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“This is how election results are disputed in a banana republic – not our democratic republic.”
GEORGE W BUSH
 EX-US PRESIDENT

“What happened here today was an insurrection, incited by the president of the United States.”
MITT ROMNEY
 REPUBLICAN SENATOR

“This is an unseen assault on US democracy, its institutions and the rule of law. This is not America.”
JOSEF BORRELL
 EU FOREIGN POLICY CHIEF



Supporters of US President Donald Trump gather at the US Capitol Building in Washington DC; members of congress run for cover, top right, as protesters try to enter the House Chamber; and pro-Trump mob clash with police, bottom right, outside the US Capitol Building.

PHOTO: REUTERS, AFP

US RIOT STUNS WORLD

Congress certifies Biden as president-elect after pro-Trump mob storms US Capitol, clashes with police leaving 4 dead; Trump promises 'orderly transition'

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Hours after hundreds of President Donald Trump's supporters stormed the US Capitol in a harrowing assault on American democracy, a shaken Congress yesterday formally certified Democrat Joe Biden's election victory.

Immediately afterwards, the White House released a statement from Trump in which he pledged

an "orderly transition" when Biden is sworn into office on Jan 20, although he repeated his false claim that he won the November election. The Republican president on Wednesday fired up his supporters to overturn the election result before a mob swarmed the Capitol.

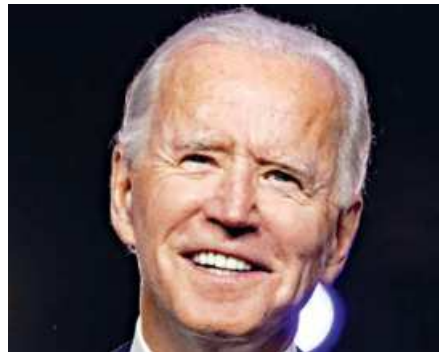
The destructive and shocking images at the Capitol of what other Republicans called an "insurrection" filled television

screens in the United States and around the world, a deep stain on Trump's presidency and legacy as his tenure nears its end.

The FBI asked the public for tips on people involved in the violence.

In certifying Biden's win, longtime Trump allies such as Vice President Mike Pence and Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell rejected Trump's

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WH sees spate of resignations

Republicans float idea to remove Trump from office before Jan 20

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After violent pro-Trump protesters stormed the US Capitol on Wednesday, a growing number of Republican leaders and Cabinet officials told US news media that they believe Donald Trump should be removed from office before January 20. Four of them called for the 25th Amendment to be invoked, and two others said the president should be impeached.

A number of senior White House officials also resigned seen as a rebuke to Trump for inciting the violence that

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PM renews vow to fight corruption

Addresses the nation on second anniversary of present govt

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday renewed her vows to fight corruption and urged people to remain vigilant against any impediment to the nation's journey forward.

"There are elements who look for ways to grab people's wealth using different techniques, [but] we have taken strict stance against corruption," she said while addressing the nation marking the second anniversary of the incumbent government.

The state-run Bangladesh Television, Bangladesh Betar and private TV and radio channels broadcast her speech live.

Hasina formed the government for the third consecutive term after her party the Awami League's victory in the 2018 national elections.



The PM said the corrupt elements, irrespective of their political or party links and influence, "are not being and will not be" spared. She said the Anti-Corruption Commission was carrying on its mission "independently".

"We are firmly committed to removing all hurdles in the way of development,"

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O-level student raped, killed in city apartment

Alleges victim's mother; four held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A 17-year-old girl was raped and murdered at a flat in the city's Kalabagan area yesterday, her mother has alleged.

Police said the victim, an O-level student of an English medium school in Dhanmondi, was brought dead at Anwar Khan Modern Hospital in the afternoon.

A youth, who took her to the hospital, was detained in connection with the incident. The detainee has recently passed his A-level examinations, said the law enforcers.

Abul Hasan, assistant commissioner (New Market Zone) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, said the incident happened at the youth's home in Dolphin Goli of Kalabagan. His mother and two

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Govt approves Covishield use

Beximco Pharma to import, deliver it to public, private bodies

MOUJID AHMED SUJAN

The government yesterday approved for emergency use Covishield, the Indian version of the Oxford-AstraZeneca's Covid-19 vaccine.

Beximco Pharmaceuticals Ltd has also been authorised to deliver the vaccine shots to the country's private and public organisations.

Now, there is no barrier to importing and using the vaccine, touted the world's cheapest coronavirus shot.

Md Salauddin, deputy director of the Directorate General of Drug Administration DGDA, told The Daily Star, "With this emergency use authorisation, they [Beximco] can supply the vaccine to the government as well as to private hospitals, or any vaccination programme."

Around noon, a 14-member emergency expert committee during a meeting at the DGDA recommended the emergency approval.

"As the UK's Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) approved this vaccine for emergency use and the Serum [Institute of India] is producing the same vaccine, we have also given the same approval," Salauddin said.

Nazmul Hasan Papon, managing director of Beximco Pharmaceutical

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THE THIRD VIEW



MAHFUZ ANAM

FEARFUL PUBLIC, VENGEFUL POLICE

Reja's death should set alarm bell ringing all over

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ABIRON'S DEATH IN KSA Family demands justice, rejects settlement

SHARIFUL HASAN

A Saudi court has rejected the bail petitions of three accused arrested in a case filed for the murder of a Bangladeshi domestic worker in Saudi Arabia two years ago.

Abiron Begum Ansar, who went to Saudi Arabia in 2017, was tortured allegedly at her employer's house and killed on March 24, 2019. Her body was kept in a mortuary there for seven months before arrival in the country.

During a hearing on Wednesday, the Criminal Court-6 in Riyadh asked the accused to submit a written reply in this regard. The family of Abiron, through their representatives, told the court that they wanted Qisas or similar punishment if her murder was proven in court.

In Islamic jurisprudence, Qisas is the legal



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