FROM PAGE 12 adopted by Bangabandhu and says it would not contribute towards

In a separate announcement, Bhutto yesterday shared that the Pakistan government was trying to retain links between Pakistan and the Dhaka administration.

#### **BHASHANI SUGGESTS** FORMATION OF NATIONAL **GOVERNMENT**

Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhashani, President of NAP (Bhashani) today suggests formation of an all-party national government in the country with a view to solve the unprecedented food crisis and check large-scale corruption which, according to him, has pushed the country to the present situation. He urges the government to immediately form an all-party committee comprising students, teachers, journalists and representatives from all parties and from all walks of life. If the government fails to form the committee, he announces, he would himself convene a national conference for that purpose. SOURCES: August 26, 1972 issues of Bangladesh Observer, Dainik Bangla and Dainik Ittefaq.

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It is also getting close to the theoretical limit of data transmission, first proposed by American mathematician Claude Shannon in 1949.

The increased speed is possible because the researchers were able to transmit data through a much wider range of colours than normally used in optical fibre. By combining different amplfiier technologies, they could make the best use of the properties of light that transmitted the data, allowing them to specifically manipulate each individual wavelength.

It remains at the level of proof of concept: home broadband customers are unlikely to find their internet connections speeding up to those levels any time soon.

But the researchers who created it note that it would be relatively easy to use the technology on existing infrastructure, and that it would be reasonably cost effective to do so. All that is needed is to upgrade the amplifiers that are used on optical fibre routes – adding new amplifiers would cost £16,000, compared to the £450,000 per kilometre that it can cost to install new fibres.

Such increases in speed will be required in the future as the amount of data used and transmitted increases, the researchers note. As it becomes easier to create and store information, it will also become more important to be able to meet demands for data transfer rates, they note - and it is likely that such speeds will also be required for "as yet unthought-of applications that will transform people's lives", said UCL's Lidia Galdino, lead author on the new paper.

### Journo Kajol

FROM PAGE 1 in the case.

During yesterday's hearing, the lawyer told the court that his client was very ill and one of his hands was paralysed, but bail was denied. On August 10, Dhaka

Metropolitan Magistrate Rajesh Chowdhury ordered jail authorities to provide Kajol better treatment. But the jail authorities are yet to do so, his lawyer said.

Yesterday, Kajol was taken to the outdoor section of the Bangabandhu Sheikh Muiib Medical University Hospital around 10:00am for a checkup but was whisked away without a "proper checkup", alleged his son Monorom Polok.

"My father was so sick that he was not able to walk. He had to be carried out of the prison van and then placed in a wheelchair. They stayed inside for about half an hour and he was carried out again," said Polok.

"We could not talk to him when he was being taken in -- we were being shooed away. We ran up to him when he was being taken out and only managed to talk for a second. He said his health is not good," said Polok,

adding that Kajol is a cardiac patient. Mahbubul Islam, jailer at Dhaka Central Jail, told The Daily Star that Kajol was taken to the hospital for a medical check-up so that they could present a report to the court.

Khurshid Alam, a doctor at Dhaka Central Jail, said Kajol is physically weak and is suffering from a lack of appetite and insomnia. He is also showing signs of being depression in addition to other health concerns, the doctor added.

Two other cases under the DSA were filed against Kajol on March 10 and 11 with Hazaribagh and Kamrangirchar police stations

respectively. Fifty-three days following his disappearance after leaving his office in Dhaka's Hatirpool, Kajol was found by Border Guard Bangladesh

in Benapole on May 3. He was then arrested, initially on charges of trespassing, but was granted bail after being produced before a Jashore court.

Later, he was shown held under section 54 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) after police informed the court that three more cases against Kajol were pending with

different police stations in the capital. The court then sent him to Jashore

## Never-ending road to justice

evidence, and report back within four months, and then every six months

The ruling came after the Gambia, with support from the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), filed a genocide case against Myanmar in November last year, more than two years after about 7,50,000 Rohingyas fled a brutal military campaign that left Rohingya villages burnt and thousands killed, injured and women

raped. genocidal took Myanmar policies decades back -- stripping the Rohingyas of citizenship and enforcing discriminatory policies including on health, education, marriage, birth, property rights and freedom of movement. They fled to Myanmar since the 1980s, with the latest facing the most brutal military campaign.

