

16 more die

FROM PAGE 12 morning. The mortality rate is 1.49 percent, according to the handout. Bangladesh reported its first novel coronavirus cases on March 8 last year and the first death on March 18.

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FROM PAGE 12 better,” Van Kerkhove said. She called for maintaining physical distancing, adding: “The further, the better...but make sure that you keep that distance from people outside your immediate household.”

BLAST employee

FROM PAGE 12 lawyer Abdus Sukkur. The case was filed on November 10 last year, accusing the woman of “premeditated propagation of false allegations such as that of gang-rape” against some BGB personnel. NayeB Subedar Mohammad Ali Molla, in-charge of Damdamia check post of BGB Battalion-2 on Cox’s Bazar-Teknaf highway, filed the case. The BLAST employee is the lone accused in the case. Mohammad Ali, in the case statement, said that the woman’s “false allegation” has severely tarnished the image of a force like the BGB. On October 13, BLAST in a press statement demanded justice for its female employee alleging that she was a victim of sexual violence at a checkpoint on the Teknaf-Cox’s Bazar road. It also demanded that the government ensure her safety.

‘Auschwitz’ T-shirt-wearing Capitol rioter arrested

AFP, Washington A US Capitol rioter seen wearing a “Camp Auschwitz” T-shirt taunting Jews over the Nazi death camp was arrested Wednesday, the FBI said. The FBI Norfolk Joint Terrorism Task Force arrested Robert Keith Packer of Newport News, Virginia, they confirmed. Packer was charged with violent or disorderly conduct on the Capitol grounds and illegally entering the Capitol building, according to court documents. Pictures of Packer wearing the T-shirt sparked anger and dismay throughout the Jewish community. Auschwitz was part of a vast network of death and concentration camps across Europe set up as part of Adolf Hitler’s “Final Solution” of genocide targeting millions of European Jews.

Tripartite meeting on January 19

FROM PAGE 12 Myanmar now faces a genocide case in the International Court of Justice. Bangladesh, meanwhile, has faced serious socio-economic, environmental, security and diplomatic challenges due to the presence of some one million Rohingyas, many of whom fled to Bangladesh since 1980s. The foreign minister has said the presence of such a large number of Rohingyas for an indefinite period can create regional instability and thereby hamper peace and development in the region. The start of the Rohingya repatriation is of utmost importance. Momen on Wednesday told journalists that Bangladesh handed over to Myanmar a list of 8.4 lakh Rohingyas for verification but it has so far verified only 42,000 people. “Myanmar is a friendly country. They are not our enemy. We’ve nothing against Myanmar. It must create a conducive environment as Bangladesh wants to see the return of Rohingyas to Myanmar in safety and security.”

Ray of Anirban

FROM PAGE 12 The library also contributed to combating child marriage in the area, he said. “Due to the joint efforts of all and activities of the library, child marriage and dropout rate from schools have decreased significantly. Library-centric activities have inspired all,” Ramkrishna added. FROM ONE ROOM TO A FOUR-STOREY BUILDING The library officially started its journey on December 10, 1990, in one room inside a local temple in Mamudkathi. It was founded by Joydeb Kumar Bhadra, now an additional DIG of police, and Manik Bhadra of Sonatankati village, Bishwakarma Mandal of Mamudkathi village, and Mrinal Ghosh of Haridhall village. Joydeb Bhadra was then a Rajshahi University student, but due to the countrywide movement against dictator HM Ershad at the time, his university remained closed amid the political unrest. “As a result, I had to stay at home most of the time. I felt the urge to do something for the children of the area -- so, I planned to set up a library with some friends.” Local school and college teachers and students soon became involved -- some donated books from their own collections and later, door-to-door campaigns were conducted to collect money to buy new books.

