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Death toll AT LEAST 11

Injured **560** 

Missing 400

Affected 45,000

Houses burnt 10,000





Refugees gather at the Balukhai Rohingya camp in Cox's Bazar's Ukhiya yesterday to see for themselves the damage caused by a fire the previous day. Around 10,000 shanties were gutted and about 45,000 refugees became homeless.

# Gone with the blaze

45,000 refugees lose their homes, belongings

MOSTAFA YOUSUF and MOHAMMAD ALI JINNAT from Cox's Bazar

Fleeing a crackdown by the Myanmar military, 35-yearold Chubera Begum, along with her four children, arrived in Ukhiya from Rakhine State in August, 2017. She then found shelter in a tent at Balukhali camp, the largest refugee camp in the world.

In a span of three years, the Rohingya woman was able to build a house with bamboo and corrugated iron sheets with her income from a tea stall.

But all her hard work came to naught as she helplessly watched her home and all belongings turn to ashes in the devasting blaze that erupted at Balukhali Camp-18 in Cox's Bazar on Monday.

"I was just making preparations for lunch. Suddenly, I heard people screaming. I stepped out of my home and saw a huge fire spreading quickly towards our home,"

Chubera told this newspaper yesterday. She then rushed back, immediately took her daughter and sons out of the house, and ran to safety.

"My home, all my savings and belongings went up in

Visiting the sprawling Rohingya camp in West Balukhali, charred objects were found scattered across the vast swathes of the camp which resembled a war zone. Smokes were still billowing out of the ravaged houses in some places even hours after the blaze was doused.

Some people were seen sifting through debris to find anything that could be of use. Several women were wailing,

# New cases jump to 9-month high

3,554 Covid cases detected in 24 hours

MOUDUD AHMMED SUJAN

The health directorate yesterday reported the highest number of new Covid-19 cases in nearly nine months.

A total of 3,554 cases were detected against 25,954 tests in 24 hours ending at 8:00am yesterday. This is the highest since July 2 last year, when 4,019 new cases were detected in the country in a single day.

It also marks a nearly sevenfold increase in three weeks from the 515 cases recorded on March 2. Yesterday's positivity rate of 13.69

percent is more than four times that of the 3.36 percent recorded on March 2.

intersection. When the protesters reached

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In the same 24 hours, 18 patients died

due to the viral infection, raising the total death toll to 8,738. Besides, the total number of confirmed cases rose to 5,77,241.

Amid this steeply rising trend in transmission, experts feared the situation may turn worse in the coming days unless it is ensured that everyone wears masks, washes hands and maintains physical distancing.

"Already, the hospitals are over-burdened due to the rising number of patients. There is a high chance the pressure will increase in the coming days because we are not maintaining health safety guidelines," Prof Ridwanur Rahman, an infectious disease

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## Now it's Bhutan

PM Lotay Tshering in town to join twin celebration

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will hold a bilateral meeting with her Bhutanese counterpart Dr Lotay Tshering at her office today to discuss ways of enhancing connectivity.

Memorandums Understanding (MoUs) are likely to

be signed between the countries to enhance cooperation. In the afternoon, Tshering will join the celebrations of Mujib Borsho and the golden jubilee of Bangladesh's independence at the National Parade Square and deliver a speech as the guest of honour.

Tshering is the fourth world leader to join the 10-day celebrations that began on March 17. Maldives President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih, Sri Lankan Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and Nepali President Bidya Devi Bhandari have attended the celebrations.

Attempting to Kill Hasina in 2000

# 14 Huji men get death penalty

Court orders public execution by firing squad

CHAITANYA CHANDRA HALDER and EMRUL HASAN BAPPI

A Dhaka tribunal yesterday sentenced 14 militants to death and ordered that they be "publicly" executed by the firing squad for attempting to kill Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in 2000.

The convicts, members of banned militant outfit Harkat-ul-Jihad-al-Islami (Huji), had committed sedition through the attempt, it said.

A sedition case was filed against them for trying to kill Sheikh Hasina, the then SEE PAGE 2 COL 3 | prime minister, by planting a 76kg bomb

in Kotalipara, Gopalganj. The bomb was planted on the premises

of Sheikh Lutfor Rahman Ideal College in Kotalipara where Hasina was supposed to address a rally on July 22, 2000.

The bomb was found on July 21. Two days later, another 40kg bomb was recovered from the college premises.

Delivering the verdict yesterday, Judge Abu Zafar Md Kamruzzaman of the Speedy Trial Tribunal-1 observed that the antiliberation forces had been involved in various conspiracies against Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman since 1971

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April 2017.

#### Why is Modi going to this temple?

PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE

A little-known temple in a remote village in the country's southern district the itinerary of Indian Prime Minister Narendra place for the Hindus.

জাতির পিতা বঙ্গবন্ধু শেখ মুজিবুর রহমানের জন্মশতবার্ষিকী ও স্বাধীনতার সুবর্ণজয়ন্তী উদ্যাপন উপলক্ষ্যে অনুষ্ঠানমালা স্থান: জাতীয় প্যারেড স্কয়ার

জাতির পিতা বঙ্গবন্ধু শেখ মুজিবুর রহমানের জন্মশতবার্ষিকী উদ্যাপন জাতীয় বাস্তবায়ন কমিটি

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#### ২৪শে মার্চ ২০২১, বুধবার of Satkhira suddenly came থিম (Theme): শান্তি, মুক্তি ও মানবতার অগ্রদূত under the spotlight when সময় আমন্ত্রিত অতিথিবুন্দের আগমন ও আসন গ্রহণ Modi included the sacred বেলা ২.০০ মাননীয় প্রধানমন্ত্রীর আগমন Located in Ishwaripur ভূটানের মাননীয় প্রধানমন্ত্রীর আগমন village in Shyamnagar জাতীয় সংগীত পরিবেশনা upazila of Satkhira, Jashoreshwari Kali Temple অতিথিবৃন্দের মঞ্চে আসন গ্রহণ is an ancient holy place পবিত্র ধর্মগ্রন্থসমূহ থেকে পাঠ where the remains of মুজিব চিরন্তন থিমের ওপর টাইটেল এ্যানিমেশন ভিডিও Goddess Sati or Shakti, মিউজিক ভিডিও পরিবেশনায় থিম সং Jashoreshwari Kali Temple in Ishwaripur village of Satkhira's Shyamnagar. SEE PAGE 5 COL 1 থিমভিত্তিক ভিডিও প্রদর্শনী স্বাগত সম্ভাষণ: জনাব এ. কে আব্দুল মোমেন, মাননীয় পররাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রী Plagiarism found 27 injured as BCL আলোচকবৃন্দের বক্তব্যঃ জনাব এ এইচ মাহমুদ আলী, এম. পি : ড. রওনক জাহান attacks anti-Modi in work of two বিদেশি রাষ্ট্রের সম্মানিত অতিথিদের ধারনকৃত ভিডিও বার্তা সম্মানিত অতিথির বক্তব্যঃ ভূটানের মাননীয় প্রধানমন্ত্রী ডা. লোটে শেরিং protesters অতিথিবৃন্দকে শ্রদ্ধা-স্মারক প্রদান সভাপতির বক্তব্য: গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকারের মাননীয় প্রধানমন্ত্রী শেখ হাসিনা Unb, Dhaka DU teachers আলোচনা পর্ব সমাপ্তি সন্ধ্যা ৬.০০ At least 25 protesters and two photojournalists were injured as সাংস্কৃতিক অনুষ্ঠান Asiatic Society cancels their research grant, says Chhatra League men on the Dhaka University campus yesterday attacked a report filled with errors; both return advance সময় demonstration protesting Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's upcoming visit अक्ता ७.७० বঙ্গবন্ধুকে উৎসর্গ করে বন্ধু রাষ্ট্রের সাংস্কৃতিক অনুষ্ঠান (সরাসরি পরিবেশনা- ভূটান) Asifur Rahman to Bangladesh. মুজিব চিরন্তন থিমের ওপর টাইটেল এ্যানিমেশন ভিডিও Among the injured are leaders and Over the last few months, plagiarism at the country's premier university activists of different left-leaning student থিমভিত্তিক সিজি এ্যানিমেশন ভিডিও has been a hotly debated topic in the world of academia. organisations. They include Pragati Two Dhaka University teachers had their research contract cancelled ঐ মহামানব আসে: কয়্যারসহ রবীন্দ্র সংগীত Barman Tana, Meghmallar Bose, Asmaney and were declined disbursal of the remaining half of the grant from the অজর অমর অক্ষয়: শিল্পীদের পরিবেশনায় নজরুল সংগীত Asha, and Sumaiya Setu. The wounded Asiatic Society of Bangladesh in November last year after their final report photojournalists are: Jibon Ahmed of the was found plagiarised and full of errors. লোকনায়ক: শিল্পীদের পরিবেশনায় লোকসংগীত Daily Manab Zamin and Rubel Rasid of On February 25, the ASB council decided to place the matter on the the Daily Desh Rupantor. মহাকালের গণনায়ক: তোরা সব জয়ধ্বনি কর (স্পন্দন পরিবেশিত) agenda of the monthly general meeting for the next course of action. In The injured students were rushed to the meantime, the researchers have returned the advance they withdrew শতবর্ষ পরেও: বিশেষ নৃত্যানুষ্ঠান (থিম্যাটিক কোরিওগ্রাফি) Dhaka Medical College Hospital. for the research. কনসার্ট ফর বাংলাদেশ- ১৯৭১ এর ১লা আগস্টের অনুষ্ঠানের চুম্বক অংশ The attack was carried out in TSC area The two researchers -- Dr Eshani Chakraborty, professor of the history of Dhaka University in the evening. department, and Dr Zobaida Nasreen, associate professor of the anthropology কনসার্ট ফর বাংলাদেশ: দেশি শিল্পীদের পরিবেশনা As part of its demonstration department -- received the research grant nearly four years ago. জর্জ হ্যারিসনের বাংলাদেশ: সকল শিল্পীদের সমবেত পরিবেশনা programme, the progressive student They were selected to carry out research on the topic "Brihottoro Dhakar Sthanik Sangskriti o Boishister Swarup Anusondhan [Exploring alliance brought out a procession which was heading towards Shahbagh local culture and its distinctive features of greater Dhaka]" in Bangla in













## March 7 speech defends universal values

Says Unesco DG; German president congratulates nation

AGENCIES, DHAKA

General Audrey Unesco Director Azoulay yesterday said the historic 7 speech of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman defended universal values, freedom, human rights and dignity.

She said this in a video message played on the seventh day of a 10day special programme marking the birth centenary of Bangabandhu and the golden jubilee of Bangladesh's independence, reports BSS.

The Unesco DG said 50 years ago on March 7, Bangabandhu had delivered his historic and momentous speech that marked the history of Bangladesh and the world, momentous because this day led to the country's independence.

"These are precisely the reasons why Unesco inscribed this historic speech in its memory of the world register. It's also why our organisation is delighted to join in the celebrations of the 100th anniversary of birth of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman," she said.

Azoulay said for five years now, Dhaka has been home to Unesco's international mother language institute and thanks to Bangladesh that international community celebrate now International Mother Language Day every year on February 21.

"We will further strengthen this commitment to culture by creating the Unesco-Bangladesh Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman international prize for creative economy," she added. GERMAN PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO HAMID

German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier has said Bangladesh has undergone an "impressive development and is today a vibrant democracy" with high economic growth rates.

"At the same time, Bangladesh has succeeded in clearly reducing poverty in the country using innovative development policy strategies," he said in a message sent to President Abdul Hamid yesterday.

Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen read out the message at a programme held at the capital's National Parade Square yesterday, marking the birth centenary of Bangabandhu and the golden jubilee of independence, reports

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Bangladesh's independence, the German president congratulated his Bangladesh counterpart and the people of Bangladesh. "I wish you strength and every success for the tasks that lie

## Myanmar junta 'sad' at protest deaths

Vows to stamp out 'anarchy'

AGENCIES

Myanmar's military yesterday said it was sad about people killed in its brutal crackdown on anti-coup protests, but vowed to press ahead with stamping out what it called "anarchy".

The junta has unleashed deadly violence as it struggles to quell nationwide protests against the February 1 ousting of civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi

In a news conference in the capital Naypyidaw, junta spokesman Brigadier General Zaw Min Tun put the death toll

lower at 164. "I am sad because these violent terrorist people who died are our

nationals," he said. The Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (AAPP) activist group said at least 261 people have been killed in the brutal crackdown by security

The streets of towns and cities across the country have seen chaotic scenes for weeks as security forces clash with protesters demanding the restoration of

democracy and the release of Suu Kyi. The authorities have used tear gas, rubber bullets and live rounds to disperse protests, prompting a senior UN rights expert to warn they may be

committing "crimes against humanity". But despite widespread international condemnation, Zaw Min Tun defended the response, saying that the security forces were dealing with "insurgents holding weapons" and five police and

four soldiers had been killed "We have to crack down on the anarchy. Which countries in the world accept anarchy?" he said.

Despite the bloodshed, protesters took to the streets again yesterday, staging dawn demonstrations in parts of the commercial capital Yangon.

A seven-year-old girl killed in shooting in Mandalay city, a funeral

service said. As well as breaking up protests, the military has sought to stem the flow of news about the crackdown, banning several local media outlets and arresting

dozens of journalists. Mobile data networks are suspended and Zaw Min Tun said there were presently no plans to restore them.

Suu Kyi, not seen in public since being detained on February 1, is facing several criminal charges as well as allegations of accepting illegal payments of gold and cash.

Sean Turnell, an Australian adviser to the 75-year-old Nobel laureate, is being investigated under immigration and state secrets laws, the junta spokesman announced yesterday.

Turnell, an economist and university professor, was the first foreign national arrested following the coup, reports

The Australian embassy yesterday warned its citizens to prepare to "shelter in place" with essential supplies, while Myanmar's former colonial ruler Britain has already advised its nationals to get

Neighbouring Thailand is bracing for a possible influx of tens of thousands of refugees if the situation worsens.

Meanwhile, the Arakan Army (AA), a major ethnic militia in Myanmar's restive Rakhine state, yesterday joined other ethnic groups in condemning last month's military coup and the ensuing violent crackdown on protesters

While several other armed groups fighting long-running wars in Myanmar's borderlands have signalled their support for pro-democracy protests, the AA, which had agreed a ceasefire with the government ousted on February 1, had not commented publicly, reports Reuters.

