# Bangabandhu FROM PAGE 12

**BOLIVIA ACCORDS RECOGNITION** Bolivia has recognised the People's Republic of Bangladesh, says an announcement by the Foreign Ministry in Dhaka today. Bolivia is the 85th country to accord

recognition to Bangladesh. SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN FOOD IN THREE YEARS

Acting Prime Minister Syed Nazrul Islam today declares that the government has taken up a scheme to achieve self-sufficiency in food within the next three years. Inaugurating the four-day seminar on agricultural policy and education at the Agriculture University, he says that Bangladesh must produce the entire food requirements of the country from her own soil.

#### TK 3.2 CRORE GERMAN LOAN FOR BANGLADESH

West German government has decided to offer a loan of Tk 3.2 crore to Bangladesh to be used for the most urgent requirements of the ongoing German capital aid projects and for emergency aid supplies. SOURCES: August 6, 1972 issues of

Bangladesh Observer, Dainik Bangla and Dainik Ittefaq.

### India tops

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Philippines have resorted to reimposing economically painful restrictions on travel and businesses.

More than 27 million people on the main island of Luzon, including the capital Manila, went back into a partial lockdown for weeks from

People have been told to stay home unless they need to go out to buy essential goods, for exercise or for work after the number of recorded infections surged past 100,000.

With only 24 hours' notice of the shutdown, many found themselves stranded in Manila and unable to get back to their hometowns after public transport and domestic flights were halted.

"We've run out of money. We can't leave the airport because we don't have any relatives here," said Ruel Damaso, a 36-year-old construction worker trying to return to the southern city of Zamboanga.

"We will have to stay here for two weeks until we get our flights back.'

The world's hope of ending the current cycle of outbreaks and lockdowns rests on a vaccine.

Russia said Monday it aimed to launch mass production of a vaccine in September and turn out "several million" doses per month by next

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# Water reduces, sufferings

Sariakandi point yesterday morning. One week ago, the Jamuna was flowing 94 cm above of the danger level and the Bangali was flowing 21.7 cm above of the danger level at the same point.

In north-eastern region, although all major rivers of Sunamganj and Sylhet flowing below the danger level, the haor water is still above the danger level and in many areas. Water is receding very slowly.

People of low lying areas in all upazilas of Sunamganj and Sylhet's Gowainghat and Companiganj upazilas are still struggling with floodwater.

the district According administration, 881 families of Sunamgnaj are still at 34 flood shelter centres still open in the district and thousands of people had to spend their Eid at the shelter centres.

Abdul Reza of Sreepur Dakshin village in Tahirpur upazila, said, "We are workless for months, completely dependent on money lent from others. We left home few days ago as our house was submerged. We had to pass the Eid day in flood shelter."

Jinnat Ali of Chandrapur village and Sylhet contributed to this report.

in Dakshin Sunamganj said, "Flood ravaged my house. We are now living in fear that the house might collapse. And I don't know how to get money to repair it".

Abul Kashem Azad, chairman of Aatgaon union in Shalla upazila, said, "Many people already lost their houses and many houses at the verge of collapsing. They need immediate cash and corrugated tin support from the administration".

Meanwhile, there is no further forecast of flood in Sunamganj, says Sabibur Rahman, executive engineer of WDB in Sunamganj.

He said, "We consider 6.5 metre as danger level of haor waters and all haors are above the danger level. As the water receding slowly, many areas are still flooded and will be flooded for days more"

Abdul Ahad, deputy commissioner of Sunamganj, said, "As the water is receding, we are now focusing on rehabilitation and on the long-term planning to face flash floods. We've already given some proposals to the ministries concerned and hopeful to see positive feedback soon".

Our correspondents from Bogura

# Jittery HK authors seek Taiwan safety after security law

AFP, Hong Kong

China's new security law has cast a threatening shadow over Hong Kong's dynamic book industry, with anxious publishers combing through back catalogues for potentially "subversive" material, and looking to Taiwan as a safe haven for printing

The city has long been a refuge for intellectuals, free from the authoritarian grip of the Chinese mainland's communist leaders.

But that status is at risk of crumbling as Beijing's new legislation sends fresh jitters through a publishing industry already wary of overstepping China's red lines.

"Major publishing and printing houses now dare not touch a project like ours," said Woody, one of a group of journalists putting together a book of interviews with witnesses of Hong Kong's explosive pro-democracy protests last year.

