prevail."

she said.

Covid-19.

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democracy and autocracy is at an

"inflection point", Biden told the

of my being that democracy must

hailed President Biden's arrival on the

stage. "Multilateralism is boosted through

the change in the US government

already demonstrated this with its

first decisions" on returning to the

Paris climate accord and rejoining the

World Health Organization (WHO),

Though yesterday marked America's

formal re-entry to the Paris climate

accord, in a departure from Trump-

era politics, Biden has maintained his

comprises Britain, Canada, France,

Germany, Italy, Japan and the US --

and Washington is repositioning rich

democracies as a counterweight amid

mistrust of China's initial handling of

against China's "economic abuses",

and also accused Russia of attacking

to look into a possible pandemic

treaty to enhance early warning and

data transparency in case of future

London denies it has China in its

sights, but the Asian power has been

widely accused of covering up the

emergence of the virus in late 2019

Biden urged a collective pushback

At Britain's urging, the G7 agreed

Beijing is not part of the G7 -- which

predecessor's mistrust of China.

the Biden administration has

"And I believe with every ounce

German Chancellor Angela Merkel

3 Bangladeshi students killed in Canada

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"It is very devastating to the community," said Tasneem Vali, vicechair of Manitoba Islamic Association. A 53-vear-old woman who was

driving the other car sustained serious but non-life-threatening injuries and was transported to a hospital in Winnipeg. The collision is still under investigation, but alcohol is not

considered a factor, RCMP sav. Bangladesh High Commissioner to Canada, Dr Khalilur Rahman, said they have learnt of he tragic deaths and have assigned two officials to look into the matter and arrange

repatriation of the dead bodies. "We are doing whatever we can do," he told The Daily Star by phone yesterday.

'THEY WERE THE EXAMPLE'

'Drug dealer'

Friends and Winnipeg's Muslim community in general were mourning the loss of the three Bangladeshi students. "They were some of the best people

I had ever come across. True mentors,"

friend Fardeen Zareef told CBC News Canada.

"For the entire community, it's a major loss. We're all in mourning right now because it's a connected community and everyone knew them."

Aranoor was a third-year student studying statistics, Badhon was a hard-working third-year studying accounting and supply chain at the Asper School of Business, and Aditta was "a sweetheart" studying agriculture, said Zareef.

Aranoor and Badhon were the same age as Zareef, but Aditta was "like an older brother" and the best cook Zareef knows, he said.

"We used to call him Chef Pablo," he said, noting that Aditta's nickname was Pablo.

"They were some of the best faces in our community. They were the example," said Zareef.

News of the crash came around 10:30am [10:30pm Bangladesh] time, CBC Canada News said.

The families of the victims were immediately contacted, said Abdul Ahad, president of the Muslim Student Association at the University of Manitoba.

"It took a little time to actually digest the whole situation, because it was a bit unbelievable, [and] in Bangladesh [was] nighttime," said Ahad.

The Manitoba Islamic Association the province's largest Muslim organization -- is handling the funeral arrangements, and offering support, including grief counselling, to anyone who needs it, the report said.

8 more die

FROM PAGE 12 490,468 and the recovery rate at 90.38

percent Among the eight dead, six were

men and two were women. Of them, one was between 21-30 years old, one between 41-50, two

between 51-60 and four were above

both ran pre-Covid current-account

deficits and rely on remittances for

a sizeable share of current-account

Dr Sharif Ahmed | G7 refocuses on Covid

passes away STAR REPORT

Dr Sharif Ahmed, a dental surgeon, died at a hospital in the capital yesterday. He was 66, said a press release. He breathed his

last in the early hours at Square Hospital after being infected with Covid-19.

Dr Sharif left behind his wife Parveen Sharif, a son, a daughter and a host of relatives and well-wishers to mourn his death.

He was buried at Banani graveyard following a namaz-e-janaza after Juma prayers at Banani DOHS Mosque.