The minister said he is hopeful about the repatriation as Myanmar had taken back its nationals in 1978 and 1992. Meanwhile, the Human Rights Watch has said the squalid and oppressive conditions imposed on some 600,000 Rohingyas in Rakhine State amount to crimes against humanity, including apartheid and severe deprivation of liberty. They are subjected to government persecution and violence, confined to camps and villages without freedom of movement, and cut off from access to adequate food, healthcare, education and livelihoods, the HRW said in its World Report 2021 released Wednesday. The Myanmar government has repeatedly violated basic civil and political rights, and failed to hold the country’s security forces accountable for atrocities against ethnic minorities, noted the New York-based global rights watchdog. The ruling National League for Democracy (NLD) party overwhelmingly won the

November 8 election last year, which was marred by serious problems. Prior to the vote, the government prosecuted its critics, censored opposition party messages, and did not provide equal access to state media, it noted. Systemic problems include the continued ethnic Rohingya disenfranchisement, reservation of 25 percent assembly seats for the military, and the lack of an independent and transparent Union Election Commission, mentioned the watchdog. Phil Robertson, deputy Asia director at the HRW, said, “Aung San Suu Kyi and the ruling National League for Democracy have turned their backs on human rights concerns since taking power, betraying promises to Myanmar’s people to revoke repressive laws and break with abusive past practices. “By winning a significant parliamentary majority, the NLD has an opportunity to introduce rights-respecting reforms that would protect everyone.”

The library provides stipends to meritorious students to help with their educational expenses and regularly holds book reading, poetry recitation, and music competitions, and sports events. Young people also have access to information such as on employment opportunities and on agriculture-related issues. Members of the library also do important social work -- last year, for example, they helped villagers affected by Cyclone Amphan, founder Joydeb told The Daily Star. They distributed 15 sewing machines to poor women, paddy seeds to 2,500 affected farmers, and corrugated tin worth Tk 2 lakh to the poor for rebuilding their shelters. The library regularly organises free health camps for locals, tree plantation programmes, and public awareness programmes on a myriad of issues. The library members have also set up a blood-donation agency, a goat farm to make Anirban volunteers financially self-sufficient, and are taking steps to make a bird sanctuary, added Provat. In 2014, the library got recognition as a ‘Ka’ category library from Jatiya Grantha Kendra due to its various social and cultural activities. It was also allocated a grant of Tk 10 lakh from the cultural affairs ministry in the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

AL gagged critics, journos using

FROM PAGE 12 drawing attention to widespread violence against women and girls, and the impunity perpetrators often enjoy in Bangladesh. Non-governmental groups reported a marked increase in reports of domestic violence during the Covid-19 lockdown. Instead of heeding activists’ calls for real reform, the government hurriedly approved an amendment to allow for the death penalty for rape, it noted. The New York-based global rights watchdog said health workers reported insufficient personal protective equipment and alleged corruption in access to critical services. The government responded by silencing healthcare workers, censoring media, arresting those who spoke out, and increasing surveillance to crack down on Covid-19 “rumors”. It said arrests under the abusive Digital Security Act increased dramatically. Police even arrested a child for “defaming” the prime minister in a Facebook post. The authorities released over 23,000 detained people to protect against the spread of Covid-19 in prisons, but did not include those held for criticising the ruling party, the report said. It added that the government continued to deny its unlawful practice of enforced disappearances, and ignored concerns raised by the UN Working Group on

Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, the UN Committee against Torture, and the UN Human Rights Committee. The HRW said security forces were accused of committing extrajudicial killings with near-complete impunity. However, when police killed a retired military officer, Maj Sinha Rashed Khan, the authorities were forced to take action. “Crossfires” -- a euphemism for extrajudicial killings -- dropped precipitously, indicating that the authorities are able to end them whenever they choose. The rights watchdog claimed that the authorities “arbitrarily detained” over 300 refugees on Bhashan Char island, and refused to allow safety assessment or protection visits by United Nations experts. The government says it will allow the UN experts to Bhashan Char at any favourable time. Following massive order cancellations during the pandemic, more than 1 million garment workers -- mostly women -- were laid off, and many did not receive payment of owed wages, it said. The government provided \$600 million in subsidised loans to companies to support payment of these wages, but it is unclear how the wages were paid, particularly to women who may not have financial control or access in their households, the report added.