"It is a great sadness that innocent people are being shot and killed all over Myanmar," AA spokesman Khine Thu Kha said in a message, adding that the group was "together ... with the people".

"The current actions by the Burmese army and police are very cruel and unacceptable," he said.

He said the AA would "continue to go forward for the oppressed Rakhine people" and that "the oppressed ethnic people as a whole will continue to fight for their freedom from oppression".

On Sunday, civil society groups based in Rakhine demanded the junta abandon the coup and accept the federal democratic system, based on self-administration, that is desired by

#### Gone with the blaze

reeling from the loss of their homes and belongings.

Talking to The Daily Star, Sukkur Maji (supervisor) of FWC block of Balukhali Camp, said panic gripped the refugees in the block as the fire spread quickly.

Referring to statements of a number of refugees in the camp, he said the fire originated from camp-18, about half a kilometre from the FWC block. Fed by gas cylinders, it started spreading fast,

The fire turned devastating due to a lack of water," he mentioned.

Shah Rejwan Hayat, commissioner of the Relief, Rehabilitation and Repatriation Commission, said they recovered 11 bodies, including three of

The UNHCR, however, in a statement said primary reports show that as of yesterday morning, 15 refugees lost their lives in the blaze

At least 560 people were injured and an estimated 400 people are still missing, said the statement published on the UNHCR's official website.

It also said around 10,000 shelters are estimated to have been destroyed or damaged. Besides, about 45,000 Rohingya refugees lost their shelters and

belongings in the devastating blaze. Meanwhile, Disaster Management and Relief Secretary Md Mohsin said, "We have not yet received information about any refugee going missing. It is being checked whether anyone has gone missing."

He was speaking at a briefing at the Refugee Relief and Repatriation Commissioner's office in Cox's Bazar

#### vesterday. GAS CYLINDERS

Md Younus, a refugee living in C-block of Balukhali Camp, told this newspaper that authorities had distributed gas cylinders among the refugees for household use on Monday afternoon, several hours before the fire broke out.

Asked, Shah Rejwan Hayat said, "We saw some gas cylinders go off after the fire broke out. It certainly made the blaze go out of control.'

It would require a thorough investigation to ascertain how and from where the fire originated, he noted.

The blaze damaged around 10,000 structures, including homes, hospitals and learning facilities. Besides, around 45,000 people were affected by the fire, he said.

"Those who suffered minor injuries were given primary treatment at various

He said they have formed a highpowered probe committee to find out the cause of the fire.



Bhutanese Prime Minister Lotay Tshering stands in silence after placing a wreath at the National Memorial in Savar to pay tribute to the Liberation War martyrs. He arrived in Dhaka yesterday on a three-day visit to attend the celebrations of the Mujib Borsho and the golden jubilee of independence.

#### Now it's Bhutan

FROM PAGE 1

Bhandari left for Nepal yesterday after a two-day visit, during which she held talks with President Abdul Hamid, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen. Four MoUs were also signed between the two countries during her visit.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi will arrive in Dhaka on March 26 on a two-day visit.

After a call on the Bhutanese prime minister yesterday afternoon, Foreign Minister Momen said Bhutan, which recognised Bangladesh on December 6 in 1971, is a genuine friend of Bangladesh.

We have discussed connectivity. The prime minister [Tshering] says development is possible if the potential of the region is best utilised. It can be done through connectivity and partnership. Then, we don't need to look at others. We don't need the advice of others," Momen said.

Asked about connectivity, he said,

"We are considering a direct flight from Dhaka to Thimpu. We will also examine railway connectivity. We can also consider options of river routes."

Tshering, who studied medicine in Bangladesh and can speak fluent Bangla, arrived at the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport at 9:30am yesterday. Hasina welcomed him at the VVIP tarmac with a bouquet. The visiting leader was subsequently given a tri-services guard of honour.

Several ministers, state ministers, and high-ranking civil and military officials were also present at the airport. Tshering then went to the National Martyrs' Memorial in Savar to pay tributes to the martyrs of the Liberation War of Bangladesh. He signed the visitors' book and planted a sapling next to the one he planted on April 12, 2019.

He also visited the Bangabandhu Memorial Museum in Dhanmondi to pay tribute to the Father of the Nation.

"On behalf of the people and the Royal Government of Bhutan, I offer today.

my humble respect and prayers to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman for rising above the manacles of foreign exploitation and blessing the nation onto a path of unprecedented peace, prosperity and stability," the Bhutanese premier wrote in the visitors' book, reports BSS.

His daughter Sheikh Hasina is now fulfilling Bangabandhu's vision of 'Sonar Bangla', and with each passing year, Bangladesh is becoming more prosperous and its people are becoming nappier, he also wrote.

. . thank you [Bangabandhu] for being a true leader. Amar Desh, Tomar Desh . . . B/desh, B/desh [my country, your country . . . Bangladesh, Bangladesh]," Tshering wrote.

In the evening, Tshering attended a cultural programme and a banquet hosted by Hasina in his honour.

He is scheduled to pay a courtesy call on Bangladesh President Abdul Hamid at the Bangabhaban in the afternoon

## Plagiarism found in work of two DU teachers

For this, they withdrew half of the Tk 3.50 lakh amount in advance. In February last year, when the

researchers applied for the remaining 50 percent of the fund, after submitting the research paper along with reviewers' comments, ASB declined. In a letter to the researchers on November 23 last year, ASB termed

the research report "a mess in terms of quality", saying it was "filled with innumerable errors that display extreme level of carelessness and lack of professionalism". The research and seminar committee

of ASB found 210 spelling mistakes and typos in the report, along with many incomplete sentences. Even the name of one of the researchers was misspelt, it said. In light of the findings of the

committee, ASB council -- the supreme authority of the organisation --November 14 last year cancelled the research grant. review committee also

recommended issuing a letter to the Dhaka University vice-chancellor and forming a committee to delve deep into the matter to ensure ethical standards in ASB's research and breaches of contract between ASB and the two researchers, said a source at ASB.

In its letter, ASB, a non-profit research organisation, said the authors didn't properly follow the terms and conditions spelt out in the appointment

The report neither complies with the objectives of the study nor is it based on scientific methodology. The report has been found heavily plagiarised, which is highly immoral and a gross violation of rules that call for further measures," it stated

In January this year, three DU professors -- Samia Rahman, Syed Mahfuzul Haque Marjan, Muhammad Omor Faruq -- were demoted on charges of plagiarism in

their published research papers. Later, earlier this month, Samia Rahman said she will take legal recourse and that she is a victim of "colleagues'

#### conspiracy WHÂT HÁPPENED

Dr Eshani and Dr Zobaida submitted the final report of the research on February 19 last year.

Under the standard academic review process, the research and seminar committee of the organisation then sent the paper to the first reviewer and then to the second reviewer.

Following the feedback of the two reviewers, the committee in a meeting on October 29 last year said, "The committee considered that both of them [the authors] have tarnished the image of ASB. Both researchers have shown extreme proportion of carelessness in submission of the report.'

The meeting minutes stated: "They the researchers] did not even address the reviewers' comments properly. One of them has even called the reviewers' competence into question.

This researcher was Prof Eshani, who was present at the meeting as an elected member of the ASB council for 2020-21 and also a member of the research and seminar committee, said organisation insiders. Prof Zobaida is not a member

Prof Eshani sent a letter on December 5, three days after the researchers returned their advance of the research to ASB President Mahfuza

In the letter, she complained that in the last two research and seminar committee's Zoom meetings, she was removed on both occasions on the "pretext" of discussing an agenda that involved her and Zobaida. She also said the committee meetings

without naming anyone, who decides and dictates everything for everyone. "The most serious and grievous experience in the meetings was that was personally attacked and faced

are usually dominated by one person,

verbally offensive words," she wrote in the letter. She added that though they have returned the money and withdrawn the report, "a deliberate attempt is being

#### hostile situation. THE PLAGIARISED RESEARCH **PAPER**

The Daily Star obtained a copy of the submitted paper with the comments and remarks of the research and seminar On reviewing the document, this

made to politicise the issue and create a

correspondent found at least 523 spelling mistakes and typos. The authors used at least three different types of Bangla fonts, leading to frequent typos. In the entire 68-page paper, only two pages -- page 48 and 56 -- had no plagiarism or spelling mistakes

and typos marked up by the review committee. However, both pages had oral history accounts with no justification given for the choice of interviewees, which had already been remarked on by the

reviewers, the committee said. Though the two DU researchers mentioned in the paper that they had taken interviews of local researchers and cultural workers, there was no proof as it had no list of respondents or the questionnaire attached, stated the

committee. The reviewers marked "plagiarised" 48 times in the research paper, which had 168 paragraphs in total.

The research and seminar committee also noted that the authors listed 10 references at the end of the paper only three of which were books while the rest of the citations were Banglapedia, a publication brought out by ASB, various blog posts, and newspaper articles.

The committee also remarked that the methodology of the paper was weak, referencing style was incorrect, and the conclusion was poor.

The research paper's conclusion was 16 lines long, in which there were 13 spelling mistakes and three typos.

The research paper used multiple fonts on pages 21 through 27, and most of these pages were full of spelling mistakes and typos. This correspondent found page 21 to contain 36 such mistakes in 30 lines.

Another remark by the reviewers was that the authors used 38 web sources; these were mainly informally cited in the URL form in the footnotes RESEARCHERS' DEFENCE Contacted, Zobaida Nasreen said, "It

was an inadvertent mistake by me. I

personally apologised for the matter,

withdrew the paper, and returned the money to the organisation [ASB]." She said a couple of years ago, while she was abroad, she and her fellow author had mistakenly submitted a paper which was written by their

"It was an ethical problem and I

research assistants.

admit it. However, after submitting the paper, I had told Harun sir that it was not the final copy, I submitted it by mistake. I apologised to him." Harun-or-Rashid, Prof

chancellor of National University, is an ASB council member. Zobaida added, "The paper is withdrawn and not published. I am not

defending it but before publication we get a chance to remove mistakes. I am sorry as an academic about what I have "Our contract has been cancelled.

What else do they [ASB] want now? I am not even a member of ASB. She, however, alleged that it has now become a "political issue with Prof Harun and Prof Eshani Chakraborty". "I

became a victim here." Prof Eshani claimed the accusation of plagiarism itself is politically motivated and baseless.

"As it was not a published document, anybody can claim this is plagiarism,' she told this paper recently.

This has now become a fashion, a new dimension of leg-pulling of a teacher by another. If you talk about such kind of plagiarism, 90 percent of research in addition with MPhil and PhD research in Bangladesh will be

cancelled. "Besides, there is no Bangla software

to detect plagiarism. "The politics is that I won the election of the ASB council from an opposing panel over others.

She referred this correspondent to the general secretary of ASB since she has no authority to speak about any decision of the council. Contacted, both ASB General

Secretary Prof Sabbir Ahmed and ASB President Mahfuza Khanam declined to comment on the matter, saying it was an internal issue. ASB Council Member Prof Harun-

or-Rashid said since its establishment, the ASB has not discriminated over the academics' political leanings or panels.

"No one will accept submission of such a paper, which has 60 to 70 percent content copied from other sources, in this organisation. This is a deviation from the principles of this organisation. What they have done is an unforgivable offence.

Yet, the authors could have been exonerated if they had admitted that it was a mistake, Prof Harun said.

"Instead of doing so, they are trying to divert the issue to another direction by making different statements at different times. At times, they're saying it is a draft copy, sometimes adding the gender dimension here, and sometimes giving the excuse of being from the

opposition," he added. 'Doesn't a teacher has the courage to admit a mistake and seek apology for

DU Pro-VC (academic) Prof ASM Maksud Kamal, too, said the case is one of plagiarism. There are two types of plagiarism -- one is pre-published and another after publication, he said. "If any organisation or publishing

authority finds plagiarism in any article, they don't publish it.'

DU does not yet have a research guideline -- however, Prof Maksud said a draft is ready and waiting to be reviewed by the DÚ syndicate.

In any case, he said, there are no clear university rules regarding punishment for researchers' plagiarism in the case of published or unpublished work like MAYHEM IN SUNAMGANJ

#### No case, yet Jhumon in jail for 7 days

30 accused of attack on Hindus on remand

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Niva Rani Das, mother of Jhumon Das Apon, yesterday demanded release of

Police detained Jhumon on March 16 over an alleged Facebook post criticising a statement of Hefajat-e Islam leader Mamunul Haque. The next day, a mob of several hundred Hefajat supporters attacked,

vandalised and looted 90 Hindu houses

in Noagaon village of Sunamganj's "For seven days, I have not been able to know his location and to see him," Niva said at a press conference at the Crime Reporters' Association of

Bangladesh's office in the capital. At the press conference, organised by Bangladesh Jatiya Hindu Mohajot, she said, "Her son was handed over to the police on Tuesday [March 16] night. Next morning, I went to Shalla Police Station to see him but failed. That morning, they [Hefajat supporters] attacked our village, looted everything from my house and broke a hand of my

daughter-in-law [Jhumon's wife].' Demanding release of her son, the mother said, "There is no case against

Jhumon was sent to jail after being produced before a Sunamganj court under section 54 of the Criminal Procedure Code.

another development, Sunamganj court yesterday granted remand for 30 accused of two cases filed in connection with the attack, vandalism and looting valuables from Hindu houses. Senior Chief Judicial Magistrate

Islam Swadhin and a two-day remand for 29 other accused, said Salim Nawaj, court inspector of Sunamganj police. Earlier, the investigation officer of the cases prayed for a 10-day remand

Shyam Kanta Sinha granted a five-day remand for prime accused Shahidul

for Shahidul and a five-day remand for others. So far, 34 accused of the cases have

been arrested. Meanwhile, Gonoshasthaya Kendra Founder and Trustee Dr Zafrullah Chowdhury visited the village yesterday.

During the visit, Dr Zafrullah said the attack was planned and demanded a judicial probe into the mayhem. He also claimed that Awami League

men with Hefajat supporters carried out the attack. "It's a shame that the village was attacked on the birth anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. We never fought for these days and this independence," he said, demanding the

#### Facebook hit by French lawsuit over hate speech

probe report in seven days.

AFP, Paris

Media watchdog Reporters Without Borders announced Tuesday that it has filed a lawsuit against Facebook in France, saying the website breaks its own terms by failing to protect users against hate speech.

