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Man Killed in Feb 19 'Gunfight'

# A trucker, not a drug dealer

Family claims rejecting Rab version, says he remained missing since Feb 14

SHAHEEN MOLLAH and MUNTAKIM SAAD

A man, who was killed in an alleged gunfight with Rab-10 in Dhaka's Keraniganj on Friday, was the driver of a truck that ran over and killed a Rab member in Mymensingh's Bhaluka on February 14.

Four days after the so-called gunfight, family members of the deceased identified the body at the Dhaka Medical College morgue around 1:00am

The deceased was Shafiq Sheikh, 35, son of Abed Sheikh of a Jamalpur village, his brother-in-law Mohammad Manik told The Daily Star yesterday. He said Shafiq worked as a technician at the Tongi truck stand and was behind the wheels of the truck that killed the Rab man in Bhaluka.

Manik claimed that Shafiq had been missing since the accident on February 14. "Shafiq was not a drug peddler. He had been traceless since the accident."

After police informed them about his death and that the body was kept at the DMC morgue, Shafiq's wife and other family members went there for identification, Manik added.

On February 19, Bachchu Mia, inspector of a police outpost at Dhaka Medical College Hospital, said members of Rab-10 took a man with SEE PAGE 6 COL 2



Students of seven colleges affiliated to Dhaka University stage demonstrations blocking the Nilkhet intersection in the capital yesterday, demanding continuation of their ongoing exams and reopening of dormitories. The protest caused traffic tailback on many city streets, bringing sufferings to people.

7 DU-Affiliated Colleges

### **Commuters** suffer for daylong demo

Authorities meet students' demand for continuing the examinations

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University authorities have decided to hold all ongoing and previously announced exams of its seven affiliated colleges in the wake of student protests.

The decision came at an emergency virtual meeting between Education Minister Dipu Moni and the university authorities yesterday afternoon.

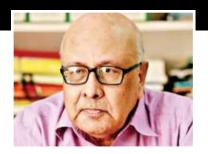
Meanwhile, demonstrations by students blocking the city's Nilkhet intersection caused sufferings to commuters as they had to endure long tailbacks on streets throughout the day.

Traffic was badly disrupted on Mirpur Road and Elephant Road, and also on streets in Shahbagh, Bangshal, Nayabazar

and some other adjacent areas. Many people had to walk to their

destinations after getting off vehicles.

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KHONDKAR IBRAHIM KHALED (1941-2021)

### A bold voice against financial fraud no more

AKM ZAMIR UDDIN

In his famous book titled "The Old Man and The Sea", US writer Ernest Hemingway said, "But man is not made for defeat. A man can be destroyed but not defeated."

Khondkar Ibrahim Khaled is the same, having fought until he breathed his last in order to build a strong, corruption-free and well-governed financial sector.

He was a rarity person because of his bold voice against financial scammers at a time when anyone has hardly lambasted the vested groups, which are connected with the financial scams.

Although there are many financial experts in the country, only a few have so far shown the courage to take a strict stance against habitual defaulters.

He became a torchbearer by way of giving his valuable recommendations to protect financial institutions from delinquent borrowers.

In most of the cases, the authorities concerned did not accept Khaled's suggestions due to pressure from influential quarters, but his stubborn stance helped create a strong opinion against fraudsters in society.

The woes of the banking sector are still ongoing due to a continuous relaxation of rules and regulations in helping large borrowers at a time when many scammers are enjoying a culture of impunity.

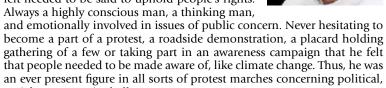
A question has commonly surfaced: what is the source of Khaled's strength to

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### TRIBUTE TO SYED ABUL MAKSUD

# Demise of an authentic voice of dissent

He was a journalist, turned writer, turned columnist, turned public intellectual -- meaning he devoted all his intellectual and physical abilities to promoting public causes. It was as if his world was that of social issues, and what he did from morning till the day's end was to lend his voice and his writings to articulate what he felt needed to be said to uphold people's rights. Always a highly conscious man, a thinking man,



social or economic challenges. He was a stalwart of our movement against forced disappearance, abuse of power, child marriage, violence against women, etc. He was always present in movements demanding road safety, safe drinking water, against slum eviction, etc. He would give most generously his time to promote every social and volunteer group in which he could see a trace of humanity and patriotism.

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### SHOOTING IN BAGHAICHHARI

# at upazila office

Our Correspondent, Rangamati

office in Rangamati yesterday.

village, was also a member of Jana Sanghati Samity (MN Larma).

Quoting witnesses, police said a masked assailant sneaked into the project implementation officer's room around 1:00pm and opened fire at Samar, leaving him dead on the spot. The killer who came along with another assailant fled immediately,

Ín a statement, Joshi Chakma, general secretary of Baghaichhari JSS

The PCJSS, however, denied its involvement in the incident. Tridiv Chakma, organising secretary of the party's upazila unit, said the

his wife, daughter and son.

PADMA RAIL LINK PROJECT

# Chinese firm raises fund crunch alarm

In a rare press release, it alleges it hasn't been paid for 7 months' work; project director casts doubt on the release

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Chinese contractor for the Padma Bridge Rail Link Project yesterday alleged that it has not been paid for work done in the last seven months and this was slowing down work.

The slowdown threatens cost escalation and meeting the deadline has become

challenging, the contractor said.

China Railway Group Ltd, the contractor for the biggest project of Bangladesh Railway (BR), said the government owes it \$400 million and the payment delay rendered it unable to buy sufficient construction materials and pay subcontractors and suppliers timely.

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"The fund crisis seems to have emerged as an impediment to completing the construction process."

CREC – THE CHINESE

CONTRACTOR

169km line to connect Dhaka and Jashore

Project cost Tk 39,246 Completion deadline

June 2024 Govt wants to open the

line partially next year when Padma bridge will open

# UP member killed

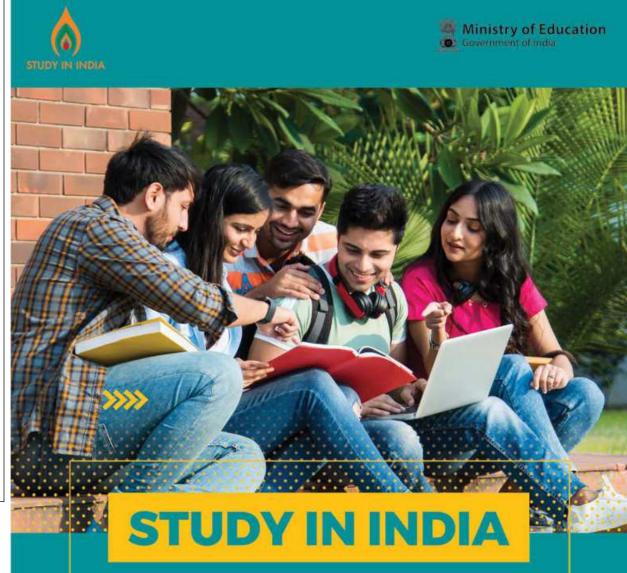
A union parishad member was shot dead inside the Baghaichhari upazila

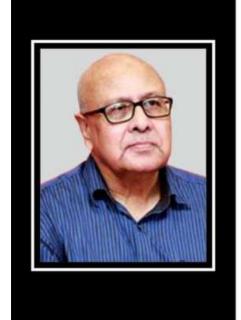
The victim, 42-year-old Samar Bijay Chakma of the upazila's Boradam

(MN Larma), blamed Parbatya Chattagram Jana Samhati Samiti (PCJSS) for the killing.

murder was "a result of the JSS faction's internal feud". The victim was a member of Rupkari Union Parishad. He left behind

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### আমরা গভীরভাবে শোকাহত

বিশিষ্ট ব্যাংকার ও অর্থনীতিবিদ, বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের সাবেক ডেপুটি গভর্নর, পুবালী ব্যাংক লিমিটেডের সাবেক ব্যবস্থাপনা পরিচালক (২০০০-২০০৬)

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Myanmar Military Rule

# Call for global arms embargo

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Fortify Rights and 136 other organisations have written an open letter, calling for the UN Security Council to institute a coordinated, global arms embargo against the Myanmar military that has taken control of power through a coup on February 1.

In the letter to the body and UN member states, they said the Security Council should break its long history of inaction on Myanmar and immediately respond to this crisis, Fortify Rights said in a statement yesterday.

Signatories to the open letter hail from 31 countries and include Fortify Rights, Human Rights Watch, and dozens of Myanmar-based as well as Rohingya-led organisations, demonstrating a level of inter-ethnic unity in the wake of the coup d'état in Myanmar.

In response to coup and detention of civilian leaders, millions of people joined nationwide general strike and street protests but state security forces have used lethal force against unarmed protesters, killing some protesters. As of February 22, more than 630 people are either evading arbitrary arrest or are currently in detention since the junta seized power.

The letter said Myanmar military is also responsible for mass atrocities and protracted human rights violations committed with impunity against the Rohingya and the Arakanese (Rakhine), Kachin, Shan, Karen, and other ethnic-nationality people.

In its 2017 genocidal offensive

against the Rohingya, the military massacred untold civilians and forced nearly 800,000 to flee to Bangladesh. Myanmar authorities continue to confine more than 125,000 Rohingya and other Muslims to more than 20 internment camps, while several armed conflicts in the country are ongoing.

Rights said the UN Security Council already recognises humanitarian emergencies, atrocity crimes, military coups, and crossborder refugee crises as legitimate threats to international peace.

"There is no question that the Myanmar military poses a threat to international peace and security, even beyond this coup," said Matthew Smith. "The coup will only exacerbate existing crises in the country that threaten to spill over its borders.

Despite the Myanmar military's long-standing threats to peace and security, the UN Security Council has never used its authority under Chapter VII of the UN Charter with regard to Myanmar, the statement said.

On February 2, the Security Council convened an emergency meeting but failed to establish a common position on Myanmar. Later, the body issued a statement on the situation in

"Council members should use that newfound consensus to take swift and substantive action," the open letter

An arms embargo would be the centerpiece of a global effort to shield the people of Myanmar from a return to abusive and autocratic rule, it



Vehicles are caught in long tailbacks on Mirpur Road in the capital's Shyamoli area around 10:00am yesterday. People suffered delays throughout the day as demonstrations by college students blocking roads led to severe traffic disruption in many parts of the city. PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

# Commuters suffer for daylong demo No examinations will be held said he needed to take only one more

Students of the seven colleges staged demonstrations for the last two days demanding the authorities hold their ongoing and previously announced exams and reopen their educational institutions and dormitories.

An education ministry statement yesterday said the DU authorities would hold all ongoing and previously announced examinations of its seven affiliated colleges under certain conditions.

Education Minister Dipu Moni said the exams would be held maintaining Covid-19 health guidelines and the college dormitories would not be opened during the exams.

Dhaka College Principal IK Selim Ullah Khondaker, also the coordinator of the seven colleges, who was present at the meeting, said they would inform the students about the matter.

Earlier on Tuesday evening, the DU authorities in a meeting with the college principals had decided to postpone the exams. The decision came a day after the education minister announced that all universities would reopen on May 24 after the Eid-ul-Fitr.

"Project execution is naturally slowing

down, and project costs are increasing day by day," China Railway, also

known as CREC, said in a press release

set a target of opening both rail and

road on the Padma Bridge on the same

day. However, the fund crisis seems to

have emerged as an impediment to

completing the construction process,"

borrow hefty sums to keep the fast-

Fakhruddin Ahmed Chowdhury said

he would not comment about the

allegations. He said he had contacted

the CREC which told him that they

had not issued any such press release.

by the CREC told The Daily Star

that they received the press release

from their client and circulated it to

A contractor issuing such a press

release is rare but the CREC had issued

another press release via the same PR

It had alleged that Roads and

Highways Department (RHD) had

closed a passage between the Dhaka-

Mawa-Bhanga Expressway and a

service road, causing problems for the

allegations and said the CREC and

its sub-contractors were damaging

the expressway and service roads with

The rail project was approved in

March 2016 to connect the capital

with Jashore by 2022 with a 169km

rail line over the under-construction

Padma bridge at a cost of Tk 34,989

and the deadline was extended to

2024 after the first revision of the

The cost rose to Tk 39,246 crore

refuted the

PROJECT AND CONTRACTOR

agency on June 9 last year.

construction work.

The RHD had

their heavily loaded trucks.

This paper could not contact the

However, the PR agency appointed

It claimed that it was having to

Project Director (PD) Golam

read the release

track project moving.

different news outlets.

CREC directly.

The government of Bangladesh has

circulated through its PR agency.

before reopening of the universities, exam, and the DU authorities were but online classes will continue, Dipu Moni added.

Frustrated by the decision, a group of students blocked Nilkhet intersection and some other roads near the DU campus that evening, demanding continuation of their ongoing exams.

Yesterday, students once again gathered at the intersection around 9:00am and blocked roads, halting traffic in New Market area.

Around noon, another group of students blocked Science Laboratory intersection. They continued their protests till around 4:00pm. The protesters left the place after hearing about the latest announcement of the education ministry.

During demonstrations, students alleged that the session jam situation worsened following the affiliation of their colleges to the DU. They expressed concern that the situation would deteriorate further if the ongoing exams were deferred.

Mohammad Lincoln, a fourth-year honours student of Dhaka College,

considering postponing the exams.

"Halls are closed amid the pandemic and we were taking exams staying at messes. If the exams are postponed, we have to stay at messes for the next three months spending extra money," he said.

Mentioning financial that condition of all students are not the same, he demanded the authorities meet their demand.

Assistant Commissioner (Lalbagh zone) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police Sanwar Hossain yesterday said they requested the agitating students to free the streets but in vain.

In 2017, the seven colleges -Dhaka College, Eden Mohila College, Government Shaheed Suhrawardy College, Kabi Nazrul Government College, Begum Badrunnesa Government Mohila College, Mirpur Government Bangla College, and Government Titumir College -- were brought under DU from National University with the aim to increase the quality of education and reduce

### A bold voice FROM PAGE 1

run his fight against the vested quarter in a consistent manner?

There is nothing but his honesty, sincerity and knowledge to deal a fatal blow to the fraudsters.

The unexpected demise of Khaled this morning, at the age of 80, has silenced a voice against the lack of corporate governance in banks.

The prominent economist and former deputy governor of Bangladesh Bank breathed his last at 5:45am yesterday at the intensive care unit of . Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University.

Khaled was admitted to the hospital on February 11 with post-Covid-19 complications.

He had earlier tested positive for coronavirus infection and was admitted to Bangladesh Specialised

Hospital last month. The unexpected demise brought a sense of great loss for the nation with President Abdul Hamid, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Parliament Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury and ministers expressing condolences over his death.

Khaled was born on July 4, 1941, in Gopalganj. He earned his graduation and post-graduation degrees from Dhaka University's science faculty and then completed his MBA from Institute of Business Administration

in the same institution. He commenced his banking career as a probationary officer of Habib Bank in 1963 and engaged with different banks, including the central bank, for more than four decades.

He was appointed as the managing director of Bangladesh Krishi Bank in 1994 and broke with tradition by starting to visit rural areas to observe the hardships of farmers.

This might be the first incident of visiting rural areas by an MD of a

Khaled listened to the problems of farmers with utmost patience and arranged meetings at district level with the deputy commissioner concerned as part of his efforts to give loans to underprivileged farmers.

He also served at Sonali Bank as its MD for one year in 1997 and held the same post in Agrani Bank for a year in

Between 1998 and 2000, he was the deputy governor of the central bank and drew attention from different corners because of his outspokenness against delinquent borrowers.

During his tenure as deputy governor, he vehemently criticised the scammers in presence of the then finance minister at a programme held at a city hotel, saying that a mafia group had control over the banking sector. Khaled's forthright speech also baffled the finance minister. After completing his tenure in

the central bank, he joined Pubali Bank as its MD, when the lender was struggling to survive because of its ailing financial health. The lender was identified as a problem bank after reeling from a wide range of financial

But Khaled restored the corporate governance of the bank and turned it into a profit-making institution. Between 2000 and 2006, he established corporate governance in the bank and the trend continues till

The country's capital market faced a bubble-and-burst in 2010 that drove many investors away after which the government formed a four-member committee led by Khaled in January 2011 to look into the matter.

The committee submitted a report in April that year based mostly on interviews with stakeholders.

He publicly blamed the share market regulator for the failure to control the market where rampant illegal trading was also alleged.

Although Khaled's suggestions to strengthen the capital market had hardly been implemented, his strict stance against the unholy nexus is still an example of the fight against the vested quarters in the financial sector.

In addition, he has written articles for newspapers on a regular basis as part of his effort to bolster the financial sector so that it could sweep aside the irregularities.

He has departed life at a time when scammers are using innovative tricks to swindle money from the banking sector and at least 10 out of 36 nonbank financial institutions are now unable to pay back depositors' funds after reeling from wide-ranging scams.

A question has now surfaced: who will take a bold stance against the perpetrators in the financial sector after Khaled's departure?

Beyond a doubt, Khaled's absence has created a vacuum of voices against scammers in the days ahead.

Although he held the top posts of a number of banks, Khaled was not solvent in his old age. He invested some of his pension

fund in national savings certificates, which was his major financial source to live life after his retirement.

One of his close associates said Khaled's family had even faced financial trouble to pay the hospital's

This is the man whose life is like an open book.

Chinese firm raises fund crunch alarm Chinese Exim Bank was supposed supposed to be supplied by July 2020, to provide Tk 21036.69 crore in loans

for the project. Even though construction work started in July 2018, the project is still facing fund problems. facing several challenges that could adversely impact its cost and duration, according to BR documents.

BR plans to open the Bhanga-Mawa section of the route when the Padma bridge opens, expected in June, 2022. THE PRESS RELEASE

The CREC said it received mobilisation payment at the end of June 2018 but Bangladesh Railway did not pay them anything between that time and September 2020.

During this long period, the CREC had to borrow huge amounts to continue with the project execution,

According to the CREC, the time consumed by BR for processing each interim payment was a lot longer than expected.