World’s oldest cave painting

FROM PAGE 12 out with Indonesian authorities. The Leang Tedongnge cave is located in a remote valley enclosed by sheer limestone cliffs, about an hour’s walk from the nearest road. It is only accessible during the dry season because of flooding during the wet season -- and members of the isolated

Bugis community told the team it had never before been seen by Westerners. Measuring 136 by 54 centimetres (53 by 21 inches) the Sulawesi warty pig was painted using dark red ochre pigment and has a short crest of upright hair, as well as a pair of horn-like facial warts characteristic of adult males of the species.

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4.	531493	TMO/NDR/OTM-04 Routine & Periodic Repair Maintenance works along with necessary Materials & Manpower during the Irrigation Period for Tangaon Barrage Irrigation Project Buri-Badh irrigation Project Dhepa River Irrigation Project and 60 Electric Block irrigation project under Thakurgaon Mechanical Division during the financial year 2020-21.	Thakurgaon Mechanical Division, BWDB, Thakurgaon	17-Jan-2021 15:00	18-Jan-2021 15.00

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I will not spare

FROM PAGE 12 keepsakes,” Reana said. The girl’s father, a businessman, filed a case with Kalabagan Police Station against Fardin Iftekhhar Dihan -- an 18-year-old who has recently passed his A-level examinations -- over the rape and murder of his daughter. In the case statement, he said Dihan tricked his daughter into going to his flat in Kalabagan’s Dolphin Golly on Thursday (January 7) and raped her when Dihan’s family members were away. While visiting the victim’s house, the first thing one will notice is her school identity cards hanging on one corner of the drawing room, which clearly indicate that she was only 17, although it created a debate on her age after she died. The Zoom meeting ID and passwords for each subject written on the sticky notes, and the routine for classes for 2021 (with some highlights) are still on the wall in front of her bed. The books and notes are still on the table, which she kept the night before she was raped and murdered by the perpetrators on January 7. A key ring -- a memento given by a friend -- still hangs from the cupboard. “She was a very attentive student and was preparing herself for the O-level exams. She had been attending six online lectures a day,” the victim’s mother said. “Last week, she asked me to manage the money for her registration which

started last Sunday and today [Wednesday] is the last day of the registration. Her friends have completed the process, but my daughter is not in this world. How can I accept this?” the mother broke out in tears. “I never leave her alone anywhere. Before the pandemic broke out, her father would drop her at school, and after class, I would take her home,” she said. “I still cannot believe that this actually happened to us.” “My daughter would love small things, like a simple mirror on her wall or some money plants which I bought for her. She would water those every day and tried to keep her room clean and tidy,” said the mother. According to the mother, her daughter did not go there (Dihan’s flat) willingly. “She was entrapped, I must say.” “She was tortured severely and it was clear in the photos that were taken by my friend while she found my daughter’s body at Anwar Khan Modern Hospital. She also had a bruise in her thumb,” the mother said. She said her daughter even called her father at 12:19pm, but he missed that call. She left home around 11:45am. “She might have wanted to tell her father about the danger she went through. But now, people are blaming her for the whole thing. But no one is talking about that they don’t have the right to rape and kill her,” the mother added. “I want the speedy trial of the perpetrators,” she said.

Two held over rape

FROM PAGE 12 and rescued the victim. However, the owner of the house managed to flee. The OC said the girl would be sent to a hospital for medical examinations. Her family members went to the police station to file a case in this regard. RAPIST GETS 42YRS IN JAIL A Joypurhat court yesterday sentenced an absconding accused to jail for 42 years for raping a teenage girl, who later died by suicide to escape social stigma, in Joypurhat Sadar upazila in 2012. The convict is Masud

Rana, a resident of Haripur Uttarpara village in the same upazila. The victim also hailed from the same village. Judge Md Rustam Ali of Women and Children Respression Prevention Tribunal in Joypurhat delivered the verdict in a crowded courtroom. According to the prosecution, Rana raped the 16-year-old girl on June 30 in 2012. The victim died by suicide the following day. On July 3, her father filed a case with Joypurhat Sadar Police Station against Masud Rana.