The ICJ order gave a lot of hope, for the first time in Rohingya history, but more than six months after it, they find no progress at all.

"Rather, the Rohingya situation in Rakhine has deteriorated. Killings, tortures and hate speech against them continues," said Nay San Lwin, cofounder of Free Rohingya Coalition.

Myanmar is going for national elections in November, but all the Rohingya candidatures, except for one, were rejected, denying a fundamental right that they enjoyed until 1990s. Also, Myanmar authorities are now using fights between its military and Arakan Army as a pretext to persecute the Rohingyas, he said.

"Sadly, international the community is not speaking out against it.'

Lwin's statements were corroborated by the Human Rights Watch (HRW) that said hundreds of ethnic Rakhine and dozens of Rohingya civilians have been killed in the increased fighting where the military used air and artillery strikes. As many as 160,000 civilians were displaced across Rakhine state.

UN's Special Rapporteur on

A top member of the government

committee told The Daily Star,

wishing not to be named, "We found

did not feel the need to apply. It's

unacceptable. The next meeting of

the committee will be in the first

week of next month and their fate

started renewing their licence after the

DGHS officials said private facilities

"Light to moderate rain/

hundershowers accompanied by

occur at many places in Khulna,

Barishal, and Chattogram divisions,

at a few places in Dhaka and

Sylhet divisions and at one or two

places in Rajshahi, Rangpur, and

Mymensingh divisions," said a

Besides, moderately heavy to heavy

rainfall may occur at places in the

country's southern part, according

Meteorological Department.

the forecast of Bangladesh

The forecast was for 24 hours from

Our district correspondents report

In Barishal, most of the city streets

on tidal surge and the flood situation.

will be decided there.

committee warned them.

released at 9:00am.

weather forecast.

6:00am yesterday.

Myanmar Yanghee Lee too said the attacks may amount to war crimes and crimes against humanity and called for investigating the Myanmar

Param-Preet Singh, associate director for International Justice Programme at the HRW, in a report published on July 23, said preventing genocide is not just about preventing further violence.

Myanmar authorities imposed new restrictions on aid, movement, media, and the internet since January 2019. Humanitarian access has been restricted in eight of Rakhine State's 17 townships, leading to shortages of food, medicine, and shelter for the civilians. These Indicate Myanmar's intent to destroy the group in whole or in part, she said.

"These are only a few of the steps Myanmar could take to protect the Rohingya if it was serious about implementing the ICJ's provisional measures order," Singh said, adding: "And these conditions are only getting

International law expert Prof Mizanur Rahman of Dhaka University said Myanmar has not moved a little in amending the laws that discriminates against the Rohingyas, including the 1982 Citizenship Law, which effectively prevents Rohingya from obtaining Myanmar citizenship. MYANMAR'S FIRST REPORT TO ICI As per the ICJ order, on May 23 Myanmar submitted its first report to the UN court on what it has done to

International legal experts said the report will be sent to the UN Security Council that so far could not take any concrete steps against Myanmar for opposition of veto powers China and Russia since the Rohingya influx

protect the minority Rohingya from

genocide. The ICJ is yet to make it

Before submitting its first report to the ICJ, Myanmar issued presidential directives to ensure that officials do not commit genocide, prevent destruction or removal of evidence of

It was found that two thirds of the

country's over 15,000 private clinics

running without any valid licence

slow since 2018, when the DGHS

began "digitalising" the process, said

for this Herculean task and only three

Receding tides leave trails of destruction

water in the last week.