For example, the CREC submitted a bill (interim payment-7) for project expenses between June and September of 2020 on October 27, 2020. But it was not until February 9, 2021, that BR sent the bill to China Exim Bank asking it to release the part of the loan, the CREC said in the release.

The local portion of the payment is still pending.

"Since China Exim Bank shall not release the foreign portion before the local portion is paid, the CREC has not received any payment for IP7 [interim payment-7] up to now, 115 days after the submission of IP7," it added.

The CREC claimed that they have only received the payment for the work completed before June 2020, while the payment for the work completed between July 2020 and January, 2021 is still being processed by BR.

According to the CREC, it has repeatedly asked BR to give the go ahead for building 100 rail carriages that would be used on the lines. It had told BR that the carriages would take two years to build.

Even though the carriages were over the allegations.

BR has not given it any instructions.

Project authorities told a railway meeting on February 9 that they were

They told the meeting that the contractor submitted Interim Payment Certificate (IPC) for Tk 2,046.54 crore and that they have to send the IPC to the Chinese embassy within 56 days (by February 16), otherwise pay a fine.

But the project authority did not get Tk 1,801.14 crore it had sought from the annual development programme on November 25, reads BR documents.

The PD, however, told The Daily Star after the meeting that they were able to manage the money and would be able to avoid the fine.

DRAMA OVER PRESS RELEASE The Daily Star received the press release via email

This correspondent talked with at least four reporters of different newspapers who also said they received the same.

The Daily Star then confirmed the authenticity of the press release with the PR agency.

This paper asked the agency if the CREC had talked to the government authorities concerned about the problems before issuing the press release. The agency said the CREC has been talking to the BR authorities every day" since interim payment-7" was submitted.

The agency said the CREC wants people to know the reasons for possible delays.

When this correspondent called PD Fakhruddin yesterday evening, he said he was unaware of any press release. He said he would not comment on the release without going through it.

Then this correspondent informed him about the contents.

The Daily Star correspondent called him again 15 minutes later. The PD then said, "I have talked to the CREC [officials] but they [CREC] said no such press release was issued by them. So I would not make any comments

### Lawrence Ferlinghetti, bedrock of Beat Generation, dies at 101

Lawrence Ferlinghetti, the last great poet of the Beat Generation who helped to establish the counterculture movement of 1950s America through his City Lights bookshop and publishers, has died, the store announced Tuesday. He was 101.

"We love you, Lawrence," City Lights said on Twitter, adding that Ferlinghetti died on Monday.

Born in 1919, the New York native took part in the D-Day landings of World War II and saw the horror of atomic-bombed Nagasaki before ending up in San Francisco and co-founding City Lights in 1953.

### Demise of an authentic voice

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But it was the bigger picture of shrinking intellectual space that most concerned him. He dreamt of a democratic and free Bangladesh and any reversal of it pained him to the core and he couldn't desist from protesting. He was also seriously concerned at the rising religious extremist trends in society. He considered both these tendencies to be fundamentally antithetical to the core values of our freedom struggle.

A humble man, he never showed a trace of ego and desire for special treatment. Always ready to oblige and listen to people from every ethnic, social or religious group. He would react very badly and almost feel personally hurt when political figures would insult one another in objectionable terms. He would insist that even in condemning someone there should be an elegance of expression. According to him, under no circumstances should one lower the bar of linguistic refinement. This he also insisted in personal behaviour. His interactions with people from all walks of life and from every strata of society would be marked by a sensitivity and attention to personal courtesy that would make every encounter refreshing and pleasant.

His interest was wide and varied, from literary to political, from memoirs to history, to tourism, to journals of visits, to snippets from the lives of eminent persons. He wrote just as easily on Maulana Bhashani as on Sir Philip Joseph Hartog, the first vice chancellor of Dhaka University. He wrote on Syed Walliullah, on Buddhadeb Basu, on Tagore and on the dilemmas of Muslim Bengali intellectuals.

In the last two decades, he excelled as a columnist. When in 2004, while working as a senior staff of the stateowned news agency BSS, he wrote a stinging essay after the murder of writer and university professor Humayun Azad terming it the "rise of naked Fascism", he was asked by the BSS authority to desist from writing columns anymore. That triggered his resignation and emergence as one of the most popular columnist in the country. His voice was one of dissent, one of a fresh perspective, one of thinking out of the box.

His very last column on the proposal by some in the ruling party about withdrawing the gallantry award given to the one of the most prominent of our sector commanders of our Liberation War, former president Ziaur Rahman and the founder of BNP, was a contrarian one. The argument he made in his column was most powerful. He warned the present holders of power not to set any example that future powers holders may use as an excuse for their own political vendetta.

It was remarkable that while we all stood aghast at the US's invasion of Iraq on false pretence, Syed Abul Maksud took it upon himself to protest in the Gandhian style of non-cooperation by abandoning western style clothing and wearing only two pieces of unstitched white cloths as an attire. This he vowed to carry on, as his personal protest, till every ÚS soldier would leave Iraq. He did so till the very last day of his life.

This taking personal responsibility o articulate a social concern was what made Syed Abul Maksud so special. For every cause he felt a personal responsibility and if nobody would protest, he would take it upon himself to do what he felt needed to be done. Over the years, he became a personification of civic protest. For every just cause he would be a definite presence in the protest rallies.

That was Syed Abul Maksud, the voice that would articulate views that others would not dare to. More the protesting voices were stymied the more he became loud and poignant.

With his passing, we lose an authentic dissenting voice whose love for the people was based on a genuine love for them, on ethical values, on social concerns, and we lose a far sighted vision of the society that is increasingly becoming rare.

### Death Anniversary



February 25, 1973.

The 48th death anniversary of Freedom Fighter Abdur Rob (Boga Mia) Ex-member of the Constituent Assembly and President of the Pabna District Awami League, will be observed today.

He was the first to hoist the flag of independent Bangladesh in the District of Pabna Mr. Abdur Rob (Boga Mia) died in a tragic car accident on

# UP member killed at upazila office

Talking to The Daily Star, Baghaichhari Upazila Project Implementation Officer Nurnnabi Sarkar, who was present at the room when Samar was killed, said the incident happened when the UP member, sitting in a chair, was talking to him about a project.

Two people were peeking from behind the door. At one point, one of them came in, fired two shots at Samar and fled along with the other, he said. Nurnnabi said both the assailants were

wearing masks and he did not recognise them.

Officer-in-charge of Baghaichhari Police Station Mohammad Anwar Hossain Khan said they recovered the body and sent it to hospital for an autopsy.

Asked about the security in the building, he said no police personnel were deployed there when the incident happened. "Several Ansar members provide security to the upazila nirbahi officer in the building, but none of them saw

He also said they were trying to arrest the



# BGB to observe Martyrs' Day today

Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) will observe Martyrs' Day today with due solemnity to commemorate those killed in the February 25-26 carnage at Pilkhana headquarters of then Bangladesh Rifles (now BGB) in 2009.

A total of 74 people, including 57 army officers, were killed in the carnage

Marking the day, BGB will organise Quran-khwani, as well as doa and milad mahfil in mosques at the headquarters, and all other units and border outposts, said a BGB press release yesterday.

Representatives of the president and prime minister, the home minister, chiefs of three armed forces, and BGB director general, among others, will place wreaths at the memorial of the martyrs at Banani military graveyard around 9am, the release added.

All BGB members will wear black badges, and BGB flag will be hoisted at half-mast at BGB installations.

A special prayer and doa mahfil will be held tomorrow after Jumma prayers at BGB Central Mosque, Dhaka Sector Mosque and Border Guard Hospital Mosque in Pilkhana. Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan will attend the programme at BGB Central Mosque.

Besides, senior secretary of the home ministry's public security division, BGB director general, invited guests, close relatives of the martyred, and all officers and force members working in Pilkhana will participate in the programmes, maintaining social distance, the press release



younger daughter of Bangabandhu Sheikh **Mujibur Rahman and** sister of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, received the first dose of her Covid-19 vaccine in the capital yesterday. The number of people vaccinated for Covid-19 rose to 26,73,038 as the vaccination campaign entered 15th day yesterday. A total of 1,81,985 people were vaccinated in around 1010 vaccination centers across the country on the day, according to a press release from the **Directorate General of** Health Services (DGHS).

PHOTO COURTESY: PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

# No construction on canals without DSCC permission: Taposh

Dhaka South City Corporation Mayor Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh yesterday gave instruction to suspend all housing projects constructed by filling up canals without the city corporation's permission.

The mayor uttered the instruction while visiting Fakirkhali under ward-75 around 11am yesterday.

He said parts of Jirani and Rampura canals are being filled up and different housing projects are being constructed, illegally filling the canals. "We have visited the areas and directed officials concerned to take necessary steps to stop the activities," said the mayor.

Taposh visited the bank of Balu river, Dasher Kandi, Kayetpara Bazar, Iderkandi and Fakirkhali areas as part of his weekly visits.

Taposh said they visited the areas and found some housing projects occupying lands without the permission of DSCC. He said the construction is being done in an unplanned manner.

The mayor said people are suffering in these areas and they are not getting any result even protesting against the encroachment.

Mayor Taposh said they have already directed their estate department and zonal officials concerned to stop dredging of the areas.

"They will not be allowed to construct housing projects here and there without permission and if necessary, DSCC will seize vehicles and equipment from the companies," he said.

Taposh said they want to keep a playground in every ward of Dhaka city

"We have visited TT para adjoining Motijheel under ward-8, and are considering building a playground there," he said.

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CORRUPTION CASE AGAINST HAJI SALIM

# HC to deliver verdict on appeal on Mar 9

The High Court will deliver its verdict on March 9 on the appeal filed by independent lawmaker and Awami League leader Haji Mohammad Salim, challenging the trial court verdict that sentenced him to 13 years' imprisonment in a corruption case.

The HC bench of Justice Md Moinul Islam Chowdhury and Justice AKM Zahirul Huq yesterday fixed the date, after concluding rehearing on the appeal.

During hearing, Haji Salim's lawyers Abdul Baset Majumder and Sayed Ahmed Raza told the HC that their client was not involved in any corruption, but the corruption case was filed against him in 2007 for political motives and to harass him.

The allegations brought against Salim could not be properly controverted during the trial proceedings of the case at the lower court, as there was no lawyer for him, they

The lawyers prayed to the HC to allow his appeal and acquit him of the charges.

Anti-Corruption Commission's (ACC) lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan said the trial court had rightly convicted and sentenced Salim to imprisonment, after properly evaluating the evidence and documents and therefore, his appeal might be dismissed.

ACC filed the corruption case against Salim with Lalbagh Police Station on 24 October, 2007, on charge of amassing illegal

The Special Judge's Court-7 of Dhaka convicted Salim and sentenced him to 13 years' imprisonment on April 27, 2008.

Salim filed an appeal with the HC on October 25, 2009 against the trial court verdict. Following the appeal, the HC on January 2, 2011 acquitted Salim of the corruption case.

Then, ACC appealed against the HC verdict to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court.

The Appellate Division on January 12, 2015 scrapped the HC verdict and directed the HC to hold a rehearing of Salim's appeal and to dispose of the appeal again.

ATTACKED BY TRANSPORT WORKERS

# Barishal University students withdraw demonstrations

Barishal University (BU) students yesterday withdrew their ongoing demonstrations, after a meeting with the university's vice chancellor, students, transport workers and leaders, and law enforcers yesterday afternoon.

Following the meeting, Fazlul Haque Rajib, a student, read out a statement at a press conference on the campus.

He said they took the decision to withdraw the movement including road blockade after being assured of getting adequate security from the law enforcement agencies. Besides, the transport leaders pledged that such clashes will not occur in the future.

Another student, Amit Hasan Raktim, said, "Police told us that all the identified culprits will be brought to book." Expressing regret over the incident, Mominuddin Kalu, president of Bus Owners' Association, said the attack on

the students was unfortunate. University VC Sadequl Arefin said the discussion among all parties was very fruitful.

On February 16, two BU students and transport workers altercated at BRTC bus counter at the city's Rupatoli. At one stage, the workers stabbed a student.

ETHNIC COMMUNITIES

# Children should learn moral values in their mother tongue

Says NHRC chief Nasima Begum

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Pointing to the importance of ethnic community children learning moral values in their mother language, National Human Rights Commission Chairman Nasima Begum yesterday said this could be achieved effectively through the international mother language institute.

There are books in mother language for ethnic community children while a separate institution has been established to promote mother tongue, said the NHRC chief, addressing a national-level dialogue.

Indigenous Peoples Development Services (IPDS) with support from United Development Programme (UNDP) organised the national-level dialogue on "Indigenous Policy" at the YWCĂ auditorium in the capital.

Attending the programme online, the NHRC chief said the commission is going to take a new initiative with aim to uphold human values among everyone. She said

they will incorporate ethnic community members in the initiative so that children can learn that people next to them have the

The NHRC chief also said establishing two separate departments for ethnic community members of hill and the plainlands is essential to address their problems effectively. She stressed that for doing so, at first the

name of the existing Chattogram Hill Tracts Affairs Ministry has to be changed. Nasima Begum said a policy regarding

ethnic community people should be formulated ahead of the golden jubilee celebration of the country's independence.

Addressing the event online as special guest, Workers' Party of Bangladesh President Rashed Khan Menon said separate policy for ethnic community people could be formulated after incorporating issues -which are already in different government instruments -- in a single framework.

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AGRANI BANK OFFICER KILLING

# Prime suspect Noman surrenders before court

The prime suspect in the case filed over the death of Agrani Bank officer Moudud Ahmed after being assaulted surrendered before a court in Sylhet

With the help of transport worker leaders, the suspect, Noman Hasnur of Sylhet sadar upazila's Tukerbazar area, surrendered before Sylhet Metropolitan Magistrate Court at around 11am, said SM Abu Farhad, officer-in-charge of Kotwali Police Station.

The court's magistrate Md Saifur Rahman then sent him to Sylhet Central Jail, the OC said, adding that the police filed a seven-day remand prayer for him. "The court did not proceed hearing on the remand petition, but taking

identify his associates," he said. On Saturday afternoon, Agrani Bank Haripur Gas Field branch's officer Moudud Ahmed hired a CNG-run auto-rickshaw from Haripur area of

Noman to remand is important to know what happened that day and to

Sylhet's Jaintiapur upazila to go to Bandarbazar in the city. Upon reaching there around 7:45pm, he locked into an altercation with the driver over fare. He was then beaten badly by the driver and his

transport worker associates. Moudud (35) died at Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital that night, an hour after he was taken there by locals.

Moudud, hailing from Mymensingh's Gouripur upazila, used to work as an officer (cash) at the bank and lived in the area.

After police detected the prime suspect, Moudud's brother Abdul Wadud filed a case with Kotwali Police Station on Sunday, accusing Noman and several other unnamed associates.

### Bangladesh, India Air Force chiefs meet in Dhaka

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Indian Air Chief Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria yesterday called on Bangladesh Air Chief Marshall Masihuzzaman Serniabat and other senior officers to discuss matters of mutual cooperation.

He had arrived in Dhaka on February 22 for a three-day visit to strengthen the ties between the Armed Forces of the two countries.

The visit came ahead of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's planned visit to Bangladesh on March 26 and 27 to join Bangladesh's 50th year of independence celebrations and 50 years of diplomatic relations between India and Bangladesh.

Earlier on Tuesday, Bhadauria and the Indian delegation visited Bangladesh Air Force Base in Chattogram and experienced the pristine beauty of St Martin's Island. He also interacted with BAF officers at BAF Base Zahurul Haq, according to tweets by the

Indian High Commission in Bangladesh. He also paid tribute to the members of the Bangladesh Armed Forces, who made the supreme sacrifices during the 1971 Liberation War, by laying wreath at the altar of Shikha Anirban.



A well-wisher leaves a rose on the coffin of Syed Abul Maksud as a symbol of last respect at the Central Shaheed Minar in the capital. The body of the eminent journalist, columnist, researcher and activist, was kept at the Shaheed Minar yesterday where people from all walks of life paid their tributes, following a namaz-e-janaza at



Even after multiple warnings by traffic police, motorbikers keep parking their vehicles on both sides of the road going from Kakrail to Fakirapool in the capital, leading to regular traffic congestion. In a last ditch effort, law enforcers tipped some motorbikes over yesterday, according to locals.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

### Man beaten to death 'by siblings'

the Jatiya Press Club.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man was beaten to death allegedly by his two siblings in Dhaka's Badda area yesterday morning.

The deceased was identified as Syed Abul Ala (50), third among eight brothers and sisters. Police arrested his two

brothers -- Syed Ali Mitu (38) and Syed Musa (40) - in connection with the killing, said Abu Saied Mia, inspector (investigation) of Badda Police Station. Quoting the arrestees,

the inspector said Ala was a drug addict and tortured his father for money. In protest, the two arrestees beat him up, leaving him dead on the spot, he said.

On information, police recovered the body around 2pm and sent it to Shaheed Suhrawarday Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.

# Bangladesh, Japan held strong through pandemic

Says Ambassador Ito Naoki

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

As the pandemic ravaged economies and health systems across the world last year, the two peace-loving nations of Bangladesh and Japan held strong by working together for national and regional prosperity and stability, Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh Ito Naoki said yesterday.

The ambassador made the remarks at the Japan embassy in the capital at a national day reception programme to celebrate the birthday of Emperor Naruhito.

During his speech, Ambassador Naoki relayed the emperor's message for Bangladesh. "Let us share the pain. Let us cooperate. I look forward to a bright future ahead for both of us as we overcome the pandemic with patience," the Japanese emperor said, according to Naoki.

So far, Japan has provided budgetary support approximately worth USD 330 million to Bangladesh in August last year. The Asian powerhouse has also signed the largest ever annual yen-loan package of approximately USD 3.2 billion for quality

infrastructure projects.

Beginning from 2020 till 2025, Bangladesh will see the completion of various JICA-supported mega projects.

Dhaka MRT Line 6 will be partially

open in December. After that, the Special Economic Zone in Araihazar, Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport Extension, Matarbari Deep Sea Port and Power Stations, and Bangabandhu Railway Bridge will start operating one after another, Naoki said.

