



"Time isn't our friend. We've no minute to lose. We ought to accelerate adaptation. This is what our Commission is determined to do."
WORLD BANK CEO KRISTALINA GEORGIEVA, AT A SESSION OF GLOBAL COMMISSION ON ADAPTATION IN DHAKA (PAGE 3)



"The impact of financial inclusion on livelihood and income is enormous."
QUEEN MAXIMA, UN SECRETARY GENERAL'S SPECIAL ADVOCATE FOR FINANCIAL INCLUSION (PAGE 3)



"Silence is not an option. Speaking up is required but not enough. We have to act."
UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR AGNES CALLAMARD URGES US TO ACT ON KHASHOGGI KILLING (PAGE 8)



ROHINGYAS IN COX'S BAZAR

Environment under threat

PM tells meeting of Global Commission on Adaptation; seeks solution to climate change

UNB, Dhaka



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the environmental balance of Cox's Bazar was under threat as hills and forests were being cleared to establish settlements for Rohingyas. "For this [presence of Rohingyas], the natural equilibrium is being destabilised in that area... settlements are being established clearing forests and hills. As a result, those areas are becoming insecure and risky too," she said. The PM was addressing the inauguration ceremony of the "Dhaka Meeting of the Global Commission on Adaptation" at Hotel InterContinental Dhaka. Mentioning that Bangladesh has given shelter to a large number of Myanmar nationals on humanitarian ground, she said the country is stepping forward with a big burden on its shoulder. Hasina said Bangladesh wants the Rohingyas to return to their homeland as soon as possible. "The quicker they return to their homeland, the better for Bangladesh,

and I do believe that." Talking about adaptation, she said adaptation measures cannot be spread unless proper mitigation measures are in place. The PM said in this age of science, technology and innovation, there is an enormous opportunity to address climate change. "I call everyone for your awareness and respective responsibility to fight the adverse impacts of climate change." She said Bangladesh is expecting to take advantage of the best adaptation practices, most cost-effective solutions and risk reduction with the help of the Global Commission on Adaptation. "We're eagerly waiting to see the recommendations of the flagship report next September at the time of the Climate Change Summit called by the secretary general of the United Nations where I, on behalf of Bangladesh and the Least Developed Countries, have been invited to speak," the PM said.

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New Zealand's Martin Guptill (2nd from R) celebrates with teammates after running out India's Mahendra Singh Dhoni during the first semifinal of the World Cup at Old Trafford in Manchester yesterday. New Zealand won by 18 runs to book a final berth.

PHOTO: AFP

পদ্মা সেতুর মূল কাঠামোতে ব্যবহৃত হচ্ছে শুধুমাত্র স্ক্যানসিমেন্ট

'Mash should play his last at home'
BCB boss says; creates confusion about coach Rhodes's future
EKUSH TAPADER from London

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) president Nazmul Hassan, in London for the Inter Parliamentary Cricket World Cup, said yesterday that he wants Bangladesh skipper Mashrafe Bin Mortaza to call time on his cricket career with a match at home. Hassan also created some confusion over his own board's announcement on Monday that they had parted ways with coach Steve Rhodes after the country's World Cup exit by saying that there is 'every possibility' the Englishman could not continue in his position. However, the confusion

CLIMATE ADAPTATION Bangladesh the best teacher Says Ban Ki-moon

AGENCIES, Dhaka



Terming Bangladesh the "best teacher" to learn from about adaptation, former UN secretary-general Ban Ki-moon yesterday said the achievement of the people and the government of Bangladesh in the practice of adaptation was nothing short of miraculous. "Let's all be inspired by the examples the Bangladesh government and its people have shown in addressing climate change," he said thanking the Bangladesh leadership for adapting to climate change wisely and effectively. The former UN chief was addressing the inaugural session of the Dhaka Meeting of the Global Commission on Adaptation (GCA) at Hotel InterContinental Dhaka, reports UNB. Highly appreciating Bangladesh's efforts, Ban Ki-moon said they are in Dhaka to learn from Bangladesh's experiences and vision and send the message out across

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Brave Kiwis overcome mighty India

New Zealand book place in second straight World Cup final

SAKEB SUBHAN from Manchester

A magnificent rearguard effort from India all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja could not offset the early damage done by seamers Trent Boult and Matt Henry as New Zealand secured a second successive World Cup final berth with an 18-run win in a pulsating semifinal at Old Trafford yesterday. New Zealand completed the win on the reserve day set aside for the semifinals and finals after rain had forced a suspension on Tuesday, which ended with the Kiwis on 211 for five in 46.1 overs.