The renewal of licences has been

Only seven people were assigned

Big potholes have developed on

The worst affected areas include

Locals and some ward councillors

"It becomes very difficult for us to

"The condition of streets is so

Kawnia, Amanatganj, Taltoli, Lakutia,

said around 20 to 22 kilometres of

city streets are in good condition,

drive vehicles as most of the city streets

have been damaged," said Khijir Ali,

bad that the wheels of my rickshaw

were damaged," said Kanch Mia, a

Sixty-year-old Dilip Roy, a resident

while the rest have been damaged.

an auto-rickshaw driver.

rickshaw-puller.

most of the streets, while portions of

3,256 clinics didn't seek registration

exposed.

that some hospitals and clinics and diagnostic centres had been

The issue came into the fore officials for looking after the licence of

temporary gusty wind is likely to the streets have been washed away in

many areas.

and Port roads.

abuses, and hate speech.

"That is the only thing that Myanmar government did. Nothing else," said Khin Maung, executive director of Rohingya Youth Association in Cox's

Noting of court martial conviction of three military personnel in June for crimes against the Rohingya, Param-Preet Singh said it is Myanmar's efforts to evade meaningful accountability, instead of seriously investigating the military leadership who oversaw the atrocity crimes.

The conviction was related to mass killing of Rohingyas. The Associated Press identified at least five mass graves where soldiers piled the bodies before burning their faces off with acid. An estimated 300 to 400 Rohingyas were killed and entire village was burned down at Gu Dar Pying village in Rakhine on 27 August 2017.

"Myanmar's farcical court martial is the latest attempt to feign progress on accountability in an apparent attempt to influence the UN and international tribunals," said Singh, recalling Myanmar's long history of failing to conduct credible investigations into alleged war crimes and rights abuses by its security forces.

Genocide researcher Mofidul Hoque said Myanmar's objective was to wipe out Rakhine's entire Rohingya population, whose ethnicity was not recognised. From that perspective, the ICJ ruling globally established their identity, which is a significant achievement.

However, not many countries supported the Gambia, except for Canada and The Netherlands. The UK welcomed the ICJ decision and European Union called for Myanmar to comply with ICJ order. Actually, the big powers stayed away from supporting the case, but focused on humanitarian support,

The ICJ ruling is binding, but depends on the UN Security Council for enforcement. However, as veto powers China and Russia oppose the Rohingya cause, a stronger

after the Regent Hospital scam was around 5,000 clinics and diagnostic documents is also a barrier for the

4, 2018, a circular was issued hiking

the license issuance fees of private

hospitals and clinics from Tk 5,000 to

employee details, city corporation

clearance, tax certificates and several

other documents to get their licence

have been damaged badly by tidal of Bhatikhana area, said, "My health is of around 2,000 ponds have been

feel strong jolts whenever I take a

Contacted, Nurul Islam, chief

engineer of Barishal City Corporation,

said they would take necessary

measures to repair the streets

of low-lying areas, mostly slum

Palashpur, Sadar road, Kalijira, and

of the city areas, but we are still

waterlogged. We are now using boats

to go from one place to another," said

In Noakhali's Hatiya upazila, fish

dwellers, are still waterlogged.

Meanwhile, around 50,000 people

The areas include Amanatganj,

"Water has receded from most

Now, I am afraid of going out because in the last week.

environmental

Clinics and diagnostic centres

clearance,

Sources said producing the and blood banks in the country.

not good. So, I have to be very careful. washed away by the recent tidal water

DGHS sources said on September

centres in Dhaka.

Tk 50,000-2,50,000.

renewed every year.

rickshaw ride.

immediately.

Port road.

a resident of Kalijira.

international pressure is imperative,

'More than a million Rohingya in Bangladesh cannot continue to live this way. The world must have a moral obligation to support the Gambia's case and help restore Rohingya rights as human being," Mofidul Hoque

#### WHERE IS ICC CASE?

Hoque said the International Criminal Court (ICC), which has approved investigation in the Rohingya genocide on its own, is very significant for the fact that Myanmar is not its member and that the UN Security Council has not referred Myanmar's Rohingya atrocities to the ICC.

However, it took into cognizance the case considering that the Rohingyas fled to Bangladesh, which is a member of ICC. A genocide researcher in a European country said ICC's approval of investigating the Rohingya case can set new precedence in international judicial system.