"These are essential for Bangladesh's growth," Ambassador Naoki said, adding that these peojects are capable of changing the face of the nation once completed.

"Japan will continue to extend its support to Bangladesh's development as much as possible, bearing in mind it also leads to the overall stability and prosperity of the Bay of Bengal and Indo-Pacific region, which are conducive to realise our common vision of a free and open Indo-Pacific," he said.

Addressing the event as chief guest,

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### Children

Rights activist and Awami League lawmaker in reserved seat Aroma Dutta said formulating a policy for ethnic community people is a necessity.

IPDS President and ethnic community leader Sanjeeb Drong, Prof Mesbah Kamal of Dhaka University, and Chief Technical Advisor of UNDP's Human Rights Justice Programme Andrew Macgregor, among others, addressed the programme.

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#### Request for Concept Note for 2021

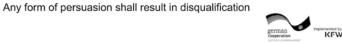
The Climate Bridge Fund (CBF) is a trust established by BRAC with support from Government of Germany through KfW. It is an innovative direct climate finance mechanism which will support any NGOs (registered under NGO Affairs Bureau) work in Bangladesh. CBF Secretariat invites project concept notes from NGOs to increase the resilience of people living in urban areas who are either displaced or are at risk of being displaced due to the impacts of climate change. The fund supports vulnerable communities in Rajshahi, Khulna & Barishal city corporations and Satkhira & Sirajganj municipalities. Each concept note should cover at least one aforesaid project area. Duration of the project may vary from 3 to 5 years and estimated budget should be limited within BDT 50 lakh to 3 crore.

In addition to local/national NGOs, international NGOs are also welcome to apply under the condition that the proposed projects include a strong collaboration with local/national NGOs. For detailed instructions to apply, please visit our website: http://www.brac.net/cbf

All interested NGOs are requested to complete and submit the project concept note in approved template to: cbf.info@brac.net with subject: CBF/NGOs/2021/02. Requested

concept note must be submitted in English Deadline for submitting: Tuesday, 6 April 2021, 11.59 pm BST

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Date: 24/02/2021

### University Women's Federation College

Dhanmondi, Dhaka

www.uwfc.edu.bd Memo No. UWFC/CEDP/293/21

### e-Tender Notice 03/2020-2021

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of following package:

Sl. No.	Tender ID No.	Name of works	Last Date and Time of Tender Security Submission	Tender Closing Date & Time
1.	550736	Furniture and Fixing	11-Mar-2021 02:00 pm	11-Mar-2021 3:00 pm

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copy will be accepted

To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP Portal is required.

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 upto 10-Mar-2021 4:00

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP Held Desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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passes away OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Valiant  $F\; r\; e\; e\; d\; o\; m$ Fighter and renowned Md lawver Bazlul Majid

**Bazlul Majid** 



Chowdhury Khasru passed away in Sunamganj District Sadar Hospital yesterday. He was 69.

Born in April 2, 1952, he peace-loving nations, we fought in the Liberation War have always worked together as part of Shela sub-sector of and supported each other Sector-5.

Besides his legal practise, Bazlul Majid was also a writer, journalist, and cultural and social activist. He was president of "Haor Sunamganj Bachao, Bachao", a rights body.

After a guard of honour, his janaza will he held today, before he is laid to rest.

As a journalist, he worked Dainik Purbokone and Dainik Sangbad, and was advising editor of "Sunamganjer Khobor" till his demise.

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Responding to question, the mayor said the lands they are recovering from illegal encroachment will be used as open playground and they will not give it to any club or organisation.

He added that there are many pieces of land of Bangladesh Railway; they will seek that space to construct playgrounds.

### Barishal

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When the news spread on the BU campus, students vandalised a BRTC bus counter and blocked Barishal-Kuakata regional highway for two hours. The incident caused

anger among transport workers who attacked student dorms of BU in Rupatali on February 17, leaving at least 25 students injured.

On February 18, the university registrar filed a case against the unidentified miscreants with the police

# **CAREER OPPORTUNITY**

BRAC Bank Limited, a pioneer in SME Banking, delivers a full array of banking services to individuals as well as business entities. Our financial results along with the best credit rating and multiple best financial report awards speak of our aspiration, transparency, and teamwork towards the objectives of becoming the best bank in the country. While we thrive in present, we invest simultaneously for the future - upgraded core banking system in Finacle 10, first local bank to roll out Oracle ERP, process alignment with best practices, and many more. However, this feat of providing a comprehensive range of solutions to its millions of customers would not be possible without our diversified business model and an unmatched network of 187 branches, 373 ATMs, 88 CDMs, 456 SME unit offices, 11 regional operations offices, 500 agent banking outlets, and 224 remittance delivery points. To support its continuous business growth, BRAC Bank is currently looking for an ambitious, smart, goal-oriented, enthusiastic individual for Corporate Banking:

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### **Employment Type: Full Time**

Job Location: Dhaka

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- competitive local & foreign financing arrangements:
- · To work with other Business Units for getting new referrals, preparing Information Memo, visiting projects, and closing mandated deal(s) on time;
- · To formulate syndication finance strategy and implement syndication function for the Bank;
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- To ensure effective process and controls are in place with clear responsibility and accountability for the department functions;
- To perform any other duties assigned by supervisor(s) from time to time.

### **EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENT**

- Minimum Bachelor Degree in Finance/Marketing/Management/Economics/Engineering from UGC granted university:
- · Having both Engineering & Business background will be considered as an added advantage.

### JOB REQUIREMENT

- · Should have a minimum of 12 years of experience in Financial Institutions with at least 6 years of experience in syndication finance;
- · Should have the necessary knowledge on ECA backed financing, Public-Private Partnership, Equity Finance, Economic Zones, Infrastructure financing, Bond issuance, Investment Banking, and Financial Modeling;
- · Should be well conversant with local and international syndication and structured financing practices;
- · Should have track records of completing syndication deals working with local and foreign financiers; · Should be conversant with regulatory guidelines/policies as well as laws and practices for loan and equity
- financing;
- · Must be proactive, self-motivated, target-oriented and work under pressure with a deadline;
- · Should have the ability to attract capable resources and form a high performing syndication team; Must have strong interpersonal communication, presentation, negotiation, and persuasion skills;
- · Must know effective written and oral communication in English and Bangla.

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Application Deadline: March 07, 2021















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### Bangladesh

Education Minister Dr

Dipu Moni said Japan's role as the largest provider of official development assistance since 1972 has been instrumental for Bangladesh's development.

"Currently, we are working towards strategic partnerships to reach even higher levels of bilateral relationship," she said. "As trusted partners and

to promote global peace and prosperity," she added. Nasrul Hamid, state minister for Power, Energy

and Mineral Resources; Salman Rahman, advisor to the prime minister; and Air Chief Marshal Masihuzzaman Serniabat were also present during the occasion.

### প্রত্যাহার বিজ্ঞপ্তি সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাছে যে আমাদের উৎপাদিত ঔষধ কিলজার্ম হ্যাভ রাব বাচ নং GH010, এর মান- বহিন্ত হওয়ায় বাজার হতে প্রত্যাহার করার সিদ্ধান্ত গ্রহন করা হয়েছে উক্ত বাচ এর বিকলার্ম হ্যাভ রাব বিক্রম বা বিতরন না করে কোম্পানীর প্রতিনিধি/ ডিপো এর নিকট

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER (Global Open Tender)

TENDER No. OVL/DLH/MM/Bangladesh/110/2020-21 Country Manager, ONGC VIDESH LIMITED, hereby invites Global Open Tender

under two Bid System for drilling of exploratory wells, Titli-1x in block SS-04 & Maitri-1x in block SS-09 Bangladesh on integrated/turnkey basis. Issuance of Tender document: Interested & potential firms may request Country

office, Bangladesh for issuance of tender document or may download the tender document and use the same for bid submission.

Tender document/details may be seen and downloaded from ONGC Videsh's website: https://www.ongcvidesh.com/tenders/?q=overseas.

Date of Pre-bid meeting: 31.03.2021

Tender submission closing date/time: 03.05.2021 at 14.00 BST.

Tender opening date/time: 03.05.2021 at 15.00 BST.

For the detailed NIT, pre-bid meeting and tender conditions, please refer ONGC Videsh website. Country Manager, ONGC Videsh Ltd.



### PUBALI BANK LIMITED

### REGISTERED OFFICE

26 Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh

### PRICE SENSITIVE INFORMATION

#### (To transact remaining agenda of 37th AGM for election/re-election of Directors of the Bank)

WHEREAS by judgment and order dated 27.08.2020 passed by the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh in VC Company Matter No. 33 of 2020, the notice dated 01.07.2020 calling the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 30.07.2020 insofar as it related to "Agenda No. 5: To elect/re-elect Directors" has been declared illegal and Pubali Bank Ltd. has been directed to hold the election of the Board of Directors through an Annual General Meeting within 6 (six) weeks of the date of receipt of the certified copy of the judgment and order;

AND WHEREAS the operation of the said judgment and order dated 27.08.2020 was stayed by the Hon'ble Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh by order dated 06.09.2020 in CMP No. 466 of 2020 filed by Pubali Bank Ltd.;

AND WHEREAS the ensuing Civil Petition No. 1511 of 2020 filed by Pubali Bank Ltd. has been dismissed by the Hon'ble Appellate Division as being not pressed by order dated 04.02.2021 thereby vacating the earlier order of stay dated 06.09.2020;

This is for information of all concerned that the Board of Directors of the Bank in its 1275<sup>th</sup> Meeting/Virtual Meeting held on Wednesday, 24 February 2021 unanimously decided at 4:00 PM to declare and recommended the following decisions in respect of 37<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) to transact remaining agenda no. 5 for election/re-election of Directors of the shareholders of the Bank as directed by the Hon'ble High Court Division:

Schedule of 37th Annual General Meeting

(To transact remaining agenda for election/re-election of Directors)				
Record Date:		9 July 2020		
(The Record Date i.e 9 July 20	020 fixed earlier by the Board of	f Directors in its 1240 <sup>th</sup> Board Meeting is considered applicable		
for this meeting also as it is th	e continuation of 37th AGM held	on 30.07.2020 to transact the remaining Agenda No. 5 of 37 <sup>th</sup>		
AGM as per the direction of the	AGM as per the direction of the Hon'ble High Court Division)			
AGM Date & Time:		18 March 2021 (Thursday) at 10.30 AM		
Digital Platform:		Virtually (User ID, Password and the Link will be sent		
AGM Venue:		through registered email address to the eligible		
		Shareholders/Proxy holders)		
Physical Location:		Pubali Bank Auditorium, Head Office,		
,		26 Dilkusha C/A. Dhaka		

(The AGM shall be held maintaining strict social distancing protocols with due regard to public health concerns during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Eligible Members/shareholders wishing to participate in the AGM virtually may do so using digital platform pursuant to Order No. SEC/SRMIC/94-231/25 dated 08.07.2020 issued by Bangladesh Securities and Exchange

All the honorable members/shareholders of Pubali Bank Ltd. are requested to kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting physically or virtually in time. By order of the Board of Directors

Dated: Dhaka 24 February 2021

Zahid Ahsan General Manager & Company Secretary

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### PUBALI BANK LIMITED

### REGISTERED OFFICE

26 Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh

### NOTICE OF THE 37<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### (To transact remaining agenda for election/re-election of Directors)

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NOTICE is hereby given to all concerned that the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Pubali Bank Ltd. to transact "Agenda No. 5: To elect/re-elect Directors" as was originally notified on 01.07.2020 shall be held on Thursday, 18 March 2021 at 10.30 AM at Pubali Bank Auditorium, Head Office, 26 Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka. The AGM shall be held maintaining strict social distancing protocols with due regard to public health concerns during the Covid 19 Pandemic. Members/shareholders wishing to participate in the AGM virtually may do so using digital platform pursuant to Order No. SEC/SRMIC/94-231/25 dated 08.07.2020 issued by Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission.

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By order of the Board of Directors

Zahid Ahsan General Manager & Company Secretary

### NOTES:

Dated: Dhaka

24 February 2021

- a) The "Record Date" for 37th Annual General Meeting of Pubali Bank Limited was on Thursday, 09 July 2020.
- b) The members whose names was appeared on the Members/Depository Register as on the "Record Date" i.e. Thursday, 09 July 2020 are eligible to attend/participate and cast vote in the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) to transact Agenda No. 05 for election/re-election of Directors of 37th AGM.
- c) A Member entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting may appoint a Proxy to attend and vote in his/her stead. Those who have already submitted their Proxy earlier for 37<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting need not to do so again but the others may appoint a Proxy to attend and vote in his/her stead by submitting his / her proxy form, duly filled in, signed and stamped (along with other necessary papers, if any) through online after successful completion of Registration or Paper based Manual form in the Share Department, 3rd floor, Registered Office, 26 Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka of the Bank no later than 48 hours before commencement of the Annual General Meeting i.e. Tuesday, 16 March 2021 up to 10.30 AM. d) The Shareholders/Proxy holders who completed their registration earlier for 37<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting need not to do
- poll of 37th Annual General Meeting to transact Agenda no. 5 for election/re-election of Directors to be held on Thursday, 18 March 2021 at 10.30 AM. e) Qualified Shareholders/Proxy holders may attend and cast their vote at the poll personally or by proxy through the link

so again while the other eligible shareholders/proxy holders have to do registration to attend and cast their vote at the

- www.pubalibangla.com/AGM2020 or Physically in the Registered Office of Pubali Bank Limited, Credit Conference Room, 5th Floor, 26 Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka of the Bank.
- f) Registration Form and Proxy Form will be available in the bank's website www.pubalibangla.com.
- N.B: The time schedule and procedure of voting for Election of Directors (physically or virtually) under Agenda No.5 of 37<sup>th</sup> AGM will be notified later on through paper/online publication after receiving the guidelines from Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission.

# River split up for brick kiln!

MD AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

A road has been built right through the Ubdakhali river, in Netrakona's Kalmakanda upazila, by the owners of a brick kiln.

They made the road between Basaura and Shaljaan points of the river for transporting bricks to and from the brick kiln named SRS Bricks, located in Bahadurkanda area.

The Ubdakhali river nearly dries up during the dry season, but it is the primary source of water for irrigation for crop fields in the area through the rest of the year, said locals.

The road constructed across the river will essentially act as a dam that will create obstruction to the river's flow later on, resulting in a shortage in irrigation water for croplands.

Besides, during monsoon, the river plays an important role as a waterway between Durgapur upazila in Netrakona and Dharmapasha

A local seeking anonymity said that at a time when the river needed

urgent dredging for improvement of its navigability, some influential people have worsened the situation by building a road on it. this correspondent When

contacted two owners of SRS Bricks, the version of explanation given by one of them differed from the other.

Idris Ali, one of them, claimed that while constructing the road, they ensured that the river's water flow will not be obstructed by it.

The other owner, Satya Ranjan Saha, claimed that they built the road in the river for the time being, as currently there is no water in it. But, when water starts to flow during the monsoon, they would remove the obstruction from the river.

When attention of Mohan Lal Shaikat, executive engineer of Water Development Board in Netrakona,

was drawn over the issue, he said the structure or the dam would obstruct the river's water flow and cause ecological destruction. "We will take necessary action in this regard after investigation," he assured.

Sabikunnahar, assistant director of Department of Environment in Netrakona, said SRS Bricks has been running illegally even after its environmental clearance certificate was cancelled on grounds of various rules violations.

"The brick kiln is located near a government primary school. That's why we had asked its owners to relocate it. But since it's still running, we will conduct a drive with a mobile court shortly," the official added.

Contacted, Kalmakanda Upazila Nirbahi Officer Sohel Rana said he came to learn about the matter only recently and he would take necessary action after making a visit to the site.



After nearly 13 years of establishment, Pabna University of Science and Technology (PUST) gets its first Shaheed Miner. A student of Architecture Department of the university designed the Shahed Miner, built at a cost of Tk 54 lakh. PUST started its journey on June 5 in 2008.

### Auto driver found dead

Our Correspondent, Chapainawabganj

Police recovered the body of a battery-run autorickshaw driver from near a local waterbody in Shibganj upazila yesterday.

The victim, Rahman, 55, son of Aynal Haque, was a resident of Ekbarpur village in the upazila.

Officer in Charge (OC) of Shibganj Police Station Fariduddin Ahmed said villagers spotted the body near a culvert in Putimari Beel area in the morning and informed the police.

Being informed, they recovered the body that bore several injury marks around 11:30am, and sent it to Sadar Hospital for autopsy, the OC said, adding that they also recovered Mojlur's vehicle from the area.

Police said the reason behind the murder could not be ascertained immediately.

Attack on journo's

At least four people were injured when a group of criminals

attacked the house of a local journalist in Thakurgaon

Raisul, 45, and his brothers attacked Shakil Ahmed, local

correspondent of bdnews24.com and Bangla Daily Amader

Somoy, his parents and relatives with sharp weapons at

Shakila Begum, 35, uncle Alam Hossain, 55, and cousin

Sadar Hospital, from where Alam was shifted to Rangpur

Medical College Hospital the same night as his condition

Victims' family members said Shakil's cousin Abid, 10,

Hearing the news, when Shakil went to talk to Raisul, the

Journalist Shakil said, "Somehow I escaped their attack

They stabbed my family members with sharp weapons,

Shakil filed a case with Thakurgaon Police Station

unhurt and rushed into my house. But the culprit followed

leaving four of them including my parents injured, he said.

yesterday morning naming eight people including Raisul

plucked a jujube from a tree nearby their house around

5.30pm but Raisul slapped the boy for his childish act.

latter and his brothers chased him and tried to stab him.

The attack left Shakil's father Adam Ali, 45, mother

Locals rescued them and admitted them to Thakurgaon

The incident occurred when a group led by one

municipality allegedly over a trivial matter on Tuesday.

Collegepara Adamnagar house on Tuesday night.

family, 4 injured

Our Correspondent, Thakurgaon

deteriorated.

### Elephants kill one OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban

A speech-impaired woman was trampled to death in an attack by a herd of wild elephants in Lama upazila early yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Baby Aktar, 26, a resident of remote Amtolipara area in the upazila, police said.

