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Jashore DC, SP, 8 other officials get threats

'Sarbahara Party men' demand money from them thru' SMS, calls

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Ten top government officials in Jessore, including the deputy commissioner, the superintendent of police and the civil surgeon, have been asked to pay extortion money via phone calls and text messages.

Those who made the calls and sent the texts identified themselves as members of outlawed "Sarbahara Party". The amount demanded from each official ranged from Tk 50,000 to Tk 50 lakh.

On Thursday evening, Civil Surgeon Sheikh Abu

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Bangladesh forward Nabib Newaj Jibon pounces on the ball and fires home past the Nepal goalkeeper in a FIFA-sanctioned friendly at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. It was the national football team's first taste of action since sport in the country was halted by coronavirus and, with the backing of the home crowd, the men in red and green secured a 2-0 win.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

104 Bangladeshi RMG workers stuck in Ethiopia

Employer seeks Dhaka's help for their relocation from conflict zone

MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA

A Bangladeshi garment company urged the government to help relocate its 104 expatriate workers stranded in Ethiopia's conflict-torn northern Tigray region.

DBL Industries PLC's factory premises have been bombed and the workers need assistance to leave the region, said M A Jabbar, managing director of DBL Group.

"Our employees are safe now. We requested the foreign ministry to relocate the workers from the conflict zone," he told The Daily Star yesterday.

The situation in Tigray is still volatile and can escalate anytime with risks of further violence.

Contacted, Md Nazrul Islam, ambassador designated

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'No evidence' of irregularities

Say US polls officials as Biden wins Arizona; China congratulates president-elect

AFP, Washington

There is no evidence of compromised ballots or corrupt voting systems in the US election, officials said Thursday, as a top Democrat accused Republicans who refuse to accept President-elect Joe Biden's win of "poisoning" democracy.

Their messages came hours after President Donald Trump once again cried foul, retweeting a baseless claim that an election equipment maker "deleted" 2.7 million votes for him nationwide.

Biden, who leads by more than five million in the popular vote, cemented his victory late Thursday by winning Arizona,

US networks said, flipping the state Democratic for the first time since 1996.

Arizona gives Biden a 290-217 lead over Trump in the Electoral College, with 270 needed to win the White House.

Meanwhile, China yesterday congratulated US President-elect Joe Biden nearly a week after he was declared winner of the American election, saying it respects "the choice of the American people".

China was previously among a handful of major countries including Russia and Mexico that had not congratulated the president-elect, with Beijing commenting earlier this week simply that it had "noticed

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Turkmenistan unveils gilded dog monument

REUTERS, Ashgabat

A huge gilded statue of a dog has been unveiled on a busy traffic circle in the capital of Turkmenistan by the country's longtime leader, who has also written an ode to the local breed and gifted one to Russian President Vladimir Putin.

The statue, with a screen showing Turkmenistan's beloved Alabai dogs in action wrapped around the

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LALMONIRHAT LYNCHING Burimari mosque muezzin arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Police yesterday arrested the muezzin of Burimari Central Mosque in connection to the beating and burning to death of Abu Yunus Md Shahidunnabi Jewel in Lalmonirhat's Patgram upazila on October 29.

The muezzin, Afiz Uddin, 60, was arrested from Burimari Bazar in the afternoon, said Sumon Kumar Mohanta, officer-in-charge of Patgram Police Station.

The OC said the arrest came based on information given by the arrested prime accused Abul Hossain alias Hossain Ali.

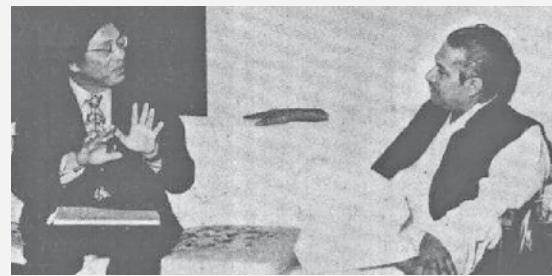
During his remand period, Abul Hossain told police that Afiz was involved with the mob killing, the OC added.

The victim was beaten and burnt

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Bulgaria will study 5-year plan

FIRST YEAR OF BANGLADESH BANGABANDHU'S NATION-BUILDING CHALLENGES



U Tun Thin, chief of Asia Division of the International Monetary Fund, calls on Prime Minister Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at the Gono Bhaban on November 14, 1972.

November 14, 1972

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

IMF DIRECTOR CALLS ON PM

U Tin Thin, director, International Monetary Fund, Asia Department, calls on Prime Minister Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at the Gono Bhaban today. He arrived in Dhaka yesterday on a tour of Bangladesh, a new member of the IMF. During his introductory visit here he will assess the economic situation in the country.

BANGLADESH-BULGARIA JOINT COMMUNIQUE

Bulgaria has agreed to study the various programmes of the proposed Five-Year Development Plan of Bangladesh to be launched next year and consider ways of participating in

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Rajshahi cop sued for raping woman

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

A policeman has been sued for allegedly raping a woman in Natore.

The accused is Mahbubur Rahman, 35, assistant sub-inspector of Rajshahi Metropolitan Police, said police.

The victim filed the case against the police officer with Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal in Natore on Wednesday afternoon.

According to the complaint, the police official works at Kajla Police Outpost under RMP's Motihar Police Station and had developed a relationship with the victim.

On November 6, the

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PRAYER TIMING NOVEMBER 14

	Fajr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN	5:00	12:45	3:45	5:25	7:00
JAMAAT	5:35	1:15	4:00	5:30	7:30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

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Sheikh Abdul Hafiz FCA
(10 January 1941 – 12 November 2020)

Inna lillahe wa inna ilaihe rajeun.

We are grieved to announce the demise of Mr. Sheikh Abdul Hafiz, former Senior Partner of Rahman Rahman Huq on 12 November 2020. He was also a former President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh and South Asian Federation of Accountants.

We pray to Almighty Allah for resting his soul in peace.

From all at
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CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

US cities again roll out curbs

Greece imposes night-time curfew as restrictions tighten across Europe

AFP, Washington

Bars and restaurants in America's biggest city closed yesterday as the coronavirus outbreak surged across the United States and Europe, where Greece was being forced into a nighttime curfew.

It comes as the US, already the world's hardest-hit country, experiences its third and worst-by-far spike in infections, and large parts of Europe shut down again to tackle the illness.

The novel coronavirus has killed at least 1,294,539 people since the outbreak emerged in China last December, according to a tally from official sources compiled by AFP at 1100 GMT yesterday. At least 52,775,840 cases of coronavirus have been registered.

On Thursday, 9,921 new deaths and 608,625 new cases were recorded worldwide. Based on latest reports, the countries with the most new deaths were the United States with 1,512 new deaths, followed by Brazil with 908 and Italy with 636.

New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo has announced that all establishments licensed to sell alcohol,

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