Friendly talks with Myanmar | Frontliners lead

security of the people of the country," she said, adding, "We've achieved successes in many sectors.

The prime minister that said the importance of the Armed Forces is unlimited in the context of safeguarding the country's independence and sovereignty.

Realising this, the Father of the Nation took necessary steps soon after independence to develop a disciplined and professional armed force in the country and formulated a defence policy to this end, Hasina said.

About the DSCSC, she called it the

most modern training and educational institution and hoped that the graduating officers would play their due roles in developing Bangladesh as a stable, sustainable, and selfdependent country through their skills, knowledge, and experience.

Earlier, the Prime Minister handed over graduation certificates among the course participants virtually.

A total of 225 officers of the Army, Navy, and the Air Force, including 43 officers from 16 foreign countries, successfully completed a year-long training course at the DSCSC.

S'pore launches self-driving

The charge is just Sg\$0.20 (\$0.15). It is not the first self-driving bus trial in the city but is the first to charge a fee.

Singapore's first trial of self-driving buses came in 2015, while a trial of driverless road sweepers was launched

earlier this year. Despite the technology on the buses, a driver is still at the wheel to take control if necessary and must drive the bus manually along part of the route.

Khor Jing Qian, a 23-year-old student who took the bus to attend a

minutes, was "convenient and easy".

"It was unnatural to see the bus driver not driving, but I've heard of these kinds of technologies, I've seen them before, so I think this is quite an innovative thing and definitely the way forward," he told AFP.

The shuttles are also operating in another area of the city on a fixed schedule as part of the same trial, according to a statement from the Ministry of Trade and Industry.

Cold spell to last this entire

temperature may remain nearly unchanged in the country," said the bulletin that was released at 9:00am with a validity of 24 hours.

Yesterday's lowest temperature was recorded at 8.3 degrees Celsius in Dinajpur, said a report of Met office.

Bone-chilling cold continues sweeping over the northern region, paralysing normal life and causing immense hardship. Sunlight can hardly be seen as the sky remains overcast almost all day long.

In Dinajpur and Rangpur, people from all walks of life are going through hardship due to the bitter cold. The poor are facing a double blow due to shortage of winter clothes.

Besides, hospitals are witnessing rise in patients with cold-related diseases like pneumonia, diarrhoea, and bronchitis.

"Around 15 percent of patients admitted to different hospitals in our district are suffering from cold-related diseases," said Dinajpur's Civil Surgeon Abdus Kuddus.

Officials of the local administration said they are distributing blankets and warm clothes among the poor.

In Lalmonirhat and Kurigram, people of shoal and river basin areas are passing hard days due to the severe cold. "We earn our wages on a daily basis.

scholarship interview on Wednesday, said the journey, which took about 10

But we could not leave home to work for the last few days. We are struggling hard to run our families due to financial problems," said Hamidur Rahman, 50, a labourer of Mahendranagar village in

Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila. Children and the elderly are being infected by cold-related diseases, said Dr Sirajul Islam, superintendent of Lalmonirhat Sadar Hospital.

Sources at Lalmonirhat Sadar and Kurigram General hospitals said some 1,250-1,300 people take treatment of cold-related diseases daily in the two

Meanwhile, ferry services on the Paturia-Daulatdia route were suspended for around six hours due to thick fog.

service was suspended around 1:00am yesterday as the lights demarcating the route became invisible due to dense fog. The service resumed around 7:00am," said Zillur Rahman, deputy general manager (commerce) of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation at Aricha office in Manikganj.

Over 400 vehicles, including 300 goods-laden trucks, were stuck at the Paturia end and could not cross the Padma river due to suspension of ferry services, he added.

[Our correspondents in Dinajpur, Lalmonirhat and Manikganj contributed to this report.

After receiving the shot, State Minister for ICT Zunaid Ahmed Palak said, "A vested quarter is spreading falsehood about the vaccine. I took the vaccine myself to stop the propaganda."

Palak, the first lawmaker to get the vaccine jab, said he was feeling well. "Many people asked why politicians

were not taking the vaccine. From that point of view, I decided yesterday to take the vaccine," he said.

The five hospitals where the two-day piloting took place were Dhaka Medical College Hospital, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU), Kurmitola General Hospital, Kuwait Bangladesh Friendship Hospital, and

Mugda Medical College Hospital. At the BSMMU, Vice-Chancellor Prof Kanak Kanti Barua was the first person to get a vaccine shot.