Officer in Charge of Lama Police Station Mizanur Rahman said a herd of wild elephants came down from the nearby forest in search of food in early hours of yesterday.

At one stage, the elephants broke into the thatched house of Baby and trampled her to death around 2:00am, the OC added.

Stolen baby remains untraced

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A new born baby, allegedly stolen from Sirajganj 250bed Bangamata Sheikh Fazilatunnesa Muiib General Hospital Tuesday, is yet to be rescued even a day after the incident.

The missing baby boy -- Mahim, son of Chayon Islam of Vadalia village in Sirajganj's Ullapara upazila, was admitted at the hospital's children ward due to cold related disease about a week, Dr Saiful Islam of the hospital said.

Quoting the family members, Officer in Charge of Sirajganj Sadar Police Station Bahauddin Faruki said the incident occurred when mother of the 23-dayold boy went outside the ward putting her baby in another woman's lap on Tuesday.

When the child's mother Sharmin Khatun returned to the ward within a few minutes, she found both the woman and her baby missing from the ward, he added.

Sharmin alleged that the incident occurred due to negligence of the hospital authorities.



### রাজশাহী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

#### ২০২০-২০২১ শিক্ষাবর্ষে ১ম বর্ষ স্লাতক/স্লাতক (সম্মান) শ্রেণীতে ভর্তি আবেদনের বিজ্ঞপ্তি

মেমো নং এ-৮৭২-৪/২-১ (২০২০-২০২১) ২০২০-২০২১ শিক্ষাবর্ষে ১ম বর্ষ স্লাতক/স্লাতক (সম্মান) শ্রেণীতে ভর্তির আবেদন আহবান করা যাচ্ছে আবেদনকারীকে রাজশাহী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের ওয়েবসাইট http://admission.ru.ac.bd এ প্রকাশিত নিয়মাবলী অনুসরণ করে সংশ্লিষ্ট ইউনিটে অনলাইনে প্রাথমিক আবেদন করতে হবে। ০৭-০৩-২০২১ (দুপুর ১২টা) থেকে

১৮-০৩-২০২১ তারিখ (রাত ১২টা) পর্যন্ত প্রাথমিক আবেদন করা যাবে। প্রাথমিক আবেদনকারীদের মধ্য থেকে এইচএসসি/সমমান পরীক্ষার ফলাফলের ভিত্তিতে প্রতিটি ইউনিটে বিশেষ কোটাসহ সর্বোচ্চ ৪৫০০০ (পঁয়তাল্লিশ হাজার) আবেদনকারী ভর্তি পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণের সুযোগ পাবে। **চডান্ত** আবেদনের সময়সীমাঃ ২৩-০৩-২০২১ (দুপুর ১২টা) থেকে ৩১-০৩-২০২১ তারিখ (রাত ১২টা) পর্যন্ত।

আবেদনকারীকে সংশ্লিষ্ট ইউনিটের ভর্তি পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণ করতে হবে। ভর্তি পরীক্ষার তারিখ যথাসময়ে প্রকাশিত হবে। তিন শিফ্টে ভর্তি পরীক্ষা অনুষ্ঠিত হবেঃ (১) সকাল ৯.৩০ থেকে সকাল ১০.৩০ মিনিট পর্যন্ত (২) দুপুর ১২টা থেকে ১টা পর্যন্ত এবং (৩) বিকেল ৩টা থেকে ৪টা পর্যন্ত।

২০২০ সালের এইচএসসি/সমমান, ডিপ্লোমা-ইন-কমার্স, বিএফএ(প্রাক), বাংলাদেশ কারিগরী শিক্ষা বোর্ডের অধীনে এইচএসসি (ভকেশনাল), A লেভেল এবং অন্যান্য সমমান পরীক্ষায় [এইচএসসি সমমান নির্ধারণ কমিটি কর্তৃক অনুমোদন সাপেক্ষে] উত্তীর্ণ শিক্ষার্থীরাই কেবল ভর্তি পরীক্ষার জন্য আবেদন করতে পারবে। সনাতন পদ্ধতিতে ও উনাক্ত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় থেকে উত্তীর্ণ শিক্ষার্থী আবেদন করতে পারবে না। কেবল বিএফএ(প্রাক) ডিগ্রীপ্রাপ্ত শিক্ষার্থীদের ফলাফল এখনও সনাতন পদ্ধতিতে হওয়ায় তাদের আবেদন গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে, তবে তাদের মার্কশিট/সার্টিফিকেট থাকতে হবে।

কারিগরি ও মাদ্রাসা শিক্ষা বিভাগের আওতাধীন কারিগরি শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহ হতে ডিপ্লোমা-ইন-ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং পাস করা শিক্ষার্থীরাও সংশ্লিষ্ট ইউনিটে আবেদন করতে পারবে তবে তাদের প্রাপ্ত জিপিএ ৫.০০ ক্ষেলে নির্ধারিত হবে।

মানবিক শাখা থেকে উত্তীর্ণ আবেদনকারীদের এসএসসি/সমমান ও এইচএসসি/সমমান উভয় পরীক্ষায় (৪র্থ বিষয়সহ) ন্যুনতম জিপিএ ৩.০০ সহ মোট জিপিএ ৭.০০ পেতে হবে।

বাণিজ্য শাখা থেকে উত্তীর্ণ আবেদনকারীদের এসএসসি/সমমান ও এইচএসসি/সমমান উভয় পরীক্ষায় (৪র্থ বিষয়সহ)

ন্যনতম জিপিএ ৩.৫০ সহ মোট জিপিএ ৭.৫০ পেতে হবে। বিজ্ঞান শাখা হতে উত্তীর্ণ আবেদনকারীদের এসএসসি/সমমান ও এইচএসসি/সমমান উভয় পরীক্ষায় (৪র্থ বিষয়সহ)

ন্যূনতম জিপিএ ৩.৫০ সহ মোট জিপিএ ৮.০০ পেতে হবে। জিসিই O লেভেল পরীক্ষায় ৫টি বিষয়ে এবং A লেভেল পরীক্ষায় অন্ততঃ ২টি বিষয়ে উত্তীর্ণ হতে হবে এবং উভয়

লেভেলে মোট ৭টি বিষয়ের মধ্যে ৪টি বিষয়ে কমপক্ষে B গ্রেড এবং ৩টি বিষয়ে কমপক্ষে C গ্রেড পেতে হবে। O লেভেল A লেভেল এবং ইংলিশ ভার্সন (ন্যাশনাল কাবিকলাম) প্রীক্ষায় উত্তীর্ণ আবেদনক ইংরেজিতে অনুবাদ করা হবে। ইংরেজি প্রশ্নপত্রে পরীক্ষা দিতে ইচ্ছুক প্রার্থীকে তার Application ID ও মোবাইল নম্বর উল্লেখসহ ৩১-০৩-২০২১ তারিখের মধ্যে অবশ্যই ইমেইল (ru\_admission@ru.ac.bd)-এর মাধ্যমে জানাতে হবে। মানবিক, বাণিজ্য ও বিজ্ঞান শাখা হতে ২০২০ সালের এইচএসসি/সমমান পরীক্ষায় উত্তীর্ণ শিক্ষার্থীরা A. B ও C তিনটি

ইউনিটেই যোগ্যতা অনুযায়ী আবেদন করতে পারবে। **আবেদনকারী যে ইউনিটে আবেদন করুক না কেন সে যে শাখা থেকে** এইচএসসি পরীক্ষায় উত্তীর্ণ হয়েছে সেই শাখার জন্য নির্ধারিত যোগ্যতা তার ক্ষেত্রে প্রযোজ্য হবে। ১০০ নম্বরের MCQ পদ্ধতিতে ভর্তি পরীক্ষা অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। সময় হবে ১ ঘন্টা। ভর্তি পরীক্ষায় প্রতিটি ইউনিটে ৮০টি প্রশ্ন

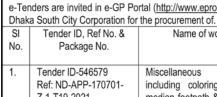
থাকবে। পরীক্ষায় নেগেটিভ মার্কিং প্রযোজ্য হবে। ৫টি ভূলের জন্য 🕽 নম্বর কাটা যাবে। ভর্তি পরীক্ষায় পাস নম্বর ৪০। এছাড়া ইউনিট/বিভাগ/ইনস্টিটিউট কর্তৃক আরোপিত শর্ত প্রযোজ্য হবে। এক বা একাধিক ইউনিটে প্রাথমিক আবেদন ফি ৫৫ টাকা। যার ভর্তি পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণের সুযোগ পাবে কেবলমাত্র তারাই

নির্ধারিত ইউনিটের ফি জমা দিবে। A (মানবিক), B (বাণিজ্য) ও C (বিজ্ঞান) এই তিনটি ইউনিটে প্রতিটির জন্য চূড়ান্ত আবেদন ফি ১০০০ (এক হাজার) টাকা।

১০% সার্ভিস চার্জ ১০০ টাকাসহ সর্বমোট ১১০০ (এক হাজার একশত) টাকা। ইউনিট/বিভাগ/ইনস্টিটিউট কর্তৃক আরোপিত শর্ত, অনলাইনে আবেদন পদ্ধতি, ভর্তি পরীক্ষার রুটিন ও প্রয়োজনীয় তথ্যাবলী

যথাসময়ে রাজশাহী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় ওয়েবসাইট http://admission.ru.ac.bd এ প্রকাশিত হবে। পরীক্ষার হলে কোন ধরনের ইলেকট্রনিক ডিভাইস যেমন- মোবাইল ফোন, ক্যালকুলেটর, হেডফোন, মেমারিযুক্ত ঘড়ি ইত্যাদি

প্রফেসর মোঃ আবদুস সালাম রেজিস্ট্রার রাজশাহী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়



### **Dhaka South City Corporation** Office of the Executive Engineer

A truck driving down the road that was recently made by the owners of a brick kiln,

Zone-1, Nagar Bhaban



e-Tender Notice e-Tenders are invited in e-GP Portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) by Executive Engineer, Zone-1, Nagar Bhaban

across the Ubdakhali river in Kalmakanda upazila of Netrakona.

Tender ID, Ref No. & Package No.	Name of works	Start date &	Last selling	Tender
,		time	date and time	closing date & time
Tender ID-546579 Ref: ND-APP-170701- Z-1-T19-2021	Miscellaneous works including coloring of road median footpath & important Chattar under Zone-1 for different National days.	15 Feb 2021 22:00	03 Mar-2021 12:30	03 Mar-2021 17:00
Tender ID-542811 Ref: WC-APP-170701- Z-1-T17-2021	Development of road and drain of Kathalbagan main road under Ward No. 16	15 Feb 2021 22:00	03 Mar-2021 12:30	03 Mar-2021 17:00
Tender ID-542819 Ref: WC-APP-170701- Z-1-T18-2021	Repair of road and lane by lane from Ward 72 main road to Rabbani house H/N- 225/5 via Sharifs House H/N-255 under Zone-07	15 Feb 2021 22:00	03 Mar-2021 12:30	03 Mar-2021 17:00
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# WHO reports 20pc

drop in deaths
Ghana gets world's first Covax vaccine doses; EU's vaccine woe continues

**CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC** 

AGENCIES

Global deaths from the coronavirus fell by 20 percent last week compared with the week before, the World Health Organization said yesterday—part of a wider trend that also includes a decline in cases worldwide.

In another significant development, Ghana yesterday received the first shipment of Covid-19 vaccines from Covax, a global scheme to procure and distribute inoculations for free, as the world races to contain the pandemic.

According to the WHO, nearly 66,000 global deaths from coronavirusrelated complications were reported last week — the third straight week that the figure has fallen. The number of new cases also dropped for the sixth consecutive week, falling by 11 percent, the agency said.

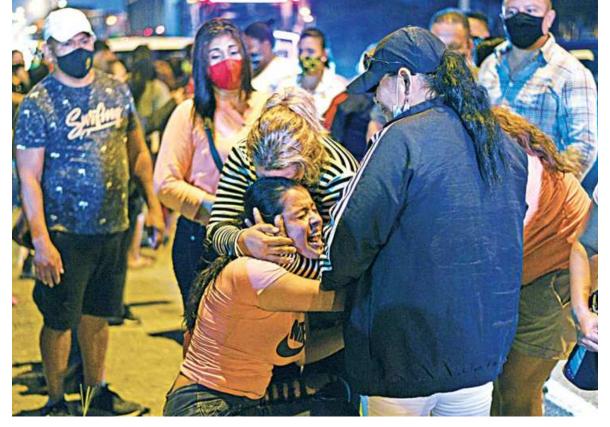
The total number of confirmed coronavirus cases stands at 112 million since the start of the pandemic; more than 2.4 million deaths have been reported worldwide.

Covax, led by Gavi the Vaccine Alliance, the WHO and the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI), said it would deliver two billion doses to its members by the end of the year.

Unicef said the 600,000 doses of the AstraZeneca/Oxford vaccine licensed by the Serum Institute of India are part of an initial tranche of deliveries "headed to several low and middle-income countries."

Meanwhile, European Commission chief Ursula von der Leyen yesterday insisted that new problems dogging the supply of AstraZeneca's vaccines can be resolved, after the group admitted it could deliver only half the expected amount to the bloc in the second quarter.

"The vaccine manufacturers are our partners in this pandemic and they have also never faced such a challenge," she told the German regional daily Augsburger Allgemeine.



**RIOTS IN ECUADOR**  Relatives reacts during prison riots in Guayaguil, Ecuador. At least 75 inmates died Tuesday and several were injured in riots blamed on gang rivalry at three jails in Ecuador's overcrowded prison system, authorities said. The prison authority described fierce fighting between organized gangs. They rely on drug trafficking and operate their criminal enterprises from prison. The military was deployed to help police quell the uprising.

PHOTO: REUTERS

### **BID TO RESOLVE POST-COUP MYANMAR CRISIS**

# Asean pushes diplomacy

Protesters fear 'legitimizing' junta as Indonesia holds talks with both sides

Indonesia is holding intensive talks with both the Myanmar military and representatives of the ousted elected government in a bid to end a crisis over a Feb. 1 military coup, Indonesia's foreign minister said yesterday.

Indonesia has taken the lead within the Association of South East Asian Nations (Asean) in efforts to resolve Myanmar's turmoil. Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi met Myanmar's military-appointed foreign minister, Wunna Maung Lwin, for talks in the Thai capital earlier on Wednesday.

The Myanmar army seized power after alleging fraud in a Nov. 8 election swept by Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy (NLD), detaining her and much of the party leadership.

Opponents of the coup have staged days of demonstrations in towns and cities across Myanmar and three protesters and one policeman have been killed in violence.

The Indonesian effort to resolve the crisis has raised suspicion among Myanmar democracy activists who fear dealing with the junta would confer legitimacy on it and its bid to scrap the November election.

They insist the election result should be communications with both sides, including line on Myanmar as have Asean neighbours.



Retno, speaking to reporters in Bangkok, said the wellbeing of the people of Myanmar was the number one priority.

"We ask for everybody to use restraint and not resort to violence ... to avoid casualties and bloodshed," Retno said after her talks with the Myanmar minister and her Thai counterpart, Don Pramudwinai.

Retno said she had "intensive"

ousted lawmakers from the parliament, known as Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. Members of the lawmakers' group, the Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (CRPH), were not immediately available for

A Reuters report this week cited sources as saying Indonesia was proposing that Asean members send monitors to ensure the generals stick to their promise of fair new elections. That added to suspicion among some pro-democracy activists that Indonesia's intervention would undermine their demand that last year's election must

The crisis has restored Myanmar's reputation as the problem member of the 10-country Asean and the diplomatic scramble by its neighbours comes as wider international concern is growing.

The Group of Seven (G7) rich nations on Tuesday condemned intimidation and oppression of those opposing the coup. The United States, Britain and others have imposed limited sanctions, aimed at members of the junta and military

China has traditionally taken a softer

# Nepal PM won't quit despite court defeat

Nepal's embattled prime minister, KP Sharma Oli, will not resign but let parliament decide his fate instead, an aide said yesterday, a day after the Supreme Court rejected his decision to dissolve the legislature and call early elections.

The Himalayan nation has been in political turmoil since December, when Oli suddenly dissolved parliament and announced the elections, citing a lack of cooperation on key policy issues by leaders of a rival faction of his ruling party.

Oli, 69, has begun meeting allies in the Nepal Communist Party (NCP) to review the situation after the court held parliament's abrupt dissolution unconstitutional and ordered it to be called into session before March 8.

"The prime minister will not resign now. There is no question about that," Surya Thapa, the aide, told Reuters. "He will face parliament," Thapa added.

Thousands of people opposing Oli waved red and white lags bearing the Communist hammer and sickle as they took to the streets in the capital, Kathmandu, for a rally to celebrate the court decision and press the prime minister to resign.

"Oli should pack up his bags and go to Balkot," said 25-year-old Purna Khadka, a protester whose face was painted in the colours of the party flag, referring to the site of the prime minister's home.

Members of the anti-Oli faction said they rejected his autocratic style of functioning and the latest court order proved his inability to govern.

Lawmakers opposed to the prime minister are holding talks to decide their next move, said Narayan Kaji Shrestha, a senior NCP leader.

Analysts said a power struggle was imminent among Nepal's Communist leaders and uncertainty could last for

### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

#### Iran breaching uranium enrichment rules: IAEA

Iran is producing highly-enriched uranium faster than called for by the law under which it started the process of enriching to 20% fissile purity last month, diplomats and a report by the UN nuclear watchdog said. As part of a recent acceleration of its breaches of its 2015 nuclear deal with major powers, Iran has begun refining uranium to 20% at Fordow, a site that was built in secret inside a mountain where the deal says Iran cannot enrich at all. Until last month Iran had not enriched beyond 4.5% purity - above the deal's limit of 3.67% but still far below the 20% it achieved before the deal, or the 90% that is weapons-grade. Uranium is considered highly enriched as of 20%. "They are producing 15 kg a month of uranium enriched to 20%. That is their production rate," a senior diplomat said.

