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## FACILITIES IN BHASHAN CHAR

# Rohingya leaders satisfied after trip



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Rohingya leaders, who went on a “go-and-visit” to Bhashan Char housing project, said they were happy with the facilities there and that those were far better than their current living conditions in Teknaf and Ukhiya camps.

Badrul Islam, a community leader of Nayapara refugee camp-26 in Teknaf, said the three days they spent in Bhashan Char were an amazing experience.

“The overall arrangements of Bhashan Char are laudable. I liked it. Security arrangements are also strong. There is a peaceful environment all around. The road communications are also good,” he told The Daily Star by phone upon his return.

One concern, Badrul said, however, is that they will have to stay far from the close relatives living in the camps.

On August 5, a team of 40 Rohingyas reached Bhashan

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**A tailback of cargo trucks formed at the Paturia ferry terminal in Manikganj yesterday. Ferry connectivity on the Shimulia-Kathalbari naval route was interrupted due to poor navigability on the Padma. Passenger vehicles were carried on a priority basis on the route.**

PHOTO: ZAHANGIR SHAH

## ATTACK ON UNO

# Probe body yet to start investigating

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinaipur

The three-member body formed to investigate the vicious hammer attack on Ghoraghat UNO Wahida Khanam is yet to start its investigation as police investigate the incident.

Abdul Wahab Bhuiyan Divisional Commissioner of Rangpur has formed the committee on Thursday, hours after UNO Wahida and her father Omar Ali Sheikh came under the gruesome attack by unidentified assailants.

Md Zakir Hossain, additional divisional commissioner (general) of Rangpur, is the head of the committee. Asif Mahmud, additional district magistrate of Dinaipur, and the deputy inspector general of police in Rangpur are the members of the committee.

The committee was asked to submit the report within seven working days.

Talking to The Daily Star, Zakir said they would seek an extension of the report

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## INDIA-CHINA BORDER TENSION

# Rare gunfire along LAC stirs blame game

AFP, Beijing

China and India accused each other of firing shots first across a flashpoint Himalayan border, intensifying a months-long standoff between the nuclear-armed neighbours that has already claimed at least 20 lives.

China said yesterday its soldiers took “countermeasures” after Indian soldiers opened fire in a contested mountainous region in Ladakh.

India was guilty of a “severe military provocation” on Monday after its soldiers crossed the Line of Actual Control in the western border region of Ladakh and “opened fire”, according to China’s Defence Ministry.

New Delhi was swift to give its own account, accusing Chinese border forces of “blatantly violating agreements” and firing “a few rounds in the air” to intimidate

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

### Bangabandhu-Indira summit

September 9, 1972

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

#### BANGABANDHU AND INDIRA TO MEET ON SEPT 14

The world situation in general and development in the Indian subcontinent in particular will be reviewed by Bangladesh Prime Minister Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi at a summit at New Delhi on September 14.

The prime minister of Bangladesh will make a brief stopover at Delhi on his way back home and make himself available for the meeting with the Indian premier.

It is believed that the two leaders will examine in detail the development in the subcontinent against the background of the Chinese veto at the Security Council against Bangladesh, and Pakistani hypocrisy.

Meanwhile Bangabandhu continues to make steady progress in his recovery in Geneva and preparations are afoot for his return home.

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## Another doctor dies from Covid-19

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Another doctor who was diagnosed with Covid-19 died at a city hospital yesterday.

Dr Nirmalendu Chowdhury, former director of Institute of Public Health in Dhaka, passed away around 1:45pm in the capital’s Asgar Ali Hospital.

He was 63.

His son Dr Mithun Chowdhury mentioned his death on a Facebook post around 2:00pm.

Dr Milly Dey, director of Bangladesh Doctors’ Foundation (BDF) Trust, said at least 100 doctors, including Nirmalendu, have so far died with

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## Scientists create battery-free Game Boy



INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

Engineers have developed a battery-free Game Boy that harvests energy from the user to allow infinite gameplay.

The Engage device reimagines the Nintendo gaming icon using cutting-edge computer technology and can play the original cartridges of games like Tetris and Super Mario.

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## Positivity rate dips

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A total of 12.64 percent people tested positive for Covid-19 in the country in 24 hours till 8:30am yesterday, which took the positivity rate to the lowest in the last four months.

Among 14,973 people, 1,892 tested positive for coronavirus in those 24 hours. Their samples went through rt-PCR tests in 94 labs.

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### PRAYER TIMING SEPTEMBER 9

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha  
AZAN 4:35 12:45 4:30 6:20 7:45  
JAMAAT 5:10 1:15 4:45 6:25 8:15

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



**Tragedy struck**  
**Mohammad Rois**  
**Uddin's life five years**  
**ago when he fell on a**  
**33,000KV electric line**  
**whilst trying to fix a**  
**TV antenna. He lost**  
**both his arms. With**  
**barely any options left,**  
**he decided to work**  
**by selling different**  
**products on the streets**  
**instead of living under**  
**the care of others. The**  
**photo was taken on**  
**Bijoy Sarani.**

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

# China leaders celebrate Covid-19 success

*Xi honours medical professionals as Europe suffers; WHO warns world must be better prepared for next pandemic*

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China’s leaders yesterday held a triumphant ceremony to celebrate beating the coronavirus, as billions of people around the world still suffer the fallout from the pandemic and the global death toll nears 900,000.

The upbeat mood in Beijing comes as concerns grow about a resurgence of Covid-19 across Europe, with France tightening restrictions, cases in

Britain spiking and schools resuming around the region in recent days.

Worldwide infections to date now stand at more than 27 million and over 893,000 people have died from the disease, with the pandemic showing no sign of peaking.

But in China the virus has been all but banished through a combination of lockdowns and travel restrictions earlier in the year that have officials touting the nation as a coronavirus

success story.

President Xi Jinping said China had passed “an extraordinary and historic test” during an awards ceremony for medical professionals decorated with bugle calls and applause.

“We quickly achieved initial success in the people’s war against the coronavirus,” Xi said.

“We are leading the world in economic recovery and in the fight

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## IN MEMORIAM



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“No day shall erase you  
from the memory of time”  
- Virgil’s ‘The Aeneid’