্য রাখুন এবং প্রয়োজনে অপসারণ করুন।



এডিস মশা নিয়ন্ত্রণে সম্মানিত নগরবাসীর সহযোগিতা একান্ত প্রয়োজন  
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