The Paris-based campaign group, known by its French acronym RSF, said it was taking Facebook to court for "misleading commercial practices". The US social media giant has allowed the "massive proliferation" of

hate speech and false information on its site, RSF said. The watchdog argues that while Facebook pledges in its terms of service to provide "a safe, secure and error-free environment" for users, it fails to do this as hateful content and

misinformation are widespread on The legal complaint, seen by AFP, targets subsidiaries Facebook France and Facebook Ireland, through which the company conducts some of its French activities.

27 injured FROM PAGE 1

TSC area, hundreds of Chhatra League activists attacked them.

Chhatra Front DU unit President Salman Siddique said, "Chhatra League attacked our peaceful procession. At least 20-25 of our brothers have been injured and 15 of them are admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. In another incident in the morning,

effigy of Modi, which was kept there to be burned by Bangladesh Students Federation at Raju Memorial Sculpture on the DU campus. Later, Federation activists burnt

several BCL activists snatched an

several photos of Modi protesting his visit to Bangladesh.

Hundreds of leaders and activists of BCL had gathered at the Raju Memorial Sculpture and Madhur Canteen areas of the DU since Monday morning to celebrate the Indian government's decision of honouring Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman with Gandhi Peace Prize-2020.

Indian PM Modi is scheduled to visit Dhaka on March 26-27 to attend the celebrations of Mujib Borsho and the golden jubilee of independence.

#### Deal on importing hydropower from Nepal at final stage

Says foreign minister

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh, Nepal and India are at the final stage of confirming a deal that will allow Bangladesh to import hydropower from the Himalayan state, said Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen yesterday.

"Three countries agreed on it. We are close to the final stage. We will buy electricity from Nepal. In winter, we can sell electricity when we have surplus," he said at a press conference on the meetings with Nepalese President Bidya Devi Bhandari, Bangladesh President Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Monday.

Bangladesh signed an MoU with Nepal in 2018 to oversee investment, development and trade in hydroelectricity between the two countries. Under this arrangement, Bangladesh will import up to 9,000 MW of hydropower from Nepal

Initially, Bangladesh sought to buy hydropower from Nepal's Karnali Hydropower Project through GMR



In plain sight of a large sign by Traffic Department of Dhaka Metropolitan Police that says rickshaws are not allowed on the Green Road-Farmgate intersection in the capital, the three-wheelers stand on the spot without a care. The photo was taken on Monday.

# Wasa backtracks on water price hike

Dhaka Wasa will not be hiking water prices considering the worsening of the covid-19 situation.

The decision was made at the board meeting of Wasa held yesterday. "We did not approve the proposal for hiking water tariff by five percent, considering the pandemic. We will reconsider the matter when the situation goes back to normal," said Wasa Board Chairperson Dr Golam Mostafa.

The proposal was prepared to increase water prices by five percent for residential and commercial uses from July 1.

According to the proposal, the prices of each unit (1,000 litres) of water will be Tk 15.18 for residential use and Tk 42 for commercial use, increasing from the current prices of Tk 14.46 and Tk 40 respectively.

Earlier, Consumers Association of Bangladesh (CAB) termed the proposal of increasing water price during the novel coronavirus pandemic unacceptable, cold-blooded and inconsiderate.

"When people are struggling financially, the proposal to increase price of water is not acceptable in any way," CAB said in a press release yesterday. "This will increase living costs and cause great suffering to people," added

Earlier on Monday, Dr Golam Mostafa said the price hike was proposed to adjust with inflation

"We only earn half of the production cost of water and we have to increase the price gradually to have a sustainable future for the company," he said. Dhaka Wasa can increase the water tariff by five percent in consultation

with the government as per section 22 of the Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority Act, 1996. Brushing aside Wasa's rationale for increasing price, CAB said despite the price increasing every year, there are numerous complaints of supplying

## 'Govt celebrating golden jubilee without people'

Alleges BNP leader Mirza Fakhrul

UNB, Dhaka

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday alleged that the government is celebrating the golden jubilee of independence keeping people and freedom fighters "away".

"The government is celebrating the golden jubilee without people as it has become isolated from them. The freedom fighters have no place in the government's celebration programmes. Even political parties have no presence there," he said.

The BNP leader said only foreign guests

are coming to Bangladesh to celebrate the golden jubilee and they are being told and shown that the country is on the crest of development.

Fakhrul made the remarks while talking to reporters after visiting BNP joint secretary general Habib-un-Nabi Khan Sohel at a hospital in the capital.

Sohel has been receiving treatment at the hospital as he was injured during a clash allegedly with law enforcers in front

of Jatiya Press Club on February 28.

Fakhrul said their party must welcome the foreign friends and heads of governments of five countries to the celebrations.

But he voiced anger as the government "restricted" them from holding programmes the party has taken to celebrate the golden jubilee of independence on the "pretext of foreign guests' presence".

"People's movement obstructed," he alleged.

The BNP leader also questioned the purpose of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's upcoming visit to Bangladesh.

Modi is scheduled to visit Bangladesh on March 26 to attend the twin celebrations of Mujib Borsho and the golden jubilee of Bangladesh's independence.

He will also visit Bangabandhu Memorial in Tungipara, Matua community in Kashiani, and a temple in Satkhira on March 27 before holding a bilateral meeting with Hasina.

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### Don't incite anarchy over Modi's visit

Obaidul Quader urges all

Bss, Dhaka

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader yesterday urged all concerned not to incite any chaos centring Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's forthcoming visit to Bangladesh.

He made the call at a regular press conference on contemporary issues at his official residence on parliament premises in Dhaka

Quader, also general secretary of Awami League, said a vested quarter is hatching conspiracy to thwart the Indian premier's visit marking the birth centenary of Bangabandhu and golden jubilee of Bangladesh's independence.

Mentioning that India was the main ally of Bangladesh during the Liberation War, the minister said Bangladesh invited the head of the government of India, not any particular individual, on the occasion of the twin celebrations.

He said Modi is an invited guest and his visit has no link with any other issue.

About BNP secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir's comment that the party started getting organised to defeat the government, Quader said if BNP becomes politically organised, there is no problem.

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More than just a book fair, the Boimela is a place for hangouts too. A few lone visitors aside, yesterday it was home to groups of three, four and even more.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

EKUSHEY BOOK FAIR

## 'Better promotion would have drawn more visitors'

MATHEWS CHIRAN

As soon as the gate of Amar Ekushey book fair opened at 3pm yesterday, visitors started coming in. Among lone visitors and groups, there were students, couples, families university students, couples and families joining in the festivity of the fair.

Visiting the Boimela premise, this correspondent found visitors wandering around the stalls and sitting at different corners, particularly surrounding the lake adjacent to the Independence Monument. More than just an occasion to buy books, the fair looked like a place where people came to spend time with their loved ones.

"The Boimela is that one place where you get to buy books and chit-chat with your friends at the same time," said Ayesha Zaman, a visitor sitting on the grass with her friends. "This creates a culture of living and breathing among books." She had  $\bar{a}$ couple of books in her hand, including 'Rabindranath o Somokalin Bangladesh' by Atiur Rahman from Bangla Prokash.

This correspondent came across two friends who were having a discussion following a session at the writers' corner adjacent to the lake. The conversation centered around the current situation of writers and literature.

Md Masud met his friend Shakhawat Hossain after a long time yesterday. Both big fans of fiction, they couldn't help but start a deep back and forth after attending the session on contemporary literature. "It was an eye opening experience. We got to know so much about how literature works

these days, and also how writers are faring faced with today's reading culture. This is only possible at the fair. You can buy books and discuss your favourite topics as well," said Masud, who bought a poetry collection of Rabindranath Tagore.

Bithi and Rajib came to the fair with their 10-year-old daughter Nowshin. There to spend the evening, they told this correspondent they had no idea the Boimela is taking place this year. "I got to know about it from a colleague. We made up our minds for a visit immediately, and here we are. We bought some books for our daughter. She's quite excited about the whole thing," Rajib said.

Overall, though the sixth day of the

fair wasn't breaking records, publishers informed there was a moderate flow of visitors at the fair all day yesterday.

Bangla Prokash staff Samin Yasir said, "A lot of people are yet to know the fair is taking place, mainly due to its delayed start. Once widely known, the crowd will definitely increase. However, those who are in the know are coming, buying books, and socialising, and that's great for us." Some of the popular books flying off Bangla Prokash's shelves are 'Jonoker Mukh' by SM Shamsul Alam and 'Onno Rokom Onno Hobo' by Mahmud Khurshid.

People are also buying books from Shobdoshoili. Some of its key choices are: 'Time management' by Richard Walsh (translated by Fahim Morshed), 'Social Intelligence' by Daniel Golman (translated by Anika Nawar), and 'Shoiroshashoner Noy Bochor' by Major Rafiqul Islam.

#### Cop among three held with phensedyl

Our Correspondent, Narayanganj

Three people, including a sub-inspector (SI) of police, have been detained by Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) with 240 bottles of phensedyl and two guns from Narayangani's Sonargaon upazila

The arrests took place around 11pm on Monday near Meghna Toll Plaza area. The detained police personnel has been identified as Kaikobad Khan Pathan (30), a sub-inspector of Kalapahariya Police Outpost under Araihazar. The identities of the other detainees could not be known yet, said law enforcers.

"Tipped off, a team of Rab-3 set up a check-post in the area to search their vehicles. During search, police recovered 240 bottles of phensedyl and two guns from a private car with a police sticker. The three passengers of the car were detained in this connection," said Farzana Haque, senior assistant director of Rab-3.

"Primary interrogation revealed one of the detainees to be an SI of police. Hence it is likely that one of the guns belongs to the government while the other might be illegally possessed," the Rab official said, adding the detainees and seized items were handed over to Sonargaon Police Station.

Confirming the incident, Rafiqul Islam, officer-in-charge (OC) of Sonargaon Police Station, told The Daily Star that filing of a case was underway.

addresses and other related information.

an altercation over a mobile phone.

She later walked out of jail on bail.

term imprisonment in absentia after trial.

FM MIZANUR RAHAMAN, Ctg

Serving jail time by proxy

of actual accused in exchange for money

When "Kulsuma Akhter" came to the Chattogram Central Jail in 2018

with a conviction warrant in hand, after being convicted in a murder case,

she had all the correct answers -- the name of her father, husband, home

prisoners and took her photograph before registering her as an inmate.

jail term by proxy for money while the actual criminal remained scot-free.

out about the issue seeing discrepancies in their register books -- one for

under trial prisoners and one for convicted ones – and informed the court.

in Chattogram with the register books to explain the situation. As per the

court order, Md Shafiqul Islam Khan appeared before the court of 4th

her rented house in port city's Rahmatganj area on July 9, 2006 following

police arrested one Kulsuma Akhter and sent her to jail in 2007.

Additional Metropolitan Session Judge Shariful Alam.

So the jail authorities jotted those down in a register book for convicted

What the prison authorities did not know was that she was serving a

The above information came to light after the prison authorities found

Yesterday, the Chattogram jail superintendent appeared before a court

Court sources said one Kohinur Begum, an apparel worker, was killed in

Over the murder, a case was lodged with Kotwali Police Station and

On November 30, 2017, a court in Chattogram sentenced her to life-

Asked, Jail superintendent Shafiqul Islam Khan said, "Kulsuma landed

in Chattogram jail in 2007 as an under-trial prisoner. During that time, her

name and photograph were registered in the under-trial prisoners' book.

Woman agreed to be in prison instead

Law Review

## **Torture in police custody:** Serious cause for concern

LAW DESK

In the aftermath of the death of writer Mushtaq Ahmed in custody, the nation was shocked to hear the details of the treatment of his fellow co-accused, cartoonist Ahmed Kabir Kishore, in police custody.

The cartoonist, who was arrested on charges under the Digital Security Act 2018, was detained for 10 months after being arrested in May last year until he was granted bail on March Torture in police custody remains a massive

cause of concern in Bangladesh, particularly with the enactment and implementation of the provisions of the Digital Security Act 2018. Rights groups and legal experts have

consistently pointed to the misuse of the Act to silence dissent through intimidation and torture. Bangladesh acceded to the United Nations Convention against Torture and Other Cruel Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, 1984 (UNCAT) in 1998 but did not submit a state party report to the Committee

Previously, the High Court Division of the Supreme Court noted with concern the human rights violation that takes place as a result of

#### the widespread practice of "remand" wherein letainees are taken in for questioning and obtaining confession through use of force. The High Court Division's judgement in a

writ petition laid down some directions to be followed by law enforcement officers to ensure the arrestee's rights under the Constitution. Subsequently, the Appellate Division issued its own directions while hearing appeal of the

case in the light of the enactment of the Torture

and Custodial Death (Prevention) Act 2013. But the 2013 Act has remained largely ineffective and the first ever verdict under the law was given in 2020 by Dhaka Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court, where the deceased's

Despite the aforementioned legal remedies and judicial decisions, custodial torture has remained a consistent practice in Bangladesh.

family was awarded compensation of Tk 2 lakh.

According to the statistics of Ain o Salish Kendra, 75 people died in custody in 2020 and eight died in custody in January 2021 alone. In light of the growing concerns of

custodial torture, especially with regard to

detention under the DSA, it is high time for the government to live up to the applicable international human rights standards.



Coming in at about 350 kgs, this Baghair fish (devil catfish) was caught from the river Kushiara yesterday. This photograph was taken at Sylhet city's Lalbazar, where trader Milal Mia was seen asking Tk 3.5 lakh as the selling price. This near-threatened species of fish is considered a rare treat at the market, and the seller said he would cut up the fish for sale if no buyer can afford it whole.

But she later got out on bail after serving a year, he added SEE PAGE 4 COL 2

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

#### Why govt shouldn't be directed to digitise marriage reg: HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday wanted to know why the government should not be directed to take necessary steps to digitise marriage and divorce registrations to save people from fraudulence. The HC issued a rule asking the

authorities concerned to explain in four weeks why a direction should not be given upon them to take necessary steps to this effect. In the rule, the court also asked the

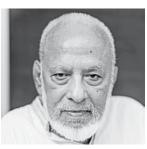
respondents to show causes why they should not be ordered to preserve the information of marriage and divorce registrations by developing a central website. Secretaries to the ministries of

law, religious affairs and information technology, and chairman of Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission have been made respondents to the rule. The HC bench of Justice Md Mozibur

Rahman Miah and Justice Md Kamrul Hossain Mollah came up with the rule after hearing a writ petition.