### UN warns of generational

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of progress, and exacerbate entrenched inequalities," said Guterres as he launched a UN "Save our Future" campaign.

"Once local transmission of Covid-19 is under control, getting students back into schools and learning institutions as safely as possible must be a top priority," he said. "Consultation with parents, carers, teachers and young people is fundamental."

The UN recommendations for pushes for schools to reopen in the according to the Reuters tally.

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আগ্রহী প্রতিষ্ঠান নিমুস্বাক্ষরকারীর দপ্তর হতে ভাড়া নেয়ার শর্তাবলী অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে

Rajshahi City Corporation

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Nagar Bhaban, Rajshahi

face of opposition from some teachers and parents while Covid-19 is surging in many parts of the country.

The coronavirus, which appeared in China late last year, has infected 4.6 million people in the United States and killed more than 155,000 Americans since February according to a Reuters tally. Deaths rose by over 25,000 in July and cases doubled in 19 states during the

Globally the coronavirus has infected at least 18.3 million people getting global education back on track and there have been more than come as US President Donald Trump 694,000 known deaths worldwide,

## Teen downs

Bangladeshi territory on the day and informed police. On information, the law enforcers recovered the body around 11:30 am and nt it to Thakurgaon Sadai Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Lt Col Shahidul Islam, commanding officer of 50th BGB battalion in Thakurgaon, said they were conducting an investigation and further step would be taken once the autopsy report is produced.

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different areas of Faridpur town on Friday and Sunday following the instruction of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), said Md Alimuzzaman, superintendent of Faridpur

The arrestees were sent to jail through a Faridpur court, he said.

The CID is currently investigating a money laundering case against Sajjad Hossain, general secretary of Faridpur town unit AL, and Imtiaz Hasan alias Rubel, former president of Faridpur Press Club.

The two on July 30 told a Dhaka court that Nazmul, Billal, and Ariful were also involved in siphoning off a huge sum.

Sajjad and Rubel were arrested on June 7 for their alleged involvement in attacking the house of Subal Chandra in the town's Goalchamat area on May 16. During primary probe,

police came to know that the two had laundered around Tk 2,000 crore abroad. Later on June 26, the

CID filed a case against the two under the money laundering act with Kafrul Police Station in the capital.

### Mumbai

"This is just the start," he

India's financial capital has for some time operated women's coaches on suburban trains and reserved seating on buses, and is widely regarded as one of the country's safest

# 5 killed in 'gunfights'

said police officer Aminul.

The three were members of a gang which smuggled in yaba tablets, he said, adding that of them, Jahir stood

accused in three narcotics cases. Around 1:00am on Friday, police arrested two people with yaba pills from Baniachhara. During interrogation, they told police that some yaba dealers were distributing

the pills in Boitoli area. The officer said police conducted a drive in the area around 2:30am on Saturday. But sensing their presence, the criminals opened fire. Police

retaliated, triggering the "gunfight". After the "gun battle", police found the three bullet-hit bodies lying on the spot, he added.

Police also claimed to have recovered 44,000 yaba tablets, two firearms, and seven cartridges from the spot.

killed in a "shootout" with police in Sylhet's Zakiganj upazila early Monday.

Another alleged drug dealer was

Abdul Manna alias Munna, 35, of

In Bangladesh, a cow or buffalo's skin

is 20 to 25 square feet and a goat's 4 to

between Tk 100 and Tk 500 per piece,

managed to find some takers, the

goat skins were simply chucked away

despite the prices as low as Tk 5 in

"The demand is just too low," said

Mohammad Shamim Hossain from

Narsingdi district, who sold four

Fewer number of rawhides were

thrown away this year compared with

last year, when one crore pieces of

animal skins worth Tk 100 crore were

disposed of across the country, he said.

in international markets, compounded

by the global coronavirus pandemic,

are to blame for the emerging trend of

is another reason for the low prices.

Delays in applying salt on the skins

Aftab Khan, chairman of the

Bangladesh Hide and Skin Merchants

Association, blamed the poor inflow

of funds to the sector for the low

demand for rawhide in the country

full arrears to the merchants every

year to buy the rawhides from the field

But over the last two years, the

regional depot owners and seasonal

traders to buy rawhides at the field

For decades, the tanners paid the

over the last two years.

throwing away rawhide, he said.

The slide in prices of leather goods

pieces of cowhide for Tk 400.

Uddin though begs to differ.

While cowhides, which sold

5 square feet.

some districts.