He was one of the eminent dental surgeons in the country, the release added. All are requested to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

Man held over FROM PAGE 12

Her father filed a case with Jhikargachha Police Station yesterday morning.

On information, police arrested the accused from Monirampur upazila in the district.

Mejbahuddin, inspector (investigation) of Jhikargachha Police Station, said the victim was seven-month pregnant and was sent to Jashore General Hospital for treatment and medical tests.

UK's Prince FROM PAGE 12

"Royal Highness" title and no longer carry out duties on behalf of the monarch, but vowed to review the moves a year on.

"The Duke and Duchess of Sussex have confirmed to Her Majesty The Queen that they will not be returning as working members of The Royal Family," Buckingham Palace said.

"The Queen has written confirming that in stepping away from the work of The Royal Family it is not possible to continue with the responsibilities and duties that come with a life of public service.

"The honorary military appointments and Royal patronages held by The Duke and Duchess will therefore be returned to Her Majesty, before being redistributed among working members of The Royal Family."

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The total in G7 commitments stands at 7.5 billion euros, the group said in Munich conference. a joint statement following the talks.

"Drawing on our strengths and values as democratic, open economies and societies, we will work together and with others to make 2021 a turning point for multilateralism and to shape a recovery that promotes the health and prosperity of our people and planet," the leaders added.

But ahead of the gathering, French President Emmanuel Macron had demanded richer nations go further by transferring 3-5 percent of their existing stock to Africa.

"It's an unprecedented acceleration of global inequality and it's politically unsustainable too because it's paving the way for a war of influence over vaccines," he told the Financial Times, as Russia and China step up free or low-cost distribution of their own jabs.

The ONE Campaign, a global organisation co-founded by U2 singer Bono, said the G7 members plus Australia had collectively bought nearly 1.25 billion more doses than they needed to inoculate every member of their populations against Covid-19.

Later Friday, Biden, Johnson and EU leaders in the G7 joined another gathering online, the annual Munich Security Conference, to discuss "renewing transatlantic cooperation".

Biden became the first US president to address the Munich meeting, underlining a decisive shift after cooperation was all but broken under

and depriving the WHO of vital early his go-it-alone predecessor. The struggle worldwide between information.

30 JU students hurt

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fire to four motorcycles in Gerua Bazar. Around 7:30pm, a group of students gathered there and launched a counter-attack.

About 2,000 people from both sides were at the clash site around 10:30pm. Many were hurling brickchips at each other. Police fired blank shots to keep the situation under control, witnesses said.

At least 30 injured students were given primary treatment at the JU medical centre. Two were later sent to Enam Medical College Hospital, said Mahfuzul Kabir, duty doctor at the medical centre. Following the incident, some said locals.

students fled their messes fearing fresh attacks.

ASM Firoz Ul Hasan, acting proctor of JU, said police and the university administration were trying to bring the situation under control.

Villagers, however, alleged that a group of Chhatra League men picked up a local youth from Gerua Bazar following an altercation over the cricket match. They held him hostage in a room of a house.

Outraged at this, villagers clashed with students, said Nazrul Islam, a resident of the area.

The BCL men later freed the youth,



Bangladesh one of three

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members started shooting at the officers, forcing the latter to retaliate, he said.

As the gang members fled after a few minutes, the officers found the critically wounded man, he added.

Two Rab members got hurt in the gunfight and took primary treatment, the official said. But he didn't mention the nature of the injuries or the names of the "injured officials".

The Rab men also found a gun, three bullets and 32 yaba pills at the scene, he said.

Lt Col Ashique said officials were trying to identify the man by his finger print.

The man's body was at the hospital as of yesterday evening and the police were yet to make an inquest report.

After such incidents, an officer from the local police station usually makes an inquest report without delay and sends the body to the morgue for an autopsy.

Imdadul Islam, inspector of South Keranignaj Police station, told The Daily Star around 8:00pm yesterday that he heard about a "crossfire" death, but Rab had not informed the police station yet.