Aid for Men Foundation and three people collectively submitted the petition

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#### Shamsul Huq Chowdhury passes away

CITY DESK

Shamsul Huq Chowdhury passed away on March 19 at the Bangladesh Specialized Hospital in the capital.

He was 100 years old, and was suffering from old-

He left behind his wife, four sons, two daughters

Chowdhury retired as a senior officer in 1991 from Karnaphuli Paper Mill Ltd, an enterprise of Bangladesh Chemical Industries

He was laid to rest at his family graveyard at

Limited.

#### Serving

Meanwhile, Minu Akhter came to the jail in 2018 following a conviction warrant in a murder case where her name and photo were registered in convicted-prisoners' register

book, the jail superintendent added.

"The photos of two women were different but when she [Minu] came to jail, she introduced herself as Kulsuma. She even had the correct answers to her family members' names, addresses, and other information. However, after finding out the mismatch recently, we informed the court," he added.

Asked how they found out about the discrepancy, he said they found it while conducting an inspection of the female ward.

According to court sources, the jail superintendent came to the judge's room with both the register books. Minu was also with her

On the court premises, Minu, a mother of three, told reporters that one Morzina Akhter of her area offered her

money to go to jail for a few days. Minu said she did not know Kulsuma. Once in jail, she said, she found out that she was serving life-term imprisonment.

Meanwhile, family members of Minu said her children are now living in an orphanage in Sitakunda.

Advocate Golam Mowla Murad who is providing legal support to Minu, told The Daily Star, "The court has seen the documents and ordered to send those to the High Court for the next course of action."

"Had the jail authorities checked the register books of the prisoners before Minu's entry, the mistake would have been found out much earlier," he added.

Meanwhile, court sources said Kulsuma had earlier filed a petition with the HC to review her punishment.

As the case is now with the HC, it will decide on the matter as well as Minu's fate, said senior lawyers at Chattogram.

Even if Minu gets bail in the case, the prison authorities may file a fraudulent case against her, they added.

Minu hails from Sitakunda upazila while convicted Kulsuma from Lohagara upazila of Chattogram.

#### Shab-e-Barat Holiday moved to Mar 30

The government has rescheduled the public holiday for the upcoming

Shab-e-Barat on March 30 instead of March 29 since the holiday for the religious event is determined based on the sighting of the new moon. The Public Administration Ministry yesterday issued a notification in

Earlier on March 14, the National Moon Sighting Committee decided to observe the Shab-e-Barat on the night of March 29 as the moon of Shaban was not sighted in the country on that day.

## Int'l cooperation needed to protect labour rights

Law minister tells ILO governing body

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has decided to work on a six-year action plan to ensure labour rights and safe working spaces, said Law Minister Anisul Huq. The action plan has been prepared in consistence with Bangladesh's

graduation from Least Developed Country (LDC) status in 2026. The law minister said this on Monday while virtually speaking to the 341st session of ILO's Governing Body, seeking cooperation from all international organisations -- including the International Labour Organization (ILO) -- to

protect the rights of all working-class people. The minister also placed four specific issues -- namely labour law amendment, trade union registration, empowerment of labour inspection department, and giving up anti-labour interest activities -- before the ILO's

The government is working to eradicate child labour in line with sustainable development goals, he said.

ILO Governing Body's Chairperson and India's Labour Secretary Apurva Chandra presided over the session where representatives from India, China, Russia, Turkish, Morocco, Cuba, Iraq, Bahrain, Azerbaijan, Canada, USA, Switzerland, Germany, and Mexico attended, said a law ministry press

# Don't incite

But if BNP carries out their evil attempts to create unrest in the name of movement, Awami League, along with the people, will face them, he said.

"Now Awami League is very much united, strong and well-organised," he said. Quader said when BNP was in power, it

introduced politicisation in administration On the other hand, the government of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina stopped it. The current administration is very much

skilled and efficient, he added. The minister said the administration is working with efficiency to materialise Vision 2021, Vision 2041, Delta Plan and other long-term visions.

There is no government interference in lower and high courts and that is why the court gave verdicts against many AL leaders and activists, he said, adding that AL does not want to intervene in the judicial process by any means as it is respectful to the law. But BNP maintains a double standard on law and judicial matters, he added.

Referring to the rise in coronavirus infection rate, the minister urged the all to maintain health guidelines properly and wear facemasks.

He urged all of AL's organisational units to arrange prayers at religious establishments on every Friday from now till December marking the birth centenary of Bangabandhu and golden jubilee of independence, keeping consistency with the central programmes as per the directives of the party president.

Quader also announced AL's programmes for Genocide Day on March 25. AL's Dhaka city north and south units will arrange a discussion at 11am at AL central office on the cay, he said.

#### Govt

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Fakhrul said their party has long been saying the unsettled issues, including a fair share of the water of common rivers and border killing, should be resolved to improve further the bilateral ties with India.

"It should also be made clear to people what we're gaining from increasing the connectivity," he said.

The BNP leader said their party thinks border killings should be stopped immediately as it is an inhumane act. government cannot solve this problem though it says it has a very strong friendship with India," he added.

He alleged that the government has given India the share of water of Feni river unilaterally, though it has failed to sign any deal over the sharing of water of Teesta river.

"A bridge is also being built for connectivity. But there's no solution to our basic problems," Fakhrul added.

Fakhrul said their party still hopes that the government will solve the problems of the country's millions of people by presenting their demands in the "right" way.



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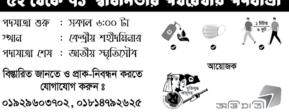
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Wasa.

There are allegations that residents of many areas of supplied poor quality tap

Besides, many face acute shortage of drinking water and don't have access to sewage network.

in front of Wasa's Karwan Bazar headquarters on April 23, 2019, demanding supply of hygienic water.

## Why govt

to the HC through lawyer Ishrat Hasan on March 4, seeking its directive on the respondents to digitise the marriage and divorce registrations.

During hearing, lawyer Ishrat Hasan told the HC that marriages and divorces are registered in accordance with the provisions of existing law

which is an analogue system without any technological support.

As a result, any husband and wife whose marriage was registered in one jurisdiction can easily conceal it in another jurisdiction and enter into another marriage fraudulently concealing their previous marriage or marriages, the lawyer said.

She said marriage and divorce registrations need to be preserved on a website.

Therefore, people before their marriage will be able to verify whether their future spouses have any previous marriage or divorce records, which will reduce thousands of cases. Deputy Attorney General Nawroz

MR Chowdhury represented the state.

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#### Deal on

Group, an Indian company. However, as Indian power grid should be used for transmission of power, a trilateral agreement is required, said officials of the Power Division. An official of the Power Division yesterday told this

correspondent that the power ministry has sent a power purchase agreement to the law ministry for vetting. Once done, this has to be endorsed by Nepal. Then, the issue of power grid needs to be settled with India as it has to be transmitted through India.

Bangladesh has also been in favour of investing in Nepal's hydropower sector.

"We were working to identify the projects. We have already visited Nepal several times to identify projects. Due to the pandemic, the work has been slow," the official said

Both Dhaka and Kathmandu have stressed on extended cooperation on hydropower, Minister Momen

Experts say as Bangladesh will need more energy, and that too from renewable sources. Nepal, Bhutan and Northeastern Indian states could be the major sources of hydropower

Momen said Nepal and Bangladesh stressed on trade and connectivity during the meeting. A Preferential Trade Agreement is also at the final stage and is likely to be signed soon. The government wants to turn Bangladesh as the

multimodal connectivity hub between South and

Southeast Asia. As part of it, various initiatives are underway to widen connectivity network with landlocked As an addition to the Protocol of the Nepal-Bangladesh Transit Agreement signed in 1976, a letter of exchange

has been signed between the two countries to include

Rohanpur-Singhabad Rail Link. Nepal is also interested in using Chattogram, Mongla and Payra sea ports. Bangladesh has agreed to work on the

modalities for this during the visit of Nepalese president. Nepal has also expressed its interest to use inland waterways of Bangladesh. Besides, Nepal is also interested

in using the Saidpur Airport for direct flights with Viratnagar. "Bangladesh is open to it. We want to facilitate connectivity," Momen said.

He said Bangladesh and India have already agreed to sign passenger protocol under the BBIN. Nepal is expected to give nod to it at the soonest, he added. For implementing the Motor Vehicle Agreement (MVA)

among Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal, options of some new routes other than the existing ones are being explored, he said.

In response to a question, State Minister for foreign affairs Shahriar Alam said Nepal and India in principle agreed for MVA. As the Bhutan parliament has yet to agree on it, the three countries will go forward.

Biden, Putin to give messages

Momen said Russian President Vladimir Putin has sent a message on the occasion of Bangladesh's golden jubilee of independence and Mujib Borsho. Besides, US President Joe Biden will also deliver a message.

Prime ministers from Canada, Japan, Cambodia, as well as the Chinese President, and UK Queen Elizabeth II have given greeting messages on the occasion.

Besides, presidents of France, Germany, Italy, UAE and and the Prime Minister and King of Spain will also give messages.

"We are very lucky that so many world leaders are joining our celebrations," Momen said.

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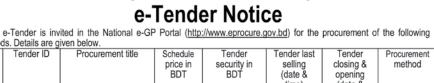
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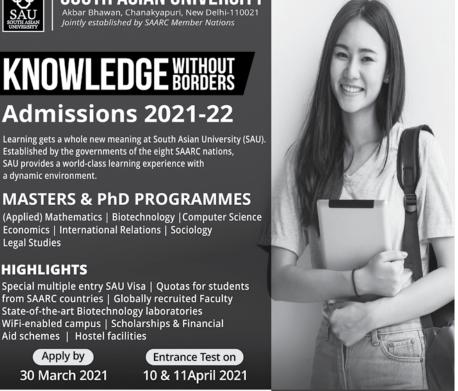
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# Procurement target missed as farmers lose interest to sell paddy

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Farmers are not showing interest to sell paddy to government warehouses on various grounds including nonacceptance of paddy at the warehouses without bribe. For this reason, no paddy was deposited to Srimangal government warehouse in Srimangal upazila of Moulvibazar.

Experts believe that non-storage of paddy in government warehouses is a threat to the country's food security. And if the market goes out of the control of the government, it will affect the people of the country.

According to Srimangal upazila food control office, the target for Aman paddy collection in Sreemangal upazila is 442 tonnes. And the government price was Tk 1,040. The time to collect this paddy from the first list of farmers ended on January 25. But despite extension of the collection deadline the government warehouse is still empty.

Sajjad Hosain, a farmer of Kalapur area, said the price of paddy is higher than that of the government price.

"In addition, we face various troubles including moisture measurement of paddy in the government godowns, chitta cleaning, load-unloading and transportation cost. Due to these problems, we are selling paddy without going to the government godown."

Monwar Hossain, officer-in-charge of the upazila food warehouse, said, a circular issued by the ministry's Internal Procurement Branch on October 30 last year called for the selection of two farmers' lists by lottery from among the productive farmers at the beginning of the 2020-21 Aman seasons, using the experience of the 2020 Boro paddy

"Farmers did not give us paddy as the prices were high in the local markets,"

Mizan Mia, a farmer from South Uttarsur village, said, the price of fine and coarse rice is the same at the government warehouses but the price is higher in the local markets.

"I have suffered a huge loss by selling paddy in government warehouses every time. That's why I sold my paddy in the local markets this time. I have also got good profit. I will never sell paddy in the government warehouse again," he

Bakul Mia, a farmer from Sindurkhan area, said, it's not just the price, it's a lot unloading. After covering all these costs, of trouble to take paddy to government

"If we don't give bribe, government officials will come up with one after another excuse like moisture content or higher percentage of chitta. And workers also have to be paid for loading and



Farmers selling paddy at a local market in Moulvibazar's Srimangal upazila.

the price of one mound of paddy falls to 700-800 taka

Other hand, there is no cost to sell paddy in our local markets. Some traders buy paddy from our house," he

Upazila Agriculture Officer Nilufar

Yasmin Monalisa Sweety said, the target for Aman production was 65,961 tonnes last year. The production was 72,276 tonnes. We got the list of farmers from the field level.

Dipendra Bhattacharjee, president of Transparency International Bangladesh Sreemangal unit, said farmers have to contact the people of the ruling party to get their names enlisted to sell paddy. There are various problems in selling paddy in government warehouses including giving bribes.

If the price of paddy is further increased by the government, farmers will be encouraged to give paddy in godowns, he added.

Officer Takbir Upazila Food Hossain denied the allegations of the farmers and said, "We have to take the paddy according to the rules of the government."

Prof Dr Jasim Uddin Ahmed, chairman of the department of Agricultural Economics and Policy of Sylhet Agricultural University, the government is in trouble because of the incompetence of the staff in the field. On the other hand, there is a lack of proper monitoring by the government. If the government pays a little more to the farmers, the government will not have to face much loss.

He added that during the collection campaign, it is necessary to spread the word in the field. If necessary, people should be recruited on a daily basis at this time, but farmers should be motivated to sell paddy to the government. Because if there is not enough stock in the hands of the government, the traders can make syndicate and put the government in

#### Youth killed over trifling matter

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A youth was stabbed to death in Mirzapur upazila in yesterday allegedly over a trifling matter.

The deceased, Alimul Mollah, 30, son of Selim Mollah of Baimhati village, was a sweeper of Mirzapur

municipality.
Police said a couple was engaged in a quarrel on the road around 11:00am and some locals including Alimul went there to stop them from quarrelling.

Meanwhile, altercation occurred between Alimul and Sabbir, 35, a guard of a local private hospital, on the spot over a trifling matter. At one stage, angry Sabbir took a knife from a nearby shop and stabbed Alimul on the abdomen, leaving him seriously injured.

Local people rushed Alimul Kumudini to Hospital from where he was referred to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for better treatment, but he died on way to the hospital.

OC of Mirzapur Police Station Rizaul Haque Dipu said Sabbir went into hiding soon after the incident.

#### New cases jump to 9-month high

According to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), only 11 ICU beds out of 103 were vacant in 10 Covid-19 dedicated government hospitals while 46 out of 164 in nine private hospitals in Dhaka city were vacant yesterday.

A physician deployed in the Covid-19 unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital wrote on his Facebook wall that the patients in general beds were turning critical but they could not provide ICU support to everyone.

As of yesterday, there are 549 ICU beds for Covid-19 patients in hospitals across the country. Of those, 306, or 55.73 percent, were occupied.