#### **China targets Uighurs with** more prosecutions: HRW

China has dramatically increased its prosecution of Muslim minorities in Xinjiang through the formal court system, handing out long prison terms for dubious charges such as "picking quarrels" and giving gifts to overseas relatives, Human Rights Watch said yesterday. These criminal convictions are in addition to the detention of an estimated one million Uighurs and other mainly Muslim minorities in "political education" camps in Xinjiang, it added. More than 250,000 people in the northwestern region have been formally sentenced and imprisoned since 2016, HRW said. The US State Department has said China's actions in Xinjiang amount to genocide, while Canadian lawmakers on Tuesday passed a similar declaration.

#### **Worse fate than Trump** awaits Modi: Mamata



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee yesterday stepped her attack on Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his party as the Indian state prepares for high-stake assembly elections due by April. "I will be the goalkeeper during the upcoming Assembly polls and the BJP will not be able to score a single goal," said the firebrand leader addressing a rally in Hoogly. In a vitriolic attack, she accused Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah of spreading lies and hatred throughout the country. She said "a fate worse than" that of former US President

### Donald Trump awaits Modi. 41 migrants feared dead in

Mediterranean At least 41 migrants are feared dead following

a weekend shipwreck on the Mediterranean Sea route from Libya to Italy, two United Nations agencies said yesterday. They were among the 120 passengers of a dinghy that left Libya on February 18, the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) said. The dinghy started taking in water after about 15 hours at sea, and eight people died before a merchant vessel came to help, a joint statement by the groups said.

SOURCE: AFP, REUTERS

### China court orders man to pay ex-wife for housework

AFP, Beijing

A Chinese man has been ordered to pay his ex-wife almost \$8,000 for years of unpaid housework, in a landmark divorce case that has sparked furious debate in

Under the country's new civil code, which came into effect this year, divorcing spouses have the right for the first time to request compensation if they bore more responsibilities at home.

Ex-wife Wang told the Beijing court that during five years of marriage she "looked after the child and managed household chores, while (her husband) Chen did not care about or participate in any other household affairs

besides going to work". She filed a claim for extra compensation for housework and childcare duties, according to a February 4 court statement.

The court ruled that Wang had indeed taken on more household responsibilities and should receive 50,000 yuan (\$7,700) plus sole child custody and an additional 2,000 yuan in alimony per

The news gained over 570 million views on Weibo by yesterday. "A full-time nanny could cost more than this for half a year, are women's youth and feelings this cheap?' read a comment.

# A trucker, not a drug dealer

multiple gunshot wounds to the hospital and that he died soon afterwards.

DMC sources said the man was taken there around 5:20am that day.

Throughout the rest of the day, Rab officials did not disclose how the man died

or who he was. In the evening, they finally spoke and claimed that the deceased was a drug dealer, who was killed in a gunfight with Rab-10 earlier in the day in Keraniganj's Swapnadhara

The officials did not give any further details of the deceased.

Later, Lt Col Ashique, director (legal and media wing) of Rab, said, "A team of Rab-10 raided Swapnadhara area acting on information that a group of drug peddlers would gather there.

"During the raid, the criminals started shooting at the Rab men, forcing the law enforcers to retaliate by firing back. At one point of the gunfight, the gang members left. The Rab men then found a critically wounded man on the spot.'

He claimed that two Rab members were also injured and took primary treatment. He, however, did not mention the nature of the injuries and the names of the "injured".

Rab also claimed to have recovered a gun, three bullets and 32 yaba pills from the spot. Lt Col Ashique said officials were trying to identify the man through his finger prints.

Later, a case was filed over the "gunfight" with South Keraniganj Police Station. Contacted, Istiaq Ashfaq Rasel, inspector (investigation) of the police station, told The Daily Star yesterday that they identified the

deceased and that they were trying to find out We are investigating the case," he said. Asked about the "gunfight" with Rab, he declined to comment.

Talking to this daily yesterday evening, Rab-10 Commanding Officer Mahfuzur Rahman said the body had been identified. "As far as I know, he was the driver of the

truck [which ran over and killed the Rab

man]," he said, without going into details. Rab claimed that the truck was carrying

The incident involving the truck left Idris Molla, 28, a constable of police, dead. He was deputed to Rab in May 2019.

Rab said a team of Rab-1 set up a checkpoint in Gazipur's Porabari area around 5:30am on February 14 on information that a consignment of 30kgs cannabis was being transported to Mymensingh.

At one point, the truck crossed the checkpoint refusing to follow Rab's signal to stop, sped up, and tried to flee. Constable Idris and Deputy Assistant Director Golam Mostafa started chasing the truck on a motorcycle, added Rab officials.

The "drug peddlers" then attempted to kill the Rab members, throwing a sack of cannabis at their moving motorcycle from

The Rab men, however, remained unhurt and pillion rider Mostafa got down and seized the sack. Idris then alone continued the chase. As

he drove past the truck and tried to intercept it near a factory in Mymensingh's Bhaluka, the truck ran him over and fled. Idris died on the spot, Rab officials said.

Law enforcers later seized the truck from Bhaluka, but the driver and others escaped, Relatives claimed that Shafiq was actually

giving another man, carrying a sack, a ride. The man told Shafiq that there were vegetables inside the sack, the relatives said, quoting some acquaintances of Shafiq. There were others in the vehicle, they said. Shafiq's truck stopped at the checkpoint when all of a sudden someone from behind

shouted "run" Frightened, Shafiq started driving and "accidentally" hit a motorcycle, they claimed, without naming any of the acquaintances.

The Daily Star could not verify their claims. Md Mainuddin, officer-in-charge of Bhaluka Police Station, said a murder case was filed with the police station after the incident. "We are investigating it," he added.

# Dogs came to North America Shared a genetic lineage with Ar

settlement.

A new study led by the University at Buffalo analysed the mitochondrial DNA of a bone fragment found in Southeast

The team initially thought the fragment belonged to a bear.

But closer examination revealed it to be part of a femur of a dog that lived in the University at Buffalo and the University region around 10,150 years ago, and that

shared a genetic lineage with American dogs that lived before the arrival of European breeds.

"Because dogs are a proxy for human occupation, our data help provide not only a timing but also a location for the entry of dogs and people into the Americas," said Charlotte Lindqvist, an evolutionary biologist from the of South Dakota.



বিজ্ঞপ্তি নম্বর: ৩৫ /২০২১

### বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক ব্যাংকার্স সিলেকশন কমিটি সচিবালয়



২৩ ফেব্রুয়ারী ২০২১

জনতা ব্যাংক লিমিটেড-এ 'এসিস্ট্যান্ট এপ্সিকিউটিভ অফিসার (এইও-টেলর)' এর ২০১৫ সাল ভিত্তিক ৫৩৬টি শূন্য পদে নিয়োগ প্রসঙ্গে

সমন্বয়ে প্রণীত তালিকা হতে নিয়োগ সংক্রান্ত সরকারী নির্দেশনা অনুসরণপূর্বক নিম্নুবর্ণিত ৫৩৬ জন প্রার্থীকে নিয়োগের জন্য প্রাথমিকভাবে নির্বাচন করা হয়েছে :

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ব্যাংকিং ও আর্থিক সেবা পেতে হয়রানির শিকার হলে কিংবা কোনো অভিযোগ থাকলে ১৬২৩৬ নম্বরে ফোন করুন।

স্বাক্ষরিত/-(মো: কাওছার মতিন) মহাব্যবস্থাপক (চলতি দায়িত্ব) বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক

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### **BOOK REVIEW: FICTION**

# In death, he became visible

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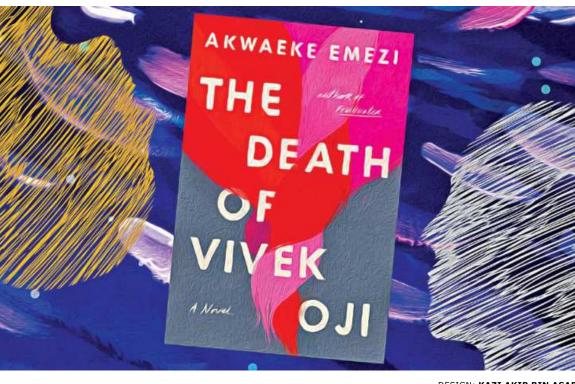
Vivek Oji, the titular character in Akwaeke Emezi's second novel, is dead; this is stated in the title, the first line, and throughout the book. However, in every chapter, Vivek keeps coming alive, images of him rising out of the text's surface only to dissolve again.

The Death of Vivek Oji (Riverhead Books, 2020) is set in Nigeria, and follows the story of Vivek, his cousin Osita, his parents Chika and Kavita, his uncle and aunt, and the children of a community of "Nigerwives" who become his friends in what is to be the last days of his life. Vivek is an only child and has always been enough for his mother, Kavita, who will later find her son's corpse at her doorstop, devoid of any clothing and missing even the silver necklace he wore throughout his life.

As the story progresses, the number of people touched by his presence increases; each character altered by grief in their own ways,

> The story is firmly rooted in Nigeria, but Bangladeshi readers in particular might find it intimately familiar. The children in this novel protect their parents by suppressing themselves, even as they waste like Vivek did.

each holding onto little secrets as if guarding the man even after death. While his father Chika succumbs to a deep melancholy, his mother Kavita begins a frenetic search for what happened to her son, a search that comes with the cost of distancing those she has spent decades caring about. Her possessiveness for her son morphs into a possessiveness over who are allowed to mourn him. Rage and frustration pour out of her as Vivek's close circle—the ones who gave him the space to be himself and the ones who Kavita comes to realise knew



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her son better than she ever could keep their lips sealed. Kavita comes to the awakening, unravelling and rude, that she never truly saw her son when he was still with her.

The first time we learn Vivek isn't a cisgender man, it isn't a dramatic coming out nor is it a scene of anxiety and anguish—he simply is, standing resplendent in his mother's jewellery and comfortable with himself. The suppression of his true self weighs on him, his ribs poking out of his chest as he refuses to eat the necessary amount of food. He emerges comfortable, however, saying to himself with calm assurance, "I would stop being a man. I was never one to begin with, anyway". "[H]e said we could refer to him as either he or she, that he was both," Vivek's friend Juju tells Kavita at one point.

The novel is firmly rooted in Nigeria, and as the reader delves further into the story, words, foods, and places like akamu (a cereal pudding), Owerri (capital of the Imo state in Nigeria), and "tukiakwa!" ("God forbid!") sound as natural as any other words

we know. However, while it is common for well-written stories set in a specific place to often have characters and feelings that are universal, Bangladeshi readers in particular might find a significant part of this novel intimately familiar, from the father's gruff irritation at Vivek's long hair, to the fussy mothers perpetually concerned for their children, the fear for and actual loss of people's lives in riots they neither caused nor participated in, societal judgment upon the most innocuous deviations from the sociocultural norm, and the often unintentional lack of sympathy from parents and elders bewildered by aspects of their children's personalities. As a result, the children in this novel—as they do in life in Bangladesh-protect their parents by suppressing themselves, even as they waste like Vivek did.

A noticeable characteristic of the novel is its emphasis on the body, how emotions and histories come alive through it—the scar on Ahunna's (and later Vivek's) foot in the shape of a limp starfish, Osita's chipped tooth that acts as a mark of his childhood with Vivek. Feelings "s[i]ng", "bubble", and "boil" in this novel, love is "tactile and rich", and death and grief "cut [one] down like a tree". At one point, Kavita rests her hand on a young Vivek's "skull", a funny choice of words, until we find her looking at her adult son's corpse with a fractured skull later in the same paragraph. This emphasis on the physical in Emezi's writing adds a potency to the prose that allows readers to feel in their own bodies the characters' fragmented experiences.

Emezi's lucid and visceral writing enables the reader to clasp two concepts simultaneously: that Vivek once was and Vivek no longer is. At its heart, The Death of Vivek Oii is a book about relationships, particularly when it is impacted by the traumatic passing away of a loved one, and the unanswered questions it leaves behind.

In the end, what kills Vivek Nnemdi Oji are the place, its politics and its people, even those who love

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### THE BOOK REPORT

# Serajul Islam Chowdhury speaks about the state of Bangla education

#### ASIF NEWAZ

Language and education are prime markers in identifying one's participation in society and politics. Having just commemorated the International Mother Language Day on February 21, that too on the verge of our nation's silver jubilee, it is perhaps a unique opportunity for us to question, reflect, and make changes to our politics on language, education, and social identities.

On this topic, writer, academic, and Professor Emeritus of Dhaka University, Serajul Islam Chowdhury delivered an insightful speech on the occasion of Shaheed Dibash and the International Mother Language Day on February 21, 2021. The webinar, titled "Mother Language and Education, Bangladesh" (translated), was organised by the Central Women's University, Dhaka.

Professor Chowdhury spoke about the history of the Bangla language and how it has impacts our current social fabric. Bangla as we know it, according to the speaker, is an arbitrary implementation of the methods set in place by the College of Fort William which rejected the usages of local language as the standardised form. The communal tensions created by the British Raj resulted in further separating the two largest religious communities. With Hindus participating in what was hegemonically constructed as modern education, the Muslims lagged behind. This resulted in two major political parties backed by the British: the Muslim League and the Congress.

Professor Chowdhury argues that Bangla's potential of becoming one of the most widely spoken languages of the world has stumbled throughout history. Before the Language Movement of 1952, the last terrible blow dealt to us was the defeat of Mirza Muhammad Siraj-ud-Daulah, the last Nawab of Bengal, in The Battle of Plassey in 1757. It cemented an overwhelming cultural and capitalist hegemony upon Bangla speakers.

Professor Chowdhury expresses concern about the policies being undertaken with regard to language, which is weakening both the strength of language and hampering the education

The importance of proper education as a knowledge seeking enterprise is being ignored. Knowledge is no longer related to progress and livelihood, it has become a capitalist venture. The exclusion of literature from textbooks and the negligence of history as a subject have been serving these capitalist

Professor Chowdhury points out two major tasks that must be undertaken to establish a good educational practice. The first being writing of more books, more research, and more nurturing



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of reading habits. The second is the translation of more texts into Bangla, so that the language also gets richer. As Vice Chancellor of the Central Women's University, Professor Chowdhury points out that the role of proper translation is paramount in modern education, so that arbitrary impositions on its working are avoided.

Most importantly, class conflicts have to be broken through to ensure a collective and inclusive education

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### THE BIRTH OF BANGLADESH IN BOOKS

# Prelude to a national disintegration

### YAAMEEN AL-MUTTAQI AND MONEESHA KALAMDER

After half a century from where we began, Daily Star Books will spend all of this year—the 50th year of Bangladesh—revisiting, celebrating, and analyzing some of the books that played pivotal roles in documenting the Liberation War of 1971 and the birth of this nation. In this third installment, we revisit Rounaq Jahan's Pakistan: Failure in National Integration (Columbia University Press, 1972), in which the Bangladeshi author and political scientist examines the erstwhile Pakistani ruling elites which caused the separation of East and West

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**BOOKS BRIEFING** 

MEHRUL BARI

The spirit of sharing defines the end of February 2021

Book Road Khulna held on February 1, 2021 was the first community-wide book exchange of its kind in Bangladesh. Dhaka will host its own version on February 26, 2021 in Rabindra Sarobar.

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# PAKISTAN

In this last week of February, a shared sense of optimism, however cautious, is pervading much of the world and indeed our own. Slowly, and now safely, more and more events and programmes are opening their doors. Book enthusiasts can enjoy the following events this week:

Boi Bondhu'r Shathe Boi Binimoy Utshab: On February 26, Dhanmondi's Rabindra Sarobar will host Dhaka's first ever book

organised by the open library Boi Bondhu. The event is unique in its nature—it advertises simply that you come with one book or more in your hand, leave it among the sprawl of novels to be displayed, and take one, take two, take three books in exchange.

Boi Bondhu have been maintaining several book-reading facilities around the city since 2018. This latest effort will see only the exchange festival from 10am to 6pm, second ever book exchange festival

in the country, following an event in Khulna on February 1, 2021. The festival is free to enter.

**Shobar Jonno Boi:** The AIM Initiative Foundation are seeking to collect 5,000 donated books from around the country in order to set up libraries in five disadvantaged school in and outside Dhaka. Those interested to donate books can register online until February 28. The endeavour is designed with the sole intent of educating

the generations to come through stories and words beyond those of mandated texts.

Registration can be done either through the Google Form link posted on the Shobar Jonno Boi Facebook event page or by messaging the AIM Initiative Foundation page with the required information. Once the registration phase ends, the books will be collected from the addresses provided.

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### BB's poor performance as a regulatory authority

Alleged links of its officials with NBFI scams should be thoroughly investigated

ECENTLY, the High Court heavily criticised the Bangladesh Bank for a section of its officials' alleged links with financial scams involving nonbanking financial institutions (NBFIs). In its observation, the court clearly mentioned how a section of BB's top officials remained silent about financial irregularities in the NBFIs, taking undue benefits from the scammers between 2002 and 2019. Unfortunately, after starting the process of liquidating the poorly performing NBFIs in June 2019, the BB could not yet recover the depositors' money from those who defaulted on loans from the People's Leasing and Financial Services Ltd (PLFSL).

The fact that a former deputy governor and a sitting executive director have had "alleged" links with the fraudsters at the NBFIs for a long time raises questions about the internal governance mechanism of the BB. How could these top officials ignore their responsibility of protecting the NBFIs and get involved with the fraudsters instead? Reportedly, they had links with the scammers of the NBFIs not for a year or two, but for 17 years. How did they escape the monitoring mechanism of the BB? The Bangladesh Bank, being the regulatory authority of all the banking and non-banking financial institutions of the country, must answer these questions. Its inefficiency in checking the financial anomalies in the NBFIs has led at least 10 of 36 NBFIs operating in the country to be in dire

We also question the role of the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) in this regard since it has not taken proper action against the wrongdoers in most cases, as the court also stated. What we do not understand is, if the court could reach its verdict based on the evidence in hand, why couldn't the ACC do so given that it has the authority to probe such cases and arrest those involved? Reportedly, while the ACC filed cases against some of the scamsters, when it came to making the arrests, it could not make much progress.

