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World tired, but virus is not

Warns WHO chief as cases soar across the world

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The World Health Organization's chief yesterday called on everyone to keep fighting Covid-19, warning that while we may be sick of battling the pandemic, the virus is "not tired of us".

Speaking to WHO's main annual assembly, which resumed yesterday after being cut short in May, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus also hailed the election of Joe Biden as the next US president, voicing hope it could signal tighter global cooperation to end the pandemic.

It was vital, he said, for people to follow the science and resist the urge to turn a blind eye to the virus.

"We might be tired of Covid-19. But it is not tired of us," he said.

Tedros, speaking from quarantine after coming in contact with someone who tested positive for Covid-19, warned that the virus preys on weakness.

"It preys on those in weaker health, but it preys on other weaknesses too: inequality, division, denial, wishful thinking and wilful ignorance, he said.

"We cannot negotiate with it, nor close our eyes and hope it goes away."

"It pays no heed to political rhetoric or conspiracy theories," he said.

"Our only hope is science, solutions and solidarity."

His comment came after Covid-19 has killed more than 1.25 million people and infected over 50 million

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Despite frequent accidents leading to fatalities, labourers dangling from a ladder work without safety gear at a high-rise. The workers have been provided with safety gears and harnesses but they refuse to wear them saying the gear gets in their way of work. The picture was taken on Secretariat Link Road in the capital recently.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Biman won't fly to Kolkata, Chennai

Cites poor passenger response among other reasons

RASHIDUL HASAN

Biman Bangladesh Airlines yesterday decided to suspend flights to Kolkata and Chennai due to a lack of passengers, among other reasons, amid the pandemic.

Tahera Khondoker, deputy general manager, public relations, Biman, told The Daily Star about the development yesterday afternoon.

She said the national flag carrier would not operate any flights to Kolkata from November 12 until further notice due to lack of passengers.

After around seven months of suspension of regular flights due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Biman resumed operations on the Dhaka-Kolkata-Dhaka route from October 29.

Biman was scheduled to operate three weekly flights on the route.

Due to lack of passengers,

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CUSTODIAL KILLING OF JONNY Verdict delivered, compensation not

ZYMA ISLAM

For six years, Imtiaz Hossain Rocky has been fighting a legal battle seeking justice for the custodial killing of his brother Ishtiaque Hossain Jonny in Pallabi and on September 9, 2020, a Judge's court had made history by delivering the first verdict under the Torture and Custodial Death (Prevention) Act, 2013.

While the fight is seemingly over, in actuality it is not.

The judge had sentenced three ex-policemen of the capital's Pallabi Police Station to life imprisonment and directed them to pay Tk 2 lakh each to the complainant as compensation.

But Rocky was now beginning to learn that the compensation money would not be paid until the case is cleared by the higher levels of courts, where the accused party will be filing appeals to overturn the verdict.

"Two of the convicted policemen have submitted money to the court, while the other is on the run. However, Rocky will not get this money until he has won in High Court and perhaps even the Appellate Division," said Additional Metropolitan Public Prosecutor Tapash Kumar Pal, who represented Rocky in his case against the law enforcers.

The convicted party is preparing to file

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FIRST YEAR OF BANGLADESH BANGABANDHU'S NATION-BUILDING CHALLENGES

Bangabandhu greets Nixon

November 10, 1972

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

CONTINUED US AMITY ANTICIPATED

Prime Minister Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman yesterday extended his warmest felicitations to Richard M Nixon on his re-election to the presidency of the United States. Bangabandhu in his telegram message to the US president anticipated continued friendship and cooperation between the two countries and wished Nixon and the American people all success in the years ahead.

PM'S DIRECTIVE

Bangabandhu directs relevant government machineries to gear up their activities for holding the general elections according to schedule. Brisk operations are going on to hold the first general elections on the free soil of Bangladesh on March 7, 1973. Bangabandhu issues directives to make the coming elections a success. The Election Commission has been directed to finalise speedily the recruitment of the required number of officials. Meanwhile, the task of the enumeration of voters is nearing completion. The printing of electoral rolls is expected to begin shortly.

BANGLADESH VOTED GATT MEMBER

Bangladesh is today voted in as a new member of GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) by the required two-thirds majority of the organisation's 80 contracting parties. The new member will formally join GATT 30 days after signing a protocol

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JEWEL'S MURDER 2 more held, 3 confess

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

Police yesterday arrested two more people on charges of lynching and setting fire to Shahidunnabi Jewel in Patgram, Lalmonirhat last month.

Rabiul Islam and Sujam Islam were arrested in the upazila in a raid, said Sumon Kumar Mahanta, officer-in-charge of Patgram Police Station.

The suspects have been staying away from their homes in Burimari area where a mob killed 50-year-old Jewel following rumours that he had demeaned the Holy Quran.

Meanwhile, three other arrested suspects Jobed Ali, Mehedi Hasan Raju and Abdul Gani Kabiraj on Sunday pleaded guilty to the killing, said Detective Branch Inspector Mahmudunnabi, who is investigating the case.

A total of 31 people have been arrested so far in connection with the

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Prehistoric hunters weren't all male



CNN ONLINE

Men hunted. Women gathered. That has long been the prevailing view of our prehistoric ancestors.

But the discovery of a woman buried 9,000 years ago in the Andes Mountains with weapons and hunting tools, and an analysis of other burial sites in the Americas challenges this widely accepted division of labor in hunter-gatherer society.

The woman, thought to be between 17 and 19 years old when she died, was buried with items that suggested she hunted big-game animals by spear throwing -- stone projectile points for felling large animals, a knife and flakes of rock for removing internal organs, and tools for scraping and tanning hides.

"Labour practices among recent hunter-gatherer societies are highly gendered, which might lead some to believe that sexist inequalities in things like pay or rank are somehow 'natural,'" said lead study author Randy Haas, an assistant professor of

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3 land in jail over rape of 5th-grader

STAR REPORT

Three people, including a woman, landed in jail yesterday in two rape cases in Patuakhali and Mymensingh.

Police said the victim in Patuakhali is a fifth-grader who lives in a village of Amtali upazila. Around 4:00pm on Sunday, she was playing at her home yard when one of her neighbours Rashida Begum, 45, lured her into going to her home, promising to give her some gifts.

Then, Rubel Khalifa,

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PRAYER TIMING NOVEMBER 10

	Fajr	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



Chunks of wood gathered by smugglers at the Sangu reserve forest. They have been doing so in connivance with some unscrupulous smugglers of the forest department. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

Protect Sangu-Matamuhuri forest from loggers

Demands environment protection body

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban

Parbatya Chattogram Forest and Land Rights Protection Movement has demanded the authorities protect Sangu-Matamuhuri sanctuary and Sangu Reserve Natural Forest from destruction and take action against the destroyers.

In a statement issued on Sunday, the platform said some timber smugglers were destroying the Sangu reserve forest in connivance with some unscrupulous officials of the forest department.

The smugglers have been using more than 1,000 loggers since mid-September to destroy the natural forest, it alleged.

The organisation demanded immediate removal of loggers tasked with felling trees from the Sangu forest, departmental action against dishonest officials of the forest department, stopping

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34th Annual Supremacy

GREEN DELTA INSURANCE

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Green Delta is the first Insurance Company in Bangladesh to earn **AAA** Credit Rating from the Credit Rating Agency of Bangladesh (CRAB) for the **7th** consecutive year.

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