This occupancy rate has surpassed the 53.57 percent on July 2 last year when 4,019 new daily cases were detected. POSITIVITY RATE HIGHER THAN

REPORTED? Experts also hinted that the real positivity rate is higher than the reported numbers from the DGHS.

health officials. According to samples of around 5,000 members of

law enforcement agencies who have been deployed for the twin national celebrations of Bangladesh's golden jubilee of independence and the birth centenary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, are being tested everyday as part of a regular screening

According to police department sources, around 8,000 members of the law enforcement agencies have been deployed for duty in the national celebrations.

Additionally, a number of outgoing passengers go through RT-PCR tests to get Covid-19 negative certificates required for travel abroad, sources said.

"If this number of people are excluded from the total testing figure, the number of tests done as part of transmission surveillance will come down. And the positivity rate will also go up," Mushtuq Hussain, consultant of the Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR) told The Daily Star.

In the 24 hours until 8:00am yesterday, a total of 681 samples were tested in the RT-PCR lab at the Institute

of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR).

Of them, more than a hundred samples were of members of an intelligence agency.

"Usually, the positivity rate stays stagnant around four percent among [members of] law enforcement agencies we have been testing every day for the last week. If we exclude this number, the real positivity rate is a bit higher," Mahbuba Zamil, head of the virology lab at the Institute of Public Health, told The Daily Star yesterday.

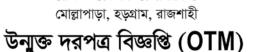
Asked whether the transmission will continue rising, she said, "We have to observe for a week more. Because, in our lab, we get different positivity rates ranging from five to 10 percent -- on different days. Yesterday, we had 10.1 percent positive cases -- the highest in the st two months.'

She also said there is no alternative to earing masks.

"It is important for all. More importantly, one who develops Covid-19 symptoms should test and isolate so that none can get the virus from that person.

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77	দরপত্র জমা প্রদানের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময়	8	২০ এপ্রিল ২০২১ তারিখ ১২০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
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			(যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্রসমূহ খোলা হবে।
অফিসে	র নাম ও ঠিকানাঃ		
२०।	অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা	00	র্যাপিড এ্যাকশন ব্যাটালিয়ন-৫, রাজশাহী, মোল্লাপাড়া, হড়গ্রাম, রাজশাহী।
	দরপত্র ডকুমেন্ট/সিডিউল বিক্রয়কারী অফিস	8	ক। অধিনায়ক, র্যাব-৫, রাজশাহী কার্যালয়। খ। কমাভ্যান্ট (পুলিশ সুপার), আরআরএফ,
			রাজশাহী। গ। পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয়, রাজশাহী।
	দরপত্র গ্রহণকারী/অফিস	8	ক। অধিনায়ক, র্যাব-৫, রাজশাহী এর কার্যালয়। খ। পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয়,
			রাজশাহী।
	দরপত্র খোলার স্থান	8	অধিনায়ক, র্যাব-৫, রাজশাহী এর কার্যালয়।
78	প্রি টেভার সভার স্থান, তারিখ ও সময়	8	অধিনায়ক, র্য়াব-৫, রাজশাহী এর কার্যালয় ১৮ এপ্রিল ২০২১ তারিখ ১৫৩০ ঘটিকায়।
দরপত্র :	সম্পর্কিত তথ্যঃ		
26.1	দরপত্রের যোগ্যতা	8	"The Public Procurement Regulation-2008" এবং বর্তমান সংশোধনী

দরপত্রের যোগ্যত "The Public Procurement Regulation-2008'' এবং বৰ্তমান সংশোধনী মোতাবেক দরপত্রদাতাকে দরপত্র দাখিলের সময় নিমুবর্ণিত কাগজপত্রাদি দরপত্রের সাথে অবশ্যই দাখিল করতে হবেঃ (ক) নাগরিকত্ব সনদপত্র (খ) ট্রেড লাইসেন্স (গ) ভ্যাট রেজিস্টেশন সনদপত্র (ঘ) টিআইএন নম্বর উল্লেখসহ হালসনের আয়কর সনদপত্র (৬) ফার্ম/প্রতিষ্ঠানের মালিকানা সনদপত্র (চ) পিডব্লিউডি/এলজিইডি/এমইএস এর

তালিকাভুক্তির সনদ (ছ) আর্থিক স্বচ্ছলতা সনদপত্র (জ) ব্যালেন্স শীট (ঝ) সংশ্লিষ্ট কাজের অভিজ্ঞতা সনদ (এঃ) দরপত্রদাতার ফার্ম/প্রতিষ্ঠান কালো তালিকভুক্ত নয় মর্মে নিজ প্রাতিষ্ঠানিক প্যাডে প্রতিস্বাক্ষরিত মুছলেকা (ট) প্রাতিষ্ঠানিক প্যাডে দরদাতার ০৩ (তিন)টি নমুনা স্বাক্ষর ১ম শ্রেণীর কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক সত্যায়িত ও (ঠ) পাসপোর্ট সাইজের সত্যায়িত ০২ (দুই) কপি ছবি। এ ছাড়াও "The Public Procurement Regulation-2008'' ও তদীয় সংশোধনী মোতাবেক অন্যন্যা শর্তাবলী সিডিউলে উল্লেখ করা হবে।

	গ্রুপ	আইটেম	পরিমাণ (টন)	দরপত্রের মূল্য	নিরাপত্তা জমানত	কাজ সম্পন্ন করার
				(টাকা)	(ফেরতযোগ্য)	সময় (দিন)
				(অফেরতযোগ্য)		
	গ্রুপ 'ক''	টাটকা রেশন সামগ্রী সরবরাহ	চাহিদা অনুযায়ী	\$000/-	@,oo,ooo/-	০১ জুলাই ২০২১
	গ্রুপ 'খ''	জ্বালানি কাঠ সরবরাহ	চাহিদা অনুযায়ী	<b>१</b> ৫०/-	bo,000/-	হতে জুন ২০২২
	গ্রুপ 'গ''	গম পিষাই (ক্রাসিং)	চাহিদা অনুযায়ী	१৫०/-	86,000/-	পর্যন্ত
	গ্ৰুপ 'ঘ''	শুকনা রেশন গাড়িতে উঠানো ও নামানো	চাহিদা অনুযায়ী	<b>€00/-</b>	২৫,০০০/-	
		কুলি কাজ				
	গ্ৰুপ 'ঙ''	ভোজ্য তেল সরবরাহ (সয়াবিন)	চাহিদা অনুযায়ী	<b>\$</b> 000/-	\$,00,000/-	০১ জুলাই ২০২১
	গ্রুপ 'চ''	উন্নতমানের মণ্ডর ডাল সরবরাহ	চাহিদা অনুযায়ী	\$000/-	bo,000/-	হতে জুন ২০২২
						পর্যন্ত
	গ্রুপ'ছ ''	রেশন স্টোরের চট ও প্লাস্টিকের খালি	8৫০০টি	(coo/-	\$6,000/-	০১ জানুয়ারি ২০২১
		বস্তা বিক্রয়	(আনুমানিক)			হতে জুন ২০২১ পর্যন্ত
দরপত্র সম	স্পাদনকারীর বি	বরণঃ			·	

	। বস্তা বিশ্রুর	(আরুমাানক)		'	হতে জুন ২০২১ পথ
দরপত্র সম	স্পাদনকারীর বিবরণঃ				
۱ ۹ ډ	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার নাম	মোঃ আব্দুল মোত	য়াকিম, এসপিপি, পিএস	সি, জি।	
۱ ۵ <b>۲</b>	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার পদবী	লেঃ কর্ণেল।			
। हद	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার ঠিকানা	পরিচালক, র্য়াপি	ড এ্যাকশন ব্যাটালিয়ন-	৫, রাজশাহী।	
२० ।	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার যোগাযোগের মাধ্যমে	তারালাপনীঃ ০৭	২১-৭৭১১২২, মোবাইল	ाः ० <b>১</b> ৭৭৭ <b>৭১</b> ०৫००	
२১ ।	বিশেষ জ্ঞাতব্যঃ	·			
	ক। ব্যক্তি বা প্রতিষ্ঠানের সম্বাধিকারীর স্বাক্ষরযক্ত প্যাতে অ	াবেদনপর্বক অধিনাযক	ব্যাব-৫ বাজশাহী হতে	ত অফিস চলাকালীন সম	য পর্যন্ত দরপত্র সংগ্র

খ। দরপত্র সংক্রান্তে অন্যান্য তথ্যাবলী দরপত্র সংগ্রহকালে নিমুস্বাক্ষরকারীর কার্যালয় হতে জানা যাবে।

গ। দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ হইতে দাখিলকৃত দরপত্র ৩০ দিন পর্যন্ত বলবৎ থাকবে।

ঘ। অনুমোদিত বরাদ্দের আলোকে কার্যাদেশ প্রদান করা হবে। এতদুসংক্রান্ত কোন আপত্তি গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না।

ঙ। দরপত্রে উল্লিখিত সময়ের মধ্যে কার্য সম্পাদন করতে হবে। চ। কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন অথবা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ কিংবা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন।

ছ। কোন প্রকার কাটা ছেঁড়া, ঘষামাজা বা কারেকটিং ফ্রুইড ব্যবহার করা যাবে না। জ। সিডিউল ক্রয়ের সময় অবশ্যই বাংলাদেশের তালিকাভুক্ত ঠিকাদার প্রতিষ্ঠানের লাইসেপের সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি আনতে হবে

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#### Why is Modi going to this temple? the chief deity of power in Hinduism, are in the latter part of 12th century.

believed to have fallen.

Modi is scheduled to fly in on March of Father of the Nation Sheikh Mujibur Rahman that coincides with the country's 50th anniversary of independence. Ón the side-line of his two-day state visit, Modi has two temple missions of his own: one is for politics in West Bengal and another for prayers.

According to political analysts, the Indian premier is to visit the sacred shrine of "Matua" community at Orakandi in Gopalganj district to woo hearts of the Matuas across the border ahead of the polls in West Bengal.

But why is Jashoreshwari Kali Temple so special for the BJP strongman? Maybe because it is the temple of the "God for Power" to devotees.

On the last day of his visit, the Indian premier will fly off to Ishwaripur village and offer puja at the temple, which is believed to

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have been built by a Brahman named Anari

He created a 100-door temple for the Jashoreshwari Peeth (shrine) and the world. Each of the spots where a part 26 to join the ongoing celebration of "Mujib Borsho", the centenary of birth in the 13th century and finally Raja according to Hindu mythology. Pratapaditya rebuilt the temple in the

> The temple is one of the 51 Shakti Peeths, as per the Hindu mythology, scattered across India and neighbouring countries with six in Bangladesh. These are significant shrines and pilgrimage destinations in Shaktism, the goddess-

> focused Hindu tradition. According to Hindu mythology, of the 51 Peeths, the temple at Ishwaripur is the place where the palms and soles of feet of Goddess Sati fell and the goddess resides there in the form of Devi Jashoreshwari and Lord Shiva appears as Chanda.

> The story behind the Shakti Peeth is that after the self immolation of Goddess Sati, her husband Shiva picked up her remains and performed the celestial dance of destruction.

Vishnu, in an attempt to stop this only to offer puja," he added.

destruction, used the Sudarshna chakra on Sati's corpse, causing her body to tear apart and fall in different spots across

According to sources, wherever Indian PM visits, he goes to a temple there to offer puja and this time two Shakti Peeths came up for consideration -- Shikarpur of Barisal and Ishwaripur. Shikarpur is said to be the site where Nose of Sati fell. Last time when Modi visited Bangladesh in 2015, he offered puja at

Dhakeshwari national temple. Ahead of the Indian PM's visit, the whole area has turned festive while security has been beefed-up with the deployment of additional police forces.

Talking to The Daily Star, Jyoti Chattopadhyay, Sabayet (caretaker) of Jashoreshwari Kali Temple said they were ready to welcome the Indian prime minister.

"We are overwhelmed as the Indian prime minister is coming to our temple. was briefed that Modi is coming here

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## **Bangladesh Parliament Secretariat**

**Administration Section** Sher-e-Banga Nagar, Dhaka-1225

**Invitation for Re-Tender under Framework Contract** 

1.	Ministry/Division	Bangladesh Parliament Secretariat.			
2.	Procuring entity name	Deputy Secretary, Administration Section, Bangladesh Parliament Secretariat.			
3.	Invitation for	Supply of Stationeries, Computer HP Printer's Toner, Medicine & Medical, Re-agent,			
		Chemical and other accessories under Framework Contract.			
4.	Invitation Ref. No.	11.00.0000.604.07.044.21/138, Date: 21/03/2021			
5.	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (National) Under Framework Contract.			
6.	Budget and source of funds	Revenue Budget.			
7.	Tender package/lot name and short	Package-9 (Lot-1)- Computer HP Printer's Toner			
	description of goods	Package-14-(Lot-1)-Medicine			
	accompliant or goods	Package-15 Medical Re-agent, Chemicals & Other Accessories.			
8.	Tender schedule selling place	Block: Administration Section, North-East, Ground Floor, Room No. 131, Parliament			
	,	Secretariat.			
9.	Tender selling date	25/03/2021 – 08/04/2021.			
10.	Tender submission & opening date and time	Package: 9 Lot-1, Package: 15			
	, ,	Submission date: 11/04/2021, Time: 9:30am-12:00pm			
		Opening date: 11/04/2021, Opening time: Package-9: Lot-1: 12:05pm, Package-15.			
		12.30pm.			
		Package-14 (Lot-1)			
		Submission date: 12/04/2021, Time: 9:30am-12:00pm			
		Opening date: 12/04/2021, Opening time: 12:05pm			
11.	Tender submission & opening place	Deputy Secretary (Admin-1), Level-7, Block-East, Room No. 7, (Lift-13, 14, 15 & 16).			
13.	Price of tender schedule	Price of schedule Tk 1,000/- 3000/-, only (As mentioned in the schedule).			
14.	Tender security & tender validity period	Package: 9 (Lot-1): 1,90,000/-, Package-14 (Lot-1): 3,00,000/- & Package-15: 95,000/-			
	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	, Validity period: 120 days.			
15.	Name, designation, address & phone	A S M Humayun Kabir, Deputy Secretary (Administration), Block: North-East, Ground			
	number of official inviting tender	Floor, Room No. 131, Parliament Secretariat (55029007, Intercom: 2794/2188/2306.			
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• The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender A S M Humayun Kabir

years, subject to satisfactory supply of goods. Package/Lot based lowest bidders will be selected.