Questions also need to be asked about the role our finance ministry has played all this time to handle these issues. Did the ministry give proper directives to the BB to check these massive irregularities (since there have been extensive media reports on these financial scams)? While we understand that Bangladesh Bank is the regulatory authority of these NBFLs, the finance ministry also cannot shrug off its responsibility in this regard.

We now want a thorough investigation into the alleged links of the BB officials with financial scams of the NBFLs. The reasons behind the BB's failure to stop the irregularities must be found out. We also urge the BB to take active measures to pay back the depositors their money. People's trust in the BB is already on the wane. It must gain back their trust by taking steps against its errant officials. As for the ACC, we think it also should be held accountable for not performing its duty properly. If the ACC fails to do its work and its officials get involved in corruption, there will be no hope left for the people to get justice for the wrongs committed against them.

### This time, it is the Meghna being attacked

River banks continue to be filled up under govt's nose

**7** E are dismayed that yet another story of encroachment of a river bank has come in the news. This time, it is Meghna River. According to a report published in this newspaper yesterday, state-owned Ashuganj Power Station Company Limited (APSCL) has been found illegally filling up the bank of the Meghna in order to build their new unit near the Sohagpur village. Sand from the riverbed is being used to fill up the bank.

A local complainant brought the issue to the National River Conservation Commission (NRCC) and the Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA). It was alleged that not only will the filling-up of the bank disrupt the flow of the river, but it might also "cause the power transmission tower of the national power grid in Char Sonarampur and the Ashuganj river port to go into the river". We hardly need to elaborate how disastrous that would be.

This is not the first time that the APSCL has attempted to grab local land. Before this, the company's authorities tried to acquire some 300 acres of agricultural land in the Sohagpur and Bahadurpur mouzas along the river and adjacent to the residential complex of the company's officials. Their efforts were halted due to the villagers' resistance, and the company then turned to filling up the Meghna river bank instead.

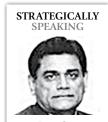
The filling-up process is said to be in its final stage, with about 8 acres of the bank already filled up. And all this occured without the APSCL ever seeking the permission of any of the concerned authorities, namely the Department of Environment (DoE), the BIWTA, or the Water Development Board. All three authorities have confirmed that the APSCL did not seek their permission, making the state-owned company's activities illegal.

It is reprehensible that the APSCL would engage in such illegal activities with such blatant audacity, knowing that it is a criminal offence. Why did the concerned authorities not stop it when the offence was happening? One cannot help but wonder how strong of a legal immunity companies such as this must enjoy for them to be able to set up a jetty and carry on with such an illegal act on the bank of one of the most prominent rivers of the country—that too when most rivers are already suffering from similar incidents, on top of being the dumping grounds for the country's waste.

While we are a bit relieved to know that the concerned authorities are looking into the matter, we also believe that it should not have taken a local's complaint for them to finally take notice of such a wrongdoing being carried

### 12th Anniversary of BDR Massacre

# Delving into the probe report



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twelve years since the day 57 brilliant army brutally killed by the BDR mutineers. Time cannot erase the hurt, neither can the killings be forgotten. As a modern poet has

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so aptly summed up, "Some pain has no relief, it can only be sealed. You can grasp the wound to feel the scar unhealed." To forgive may be divine but no ordinary mortal can rise to that level of divinity to forgive those that had brought such a gruesome fate upon their husbands, fathers and sons during the mutiny. The kindred ones of the dead will carry the pain till their last day.

With the legal process having run its course and a large number of mutineers tried, convicted and sentenced to various degrees of punishment, including the 139 whose death sentence has been upheld by the Appellate Division, and the 154 who were awarded life term, it is perhaps time to put a lid on the matter and go about with our business as usual, some may

Well, not quite!

Handling of the mutiny has received mixed reactions. However, while it is easy to be wise after the event, I personally believe that there are many unanswered questions, and one needs to ask them if a closure on the manner of dealing with the mutiny is to be arrived at. I also believe it is necessary to delve further into the cause of the mutiny—i.e. grievances of the BDR soldiers—and to seek explanation for the omissions and commissions of the agencies involved in dealing with the mutiny and the mutineers.

Nothing can cause us to forget the brutal massacre, however. Just think, we lost 47 officers during the entire nine months of the Liberation War in 1971. Between February 25 and 26 in 2009, we lost 57 gems. Some of the family members of the officers were also subjected to disgrace and ignominy. The bestiality of the perpetrators defies description, as much as the inability to react appropriately resists rational explanation.

Admittedly, there is scope for splitting hairs on what could be an "appropriate" action under the circumstances, but the appropriateness of the strategy employed on the morning of February 25 and thereafter to tackle the mutiny-which

resulted in largescale mayhem and murder and loss of a total of 74 lives cannot be passed without re-examination.

Some may well counter it by suggesting that any other action might have caused more collateral deaths. Well, that may have been true. But there is no way of knowing what would have been the outcome if any other course of action had been adopted, since none else was adopted. However, what is indisputable is that the strategy that was employed resulted in the loss of 57 officers and 17 others. There were many alternatives, and one is not talking of merely use of overwhelming force against the mutineers. I am afraid the unfortunate BDR officers and the country were let down by the incapacity of the planners to employ two most important principles of

Chief of Army Staff. Another shameful example of a commander's failure to stand by his officers and abandoning them to their fate.

We are compelled to revisit the matter for other reasons too. The mutiny staged by the so-called disgruntled BDR Jawans was as unprecedented as were the consequences. It occurred just two weeks into a new government being elected to

I believe the questions surrounding the mutiny and massacre have not been adequately answered. And I strongly suggest that further investigation be launched not only into the causes of the mutiny in order to identify the masterminds behind it, but also to determine the shortcomings and lacunae in dealing with the mutiny. It is essential



Members of the former Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) are summoned for a hearing before a special court in Dhaka, on July 12, 2010. FILE PHOTO: REUTERS/HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH

war-speed and surprise.

When an objective is achieved with such a high casualty, then questions naturally arise about what the objective of the planners was. The only objective when it became very apparent that several officers had already been killed—should have been to save the rest at any cost. In my view, every other consideration should have been subordinated to this. Thus, one wonders if negotiation was the best strategy at that point in time. But these commanders survived the mutiny without a scratch on their leadership credentials. The only heads to roll in the aftermath of the mutiny were that of a few budding young officers who had the gumption to offer their opinions as they saw fit. And they did so only after being invited by the

to know how and where the intelligence agencies failed (or if they indeed failed at all). The purpose of any investigation is not only to hold people accountable; it is done to ensure that by rectifying the mistakes at every level of responsibility, such incidents are not repeated.

The report of the government enquiry committee has not been released in full. But whatever has been made public raises a few questions. First, the real planners have not been identified. Second, the reasons cited in the enquiry committee report are too glib to be believed. My experience of command does not allow me to accept the contention that soldiers would collectively resort to such extreme actions just because their grievances were not met. The said report, I would like to

add, reflects some of the analysis that I had done in a series of articles following the massacre—that the BDR soldiers' grievances were exploited by a third party to perpetrate the massacre.

In fact, the committee itself has recommended further probe. Let me quote the relevant portion here: "The real cause and motive behind the barbaric incident could not be established beyond doubt. The committee feels that further investigation is required to unearth the real cause behind the incident. The negative attitude among the general BDR members towards the army officers, and their discontent over unfulfilled demands, may be identified as the primary cause of the mutiny... such small demands cannot be the main cause of such a heinous incident. These points have been used to influence the general BDR soldiers. The main conspirators may have used these causes to instigate this incident, they themselves working from behind curtains to destabilise the nation." Shouldn't the recommendations be followed up?

We would also like to know who organised the processions that were brought out around the Pilkhana area in support of the mutineers on February 25 and 26, which were attended by some residents of Azimpur, Hazaribagh and New Market areas in support of the BDR

The said probe body report also reveals that several mutineers had tried to contact some political leaders to garner support. It would help to know who these political leaders were, and more importantly, whether these political leaders had informed the intelligence agencies or their own leaders of the potential upheaval. Many such small but significant questions remain unanswered. The findings of the said inquiry body cannot be left to meet the same fate as do the recommendations of other committees. It is too important to be treated in a similar

The many unanswered questions should be answered if we as a nation want to truly put the tragedy of February 25 behind us. No amount of monetary help can be adequate recompense for the families of the victims. We must follow up on the recommendations of the probe committee and identify the masterminds and see them punished. Only then can the souls of the dead officers rest in peace. Only then will the aching heart of the nation find some solace.

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# The Native Refugees



Muhammad A. Bashed

experiences with the term "refugee". Over ten million Bengalis were evicted from their land by the Pakistani army and had to take shelter on Indian soil in 1971. Now, Bangladesh is host

to the biggest refugee camp in the world. There are 27 refugee camps in the Ukhia and Teknaf upazilas of Cox's Bazar district where 1.1 million Rohingyas now live, after having fled a genocide committed by the Myanmar army in the Rakhine State. The generosity so far shown by the Bangladeshi people in hosting these refugees is a testament to the fact that in a given situation, the people of this land can acknowledge the abject living conditions, economic hardship, social and political helplessness and the acute existential crisis associated with the life of a community who have nowhere else

So it is normal to expect that the same people will empathise with a minority community who have been living in fear of extinction and do whatever it takes to protect them. Unfortunately, this seems not to be the case when it comes to the many indigenous communities in our country that are being systematically

marginalised. A report published by this daily on February 15, 2021 shows how majoritarianism can gradually push out indigenous communities from lands where they have lived for generations. According to the report, the number of the indigenous Rakhine people in Teknaf is shrinking due to threats from influential locals and criminals belonging to the Rohingya community. Now the Rakhine community has to live in makeshift houses made of plastic sheets with no proper toilet facilities. They do not even have access to safe drinking

While talking to The Daily Star, Maung Thunla Rakhine, general secretary of the Cox's Bazar unit of Bangladesh Indigenous Forum, said, quoting from "Rakhinadorsho" authored by late Mongsen Ching, that there used to be a total of 113 Rakhine paras (neighbourhoods) in Cox's Bazar consisting of 11,641 families. But the number of these localities has come down to only 23, while the number of families has decreased to 2,558. Just 20 years ago, the population of the Rakhine community in Cox's Bazar was around

ANGLADESH 70,000 but now, it has dropped to only

Why? Professor Robayet Ferdous of the Mass Communication and Journalism department of Dhaka University claimed that most of the Rakhine people have left the country due to insecurity. He also cited allegations of attacks on their homes, business outlets and places of worship as well as rape by members of the Bengali majority.

Proper recognition of ethnic minorities is vital to ensure their rights and wellbeing. This is why the United Nations has declared August 9 as the International Day for The World's Indigenous People. Bangladesh is a signatory to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) treaty, the core message of which is "Leave no one behind". As a result, Bangladesh is duty-bound to ensure the inclusion of ethnic minorities to fulfil its SDG targets and also to meet its constitutional

Though our constitution guarantees equal rights to all people irrespective of race, caste, creed and religion, it does not recognise non-Bengali ethnic minorities as distinct cultural groups. The charter recognises Bangladesh as an ethnically and culturally homogenous nation of Bengali people only. Unfortunately, there is a powerful anti-indigenous nexus of ruling elite, bureaucrats, political parties and ultra-nationalists that continuously puts up barriers against the recognition, development and empowerment of the indigenous peoples. Political leaders and government officials often claim that there are "no indigenous peoples", citing disputed historical references that say that there were no such groups in this land before the 17th century.

Land grabbing by social and political elites has been going on for decades. Perhaps the most recent example is the planned five-star hotel in the Chimbuk

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Hill area of Bandarban by Sikder Group, which is set to wipe out six villages of to acquire 405 hectares of land, level down hills, clear forests and disrupt profit-sharing agreement between the sister concern R&R Holdings limited. The construction of the hotel is also in and the CHT Land Dispute Resolution Commission Act 2001.

Article 10 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous

Peoples says that "Indigenous people shall not be forcibly removed from their lands or territories. No relocation shall take place without the free, prior and informed consent of the indigenous peoples concerned and after agreement on just and fair compensation and, where possible, with the option of return". Article 14 of the Indigenous and Tribal People's Convention, 1989 by the International Labor Organization states that "Governments shall take steps as necessary to identify the lands which are traditionally occupied by the concerned people, and to guarantee effective protection of their rights of ownership and possession". But it seems all these warnings and precautions are falling on deaf ears, as the continued marginalisation of the indigenous communities would suggest.

The unique ways of life, cultures, traditions and heritage of the ethnic groups are extremely valuable to Bangladesh's history and its multicultural identity. We are the successors to those people who in 1971 had to leave behind their land and belongings to face the immense uncertainty, fear and feeling of powerlessness that comes with living as refugees. As a nation that had to sacrifice the lives of three million people to gain the right to live on their own land with dignity and liberty, we must learn to acknowledge the plight of the indigenous communities that are now facing the same consequences that had once befallen us. Doing this is our duty if we truly want to build a fair, just and inclusive society.

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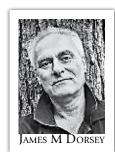
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obligations. Unfortunately, the term "Indigenous" is not even recognised by our constitution. The one million people who belong to the 45 or so indigenous communities and speak 26 languages are often termed as "Ethnic Minorities" or "Tribal People". This tendency can be traced back to the post-liberation war period when Bengali nationalism predominated all discourses of national identity. Thus, in the original constitution of 1972, the new nation had accepted religious pluralism but neglected ethnic and cultural diversity. The rights of the indigenous peoples were entirely

forgotten in the charter.

the Mro community. The project is going natural water resources. The hotel is being built under a 35-year lease contract and Army Welfare Trust and Sikder Group's violation of the CHT Regulation 1900, the Bandarban Hill District Council Act 1989

# Myanmar: Exploiting lessons learnt in the Middle East



ING for the third week their determination to force the country's military to return to its barracks, protesters in Myanmar appear to be learning lessons from a decade of protest in the Middle East and North Africa. By the same

token, Myanmar's protesters, in stark contrast to public silence about the military's brutal repression of the Rohingya minority in recent years, seem to want to forge a national identity that supersedes past emphasis on ethnicity and/or religion.

In doing so, they, like their counterparts in Lebanon and Iraq, reject sectarian policies that allowed elites to divide and rule and distract attention from economic and social grievances held by all segments of the population.

As they resist the military's February 1 coup that nullified a democratic election won in November in a landslide by Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy (NLD), because of alleged electoral fraud, protesters confront many of the same obstacles that demonstrators in Thailand, Turkey, Sudan, and Algeria face.

The ability to address desperately needed reforms with a buy-in from the military will shape a return to democracy and the sustainability of the transition. Taking military concerns into account, reforms will have to include civilian control of the military, defining the military's mission in national defence rather than ideological terms, and regulating the armed forces' vast economic

The Middle East and North Africa provide cautionary tales like Egypt that, eight years after a coup, has become a brutal dictatorship and Libya, Syria and Yemen that are wracked by war, as well as potential models, which would serve Myanmar's democratisation well.

Tunisia, the one Arab country to have pushed political transition relatively successfully, was able to do so because Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, the Tunisian autocrat who was overthrown in 2011, had ensured that the military had no vested interest in the country's political system. He decimated the military leadership, severely cut the budget of the armed forces early on in his 24-year rule and sidelined the military, relying instead on security forces and law enforcement. As a result, the military effectively stood aside when protesters staged mass anti-government demonstrations.

The positioning of Tunisia's armed forces may not offer Myanmar immediate options, but it highlights the need for a military that

understands itself as a national institution rather than a party with vested political and economic interests.

Of more immediate importance to Myanmar is the fact that Mr Ben Ali as well as the leaders of Egypt, Libya and Yemen were toppled by an informal alliance between civil society and either factions of the military or the armed forces as a whole. They shared a short-term interest in removing the incumbent from power. The same is true for Southeast Asia's people power revolts in the Philippines and Indonesia in the 1980s and 1990s. In Myanmar, it was the military that opted for a degree of political liberalisation following decades of intermittent mass protest.

It took Tunisian civil society's engagement with the security forces as well as other segments of society and the existing power structure to nurture the democratisation process. By contrast, the process was derailed in much of the Middle East by a post-revolt breakdown of the alliance, often aggravated and/or manipulated by external forces.

The Tunisian approach enabled all parties to manage the inevitable divergence of interests once Mr Ben Ali had been toppled, juxtaposing civil society's quest for wholesale political and economic reform with the security forces' insistence on the preservation of their economic and political interests and rescue of as much of the ancient regime as

In Tunisia, like in other post-revolt countries, the divergence kicked in the moment the incumbent was removed. The Middle East and Southeast Asia's experience demonstrates that the pitfalls are embedded in the compromises made to establish a

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transitionary government. Inevitably, the military and/or security forces either constitute the transition government or are a powerful part of it. Their track record is one of taking liberties in protecting their interests.

Like in Myanmar this month, the military crosses red lines when the transition endangers those prerogatives. Learning how to counter the pitfalls of perilous but inevitable cooperation with at least segments of the military and/or security forces is a work in

past decade and no doubt the next, is fuelled by a breakdown in confidence in political systems and leadership. With the pandemic, the widespread mismanagement of public health responses, the global economic downturn and dislocation, and technological change, the coming decade promises to be perhaps even more turbulent.

In addition, Myanmar protesters may be beneficiaries of the electoral defeat of US President Donald Trump and the rise of Joe



Protesters take part in a demonstration against the military coup in Myanmar's second-largest city Mandalay, on February 22, 2021.

Turkey provides a different set of lessons. President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's turn towards repression and authoritarianism in the wake of a failed military coup in 2016 suggests that civilian control does not offer a magic wand even if the takeover was foiled by protesters who set aside their social, ideological, and political differences.

If this is a cautionary tale, Turkey also offers solutions to at least one of the issues: the military's economic interests. Turkey's military, even before the imposition of civilian control, put its economic house in order by creating a conglomerate, one of the country's largest, that is owned by the military pension fund and subject to regulation, civic and commercial law, and markets like any other privately held institution.

As civil obedience in Myanmar persists, protesters have certain advantages.