The Black Caps will meet the winner of today's second semifinal between Australia and England in the final at Lord's on July 14. If Australia win, it will be a replay of the 2015 World Cup final and if England win, there will be a new world champion come Sunday night.

Chasing 240 to win, India had brought the chase down to 37 from the last three overs with Jadeja and Mahendra Singh Dhoni at the crease. Having hit four sixes while dragging India back into contention, Jadeja perished trying for a necessary fifth to be caught in the ring off a Boult slower ball. Dhoni started the next over from Lockie Ferguson, which began with India needing 31, with a six over point but off the third ball a precision throw from deep square leg from Martin Guptill found Dhoni just short of his crease in his attempt to complete his 51st run. Guptill's pinpoint accuracy was one of the examples of fortune favouring the brave after skipper Kane Williamson had gone for wickets early on and gambled by bowling his best bowlers out before the last two overs. Ferguson bowled Bhuvneshwar Kumar with a slower ball and then Jimmy Neesham had

Yuzvendra Chahal caught behind as India were all out for 221 with three balls to spare. New Zealand's win over the more fancied India was based on doing what no other team had managed against the 2011 World Cup champions in this edition so far -- dismissing Rohit Sharma and skipper Virat Kohli within the first 10 overs. After New Zealand had added 28 runs for the loss of three wickets in the morning yesterday, three wickets from Henry and one -- that of Kohli -- from Boult cut the Indians down to 24 for four after the first 10 overs. The significance of those early blows can best be illustrated by the fact that in their eight league games, India had lost just four wickets in the first 10 overs. But the two-time champions' chasing pedigree came through later on, when Jadeja dominated a 116-run seventh-wicket stand with MS Dhoni, who was handing the strike over to the left-hander in red-hot form. Jadeja came to

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MONEY LAUNDERING Sinha, 10 others sued by ACC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday sued former chief justice Surendra Kumar Sinha and 10 others for misappropriating and laundering about Tk 4 crore from the then Farmers Bank in 2016. The accused include the bank's former MD AKM Shamim, Senior Executive Vice President and former head of Credit Division Gazi Salahuddin, First Vice President of Credit Division Swapan Kumar Roy, Senior Vice President and former branch manager Zia Uddin Ahmed, First Vice President Shafuiddin Askary and Vice President Lutful Haque. The other accused are one Shahjahan of Tangail's Sreehoripur village; Ranjit Chandra Saha of the district's Jodunathpur village, his wife Santri Roy and nephew Niranjan Chandra Saha. According to the case



Visually impaired job seekers are on a hunger strike in front of the parliament, demanding jobs and a monthly allowance of Tk 10,000 until they find jobs after graduation. Inset, a man pours water on the head of a demonstrator after he fell sick during the protest yesterday afternoon.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

NUSRAT MURDER CASE Mother faints on witness stand

A CORRESPONDENT, Feni

Shirin Akter, mother of slain Feni madrasa student Nusrat Jahan Rafi, fainted in the witness stand yesterday afternoon after describing to the court how Nusrat had to endure sexual harassment and was burnt to death. She had not regained consciousness until she was taken to Feni Heart Foundation Hospital. She went home later. Before passing out, Shirin told the court, "My daughter was set on fire at the behest of the madrasa principal. I want capital punishment of all the accused." She said she had learnt who were behind the murders and they had already confessed to the court. Looking at the accused in the dock, she said Kamrunnahr, Umme Sultana, Shahadat Hossain Shamim, Nur Uddin, and Saifur Rahman set my daughter on fire on the madrasa roof on April 6. The rest were guarding them on the ground. Shirin told the court that Principal Siraj Ud Doula of Sonagazi Islamia Senior Fazil Madrasa on March 27 summoned Nusrat to his room from class by office peon Nurul Amin. "My daughter took two of her friends along but they were not allowed to enter the room." She said the principal then made an indecent proposal and touched her inappropriately. "At one stage, my daughter fainted. The principal then called in my son who took her home. At home, Nusrat described what had happened." The court recorded the testimony of Nusrat's mother and defense lawyers' cross examination between noon and 2:30pm. So far, 12 prosecution witnesses have testified. There are 92 witnesses in the case. On April 6, Nusrat was set on fire at an Alim examination

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