> **Deputy Secretary** Phone: 55029007

• Contract will be for 1 (one) year initially and it may be renewed for next 2 (two)

#### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

**Norway cops question PM** over Covid-19 rule breach



Norwegian police yesterday said they have begun questioning Prime Minister Erna Solberg over a birthday party she held last month, which could lead to a fine of 10,000 crowns (\$1,165) for breaking Covid-19 social distancing rules. The two-term prime minister has apologised for celebrating her 60th birthday with 13 family members at a mountain resort, despite a government ban on events attended by more than 10 people. Solberg has championed strict rules to curb the spread of the coronavirus, resulting in some of Europe's lowest rates of infections and deaths.

#### **Dozens feared dead in migrant** ship fire off Libya: charity

Roughly 60 migrants are presumed dead after their boat engine caught fire off the Libyan coast during an attempted Mediterranean crossing, a rescue charity said yesterday. Alarm Phone, a volunteer-run Mediterranean rescue hotline, said it had spoken to survivors of the March 18 accident in which the engine of a wooden boat carrying more than 100 people caught fire. Survivors reported that the boat's passengers included Sudanese, Senegalese, Syrians, Pakistanis, Moroccans and Egyptians. More than 1,200 migrants died last year trying to reach Europe by crossing the Mediterranean, according to the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

#### Tweet sold for \$2.9m!



Twitter boss Jack Dorsey sold his first tweet as an NFT for just over \$2.9 million dollars on Monday. The tweet is in the form of a nonfungible token (NFT) - a kind of unique digital asset that has exploded in popularity so far in 2021. Each NFT has its own blockchain-based digital signature, which serves as a public ledger, allowing anyone to verify the asset's authenticity and ownership. The tweet - "just setting up my twttr" - was Dorsey's first tweet, made on March 21, 2006. The buyer, Sina Estavi, is CEO of the blockchain company Bridge Oracle based in Malaysia.

#### Israel votes again

Israelis yesterday voted in a fourth election in two years, with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu hoping a world-beating Covid-19 vaccine rollout will win him another term. With coronavirus precautions at polling booths across the country, opinion polls show the race yet again too close to call. Opinion polls indicated an uptick for Netanyahu's right-wing Likud party in the campaign's final days, giving him a prospective coalition of conservative and ultra-Orthodox Jewish parties with around 60 seats in the 120-member parliament. Voting stations close at 2000 GMT, and while exit polls could point to voting trends, an official tally may emerge only late today.

#### Mithun Chakraborty missing!



The West Bengal BJP yesterday released what could be its final list of candidates for the upcoming Assembly polls. It has 13 names - but no Mithun Chakraborty. The popular Bollywood actor was expected to run from Rashbehari, a prestigious south Kolkata seat since he shared the dais with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the BJP's mega Brigade Parade Ground rally in Kolkata on March 7. However, there is nothing to stop him from being fielded later, replacing an existing candidate. The polls in Bengal are, after all, scheduled across eight phases and the last date of nomination for final phase comes around mid-April.

SOURCE: **AFP, REUTERS** 



Shoppers are evacuated from a King Soopers grocery store after a gunman opened fire on Monday in Boulder, Colorado. At least 10 people including a police officer were killed before the njured suspect was arrested in the second deadly US mass shooting in a week. Authorities have given few details and offered no possible motive for the bloodshed. Media reports said the suspect, who police said was believed to have acted alone, was armed with a rifle.

#### 'DISGRACEFUL' SEX ACTS IN PARLIAMENT

## Scam rocks Aussie govt

Leaked videos of staff from Australia's conservative government performing sex acts in parliament, including one man performing a lewd act over a female MP's desk, left Scott Morrison's administration facing yet another

major scandal yesterday.

The prime minister -- already under pressure for his handling of sexual assault allegations including that a female government adviser was raped by a colleague -- called the behaviour "disgraceful" and "absolutely

The videos and photos, which had allegedly been shared in a group chat of coalition government staff before being leaked by a whistleblower, were first revealed by The Australian newspaper and Channel 10 late Monday.

The graphic images have prompted fresh outrage from female lawmakers and the Australian public, coming on the heels of the rape allegations that sparked mass nationwide protests.

The whistleblower, identified only as Tom, told the news outlets that government staffers and MPs often used a Parliament House prayer room to have sex, and alleged that sex workers had been brought into the building "for the pleasure of coalition MPs".

He also said a group of staffers routinely swapped explicit photos of themselves and he received so many he had "become immune to it".

One aide was immediately fired. Minister for Women Marise Payne said the revelations were "beyond disappointing" and highlighted the need for a government-ordered inquiry into parliament's workplace culture.

The fresh sexism revelations on Tuesday prompted Indigenous Senator Lidia Thorpe to disclose alleged sexual harassment by four male politicians since she took office just six months ago. Thorpe, a representative for the Greens party, told the Canberra Times the "brazen" harassment had included "suggestive" remarks and unwanted touching.

Tens of thousands of women this month joined "#March4Justice" rallies to protest sexual violence and gender inequality, calling for systemic change in politics and wider Australian society.

# Lanka war crimes

UN human rights boss Michelle Bachelet was given a mandate yesterday to collect and preserve information and evidence of crimes related to Sri Lanka's long civil war, which ended in 2009 with the defeat of the separatist Tamil Tigers.

The Human Rights Council adopted a resolution, brought by Britain on behalf of a group of countries, boosting her office's staff and powers, with a view to future prosecutions.

The vote at the 47-country forum in Geneva was 22 in favour, with 11 against including China and Pakistan, and 14 abstentions including India, the Phillipines and Japan. But Sri Lanka's ambassador, MCA Chandraprema, rejected the text as "unhelpful and divisive".

The resolution expressed serious concern at trends over the past year that represented "a clear early warning sign of a deteriorating situation of human rights".

These included putting military officers in charge of civilian government functions, an erosion of the independence of the judiciary, and impunity and "political obstruction of accountability" for crimes.

The UN believes 80,000 to 100,000 people died in the 26-year war, in which the Tamil Tigers hoped to carve out a separate state for the Tamil minority. In the final months, civilian deaths soared as the army pinned the Tigers into a tiny strip of the northeastern coast, where te UN says they kept hundreds of thousands of civilians as human shields.

In a report in January, Bachelet urged states to impose sanctions on former Sri Lankan military commanders.

# UN to document 'US acting in a destructive way'

Russia, China push for UNSC summit citing heightened political turbulence

Russia and China yesterday said they wanted a summit of permanent members of the UN Security Council amid what they called heightened political turbulence, with Moscow saying they both believed the United States was acting in a destructive way.

The two allies, whose relations with the West are under increasing strain, made the call for a summit in a joint statement after talks between their foreign ministers in the city of Guilin.

"At a time of increasing global political turbulence, a summit of the permanent members of the UN Security Council is particularly necessary to establish direct dialogue about ways to resolve humankind's common problems in the interests of maintaining global stability," they said in a statement published on the Russian foreign ministry's website.

The statement did not mention the United States by name. But Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov told a news conference after talks with his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi that Moscow and Beijing were both unhappy with US behaviour.

"We noted the destructive nature of US intentions, relying on the military-political



alliances of the Cold War era and creating new closed alliances in the same spirit, to undermine the UN-centered international legal architecture," said Lavrov.

Both countries' ties with Washington are

US and Chinese officials on Friday concluded what Washington called "tough and direct" talks in Alaska, while Russia's ambassador is back in Moscow for talks after US President Joe Biden said he believed President Vladimir Putin was a killer.

West says China is violating human rights in Xinjian, Hong Kong, Tibet and accuses Beijing of intimidating its neighbours and threatening a major business route in the South China Sea. Russia is also accused of grave rights violations and meddling in countries around Europe.

Kicking off his two-day trip to China on Monday, Lavrov issued a call for Moscow and Beijing to reduce their dependence on

Yesterday's joint statement urged other countries to refrain from interfering in the domestic affairs of Russia and China.

Lavrov said Russia and China regarded European and Western sanctions as unacceptable. On Monday, the US, EU, Britain and

Canada imposed sanctions on a handful of Chinese officials for alleged human rights abuses in Xinjiang. Beijing snapped back immediately, announcing entry bans on 10 Europeans -- including five members of the European

Parliament -- as well as two EU bodies and two think-tanks. The head of the EU delegation to China was summoned by the foreign ministry as Beijing went into attack mode, accusing the West of "lies" and "fabrications" over Xinjiang and downplaying the impact of

the co-ordinated action. Russia too is braced for a new round of US sanctions over what Washington says was its meddling in the 2020 US presidential election, which Moscow denies.

#### NIGER'S DEADLIEST 'JIHADIST MASSACRE'

## At least 137 killed

Scores of people have died in the deadliest suspected jihadist massacre ever to hit Niger, the government said Monday, underscoring the huge

security challenge facing new President Mohamed Bazoum. Government spokesman Zakaria Abdourahamane said 137 people had

died in Sunday's raids in villages near Niger's border with Mali. "In treating civilian populations systematically as targets now, these armed bandits have gone a step further into horror and brutality,"

Abdourahamane said in a statement read on public television. Announcing three days of national mourning for the victims, he vowed that the government would reinforce security in the region and bring "the perpetrators of these cowardly and criminal acts" to justice.

Gunmen arriving on motorbikes attacked the villages of Intazayene, Bakorat and Wistane on Sunday, shooting "at everything which moved," a local official said.

The jump in the death toll, which had been given as at least 60 earlier Monday, would make Sunday's attacks the deadliest ever committed by suspected jihadists in Niger. It brings the number of fatalities in the Mali-Niger border region to 236 in just over a week.

The world's poorest nation according to the UN's development rankings for 189 countries, Niger is also struggling with Islamist insurgencies that have spilled over from Mali and Nigeria.

Hundreds of lives have been lost, nearly half a million people have fled their homes, and devastating damage has been inflicted in the former French colony. Niger is part of a France-backed alliance of countries in the Sahel region known as the G5. A contingent of 1,200 troops from the Chadian army, considered the region's toughest, has been deployed under the G5 banner.



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#### উন্মক্ত দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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ঘ. দরপত্রের উল্লিখিত সময়ের মধ্যে কার্যসম্পাদন করতে হবে।

খ. দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ হতে জুন/২০২১ পর্যন্ত দরপত্র বলবৎ থাকবে।

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#### **GRAPE VINE**

# **Imran's** new song



Imran Mahmudul has released a new song with the Gaaner Raja participant Poni Chakma, titled Alo. Imran himself composed the song while the lyrics were written by Rabiul Islam Jibon. The song was released under the banner of CMV. The music video, which has been made by Saikat Reza, stars Keya Payel alongside the artists of the song. When asked about the song, Imran said, 'This is Poni Chakma's debut song and it has been beautifully sung. I believe that the audience will truly love it. There is something new and unique about the video too.' Aside from this, he has released another new song, called Bhabini Kokhono Ebhabe, for the film Bidrohi.

Shreya Shomoyeeta



## NIPA'S MAKEUP FAME

Nipa Ahmed has received significant fame for her performance in the film Makeup, directed by Anonno Mamun. The film was released under the banner of Celebrity Productions on the OTT Platform iTheater on March 21. A special premier was also held at BFDC before its release, where Nipa's acting was praised by the audience. The movie stars Tariq Anam Khan and Ziaul Roshan are opposite her, and tells the story of the film industry.

Shreya Shomoyeeta



Rodela, the daughter of singer-songwriter Nancy, has been highly praised for covering the song Amay Deko Na by the renowned artist Lucky Akhand in a new way. The song has been written by Kausar Ahmed Chowdhury, newly composed by Rajib Ghosh, and was released on her mother's channel. Previously, Rodela's songs Projapati Projapati, a Nazrul-giti, and Amra Shobai Raja, a Rabindra sangeet, were released. She has plans to release an original debut song next Eid under a production company. Rodela is currently in eighth grade at a school in Mymensingh. She is learning classical music from Bijan Topdar, as well as her mother.

Shreya Shomoyeeta

#### **COVER STORY**

# INTO THE WEB

Three young talented filmmakers, Krishnendu Chattopadhyay, Syed Ahmed Shawki and Abrar Athar, recently joined a virtual meet to discuss the scenario of web series in Bangladesh. In this discussion with Rafi Hossain, they shared about the scope for development and insights to the world of web platforms.