"Police arrested Munna in connection with a narcotics case on Sunday afternoon," he said, adding that during interrogation, Munna informed them that a large number of yaba pills was hidden in his home.

cases, including seven drug-related cases.

3:30am and 4:00am in Ajorgram

village, said OC Meer Md Abu Naser

of Zakiganj Police Station.

The "gunfight" took place between

He said, "A police team, taking him in a police van, raided Ajorgram village where some criminals opened fire on them around 3:00am.

"Munna jumped off the police van and tried to run, but was shot by several bullets. Then we fired gunshots in self-defence," the OC said.

Munna was rushed to the local health complex where doctors declared him dead, the police official said.

He claimed that police recovered 800 yaba tablets, a locally-made firearm, five bullets, and six sharp weapons from the spot.

Seven policemen were also hurt in the incident, but no one is critically Khadiman village, was accused in 12 injured," the OC added.

business. The poor trading system of

Steps taken, yet rawhide wasted

found the body lying on the spot.

rawhides have been exposed over the last two years," Khan said. And the tanners' excuse for not clearing the arrears? It is a laundry list, including the lower demand for tanned leather, the price fall in the international markets, the US-China trade war and the global coronavirus

Of the total quantity of tanned leather produced in Bangladesh, 60 percent are shipped to China.

China is the main export destination for Bangladesh's leather because the others are not interested in purchasing leather from the country's non-compliant factories.

Bangladesh is yet to obtain the much-required certification from the Leather Working Group (LWG) that guarantees international standard compliances in the leather business.

The Savar Tannery Industrial Estate (STIE) was supposed to ensure the LWG certification. But despite spending several hundred crores of taka and eight years, the construction of the mandatory Central Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) remains incomplete.

In the absence of a functional CETP, an LWG certification is out of the question.

Now, in the absence of the accreditation, the local exporters have to export leather at rates 40 percent lower than the going rates in the international markets to China.

tanners are clearing only a small The Chinese importers re-process portion of the merchants' dues, as a the Bangladeshi leather in their result of which the merchants were factories to make those international unable to channel funds to their standards.

But, over the last two years, the export of leather goods from China also declined significantly because "This badly impacted the rawhide of the US-China trade war, which, in

turn, badly impacted Bangladesh's leather trade.

In another incident, a drug peddler

was killed when two groups of

criminals were exchanging bullets in

Jashore's Keshabpur early Monday,

Dormutia village of the upazila, stood

accused in 15 cases, including murder,

filed with different police stations of

of Keshabpur Police Station, said

police went to Dormutia village on

information that two groups of drug

dealers were involved in a "gunfight".

the criminals fled. Police then found

a body lying near a brick field in

Dormutia village. The injured was

taken to Keshabpur Upazila Health

Complex where doctors declared him

Moniruzzaman's cousin Aksad

[Our correspondents from Cox's

Ali said he heard gunshots in the

morning, went to the brick field and

Bazar, Sylhet, and Jashore contributed

Sensing the presence of police,

Jasim Uddin, officer-in-charge

Moniruzzaman, 30, of

claimed police.

the district.

dead, the OC said.

to this report

Last fiscal year, leather exports fetched \$98.3 million, down 40.3 percent from a year earlier, according to data from the Export Promotion Bureau. The overall export of the leather and leather goods sector stood at \$797.6 million, down 21.8 percent year-on-year.

The tanners are sitting on unsold leather worth Tk 2,500 crore due to low demand from the international buyers, according to Md. Shaheen Ahmed, president of the Bangladesh Tanners Association.

Like Khan, Ahmed also blamed the fund crisis in the sector for the piles of unsold rawhide this Eid.

The tanners had demanded loans amounting to Tk 500 crore ahead of Eid-ul-Azha but the lenders gave only Tk 120 crore. And the loan amount was used to clear arrears amounting to Tk 60 crore, Ahmed said. "There is a cash crunch in the

sector," said Ali Hossain, a rawhide trader, adding that the banks are also not lending freely to the tanners to ease the situation.

The tanners have invested Tk 7,000 crore on the STIE, which created fund crisis for them, he added.

Amid the backdrop, the special committee formed to decide on rawhide exports will meet in two or three days, the commerce secretary said

The committee, which representations from the business community, government higherups, leather goods manufacturers and exporters and experts, will take stock of the rawhide inventory in the country and then decide.

district correspondents Our contributed to the story

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