Rather than being on their own, the protesters benefit from being at the forefront of a wave of defiance and dissent that, for the

Biden, who has pledged to make human rights a central plank of his foreign policy. Granted, US adherence in its foreign policy to its human rights values has at the best of times been chequered. Nonetheless, Mr Biden's approach, even if imperfectly applied, erases the permissive environment that autocrats enjoyed during the Trump years.

There is, moreover, a reason to believe that Mr Biden will be truer to his pledge because it is key to US efforts to repair the credibility and reputational damage suffered by the United States because of Mr Trump's America First policy, disdain for multilateralism, international institutions and international law, empathy with autocrats, as well as disregard for human rights.

Playing into Mr Biden's emphasis on human rights is the fact that the Myanmar protests, like in Lebanon and Iraq, appear to have broken down ethnic and religious fault lines. Yangon's usually hidden Rohingya community has openly joined the protests four years after detained democratically

elected Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi stood by and later defended the military's ethnic cleansing of the Rohingya—more than 700,000 of which fled to Bangladesh.

The Burmese who in recent years used Twitter to attack and threaten Rohingya activists living in exile have apologised since the February coup, recognising that military rule poses a threat to all.

Political transition, like reconciliation, is a long-drawn-out process that can take up to half a century to play out. It is a process of two steps forward and steps backwards as Myanmar is discovering now. The Myanmar military understands that tacit Russian and Chinese support may not be as much of a lifesaver as it was in the past. That may explain the military's reluctance to crush the protests even if the likelihood of an imminent crackdown is high.

If the experience of Egypt is anything to go by, the military can brutally suppress and keep a lid on unrest for a period of time. It may preserve the military's interests for a while, but it cannot provide sustainable economic solutions or ensure stability.

In contrast to Egypt, protesters in Myanmar have the advantage that they are demanding recognition of a current election outcome that could put a new government in a position to redefine the role of the military and regulate its economic interests. Based on the experience of Egypt, one core bone that the government would likely have to throw the military is immunity against prosecution for past crimes. That may be a bitter pill to swallow and violate principles of truth and accountability as an important pillar of transition.

As Egypt demonstrates, it offers no guarantee of keeping the military in its barracks. But it may be the carrot that helps entice the military to make the concessions needed for a democratic transition.

For now, Myanmar cries out for nonpartisan independents capable of helping the military and the protesters to back away from a zero-sum game that seems destined to result in bloodshed. That is likely to prove a gargantuan task as Indonesian Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi spearheads efforts by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) to mediate a way back from the brink.

In the words of former International Crisis Group Myanmar analyst Morten B. Pedersen, "when a military obsessed with order and stability... confronts an essentially leaderless popular movement driven by youthful anger and shattered hopes, compromise is perhaps the hardest thing of all."

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# Make healthcare more accessible for persons with disabilities

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HE fear of climbing the stairs at the healthcare facility made me deliver my two children at home," said Selina (not her real name), who had one of her children at a nearby healthcare facility. The experience was a "nightmare", she recalled. Selina, who has a long-term physical disability, hasn't visited that facility ever since, and instead decided to opt for a non-institutional delivery for her future children.

There are many more persons like Selina who drop from the institutional healthcare systems due to their lack of disability-friendly services. In Bangladesh, almost 11 million people experience some form of disability. Despite the gaps in the healthcare needs and services present for this vulnerable population, little evidence has been generated which can be used to initiate policy reforms and/or produce effective strategies, due to the stigma and neglect surrounding persons with disabilities.

BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health (JPGSPH) is one of the schools at BRAC University that is well-known for its quality public health education and research. It has always been keen to explore the unique aspects of livelihoods and health of the vulnerable populations of the country. This time, the aim was to explore the realities of persons like Selina and bring out their experiences and expectations. To that end, a nationwide mixed-method study was conducted by the school in which 5,000 people with disabilities were interviewed. Funded by the Royal Embassy of the Kingdom of Netherlands, the study sought to explore the knowledge, stigma, biases, economy and practices revolving around the sexual and reproductive health and rights of persons with disabilities. Key stakeholders like healthcare providers, policy makers and social activists who are in charge of producing policy reforms were also interviewed to identify scopes of improvement.

Some of the major findings included the lack of inclusive infrastructure in the primary and secondary healthcare facilities, which directly impacts the health-seeking behaviour of persons with disabilities. According to the Rights and Protection of Persons with Disabilities Act 2013 and Bangladesh Building Code, there are policies in place that focus on ensuring inclusive infrastructure in all

public places. However, progress in this regard seems to be slow, as mentioned by the survey respondents.

Upon discussion with the policy makers, it has been revealed that the policy is intact and very much in the priority of the concerned bodies. Progress has been made in Manikganj district; however, it will take time and resources to restructure the existing healthcare facilities all over the country. Lack of inclusivity in training of the medical professionals and, therefore, services is also a factor that prevents persons with disabilities from seeking care, even during emergencies, which creates severe complications for them.



PHOTO: KAZI TAHSIN AGAZ APURBO **Restructuring public healthcare facilities** to make them more accessible for persons with disabilities is vital.

For example, a medical officer at an Upazila Health Complex in Chattogram said, "A patient came two days back, his leg was in a bad condition, the infection had spread and I could not help but refer him to a hospital. His leg might have to be amputated. He is already visually

Some of the common phrases that came out of our interviews of persons with disabilities are—"who will see us?", "whatever luck there is", and "this is how we have to live now". The disbelief

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and feeling of neglect prevalent among these people are demonstrative of the precarity of their existence. Often, families find it difficult to help them seek a service because the question—"do you know how much hassle I have to go through?"—remains unanswered.

There are no separate queues for persons with disabilities, no recourse to sign language at the chambers of healthcare providers, and no privacy in most of the primary and secondary healthcare facilities. When enquired about their knowledge of respectful healthcare services, most of the healthcare providers in the primary and secondary level hospitals reported to have known about it, but often that doesn't translate into practice, especially when it comes to persons with disabilities. One respondent who suffered from a physical disability told us, "I went to the hospital and the doctor said, 'Why did you get pregnant again?' I didn't know how to react to that behaviour.′

One official at the Ministry of Health and Family Planning rightfully pointed out about the inclusion of "disability" in the healthcare education curricular. In her opinion, if medical students are taught to look at disability beyond a medical perspective—that is, taking into account the personal and social dimensions of persons with disabilities—then they will be able to provide better services in their practicing careers. The healthcare system will also benefit from timely training of the existing medical officers at all levels—which involves communicating with persons with disabilities, how to treat a person with disability, ensuring respectful healthcare for all, etc.—in line with the Sustainable Development

Goal 16 and Bangladesh's target to fulfil the requirements of the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

During the Covid-19 pandemic, persons with disabilities have been dealt the worst blow imaginable. These people are more prone to being affected by Covid-19 given their health conditions (WHO, 2020), and require special medical attention compared to the non-disabled population in some cases. However, due to fear, the lockdown, and mobility restrictions, it has been almost impossible for them to visit healthcare facilities and seek basic healthcare, let alone any special services. As one respondent with physical disability said, "The hospital is so far away and there are no transports also. I can't walk this far, so I decided to stay at home and use homegrown remedy for my pain."

True, Bangladesh has made significant progress in healthcare services, especially in the primary and secondary tiers, providing free services, medicines and low-cost diagnostic services. But attention must also be given to the demands of the vulnerable population. Restructuring the public healthcare facilities to make them more accessible, ensuring inclusive services at all levels and designing inclusive emergency response plans in crisis situations like Covid-19 are some of the reforms that must be made on an

Among other recommendations made by the BRAC study are: i) to ensure that a component on disabilities is included in the curriculum of the MBBS; ii) to focus on ensuring the standard AAAQ (availability, accessibility, acceptability and quality) framework while delivering services and interventions related to SRHR of persons with disabilities; iii) to procure disability-friendly medical equipment (examination bed, delivery bed, weight machines, etc.) at all levels of public healthcare facilities; and iv) to strengthen cooperation and coordination between the Department of Public Health Engineering, the DGHS and DGFP to ensure accessible and inclusive infrastructure at public healthcare facilities, in accordance with the guidelines for Universal Accessibility under the Building Code (as updated in

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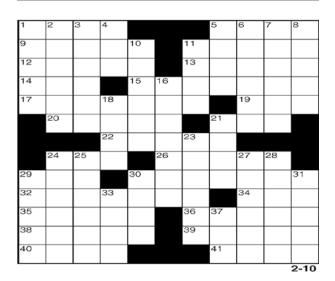
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good governance and human rights.

Apart from engagement with Blinken, which could not be held in-person due to Covid-19 restrictions, Momen was scheduled to deliver two speeches on the Rohingya crisis, meet some US Congressmen and give interviews to two US media outlets in response to "negative propaganda" against Bangladesh, especially regarding extrajudicial killings.

Bangladesh's foreign ministry said the visit is meant to reach out to the new US administration to further enhance the level of cooperation between the two countries having bilateral annual trade of about \$9 billion, which could be much higher if potentials are harnessed.

The US suspended GSP facilities of Bangladesh following the Rana Plaza collapse in 2013, and Bangladesh has been seeking reconsideration of the GSP facilities.

On the Rohingya issue, Bangladesh also sought the leading role of the US, which provided the biggest humanitarian assistance for the Rohingyas.

In a statement, the US State Department said the two leaders discussed the situation in Myanmar, a durable solution to the Rohingya refugee crisis, and the importance of respect for labour and human rights.

They also discussed ways of strengthening bilateral economic ties, cooperation on counter terrorism, defence and common challenges like climate change together.

"Good to speak with Foreign Minister @AKAbdulMomen and him on Bangladesh's 50th anniversary of independence. We affirmed the strong, enduring US-Bangladesh relationship and look forward to working together to address challenges in South Asia and the Indo-Pacific," Blinken tweeted.

In a separate statement, Bangladesh's foreign ministry said Momen congratulated the new US administration for upholding the democratic process with a strong popular mandate, assuming once again America's global leadership role.

He said Bangladesh wants to elevate her relations with the US from partnership to a strategic level through maintaining close and sustained contact with the US leadership,

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সেবা কর্মীর সংখ্যা

০৩। নির্বাচিত জনবল সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের সাথে চক্তি সম্পাদন করা হবে। কোন ব্যক্তির নামে নিয়োগপত্র ইস্য করা হবে না।

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emphasising on the exchange of visits at the highest political levels between the two

Momen sought early deportation of Rashed Chowdhury, the self-confessed killer of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, in the spirit of the shared values of establishing good governance, the rule of law and justice.

He urged the US to take the lead and bring the international community together to put enough political pressure on Myanmar to create condition for sustainable return of the Rohingyas, while encouraging more stringent measures like imposing economic sanction and withdrawing GSP facilities of

He also recommended that the US appoint a special envoy on Rohingya.

Momen briefed on Bangladesh's effective handling of the coronavirus pandemic and noted the US donation of high-quality ventilators to Bangladesh, and Bangladesh's

supply of 6.5 million PPE to the US. He said Bangladesh is ready to supply medical instruments, like syringes.

Blinken hoped both the countries would be able to find newer avenues for collaboration in the post Covid-19 era by mutual support and cooperation.

As Momen sought US investment in Special Economic Zones and High-Tech Parks, Blinken sought favourable policy support from Bangladesh to enable a business and investment climate for promoting more trade and investment between the two countries.

Both sides hoped the US companies would take advantage of the competitiveness of Bangladesh and invest in the country in much greater volume, particularly in the areas of ICT, energy, pharmaceuticals and infrastructural development.

Momen invited Blinken to visit Bangladesh soon to attend the celebrations of the birth centenary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the golden jubilee of Bangladesh's independence. He hoped that President Biden would visit Bangladesh soon.

Blinken lauded Bangladesh's economic performance, and noted that the US considers Bangladesh a crucial economic and security partner in the Indo-Pacific region.

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# Make probe reports

Days before the bloody mutiny, rebel BDŔ the distributed had iawans leaflets inside and outside the Pilkhana headquarters in which they raised various

demands. As part of the conspiracy, they held several meetings before the mutiny and decided how they would loot the armouries, an investigation revealed.

But the Rifle Security Unit (RSU) of BDR failed to alert the authorities. It could not be known if there was any probe into the failure of the RSU, and if anyone got punished.

Investigation into the intelligence failure is one of the seven recommendations made by the HC.

The mutiny on February 25-26, 2009 left the nation shocked -- as details of the unthinkable cruelty perpetrated at Pilkhana perpetrated at headquarters of the border force unfolded. Mass graves found afterwards testified to the sheer scale of the savagery.

Seventy-four including 57 top and midranking army officials, were massacred during the mutiny. Family members of many officers who got trapped inside were brutally tortured and abused.

BDR was later renamed Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB)

Meanwhile, the apex court is yet to begin hearing of appeals filed by death penalty convicts in the BDR carnage case.

The High Court in a verdict on November 27, 2017 confirmed the death sentence of 139 convicts, and around 30 of them later filed the appeals with the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court.

Attorney General AM Amin Uddin told The Daily Star that the convicts filed the appeals just a few months ago and the top court is yet to fix any date for hearing the appeals.

Their execution depends on the Appellate Division verdicts to be delivered upon hearing of the appeals.

"It cannot be said at this moment when the death sentence of the convicts will be executed," said the attorney general.

However, Aminul Islam, one of the defence lawyers of BDR carnage case, said he does not think that the hearing of the appeals will be completed this year.

"Around 30 convicts have filed appeals and other convicts still have the scope to file appeals with the application for condonation of delay.

If the chief justice takes steps for early hearing of the appeals, the state and defence will have to submit concise statements to the apex court mentioning the points of arguments. The hearing and delivery of the verdict may be completed next year, he added.

Besides the carnage case, another case filed against 834 persons under the Explosive Substances Act is still under trial at a trial

The cases filed over the mutiny have all been

disposed off. ACQUITTED IN CARNAGE

CASE, STILL IN JAIL A total of 256 convicted accused, who have already served their jail sentences, and 200 accused, who were not get out of prison as they are accused in the explosives case and the trial in this case is not finished, said defence

He said the trial court has so far recorded statements from 172 witnesses out of total 1,264 in the case.

lawyer Aminul Islam.

It may take another two to three more years to finish the trial if the proceedings continue at the current pace, he said.

Mosharraf Hossain Kajol, however, hoped that the trial will be finished this year after taking statements from 100 to 120 witnesses.

In the meantime, the family members of those detained accused are leading miserable lives.

"We are very helpless," said Abdullah Al Mamun Shakil, son of Abdur Rashid, who got acquitted in the carnage case but remained behind bars as the trial in the explosives case against him is still pending.

"My father joined the BDR headquarters at Pilkhana a couple of days before the bloody mutiny. My mother cries for my father's plight every now and then," he said on February 21.

Shakil said separate petitions were moved for his father's bail three times in the explosive case, but the lower court refused to grant him bail and even did not issue any written order and therefore, bail petition cannot be moved before the HC in the case.

Abdul Matin Mridha, father of sepoy Sumon Mridha, said his son has already served 10 years in jail in the carnage case but he could not come out free.

"His mother and I are very worried and passing days in agony," he said.

Mohsin Reza, son of DAD Kader, said his father was awarded seven years' imprisonment in the mutiny case and seven years' in the carnage case. Later, the High Court acquitted him from the charges.

"I pleaded to the judiciary be kind to us and complete the trial. My father may be proved innocent," he

Saquib Rahman, son of slain Col Kuadrat Elahi, thinks it "unfair" that many accused in the carnage case are still in jail for the explosive case despite getting acquittal in the carnage case.

Some have even embraced natural death, he said. "As the family members of the martyred officers, we never want an innocent to be punished.

On November 5, 2013 Dhaka court awarded death sentence to 150 BDR members and two civilians. and life imprisonment to 160 others for their roles and involvement in the carnage.

The court handed down rigorous imprisonment to 256 people, mostly BDR soldiers. It acquitted 278 others but the government later appealed against the acquittals of 69.

The HC started hearing the death reference and appeals from the convicts January 2015 and pronounced the verdict on November 27, 2017.

The HC confirmed death penalty of 139 and upheld life sentences of 185 and three to 10 years' imprisonment of 256. It acquitted 200 accused.

### 26.73 lakh vaccinated and the death rate was 1.54

FROM PAGE 12 as of 2:30pm yesterday.

Meanwhile, the positivity rate of Covid-19 has decreased yesterday compared to the previous day.

Against a total of 16,152 tests in the past 24 hours till 8:00am yesterday, the positivity rate was 2.65 percent.

On the previous day, this rate was 3.13 percent against 12,748 tests.

In the same 24 hours yesterday, five people have died from Covid-19, according to another press release from the DGHS.

With this, the total number of deaths has reached 8,379, percent. At least 428 new infections

were recorded in the meantime, taking the total number of people infected to 544,544, added the release. At least 911 Covid-19 patients have recovered

during the 24 hours. The total number of recoveries rose to 493,798 and the recovery rate at 90.68

percent. Among the deceased, four were male.

One of the deceased was aged between 51 and 60 years and the rest four were above 60 years old, added

### India warns states

FROM PAGE 12 accuracy RT-PCR tests in

those places was falling. Cases have also risen in Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal.

In the past week, a third of India's 36 states and union territories have reported an average of more

4,000, in a trend experts link to the reopening of schools

The government has also asked states to speed vaccinations for healthcare and frontline workers. Just about 11 million people have received one or two doses in a campaign that began on January 16, versus a target of 300 million by

# Shahadat goes to tribunal

said Shahadat, also convenor of Chattogram

"In the handwritten result sheets, they

changed the figure of casting votes. They changed 5 percent votes to 22.5 percent, he said.

"Initially, when the results were declared, it was shown that I did not get any votes in three centres, but after three days, they [EC] said I did not get any votes in 28 centres, which is not only unrealistic but also unbelievable," said Shahadat, adding, "It was shown that I got 10 votes or less than that in 178 polling centres which is also unbelievable.

"Above all, a farce was staged in the name of polls and so we demanded cancellation of the election result and fresh polls to be held under a new and transparent EC," he

Shahadat made the same allegations

before journalists days after the polls were held. At that time, Mohammad Hasanuzzaman, returning officer of the CCC polls, said the allegations were not "The result sheets show the actual figure

of casting votes," he told The Daily Star at that time.