"ICC approved the investigation considering that it has a moral obligation to ensure justice to a population which has long been facing rights violation," he told this correspondent.

The powerful countries including the US, China and Russia, which are not its members, are not liking the ICC move, because if civil societies of these countries raise voice for any genocidal acts, these countries can also become the subjects of investigation in the cases the ICC sets precedence by investigating the crimes against Rohingyas, the researcher added.

Mofidul Hoque said the UN's Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar has also started working last year, building on the evidences collected by the UN Fact-Finding Mission.

"So, global justice mechanisms are working. It will take time for justice, but it must happen. We should continue to work in strengthening global voices for the sake of humanity and civilization," he added.

private hospitals and clinics to keep

Diagnostic Owners Association,

said, the 3,500 clinics and diagnostic

centres that had not come under

the registration process should be

in 2018, there are 17,244 private

hospitals, clinics, diagnostic centres

crore, said local fisheries officers.

"Several thousand fish farmers

have been hit hard. We are preparing

a list of affected fish farmers to give

them financial assistance," said Farid

Hossain, Hatiya upazila fisheries

Md Jewel of Maizchhara village

"I have given hard labour in the last

four months. But all my fish has been

washed away within a few moments,"

said Jewel, also a Chattogram

[Our correspondents in Barishal,

Commission

Noakhali, and Manikganj contributed

said he had started fish farming with

a loan of Tk 1.5 lakh

University student.

to this report]

The

According to DGHS data published

Maniruzzaman Bhuiyan, president

Bangladesh Private Clinic

the licence updated.

investigated.

# No new law

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the meeting, Cabinet Secretary Khandker Anwarul Islam said it was a groundbreaking decision of the

Describing the reasons for the decision, he said the High Court in an observation in February 2013 said all necessary ordinances promulgated from August 15, 1975 to 1979 and from 1982-1986 would be changed into laws while the rest would be scrapped.

He said if the old laws, enacted from 1972 to August 15, 1975, are scrapped by new laws due to the necessity of time then it would not be possible for anyone to fully understand how was the government under the leadership of Bangabandhu after the country's independence and how was the state management of that time.

If these laws remained effective, then those who would go for research and do their works on political science and state management would be able to clearly understand the then government seeing those.

"They will be able to understand how the state infrastructure was developed and how the state and the administration were run," the cabinet secretary said.

Besides, the cabinet gave its final approval to the House Building Corporation inance (Amendment) 2020 to increase its authorised capital and paid up capital, and expand its area of providing services.

The original law was promulgated in 1973, during Bangabandhu's rule, through an order.

With the amendment, the authorised capital of the corporation will be Tk 1,000 crore while the paid up capital Tk 500 crore.

The cabinet also approved in principle the Bankers' Book Evidence Bill 2020 to replace the old Bankers' Book Evidence Act 1891. The cabinet secretary said this law

will be a new one as the ground reality has changed a lot given the reality of He said this law has been sent to the legislative division for vetting and

it will be placed before the cabinet again for final approval. The cabinet also gave the go-ahead to the draft of National Food and

### Sonia to continue

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Nutrition Policy 2020.

written about two weeks ago, questioned the Congress party's style of functioning and suggested sweeping reforms. The letter was leaked to a prominent newspaper after the party announced the dates for the CWC meeting as Congress spokesperson Surjewala had earlier denied the existence of it.

At least three leaders, Ghulam Nabi Azad, Anand Sharma and Mukul Wasnik, who signed the letter to Sonia Gandhi are members of the

Rahul Gandhi questioned the iming of the letter by dissenters even as Sonia Gandhi has expressed her desire to step down, a source

informed The Hindu. Rahul also asked why has this letter been written now when the Congress party is fighting in Rajasthan and

Madhya Pradesh. The meeting got underway with

party general secretary KC Venugopal informing the CWC about Sonia Gandhi's request to find a new party chief. Venugopal then went on to question the timing of letter leak ahead of the CWC.