Krishendu Chattopadhyay:

I don't get offended when called a young director; I rather like it. I have jointly directed two web series with Tanim Noor so far: Money Honey 1, 2 and Contract. I feel it won't be right to discuss anything for or against web series and OTT platforms. As it is a new medium for us, there is still scope for exploration. However, it may be new for us, but web series have been popular in Europe, America and India. Platforms like Netflix and Amazon Prime have been introduced to the Indian audiences' way before us, and directors have been bringing forth different contents for a while now. I feel that OTT platforms are more of a personal viewing experience. So, the stories that we cannot portray on television, can be brought forward on web platforms. Television is more of a family viewing medium and we do not always get the opportunity to deliver certain genres over there. As web series can be watched personally on mobile, laptops and even television through the internet, we are getting the opportunity to share stories that we usually don't because of certain boundaries. Therefore, I believe that we have scope for exploring the OTT platforms and also the opportunity to utilise it to its maximum level. I want to share stories, experiment with new content and have creative freedom. Web platforms allow you to do so. I don't think web platforms rival television media. They are two different media with different uses and viewership. They are made to cater to a separate set of audiences. I prefer working for web platforms for various reasons



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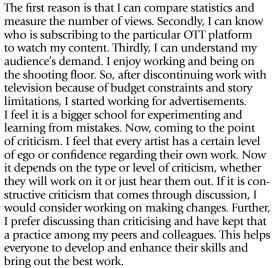
really needs now is some proper film critics. When growing up I used to read how the critics rated Holly-

wood movies, so I think that if we had critics like that in the press, it would help our industry grow. Ridwan Intisaar Mahbub Abrar Athar:

It doesn't matter to me if I am referred to as a young up comer, but it does depend on how the person is saying it. But yes, it doesn't bother me to be referred to as that. For me, the web streaming platforms are giving people a break from television, which is mainly catered to family viewing. Most of the content shown on television is made for families to watch, which limits us in a way. We could not make certain things as it would hurt some people's sentiments, and there were also things that we saw in foreign movies that we wanted to do but were not acceptable for television. So, the web platforms are giving us the chance to experiment and make more things which may not suit the television platform. For me, the best thing about web platforms is that it is much easier to break out with it. If you can make good content, the whole world can easily access your work, whereas in television, it is boxed in a way. If you have talent, you definitely can make good content with web platforms. The thing about these platforms is that they know what sort of content will fit the medium. So, if I need to tell my stories in a certain way, it must be so that it caters better to what the audience is demanding. But, recently I worked with a local online platform, and they let me do a very experimental project. So, I feel that slowly we are getting to the point where the online streaming platforms will help us tell our stories in our own ways. Aside from films, I like making advertisements. I think that it gives me an additional platform to showcase my skills in. Usually, if I make just one film a year, I would be left with nothing to do for the rest of the year, and that would really bore me. So, I like to do advertisements. I think that our film industry is headed in a positive direction. People here are watching more films now from all over the globe. And when speaking globally, Bangladeshi films are now accepted and liked. Many filmmakers from here, including myself, even got the chance to go to big film festivals. I think that now, we are putting out good films from Bangladesh, and the future is very hopeful. I have always been inspired by alternative culture a lot, and that means that I want to make things fearlessly. Social media actually stops because people there say a lot of things, mostly negative. So, we need some critics who are aware of what they are doing, and will not go around bashing

Ridwan Intisaar Mahbub





#### Syed Ahmed Shawki:

I like it when people refer to me as a young director. I think that the responsibility to carry the future of the industry lies on us youngsters, so I like to be referred as one. On the topic of making web-series, I just think of it as another platform for telling our stories. The concept of online streaming platforms is for the convenience of both the consumers and those making content. The consumers have a choice here; they can watch whatever they want and with the amount of variety in content available, they can choose from a lot of things. And since a lot of variety is available, this gives creators more chances to make content. So, with the demand for more things to watch increasing, us creators now have a bigger scope



to direct new stories. A lot of good content is being made for web platforms, but I think that it is still too soon to actually compare online streaming platforms to television. I think that in a few years' time, we will be able to make a fair comparison. When working with online platforms, it is important to understand the specific audience it caters to and the type of content it wants to put out. I would not necessarily call it as restrictive, especially since I mostly agree with the boundaries set, so I am happy to listen if I am told to tell my stories in a way that fits the medium. I don't do advertisements much, but I think that similar to films, advertisements are also about storytelling. For me, the most important thing is to tell my story, regardless of whether it is in a hundred-minute-long film, or a one-minute advertisement. From my own experience with the web streaming platforms, I have seen that the main priority is the stories. This new model for making projects makes me very hopeful for the future as this really does increase the quality of the content being made. I think what our industry

#### Here are some binge worthy movie and TV series you can spend your time watching while you stay at home social distancing, keeping yourself, as well as others, safe.



## Zack snyder's justice league

Zack Snyder's Justice League (also known as Snyder Cut) is the director's cut of the superhero film Justice League that was released in 2017, based on eponymous DC team of superheroes. It was directed by Zack Snyder, produced by Charles Roven and Deborah Snyder under the banners of Warner Bros. Pictures, DC Films, Atlas Entertainment, Rat-Pac-Dune Entertainment and The Stone Quarry, distributed by HBO Max, and stars Ben Affleck, Henry Cavill and Amy Adams, among others. The storyline follows Bruce Wayne as he recruits a team of superheroes to protect the earth with the help of Diana Price. The film was released on March 18, 2021 in theatres.

#### **POPCORN HIGHLIGHTS**

## Promising young woman

Promising Young Woman is a dark comedy thriller movie, first released on January 25, 2020 followed by December 25, 2020 internationally. It was written and directed by Emerald Fennell, produced by her alongside Margot Robbie, Josey McNamara, Tom Ackerley, Ben Browning and Ashley Fox under the banners of FilmNation Entertainment and LuckyChap Entertainment, distributed by Focus Features, and stars Carey Mulligan, Bo Burnham and Alison Brie, among others. The plot follows the life of a truamatised young woman who plans on





creators for no reason.

## NNY & GEORGIA

Ginny & Georgia is a comedy drama TV series on Netflix, follows the duo of teenager Ginny Miller and her alluring but immature thirty-year-old mother. The show was created by Sarah Lampert, produced by Claire Welland under the banners of Queen Fish Productions, Critical Content and Dynamic Television Madica, and stars Brianne Howey, Antonia Gentry and Diesel La Torraca, among others. It was originally released on February 24, 2021 and has one season with ten episodes. Amina Hossain 8 | The Baily Star

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#### Fire in Rohingya camps

How can the risks be reduced?

■ HIS Monday's fire in the Balukhali refugee camp in Ukhiya was the third one that had broken out in the last four days. This has caused large scale devastation of the refugee homes, numbering in thousands, and has taken at least seven lives, as per latest reports, including those of two children and two women. The offices of IOM PHC Balukhali, Turkish Hospital and MSF were also completely burnt. There were two incidences of fire in the same camp and on the same day, one in the late afternoon and the other at 11:00 pm. One has to wonder, was the fire put out properly when it had broken out the first time around, or was there some sort of negligence involved that led to two such devastating fires in the same place, on the same day?

These camps (being so densely packed and housing more than a million refugees) are extremely susceptible to fires, given the materials with which the shanties are constructed, plus the temporary electricity lines and makeshift kitchens, and the lack of awareness about fire precaution measures. And this is not the first incidence of fire in the refugee camps. In January of this year, a fire broke out in the Nayapara Rohingya refugee camp, destroying more than 550 shelters housing about 3,500 people as well as 150 shops. Thankfully, there were no casualties back then.

The fires are a double blow to the refugees. Having been able to retrieve very little when they fled their homes in Myanmar, whatever they had managed to scrounge up in the last four years have been turned into ashes. We hope that the affected refugees will be adequately compensated. We also hope that the authorities will undertake a study to determine the causes behind repeated outbreaks of fire in the camps and adopt measures to reduce the possibility of future occurrences of such fires. It may be a good idea also to set up fire stations in close proximity of the camps for quick responses in case similar incidents occur again in the future. In the meantime, adequate firefighting equipment should be provided and volunteers from amongst the refugees should be trained to combat outbreaks of fire at the very initial stage, at least till the fire services arrive. That would help mitigate the damage and save lives.

These frequent incidents of fire outbreaks have brought to the fore how precarious the lives of these refugees are and how urgent is the need for a sustainable solution to

#### Don't let the vaccination drive wither away

People must be made aware of its existence

AVING gotten off to an impressive start, the government's vaccination drive seems to be losing steam at a most crucial time. The government's plan to inoculate 70 lakh people in the first month has not materialised—only about 49 lakh people have so far been vaccinated. And on Monday, the daily count of people who took the vaccine dropped to 70,933, which was around two lakh in the third week of February. Also, on Monday, the daily number of deaths from the rose to its highest in 10 weeks. And the number of people infected reached near 3,000. So, while the virus is back to its menacing best, the number of people receiving the vaccine is decreasing.

As this newspaper reported on Tuesday, many people, particularly in the rural areas, know very little about the vaccination drive, which is one of the main factors driving down the number of people receiving the vaccine. The majority of people interviewed by this newspaper said that they would have taken the jab, had they known about it. This is a most unfortunate situation, where people are not being able to take a potentially lifesaving vaccine, simply because they are unaware of it. Another reason why the number of people showing up at the vaccination centres is dropping, according to experts, is because of the hassles involved in the registration process and the fact that people have to take a printout of their registration document to the vaccination centres. Not everyone—and especially the poor—has access to computers and printers, which makes this step of the process questionable. The government must, therefore, rethink many aspects of this drive before it withers away completely and the vaccines go to waste.

As the number of daily infections and deaths soar once again, we must come to terms with the harsh reality that the pandemic might still be far from over. It is dangerous for us to think otherwise at this moment. Therefore, the government must double down on its vaccination drive and raise awareness among the populace regarding the high rate of infections and the potential benefits of getting vaccinated. It must also evaluate the weak-points of its drive—for example, the complexity of the registration process for some—and come up with simple solutions to

So far, it seems that the poor and the people from rural areas have been left behind in the ongoing vaccination drive. And that leaves our entire population vulnerable to the disease, whether we are aware of it or not. Thus, the government must ensure that they too are receiving the vaccine as soon as possible.

#### **LETTERS** TO THE EDITOR

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#### Sonali Bag and its hurdles

Although the pilot project for manufacturing "Sonali" bags or jute cellulose-based throwaway bags was successful in 2018, we are yet to see commercial production. This delay is reportedly as result of disagreement between the inventor of this bag and its producers regarding the technology and methods of production. Regardless, a low-cost biodegradable bag to replace plastic and polythene will be a great thing for the environment. We plead that all differences be set aside and the commercial production process begin as soon as possible for the sake of our environment and climate.

Md. Raqibul Islam, North South University.

# End vaccine apartheid before millions more die

ANIS CHOWDHURY and JOMO KWAME SUNDARAM

T least 85 poor countries will not have significant access to coronavirus vaccines before 2023. Unfortunately, a year's delay will cause an estimated 2.5 million avoidable deaths in low and lower-middle income countries. As the World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General has put it, the world is at the brink of a catastrophic moral failure. Vaccine apartheid

The EU, US, UK, Switzerland, Canada and their allies continue to block the developing country proposal to temporarily suspend the World Trade Organization (WTO) Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) agreement to enable greatly increased, affordable supplies of Covid-19

vaccines, drugs, tests and equipment. Meanwhile, 6.4 billion of the 12.5 billion vaccine doses the main producers plan to produce in 2021 have already been pre-ordered, mostly by these countries, with 13 percent of the global population.

Thirty-two European and other rich countries also have options to order more, while Australia and Canada have already secured supplies enough for five times their populations. Poor countries, often charged higher prices, simply cannot compete.

Big Pharma has also refused to join the voluntary knowledge sharing and patent pooling Covid-19 Technology Access Pool (C-TAP) initiative under WHO auspices. Thomas Cueni, International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations (IFPMA) Director General, snubbed the launch, claiming he was "too busy".

Pfizer's CEO dismissed C-TAP as "nonsense" and "dangerous", while the AstraZeneca CEO insisted, "IP is a fundamental part of our industry". Such attitudes help explain some problems of alternative vaccine distribution arrangements such as COVAX. According to its own board, there is a high chance that COVAX could fail.

#### Suppressing vaccine access

Despite knowing that many developing countries have much idle capacity, Cueni falsely claims the waiver "would do nothing to expand access to vaccines or to boost global manufacturing capacity", and would jeopardise innovation and vaccine

Big Pharma claims manufacturing vaccines via compulsory licensing or a TRIPS waiver "would undermine innovation and raise the risk of unsafe viruses". US Big Pharma representatives wrote to President Biden earlier this month claiming likewise.

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vaccine discoveries patent-free, while many contemporary vaccine researchers are against Big Pharma's greedy conduct only rewarding IP holders regardless of the varied, but crucial contributions of

#### Big Pharma's price gouging

Vaccine companies require contract prices be kept secret. In return for discounts, the EU agreed to keep prices confidential. Nonetheless, some negotiated prices were inadvertently revealed, with a UNICEF chart listing prices from various sources.

Reputedly the cheapest vaccine available, Oxford-Astra Zeneca's is sold to EU members for around USD 2 each. Although trials were done in South Africa, it still pays more than twice as much, while Uganda, even poorer, pays over four times as much!

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US negotiated bulk prices for Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech vaccines are much higher, at USD 15.25-19.50 per dose in several contracts, yielding 60-80 percent profit margins! Moderna will charge the rest of the world USD 25–37 per dose.

Quite understandably, most developed countries opposing temporary TRIPS suspension have provisions in their own IP laws to suspend patent protection in the national interest and for public health

Canada, Germany, France and others have recently strengthened their patent laws to issue compulsory licences for Covid-19 vaccines and drugs. European Council President Charles Michel announced that the EU could adopt "urgent measures" by invoking emergency provisions in its treaties.

Similarly, in the US, 28 US Code sec. 1498 (a) allows the government to make or use any invention without the patentee's permission. To handle emergencies, the 1977 UK Patents Act (section 55) allows the government to sell a patented product, including specific drugs, medicines or medical devices, without the patentee's consent.

When avian flu threatened early this century, the US was the only country in the world to issue compulsory licences to US manufacturers to produce Tamiflu to protect its entire population of over 300 million. The drugs were not used as the virus was not brought over either Pacific or Atlantic Oceans.

#### Biden must act

By helping developing countries expand vaccine manufacturing capacity and access existing capacity, US President Biden can earn much world appreciation

vaccines developed by the NIH. The NIH also provided extensive logistical support, overseeing clinical trials for tens of thousands. Moderna has already announced it will not enforce its patents during the pandemic.

Thus, POTUS has the needed leverage. The Bayh-Dole Act applies to Moderna's vaccine, enabling the Biden administration to act independently and decisively against vaccine apartheid.

#### Sharing knowledge crucial

Developing countries not only need to have the right to produce vaccines, but also the requisite technical knowledge and information. Hence, the Biden administration should also support C-TAP, as recommended by Dr Anthony

When the Medicines Patent Pool



Thousands of activists across the world demanded a People's Vaccine as part of the global day of action on the first anniversary of the World Health Organization declaring coronavirus a pandemic. PHOTO: COLLECTED

overnight. US law and precedence enables such a unilateral initiative.

The Bayh-Dole Act allows the US government to require the owner or exclusive licensee of a patent, created with federal funding, to grant a third party a licence to an invention. Moderna received about USD 2.5 billion from Operation Warp Speed, which dispensed over USD 10 billion.

Moderna was founded in 2010 by university researchers with support from a venture capitalist. It has focused on mRNA technology, building on earlier work by University of Pennsylvania scientists with National Institutes for Health (NIH) funding.

The vaccine developer also used technology for previous coronavirus (MPP) was in similar trouble, the Obama administration came forward to put US-owned patents into the pool while encouraging drug companies to help improve developing countries' access to

President Biden knows that early US support was critical for the MPP's eventual success. It dramatically increased production and lowered prices of medicines for HIV, tuberculosis, hepatitis C and other infectious diseases in developing countries.

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# Science and solidarity are key for tackling climate change



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now well into the second decade of this century, it is widely acknowledged that this coming decade is our last opportunity to keep the increasing rate of the global atmospheric

temperature below 1.5 degrees Celsius and prevent the catastrophic impacts of human-induced climate change from occurring around the world. This is a very clear message from the scientific community to the world and is the direst warning they have given so far.