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nationals returning home after losing their jobs; this trend was especially notable in the Gulf economies, which suffered greatly amid the crash in oil prices and tourism.

was probably also prompted by the shift in flows to formal channels, as travel restrictions complicated the informal transfer of remittances across borders -- effectively meaning that the 2020 rise may be partially explained by an accounting change.

The introduction of new remittance tax incentives by the authorities -in 2020 by Pakistan and in 2019 by Bangladesh -- could also have boosted flows, but those effects may well be temporary, the report said.

The one-off nature of these factors increases the risk of remittances falling for Pakistan and Bangladesh, which report added.

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remittances, which represent a significant source of economic support for many poor countries.

"Apart from a few exceptional cases, most remittance-receiving countries are in a very difficult position," it said. Many registered a steep fall in remittances in 2020 compared with 2019, such as the Kyrgyz Republic, this year. This could be problematic which suffered a 22 percent drop, the

credits. The report said a sharp depreciation of the peso at the onset of the pandemic encouraged the flow of remittances to Mexico from the US, as the value of remittances in local

currency was artificially increased. Access to stimulus payments in the US is also likely to have supported these flows, even as unemployment rose while the pandemic progressed (more than 90 percent of Mexican migrants are based in the US, and many

have access to social protection via resident status or a work permit). The report said the pandemic has had an enormous impact on international flows of migrant

60 years old, added the release.

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A further 7 percent drop in remittances is expected in 2021, owing to the pandemic's lingering effects on the

global economy, the report added. The EIU study mentioned that in Pakistan and Bangladesh, increased remittance inflows were likely tied to factors unique to 2020. These included the repatriation of overseas savings by

The headline rise in remittances



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Nasa rover FROM PAGE 12

US President Joe Biden hailed the "historic" event. "Today proved once

again that with the power of science and American ingenuity, nothing is beyond the realm of possibility," he tweeted. Perseverance's prime mission will last just over two years but it is likely to remain operational well beyond that, with its predecessor Curiosity still functioning eight years after landing on the planet, said Nasa acting administrator Steve Jurczyk "It'll be on Mars for its

entire life," he said, adding "these robots tend to be really reliable."

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organization established in 1951 and is committed to the principle that humane and orderly migration benefits both migrants and society.

In the framework of Humanitarian Support to the Rohingya Migrated People at Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, the IOM invites eligible and interested transport service providers to provide both Technical and Financial Proposals for the "Provision of rental vehicles" within/outside Cox's Bazar, Chittagong & Dhaka, for a duration of one year (1 Year) as per the below table; with a provision to extend the contact for one (one) more year with the successful suppliers.

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		Honda		
02	Microbus (NOAH)	Toyota	2016 and above	07 persons
03	Microbus (HIACE)	Toyota/ Mitshuishi	2016 and above	10 persons
04	Parado Land cruiser	Toyota	2016 and above	07 persons
05	AC Civilian Bus (small)	Toyota/ Mitsuibishi/	2016 and above	18 persons
		Nissan		
06	AC Civilian Bus (big)	Toyota/ Mitsuibishi/	2016 and above	28 persons
		Nissan		
07	Non AC Bus (Minibus)	Local	New condition	32 persons
08	General ambulance	Toyota/ Mitsuibishi/	New condition	With oxygen system
		Nissan		
09	ICU ambulance	Toyota/ Mitsuibishi/	New condition	With ICU facilities
		Nissan		

More details on the services provided and requirements that the service providers will need to follow in order to prepare and submit their technical & financial proposals for consideration are available in the Terms of Reference (TOR) at the bidding document (RFQ - section IV).

A complete set of Bidding Documents is available for issuance to Interested Bidders at https://bangladesh.iom.int/opportunities/work-asservice-provider and the Interested Bidders can download or collect the BIDDING DOCUMENTS from the below mentioned office from 19 - 28th Feb, 2021.

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