This correspondent yesterday could not reach the returning officer for his comments.

### HC issues rule on govt

Rangpur and Khulna metropolitan police, superintendents of Rangpur, Khulna, Dinaipur and officers in charge of police stations concerned of the three districts, where the cases were filed for the rape of the children, have been made respondents to the rule.

The HC bench of Justice Mozibur Rahman Miah and Justice Kamrul Hossain Mollah came up with the rule after hearing a writ petition filed by rights organisation Children Charity Bangladesh Foundation (CCBF) on January 2 this year seeking necessary order to this effect.

During the hearing of the petition, CCBF's lawyer and its Chairman Abdul Halim told the HC bench that around 23,000 women and children have reportedly been the victim of rape and 185 of them were killed after being raped in the last five years.

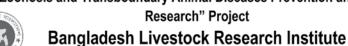
Around 97 percent accused of such cases got acquitted from the court and therefore the conviction rate in such cases is only three percent, he said, adding that there are Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunals in all 64 districts of

The lawyer questioned how the state and judiciary can be happy with the three percent conviction and 97 percent acquittal

This is nothing but a sheer unnecessary expense on the part of the revenue, he argued.

Lawyer Abdul Halim said the Supreme Court has supervisory power over all tribunals and lower courts and has a constitutional obligation to see whether the trial and investigations of the cases are properly and fairly held so that the conviction for rape is increased.

### "Zoonosis and Transboundary Animal Diseases Prevention and Control



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5	Procuring entity district	Gazipur.
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		Seminars.
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than 100 new cases each day, with Kerala and Maharashtra both reporting more than

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e-mail: sports@thedailystar.net DHAKA THURSDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2021, FALGUN 12, 1427 BS

Chelsea striker Olivier Giroud scored a spectacular goal as the Londoners beat Atletico Madrid 1-0 in their Champions League last-16 first leg tie in Bucharest on Tuesday. The Frenchman broke the deadlock in the 68th minute with an outrageous bicycle kick which was flagged offside but eventually given following a VAR review as the ball had come off Atletico's Mario Hermoso before Giroud hit it.

# 'Giroud trains like he's 20'

REUTERS, Undated



manager Chelsea Thomas Tuchel paid tribute to the professionalism of Olivier Giroud on

Tuesday after the veteran French forward's overhead kick gave his side a 1-0 win over Atletico Madrid in the Champions League.

The 34-year-old's acrobatic effort in the 68th minute in Bucharest handed Chelsea the advantage going into the second leg of their last-16 tie at Stamford Bridge on March 17.

Tuchel said Giroud, who has scored 11 goals for Chelsea in all competitions this season, was a joy to work with on the training field.

"He trains like a 20-year-old," Tuchel added. "He is a guy who has a good mixture of serious and joy in training.

"He is always positive and it is a big factor for the group. "He enjoys every day being a professional soccer player on this level and this is the level he needs to be." INZAGHI RUES LAZIO ERRORS

Lazio coach Simone Inzaghi was left frustrated at his side's errorplagued Champions League performance after poor defending led to three of Bayern Munich's goals in a commanding 4-1 victory for the German champions.

A slack back pass from Mateo Musacchio was pounced on for Robert Lewandowski's opener, resulting in Inzaghi substituting the Argentine defender 31 minutes into the match. Defender Patric was at fault for Bayern's third goal, while Francesco Acerbi diverted

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Robert Lewandowski has now scored 72 UEFA Champions League goals with his opening strike against Lazio on Tuesday, overtaking Raúl to go outright third behind Cristiano Ronaldo (134) and Lionel Messi (119).

Aged 17 years and 363 days, Jamal Musiala has become the youngest ever Englishman to score in the Champions League. The Bayern Munich midfielder is the youngest to score in the tournament for a German club, too.

a cross into his own net for their fourth early in the second half to hand Bayern a huge advantage ahead of the last-16 second leg in Munich on March 17.

"We knew the importance of

the game and the value of the opponent, but we made it easy for them. We made three of their goals and that is the greatest disappointment," Inzaghi told

"We contributed to their goals, it's a bad night but we must go forward and it will be an important step in our development.

The result extended the holders' unbeaten Champions League run to 18 games and came as a relief after a two-match winless run in the league.

"Everyone fulfilled expectations today," said Bayern coach Hansi Flick. "We wanted to put them under pressure from the off, which we did well. We won the ball high up the pitch and created plenty of chances as a result. We're

### Tigers brace for 14-day quarantine

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**INDIA VS AUSTRALIA** 

**UEFA EUROPE LEAGUE** 

Leicester City vs Slavia Prague

Third Test (Day 2) Live from 3:00 pm

Napoli vs Granada

Live from 11:55 pm

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh cricket team reached Christchurch yesterday and started a mandatory 14-day quarantine period ahead of their bilateral series, which will run for over a month, against the New Zealand.

The visitors will stay at the Lincoln University Performance Centre during the quarantine period. All 35 squad members will undergo three Covid-19 tests between the first and sixth day.

However, the visitors will be allowed to roam around inside the hotel premises if the result of the first covid-19 tests comes out negative.

From day eight, the squad will be divided into five groups of seven members each and start using the training facilities such as gym and nets. After completing the 14-day quarantine, the visitors will be free to take in the sights as the Covid-19 situation in New Zealand is better compared to elsewhere. The visitors are also

expected to conduct a five-day training camp in Queenstown but it is yet to be confirmed. Bangladesh will be desperate to register a maiden win in New Zealand after losing all 26 of their international games on their previous tours.

The three-match ODI series will start on March 20 in Dunedin while the first of the three T20Is will be held on March 28 in Hamilton

# Patel puts India on top

Live from 2:00 am (Friday)

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UEFA EUROPA LEAGUE

Warriors vs Knights

Live from 6:30 pm

Villareal vs Salzburg

Live from 11:55 pm



Axar Patel claimed a career-best 6-38 as he and spin colleague Ravichandran Ashwin skittled out England for 112 on the opening day to put India in charge of the day-night third test in Ahmedabad on Wednesday.

AC Milan vs Crvena Zvezda

Live from 2:00 am (Friday)

**UEFA EUROPA LEAGUE** 

Manchester United vs Real

Live from 2:00 am (Friday)

Arsenal vs Benfica

Live from 11:55 pm

Sociedad

The hosts were five for no loss their reply at the world's largest cricket stadium which was named after India Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday.

Rohit Sharma was batting on five at the dinner break and Shubman Gill was yet to open his account with India hoping to consolidate their position in the final

Earlier, Joe Root's decision to bat backfired as the tourists wilted inside two seasons despite Zak Crawley's

Playing his 100th test, seamer Ishant Sharma had Dom Sibley caught in the slip in the third over before the Indian spinners wreaked havoc. Home captain Virat Kohli introduced spin as early as in the seventh over and Patel trapped Jonny Bairstow lbw for nought with his first delivery.

Crawley, however, appeared to bat on a different pitch, dealing mostly in boundaries and bringing up his fifty off 68 balls. Before his partnership with Root could flourish, Ashwin intervened.

The wily off-spinner dismissed the England captain lbw for 17. Root reviewed the decision but could not prolong his innings.

Patel ended Crawley's knock in similar fashion to trigger a batting collapse and England lost their last eight wickets for 38 runs.



Left-arm spinner Axar Patel took six wickets as England were bowled out for 112 runs on the first day of the third Test against India in Ahmedabad vesterday. PHOTO: BCCI

Bangladesh's premier golfer Siddikur Rahman follows the path of his stroke during the third and final round of the 5th Paragon **Professional Golf Tournament** at the Army Golf Club in Dhaka yesterday. The two-time Asian Tour winner won the title with a score of five-under-par (211) following fierce competition with Jamal Hossain Mollah, who finished two strokes adrift. Akbar Hossain (one-under-par) was the only other golfer among 82 participants to complete the event

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

with an under-par score.



# South Americans do it again for Kings

SPORTS REPORTER



Braces from Argentina's Raul Becerra and Brazil's Robson Da Silva led Bashundhara leaders Kings to an emphatic 4-0 win over

Sheikh Russel in a Bangladesh Premier League encounter at the Shaheed Dhirendranath Datta Stadium in Cumilla yesterday. With a tenth triumph from 11 outings, the defending champions

consolidated their lead at the top. Their tally of 31 points is nine more than second-placed Abahani, who have a game in hand. Meanwhile, Sheikh Russel remain glued to fourth place with 17 points from 10 matches.

Sheikh Russel were helpless against the leaders despite a creditable 1-1 draw against six-time champions Abahani in their previous game.

charges took only 23 minutes to break the deadlock, Becerra putting them ahead before Robson doubled the margin in the 42nd minute with a powerful volley off a well-judged cross from Towhidul Alam Sabuz.

After resumption, Kings added two more goals. Becerra scored his ninth league goal in the 74th minute and Robson surpassed Sheikh Jamal's Omar Jobe as the league's top scorer with his 12th strike of the campaign to wrap up the victory.

At the Bangabandhu National Stadium, Saif SC came from behind to hand a 2-1 defeat to Uttar Baridhara Club, who came into the match on the back of five straight draws.

Baridhara looked Visiting determined to turn the tables and stunned their superior opponents

Spanish coach Oscar Bruzon's by opening the scoring in the 20th arges took only 23 minutes to minute. Uzbek midfielder Evgeniy Kochnev played Arif Hossain into the box down the right and the winger brilliantly turned around before mustering an angled left-footed shot past goalkeeper Sushanta Kumar.

Saif SC, who lost 2-1 to Kings in the previous match, looked hungrier after conceding and came close to equalising twice but Arifur Rahman's effort was parried by keeper Mitul Marma, who was then lucky that a powerful left-footed drive from Faisal Ahmed Fahim narrowly missed the target on the half-hour mark.

Just one minute from break, Saif equalised through Nigeria's John Okoli before substitute Sazzad Hossain headed home a diving header, helping them jump to fifth place with 16 points from 10 matches.







Compensation Package: The Management Trainee Officer will be entitled to a consolidated monthly remuneration of Tk.45,000.00 for 01 (One) year of probation period. On satisfactory completion of probation period, Management Trainee Officer will be confirmed as Officer in

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Shortlisted candidates will have to sit for a competitive written examination.

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### Application Procedure:

Successful candidates in the written examination will be called for interview.

If you feel, you are the right candidate to face the challenges and want to join the winning team, please apply through "Career

Section" in www.mblbd.com with an attachment of a recent passport size colored photograph (size 50kb max) starting from 28.02.2021 to 14.03.2021. Hard Copy of Resume will not be accepted. Please note that only those candidates shall be considered for inclusion in the interview process who have fully completed

their degrees and have in hand their final transcripts or certificates in original.

Mercantile Bank's existing officials are encouraged to apply for this post, provided they meet the requisite qualifications. Only shortlisted candidates shall be contacted at the sole discretion of the Bank regardless of eligibility or qualifications.

The Bank reserves the right to accept or cancel any application without assigning any reason whatsoever at any stage of the recruitment & selection process and against which no claim can be made, either to the Bank or with any Authority.













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PILKHANA MUTINY ANNIVERSARY

# Make probe reports public

Family members want to know who masterminded the 2009 massacre and why

SHARIFUL ISLAM and ASHUTOSH SARKAR

The family members of 2009 Pilkhana massacre victims say they are still in the dark about the reasons behind such a bloodshed and who masterminded the killing of so many people.

The also demand the investigation reports over the incident be made public and justice be served making sure no innocent is punished.

"We want the real culprits to be punished, not any innocent," Nehreen Ferdousi, wife of slain Col Mojibul Haque, told The Daily Star.

She also said they want to know the reason behind the massacre.

Saquib Rahman, son of slain Col Kuadrat Elahi Rahman Shafique, said the High Court in its verdict(in 2017)asked the BGB authorities to investigate the failures of its intelligence unit to detect the impending 2009 mutiny.

The HC also advised the authorities to make the probe report public as soon as possible.

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who is also a lawyer.

He demanded the investigation reports over the incident -- one by a probe committee of the Bangladesh Army and the other led by a civil servant -- be made public.

"Ultimately the Appellate Division will deliver its verdict and the convicts may be executed. But we hope that we may get to know who conspired and masterminded such a massacre and why," said Saquib, demanding formation of a judicial inquiry committee under a retired Supreme Court



THINKING LITTLE BEFORE DOING ... Without any safety gear, a construction worker demolishing a building in Aminbazar, on the outskirts of the capital, yesterday. He is unaware that he is trying to get the rods he is standing on out. Many such buildings were recently torn down by their owners besides the Dhaka-Aricha highway to make way for a development project. PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

RAPE VICTIMS

# HC issues rule on the govt for compensation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a rule asking the government to explain in a week why it should not be directed to outline a scheme to ensure compensation for rape victims to make their constitutional right to life effective and

In the rule, the court asked the authorities concerned with the government to show causes why their failure to take appropriate steps for rehabilitation of rap victims should not be declared illegal.

It also asked them to reply why they should not be ordered to give adequate compensation to three children of Dinajpur, Rangpur, and Khulna, who were raped in 2017 and last year in separate incidents, and why police should not be directed to produce the medical and investigation reports in connection with the incidents before the court.

Secretaries to the ministries of home, and women and children affairs, health, finance, chairman of National Legal Aid Services Organisation, inspector general of police, commissioners of

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# Why did they kill my son?

Says a stunned father after ID'ing the body of 3-yr-old kidnapped from Gazipur

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The three-year-old boy whose body was recovered from a rooftop water tank in the capital's Shyampur area on Tuesday was kidnapped by a masked man from Gazipur on Saturday.

The victim was Nihad Islam, only son of Hanif Ali and Nargis Begum, who are workers of a garment factory in the district.

Hanif went to Dhaka Medical College morgue yesterday afternoon after seeing the news of the recovery of a minor boy's body.

He identified the swollen and decomposed body as when he saw a key and a small bell tied with a string around the boy's

Talking to The Daily Star, Hanif said Nihad was abducted after the boy went with his mother to her garment factory in Board Bazar area in Gazipur. A CCTV camera installed in front of the factory showed a masked man

taking him away, the father said. The parents filed a complaint with the local police station in this regard. "My son was killed brutally. We are very poor and we do not have any

known enemies. Why did they kill my son? We want justice," he said. Hanif said no one called him demanding ransom for the return of his

Sub-inspector Mahbubur Rahman of Shyampur Police Station said the body was handed over to family members after an autopsy at DMCH. Police are yet to arrest anyone in this regard, he added.

### Shahadat goes to tribunal for scrapping of polls results

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

BNP mayoral candidate in Chattogram City Corporation polls Shahadat Hossain filed a case with the Election Tribunal yesterday, alleging that the election result was manipulated by EC officials.

He demanded cancellation of the January 27 election result and a re-election.

The case was lodged with the court of First Ioint District Judge of Chattogram Khairul Amin, Shahadat told The Daily

"In my appeal, I have said the Election Commission has given the printed copies of results of 20 booths out of 4,885 to my polling agents. They provided the handwritten result sheets of the rest 4,865 booths and the results were manipulated," SEE PAGE 10 COL 5

### Dogs came to North America with earliest humans



AFP, Paris

Scientists said yesterday they had discovered the oldest remains of a domestic dog in the Americas dating back more than 10,000 years, suggesting the animals accompanied the first waves of human

Humans are thought to have migrated to North America from Siberia over what is today the Bering Strait at the end of the last Ice Age between 30,000 and 11,000 years ago.

The history of dogs has been intertwined with man since ancient times, and studying canine DNA can provide a good timeline for human

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### Bangladesh, US to work together on crucial issues

Momen meets Blinken in Washington DC

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka and Washington have agreed to work together to promote democracy, good governance and human rights while further strengthening bilateral relations and enhancing cooperation on global

came during a phone conversation between Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen and US Secretary of State Antony Blinken late Tuesday.

Momen is currently on a visit to Washington DC -- the first one after Joe Biden assumed power and announced that his administration would work on addressing climate change, promoting multilateralism, democracy, SEE PAGE 10 COL 1

### 26.73 lakh vaccinated in 15 days

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The number of people vaccinated for Covid-19 rose to 2,673,038 as the vaccination campaign entered the 15th day yesterday.

Yesterday, a total of 181,985 people have vaccinated in around 1,010 vaccination centres across the country, according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) press release.

Considering the target to inoculate 13.68 crore citizens in the country, around 1.95 percent have been vaccinated.

The number of people registered for Covid-19 vaccines rose to 3,861,876 SEE PAGE 10 COL 3



**PRAYER TIMING FEBRYARY 25** Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha AZAN 5-20 12-45 4-30 6-03 7-30 JAMAAT 5-55 1-15 4-45 6-07 8-00 SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



A school van has been transferred into a mobile shop as the van-puller was sitting idle for the last 11 months due to the nationwide closure of all educational institutions over the coronavirus pandemic. The photo was taken in the capital's Moghbazar area.

ANISUR RAHMAN

### DETECTION OF SEVERAL VARIANTS

# **India warns states** of worsening **Covid situation**

India announced an expansion of its vaccination programme yesterday but warned that breaches of coronavirus protocols could worsen an infection surge in many states, particularly after it detected several variants.

Nearly a month after the health minister declared that Covid-19 had been contained, states such as Maharashtra in the west and Kerala in the south have reported a surge in cases, as reluctance grows over mask-wearing and social

India's infections are the second highest in the world at 11.03 million, swelled in the past 24 hours by 13,742, health ministry data shows. Deaths rose by a two-week high of 104 to 156,567.

"Any laxity in implementing stringent measures to curb the spread, especially in view of new strains of virus ... could compound the situation," the ministry said in a statement singling out nine states and a federal territory.

India has confirmed the long-time presence of two mutant variants - N440K and E484Q - in addition to those first detected in Brazil, Britain and South Africa.

The ministry said that while cases in the states of Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Kerala, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Punjab, as well as the federal territory of Jammu and Kashmir, were rising, the proportion of highaccuracy RT-PCR tests in those places was falling. Cases have also risen in Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal. In the past week, a third of India's 36 states and union

territories have reported an average of more than 100 new cases each day, with Kerala and Maharashtra both reporting