#### 172 countries

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its aim is to secure supplies of and deliver 2 billion doses across countries that sign up by the end of 2021. "Initially, when there will be

limited supply (of Covid-19 vaccines), it's important to provide the vaccine to those at highest risk around the globe," Tedros said. He said this included health

workers on the front lines of the pandemic, who were "critical to saving lives and stabilising the overall health system".

#### **COVID-19 PLASMA** The world health body was cautious

about endorsing the use of recovered Covid-19 patients' plasma to treat those who are ill, saying evidence it works remains "low quality" even as the United States issued emergency authorization for such therapies. So-called convalescent plasma,

which has long been used to treat diseases, has emerged as the latest political flashpoint in the race to find therapies for Covid-19, reports Reuters.

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### 'EC will turn into a cat'

will replace the RPO 1972, did not have the provision to empower the EC to cancel candidatures.

"I think it is a suicidal decision of the Election Commission to move away from the sole power of direct cancellation of candidature," Mahbub said.

The provision that empowers the EC to cancel candidature of candidate should stay in the new law, he said.

He also opposed the EC's move to change the name of the new law from Representation of the People Order,

At yesterday's meeting, Mahbub said the draft law on conducting local government elections was submitted for approval. In this draft, names of the Representation of the People Order, 1972 was replaced with the Representation of the People Act,

Prothom Alo, and the Ittefaq yesterday.

"I totally oppose this move," Mahbub said.

"The name of the law [Representation of the People Order, 1972] is a historically important

document, and unique memorabilia of the country's independence. "I cannot understand the necessity and rationality behind changing the name of the law," Mahbub said in the note of dissent, a copy of which The

Daily Star has obtained.

Mahbub said that he also differs with the EC's move to amend the election-related laws of local government bodies. He said changing the structure of local government bodies and its tenures was not the EC's duty.

"EC does not have any jurisdiction to make changes to names of local

government bodies and the positions within them," he said.

An election commissioner, wishing not to be named, said Mahbub read out the note of dissent at the meeting and later handed it over to the CEC and other commissioners.

The CEC did not make any comment regarding the note of dissent at the meeting, the commissioner said. When contacted, EC Senior Secretary Md Alamgir said he could not say anything regarding the note of dissent before seeing the meeting's

"There can be discussion in favour or in opposition on any topic," he

He said that the meeting was adjourned on the day and further discussion on the matter will take place when the meeting resumes.

has prepared a draft law titled Representation of the People, 2020, and sent it to the law ministry. The ministry sent the law back with some observations. EC is working on the observation, said Alamgir.

Election

The commission yesterday held a meeting on a draft version of a law to hold city corporation, municipalities and union parishad election.

While briefing reporters after the meeting, Alamgir said that the government is going to form a commission to update the local government laws.

He said the EC secretariat is working on preparing a comprehensive law to conduct local government elections. Currently, there are five separate laws to hold different local government elections.

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# HC to step in if probe is inadequate

accused Emran, Parvin's son, and one Chuttu -- were produced before the court, said Ilias.

The court, however, sent Emran and Chuttu to jail after rejecting their bail petition," Ilias added. The five were tortured in broad daylight following an incident of "cattle theft" and were paraded through villages with their hands tied with rope on Friday.

Following abuse and humiliation, the five were handed to Harbang police outpost. A video footage and some images of the incident went viral on social media on Saturday night, creating a public outcry. A case was filed against the five for cattle theft with the police station on Friday night.

The HC bench of Justice Obaidul Hassan and Justice AKM Zahirul Huq said this after two lawyers placed the newspaper reports on the incident before it for a suo motu (voluntaril) order to this effect. Lawyers Jasmine Sultana and Jamiul Hoque Faisal placed the reports published on The Daily Star, the

The Daily Star report said five people, including three women, have been tortured in broad daylight following a "cattle theft" incident at Harbang union in Cox's Bazar's Chakoria. The deputy commissioner of Cox's Bazar has formed a three-member probe committee, led by Shabasti

Roy, deputy director of local government department, to probe the incident. The committee has been asked to submit a report within seven working days, according to The Daily Star report.

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