Former communication minister Sved Abul Hossain, Health Secretary Md Abdul Mannan, and eminent economist Wahiduddin Mahmud

got inoculated at the BSMMU. After visiting a vaccination site, Health Minister Zahid Maleque told The Daily Star, "Despite uncertainties, we have started the first-run of vaccination. Some noted personalities have taken the shots. This will encourage others.

He added, "Anyone unable to register online, can go to a vaccination centre and register.'

Economist Dr Wahiduddin Mahmud said, "I took the first shot today. The jab was painless and I felt okay afterwards."

At the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH), ENT Chief Prof Nurul Fattah Rumi was the first person to get the shot.

After getting inoculated at the DMCH, State Minister KM Khalid of the cultural affairs ministry said, "It is the safest vaccine, Thailand, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and some other countries have yet to start vaccination, but Bangladesh has started this. It's a huge achievement."

DMCH Assistant Director Ashraful Alam said, "We took the vaccine to encourage people.

Meanwhile, speakers at a seminar at the BSMMU said the Covid-19 vaccine developed by Oxford-AstraZeneca was safe with nominal side effects.

Prof Saif Ullah Munshi, chairman of virology at BSMMU, said, "Some five percent people may show hypersensitivity to this vaccine. Given data from around the world, the Oxford vaccine has almost no side effects.

Speaking as the chief guest, Prof Kanak Kanti Barua said more doctors than nurses of the BSMMU showed willingness to take the shot. **HOW IS RUNU?**

The country's first covid-19 vaccine recipient Runu Veronica Costa, said, "I am in good health. I did not feel any effect, except the slight pain where the needle was pushed. But that is not a constant pain.

"I talked to my colleagues who took the vaccine yesterday and no one complained of any complications.'

A total of 26 people got vaccinated on the first day of the piloting. The prime minister on Wednesday

urged people not to fear the vaccine. There is no reason to worry. People should take the vaccine without hesitation."

Too early to ease' curbs

before everyone is safe," he said. Asked about delays in expediting

Pfizer and AstraZeneca vaccines to patients across the 27-nation European Union, Kluge and a WHO-Europe vaccination expert, Siddhartha Datta, appealed to governments and manufacturers to cooperate in addressing "teething problems" in the

"The reality is there is a shortage of vaccines...(But) we don't doubt that manufacturers and producers are working 24-7 to bridge the gaps and we're confident the delays we are seeing now are going to be made up by extra production in the future," Kluge said.

The WHO reiterated that vaccines should be shared equitably, between

poor and rich nations, to help end the pandemic with Datta stressing Covid-19 vaccines were "a global public good".

According to AFP's own tally for Europe, which excludes some of the Central Asian countries in the WHO European region, new cases totalled 1,421,692 in the last seven days, down about 10 percent compared with the previous seven. Days away from the one-year

anniversary of the first confirmed cases of Covid-19 in Europe, Kluge said "breaking transmission chains is a clear priority."

However he also stressed that the impact on mental health was now so severe that poor mental health had become a "parallel pandemic".

Three DU teachers demoted

professor, has been demoted to lecturer and his PhD degree has been cancelled. Syed Mahfujul Haque as lecturer for two more years after he Marjan, who was a lecturer, is currently

on a study leave.

The syndicate has decided that Marjan would have to discharge duties rejoins the university.

An elaborate con indeed

business from Singapore. He is also said to have travelled to Kuwait, Spain, Dubai, Malaysia and London for business.

"Actually, Akhteruzzaman has only passed SSC and is a guava farmer by profession," the PBI chief said.

At one point, Akhteruzzaman told Bari that he has a buyer with connections to Nasa and the American embassy. He lives abroad, but wants to buy old coins.

He also told Bari that there was a seller who lives in the bordering area in Jhenidah who brings such things from India

Kumar said Banai impersonating Nasa man is actually a sari trader. And that the old coin seller works as a caretaker at a house in Jhenidah. Another member of the ring, identified as the personal secretary of the buyer, is in fact a clothes trader, he added.

They told Bari that the coin's price was Tk 1,200 crore. If Ananda Group pays 35 percent to the government, it would be a legal deal.

To make the deal successful, they met several times in Dhaka at posh restaurants and hotels.

"On December 9, 2020, Ananda Group Managing Director AHM Mahbub Alam Sarker went to Udaipur $\,\,$ to arrest other members of the ring.

of Jhenidah to meet Salam. There, Jaman, impersonating as a Nasa employee, examined the coin and termed it genuine as the coin floated

"It's a fake coin made of wood. It would definitely float" the PBI

Mahbub paid Tk 1.5 crore and Jaman gave a cheque of Tk 8.5 crore to Salam. Mahbub took the coin and

Later, Jaman said he was in Sylhet and he would complete the deal after returning to Dhaka. After three days, Salam called Bari and said that the coin was not genuine and he had the real one with him

the "real" coin. Later, Jaman's mobile phone was found switched off.

