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CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

Global cases top 50 million

Infections jumped by 10 million in 21 days

REUTERS

Global coronavirus infections exceeded 50 million yesterday, according to a Reuters tally, with a second wave of the virus in the past 30 days accounting for a quarter of the total.

October was the worst month for the pandemic so far, with the United States becoming the first country to report more than 100,000 daily cases. A surge in Europe contributed to the rise.

The latest seven-day average shows global daily infections are rising by more than 540,000.

More than 1.25 million people have died from the respiratory disease that emerged in China late last year.

The pandemic's recent acceleration has been ferocious. It took 32 days for the number of cases to rise from 30 million to 40 million. It took just 21 days to add another 10 million.

Europe, with about 12 million cases, is the worst-affected region, overtaking Latin America. Europe accounts for 24% of COVID-19 deaths.

The region is logging about 1 million new infections every three days or so, according to a Reuters analysis. That is 51% of the global total.

France is recording 54,440 cases a day on the latest seven-day average, a higher rate than India with a far bigger population.

The global second wave is testing healthcare systems across Europe, prompting Germany, France and Britain to

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Police went for action on medical students who blocked Shahbagh intersection in the capital yesterday. The students were demonstrating for realising their four-point demand, which include no exams amid the pandemic and no fees for the last seven months for medical students. The blockade, which lasted for around two hours, created a traffic jam in the area.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

MEDICAL STUDENTS

Demand classes online, block Shahbagh for two hours

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Several hundred students from various medical and dental colleges yesterday blocked the Shahbagh intersection in the capital for over two hours, demanding introduction of online classes and academic years free of session jam.

Shouting slogans, the demonstrators under the banner of "General students of MBBS and BDS Courses" blocked the road around 11:00am, halting vehicular movement at the key intersection.

At about 1:30pm, police charged baton to disperse the students and cleared the intersection.

The students' four-point demand include immediate steps to end session jam, introduction of online classes, no fees for MBBS/BDS students for the last seven months and no professional examinations considering students' safety. In a notification on

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Woman raped, tortured in Ctg, four held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chattogram

Police arrested four people for allegedly raping and then mugging a woman in the port city's Lalkhan Bazar area.

The arrestees are Md Monir Hossain, 33, Masum, 20, Didar, 22 and Sohel, 24.

Paritran Talukdar, assistant commissioner, Bayezid Bostami Zone of Chattogram Metropolitan Police, said the victim used to live with her husband in Lalkhan Bazar and later moved to Cumilla.

"In Cumilla, the couple fought and the husband came back to Chattogram on his own. Monir [an acquaintance of the couple] called the victim over phone and told her that her husband is in Chattogram and to come fix their marriage.

"The woman came to Chattogram city from Cumilla on Friday evening and stayed at Monir's house as a guest. On Saturday morning, as Monir's wife left the house, he held the victim at knifepoint and raped her."

Officer-in-Charge Shahinul Islam of Khulshi Police Station said the woman left after the incident. But at noon, she returned to take her belongings when some men tried to force her into a marriage with Monir after learning about the rape.

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Suu Kyi favoured as Myanmar votes



REUTERS, Yangon

Myanmar voted in a general election yesterday seen as a referendum on a fledgling democratic government that remains popular at home but which has seen its reputation collapse overseas amid allegations of genocide.

Leader Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy (NLD) is expected to win a second term, following a 2015 landslide that ended more than a half-century of military and military-backed rule.

She has the support of a population that largely sees her as a heroine of democracy for her struggle against dictatorship, though her win will likely be narrower than the victory that propelled her to power.

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Bangladeshi shot dead by 'Myanmar border troops'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

A man died hours after he was shot allegedly by Myanmar Border Guard Police in the Naf river of Teknaf in Cox's Bazar on Saturday.

Mohammad Islam, 35, a resident of the area, was shot while he was fishing around 5:30pm on Saturday, his relatives said.

Around 7:30pm, local fishermen found him and took him to Teknaf Upazila Health Complex from where he was sent to the Sadar Hospital in Cox's Bazar, said Sajjad Hossain, a doctor at the health complex's emergency unit.

Islam succumbed at the Sadar hospital around 10:00pm, Resident Medical Officer SM Nawshad Riyad told The Daily Star.

Witnesses said Islam and another fisherman went into the Naf river on a

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Wolves win vote for reintroduction to Colorado



INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

As US citizens finally get the results of the presidential election, another "nail biting" ballot has been underway: People in Colorado have voted in favour of the reintroduction of wolves to the US state, where the species was hunted to extinction by the 1940s.

Supporters of the reintroduction had suggested the legislation to bring the grey wolf back to the state would "sail to victory", but in the end the vote was won by the slimmest of margins — just 0.5 per cent — emulating the race to the White House.

The legislation now requires Colorado Parks and Wildlife to create a plan based on the best science

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18 more die, 1,474 test positive

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eighteen more people died from Covid-19 in past 24 hours till 8:00am yesterday, said a press release of the Directorate General of Health Services.

With this, the total number of deaths caused by the highly transmissible virus rose to 6,067. This was 1.44 percent of all confirmed cases, according to the release.

In the same 24 hours, 1,474 more people tested positive for the virus, taking

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PRAYER TIMING NOVEMBER 9

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4:55	12:45	4:00	5:30	7:15
JAMAAT 5:30	1:15	4:15	5:34	7:45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



With huge loads, this three-wheeler, locally known as Nasimon, plying Dinaipur-Panchagarh highway illegally in Dinaipur's Birganj. Slow-moving traffic on a highway where many vehicles do around 80kmph is a recipe for disaster.

PHOTO: KONGKON KARMAR

No tests for DU 'Gha', 'Cha' units being mullied

DU CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University would not arrange admission tests for "Gha" and "Cha" units under social science and fine arts faculties from the next academic year, decided the university's Deans' Committee primarily.

This is their initial approach towards conducting admission tests in three units instead of five. However, candidates would have to attend admission tests in five units in the current academic year (2020-2021).

Prof Akhtaruzaaman, vice-chancellor of the university, proposed to shut "Gha" and "Cha" units and hold admission test under three units in the light of the three streams (science, humanities and business studies).

The Deans' Committee, in one of its meetings, discussed the pros and cons of this proposal. Most of the deans there voted in favor of the proposal.

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