Then the chairman of Ananda Group realised that the whole thing was a scam and that everyone involved was already known to each other and none of them was US citizen or Nasa employee.

On January 6, MD Mahbub filed a case with Jhenidah Police Station over the fraudulence.

arrestees, the PBI said.

The PBI chief said they were trying

A 'model for irregularities'

He said everyone must find a way to

party and opinion, will be needed for that, he added.

Only 22.5 percent of the votes were cast in the election. Such a meagre turnout cannot be the yardstick for measuring the establishment of democracy. If the election was free and fair manner, credible in a legal

held a proper election [even] on the 50th year of country's independence.

Two days ahead of polls on Monday, Mahbub said that The Election Commission (EC) cannot avoid responsibility for any kind of untowards incidents centring the election. He also said there was enough

reason for concern and fear of clashes way, voter turnout could be higher, during the crucial CCC polls.

Around 3k Rohingyas

Inspector Mosharaf Hossain.

They were kept under the Navy's supervision at Chattogram's Patenga and would be taken to the island, around 40 kilometres off Noakhali, today, the official added.

Confirming the matter, Additional Refugee Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner Md Samsuddoza said all preparations to welcome the 3,000 Rohingyas at Bhasan Char had been

According to locals, the Rohingyas who wanted to go to Bhasan Char willingly were kept at the transit point at Ukhia on Wednesday evening.

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The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered banks branches up to **4.00pm on 14-02-2021**. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk

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The students are Md Shihab, Md Akash Hossain, Md Moshiur Rahman Bhuiyan. Md Tamim Hossain, Md Rizwan Rashed Soan, Fayzul Islam Nirob, Shimul Ahmed, Shakil Mahmud, Alauddin Yousuf, Rozen Noor and Saroar Hossain Shakil. Key accused Shihab, a student of the marketing department, has been suspended for two vears and the rest for a year.

In July 2019, Shihab, along with his accomplices, entered the common room of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Hall late at night and began bullying

At one stage, they beat up a first-year student, leaving him unconscious.



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1	Ministry/Division	Not applicable.		
2	Agency	Not applicable.		
3	Procuring entity name	Bangladesh Bank.		
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.		
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.		
6	Invitation for	The Procurement of IT Equipment for Bangladesh Bank		
7	Invitation Ref. No.	ISDSD/Services)-12/88\/2021		

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Dhaka-1208 LOCAL PRESS TENDER NOTICE

Tender ref.: EDCL(Dhaka)/PUR//PT/2021/41

Dated 28/01/2021

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the genuine Importers/Suppliers for Supply & installation of following items for EDCL Dhaka on urgent basis:

Name of items	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender Schedule	Last date of Closing & opening.
Supply & installation of 01 (one) No. Silverson Stirrer & 01(one)No. Liquid Transfer Pump (Details as per Technical specification)	Tk. 2.5% of quoted amount	Tk.750.00/set (Non refundable)	Closing: 15/02/2021 at 12.00 noon Opening: 15/02/2021 at 12.15PM

Tender schedule will be sold from the Accounts Department of Essential Drugs Company Limited, Dhaka payment as stated above during office hours on all working days (except Friday, Saturday and Govt. Holidays). No tender schedule will be sold on the opening date of the tender.

The tender will be accompanied by an amount of Earnest Money as mentioned above in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any Schedule Bank of Bangladesh in favour of "Essential Drugs Co. Ltd." without which the tender will be considered as non-responsive.

EDCL authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason

whatsoever.

General Manager, Procurement Deptt. For: Managing Director.



All are second-year students of different departments.

the freshers, the release said.



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Network Data Cabling and Node Installation at Bangladesh Bank Sena Kalyan Bhaban, Motijheel, Dhaka

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came back to Dhaka.

Salam demanded Tk 10 crore for

Two old coins, cash and various equipment were recovered from the

Mahbub further said. "It is unacceptable that we cannot

conduct free and fair elections. The consensus of all, irrespective of

They are going there voluntarily, he

The first batch of 1,642 Rohingyas was relocated to Bhasan Char on December 4 while the second batch of over 1,800 others on December 29



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Time 17 February 2021 04:00pm 17 February 2021 04:15pm Address BB website e-Tender System and one hard copy document. Information Systems Development and Support Department (ISDSD), Bangladesh Bank, 28th Floor, Head Office, Motijheel, Dhaka.

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Tenderers having 5 years overall business experience and minimum specific

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