But how does the scientific community work, and what are their latest findings? How can we build on the scientific consensus and take the message across the world, not just for world leaders, but for all people on the planet through a sense of global solidarity, if we are aiming to avert globally catastrophic impacts after

The scientific community has been very well-organised under the United Nations through the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), who have brought together thousands of scientists from different disciplines and from all countries to carry out periodic assessments of the state of knowledge about climate change. I have had the privilege of being one of the scientists involved as a lead author in the third, fourth and fifth assessment reports of the IPCC, along with a good number of other eminent scientists from Bangladesh. The IPCC is currently finalising its sixth assessment report and we will be getting the results over the coming months. At the same time, the IPCC has also published special reports on specific topics over the years and the one on the 1.5 degrees Celsius temperature increase limit in particular will be discussed below.

The first point I will make is that over the 30 years that the IPCC has been making these assessments, they have always provided scenarios of how things will develop in the future, with upper and lower estimates of how bad the results will be. Now that they have produced

these reports for so long, they have found that the actual observations of climate impacts over the last few decades have tracked very closely with the worst-case scenarios from early reports, and indeed in some cases (such as the rise in sea levels), the actual observations have been even worse than the worst scenarios from the earlier reports. Hence, the climate change impacts are likely to be even worse than what we had feared earlier.

The second important message from

possible—although not easy. The third important finding is that

the transition from a fossil fuels-based global economy and energy system to more sustainable energy systems based on renewable energy sources, such as solar and wind, are now becoming cost-competitive and completely viable going forward. Therefore, the race to zero emissions of greenhouse gases can now take place by shifting investment from fossil fuels to renewable energy



Student demonstrations at Manik Mia Avenue in Dhaka on September 20, 2019, urging the world leaders to act against climate change. PHOTO: STAR/ PRABIR DAS

the IPCC is that there is a big difference in potential impacts between the global temperature being below 1.5 degrees Celsius and above 2 degrees Celsius (what we are currently headed towards). This big difference has to do with who will be most affected. In other words, if we can keep the global atmospheric temperature increase below 1.5 degrees Celsius, then most of the world's vulnerable communities and countries can adapt, but with an increase of over 2 degrees Celsius, adaptation will be almost impossible for hundreds of millions of the poorest people on the planet. Hence, the very clear message from the scientific community is to keep the global atmospheric temperature increase below 1.5 degrees Celsius, which is still

worldwide.

Finally, the key message from the scientific community is that world leaders must now listen to science and act accordingly if the worst-case scenarios are to be avoided. This particular message has been reinforced by the Covid-19 pandemic and the evidence of a higher number of deaths in countries where leaders did not follow the scientific guidelines, as opposed to lower deaths in countries where guidelines were enforced more by leaders. This is a lesson that all world leaders need to accept and act upon when they meet at COP26 in Glasgow, Scotland in November this year. This is in fact the last opportunity for the world leaders to take the level of action that will keep the global atmospheric temperature

increase below 1.5 degrees Celsius. At the same time, we cannot afford

to leave everything to our world leaders, as they have always shown reluctance to take the kinds of actions that are required. As has already been pointed out by the scientific community, we are living in a state of planetary emergency and we need to take drastic actions that are commensurate with the scale of the emergency, and not just incremental steps forward which will be completely inadequate.

Hence, it is incumbent for all sections of society in every country to mobilise and take necessary actions at the local and national levels to tackle climate change, but also at the global level through a strong sense of solidarity across borders and continents. An excellent example is being shown by the Fridays for Future movement initiated by the young Swedish environmental activist Greta Thunberg, who took individual action by boycotting school every Friday and sitting on her own with a placard in front of the Swedish parliament in Stockholm. This has led to a huge global movement across all countries of the world, with school children boycotting classes every Fridaythe biggest such strike taking place last Friday. The school kids in Bangladesh were very much involved in the Fridays for Future movement as well.

We now need to encourage other groups, including private sector companies, parliamentarians, mayors of cities, governors of provinces, vulnerable communities and all conscious citizens in all countries to reach out to each other from a sense of solidarity, to combat a truly global problem by building a truly global movement.

As Bangladesh now leads the Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF) of most vulnerable countries, we have a great opportunity to express this sense of solidarity with the other nearly 50 countries in the CVF through citizen-tocitizen networks and collaboration. This will go a long way towards enabling the world to avoid the catastrophic impacts of climate change in coming decades. After all, we only have nine more years of this

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decade left to act.

# When belief is a weapon, don't be surprised by who wields it



events since the March 17 attack on Hindu villagers in Sunamganj's Shalla Upazila has been reshaping the narrative on the culpability of potential actors and, by extension, the politics of communal violence in Bangladesh. On

Saturday, police arrested Shahidul Islam Swadhin, the prime accused in two cases filed over the attack. Until then, the narrative was quite simple: supporters of Hefazat-e-Islam, incensed by an alleged Facebook post by a Hindu young man criticising their leader Mamunul Haque, carried out the attacks. No ulterior motive. No political machinations. Just the work of some run-of-the-mill fanatics out for revenge. The simplicity of the message meant that the "liberal right"—the so-called liberal supporters of the political right—could safely denounce religious fanaticism without being pulled into awkward questions about Hefazat's tryst with the ruling establishment.

But Swadhin, a UP member who even newspapers loyal to the government identified as a Jubo League leader, threw cold water on that narrative. According to *The Daily Star*, Swadhin allegedly orchestrated the incident by gathering Hefazat supporters over the said Facebook post and then led a mob that went on a rampage through the village. About 90 Hindu houses were damaged or looted as a consequence. Now, timeline it with what we came to know about Swadhin's past records—his feud with the Hindus of the Noagaon village in Shalla over fishing in a nearby jolmohal, his deliberate attempt to deprive them by stopping the flow of water and pumping it out and taking all the fish forcibly, the fines he had paid for his actions and an ulterior motive presents itself. This led political opponents to openly hint at an AL/ Jubo League connection.

The turnabout in narratives is as dramatic

dramatic turn of as it is significant in understanding communal politics in Bangladesh. It offers important lessons about the need to investigate the build-up to such cases of violence. It would be wrong, however, to suggest that such violence is always manufactured to serve vested interests. The threat of religious intolerance leading to spontaneous communal violence or other faith crimes is a real and dangerous one. And a crowd that supports persecution of religious minorities is perhaps as much to blame as the crowd that carries out the persecution. But we live in an environment that allows religion to be exploited for personal, political or economic interests, and it can open up a whole gamut of possibilities which we should be ready to accept.

Unfortunately, after nearly every such violence, we're given only half the picture: that of a blood-thirsty menagerie of wild zealots seeking revenge for a supposed assault on their faith, as if no other scenarios may exist. Rarely are such crimes investigated with an intent to get to the bottom of them and to bring the real culprits to justice. And rarely, if ever, do these investigations end in convictions, a major reason why the crimes keep happening.

At this point, we must acknowledge that Facebook or social media has added a new, very dangerous dimension to the conception and commission of communal violence, which should worry the policymakers. Consider four cases from recent history: On November 1, 2020, 10 Hindu homes were reportedly vandalised and torched in Cumilla. On October 20, 2019, over 13 Hindu homes were similarly attacked and a temple destroyed in Bhola. On November 10, 2017, at least 30 Hindu homes were burned to the ground in Rangpur. On October 30, 2016, over 100 Hindu homes and 17 temples were destroyed and 100 Hindu individuals attacked in Brahmanbaria. All these attacks were carried out by crowds outraged over Facebook posts, real or fake, allegedly "demeaning Islam".

The poor, helpless souls at the receiving end of these heinous crimes in the name of religion are yet to get justice. Will they ever? Will the

Shalla victims? Will the victims of other types of communal violence? It may be impractical to hope so, despite the assurances of the higher authorities. But even if they do get justice, how much of an impact will it have on religious freedom in a country that still officially prefers one religion over all others, where there is little tolerance of diversity in general, and where a curious interaction of faith, politics and economics has somehow made cultivation of intolerance a very profitable project for all

have seen how often violence took place with the provocation, explicit or implicit support, leadership or at least consent of the political leaders. Like Swadhin, the names of many local leaders of mainstream parties have also come up in connection with attacks on minorities.

The link-up with faith—and like-minded faith leaders—offers rich dividends in communal politics. Faith, to the beneficiaries of communal violence, is a weapon to be used at will. It helps to whip up anti-minority



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parties involved?

The Swadhin case in Shalla can be seen as a template for how this interaction plays out. It entails a political link-up with faith crimes to serve a vested interest. Researches of communal violence in Bangladesh highlight two major motivations for such link-ups: 1) grabbing the land, properties and businesses of members of the minority communities (religious, language or ethnic); and 2) political/electoral calculations. There can be other motivations but these two remain a major influence, and we

prejudices and mobilise support for any potential move on the minorities with trumpedup charges like "hurting religious sentiments", "demeaning Islam or the Prophet" or, as in Shalla's case, "insulting an allama". To these people, it matters little if the minorities are really guilty as charged. It matters little if the alleged acts are punishable offences. It matters little that an entire community or group cannot be punished or held responsible for one person's "crimes". It matters little that those meting out the punishment have no authority to do so. It

matters little that minorities, too, are citizens, with equal rights and deserving equal access to the services, opportunities and protection this country can offer.

But communal provocateurs don't thrive on facts or questions of morality. They thrive on mischaracterisation and dehumanisation of the minorities. Swadhin, as one of them, is rather a small fish in a big pond—the politics of divisions, "sentiments" and communalism is playing out on a national stage today. But he amply shows why we should critically probe the inner dynamics of communal violence and never let any narrative go unscrutinised.

In Shalla, the irony of what happened couldn't be starker—here is a place that, until recently, was better known for being the birthplace of BRAC, where Sir Fazle Hasan Abed launched his post-war nation rebuilding work in 1972. The love that once flowed through this region and gave hope to an entire nation seems to have been replaced by fear, hatred and bitterness. How this transformation came about should be studied and learned from, if we are to stop this rot from spreading far and wide.

True, the public can be easily manipulated with the fear of an imaginary threat to their faith or community, and we have to continuously work on developing inter-faith and intercommunity trust and respect for diversity so that they find a peaceful way to communicate and resolve their differences. But those who try to exploit people's emotions to stoke communal unrest—politicians, community/ faith leaders, and other actors—are a bigger threat here. We need to see them for what they are. We need to stop them from weaponising faith. Unless we stop this destructive interplay among faith, political and economic interests that has taken root of late, the casualties will only pile up, further destabilising our already deeply fractured society. The responsibility to ensure it doesn't happen rests squarely on the

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# Bangabandhu: A man to match the hour



myriad ways of working miracles It can summon up the spirit of a hapless people, struggling to break free, and decide the fate

of nations yearning for deliverance. Destiny delivers to a people and nation a man or woman to match the need of the hour and meet the warrant of history. Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was to Bangladesh what Gandhi was to India, de Gaulle to France, and Mandela to South Africa.

Little wonder that history honours Sheikh Mujibur Rahman as Bangabandhu, Father of the Nation of the brand new Bangladesh that he galvanised and led his brave compatriots to create half a century ago. In the words of his illustrious daughter, the honourable Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina, "Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was able to make the dream of freedom that Bengalis had been dreaming for a thousand years come true".

It is in the fitness of things, therefore, that a profoundly grateful nation celebrates the centenary of the birth of the extraordinary leader who matched the hour and delivered what has come to be known as the People's Republic of Bangladesh. Born on March 17, 1920, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was the first President of Bangladesh and served later as the Prime Minister from April 17, 1971, serving his country throughout until his brutal assassination on August 15,

Since the founding of the nation in 1971, the People's Republic of Bangladesh has been a country on the move, with its head held high and eyes focused on the future. Today, Bangladesh is a success story of an amazing order, growing by leaps and bounds, in all spheres of human and societal development, and is all set to graduate to the status of a developing country, in tandem with Bhutan, in

Bangladesh and Bhutan meet at multiple points—diplomatic, social, cultural, economic and human, above all. We are the founding members of the SAARC family of nations and belong to the BIMSTEC fraternity, apart from being members of several regional and international institutions.

Bhutan has followed closely the birth and evolution of the great nation with immense pride and deep involvement. The Father of Modern Bhutan Druk Gyalpo Jigme Dorji Wangchuck was the first Head of State, and Bhutan the first country in the world, to recognise Bangladesh as an independent, sovereign country poised to chart her own chosen destiny, befitting the sacred dreams and aspirations of a great people with an amazing heritage.

His Majesty's letter of December 6, 1971 addressed to the Acting President

of Bangladesh was as passionate as it was direct, befitting the compelling call of the moment and the wish for the well-being of the new nation. The personal involvement of Bhutan's King and her people during a most crucial period in its history was most graciously acknowledged by the Government of Bangladesh, and over the years, the friendship forged in need has flourished in diverse spheres indeed.

Bhutan and Bangladesh share the same hopes and dreams for our people and our nations, and indeed, for our planet Earth and the world. We care for our children and their future, and the future of humanity, and are committed to securing their well-being as our common commitment. Forged over many years by successive generations of our leaders, the Bangladesh-Bhutan relationship celebrates personal

is the happy culmination of many years of exemplary goodwill and close partnership.

People-to-people relationships have been a most beautiful element of our bilateral engagement over the years. As Bangabandhu told the BBC in

1971, "My greatest strength is the love for my people; my greatest weakness is that I love them too much". As the deeply grateful People's Republic of Bangladesh celebrates the golden jubilee of the founding of the great nation, and honours the timeless legacy of the Father of the Nation, this land of myriad colours and contrasts can take legitimate pride in the multiple milestones that it has crossed as a vanguard of innovation and enterprise, bold experiments and breath-taking achievements.

Unremitting challenges posed by natural calamities and lingering



bonds between heads of states and governments and links our farmers in remote communities.

Besides our ever-growing trade

partnership, the Bangladesh-Bhutan collaboration has expanded into educational, health, environmental, technological, agricultural, artistic and even spiritual spheres, enriched by a mutually supportive spirit based on integrity and goodwill at each level. Bangladesh has opened its heart and its doors to generations of Bhutanese scholars and citizens who have brought home strategic expertise in critical fields, even as experts from Bangladesh have earned the respect of the Bhutanese people and the government for their valuable service in diverse fields. The recent signing of the Preferential Trade Agreement

economic disparities have not deterred this buoyant nation that provides home and hearth to the displaced and the deprived, even as it sends it sons and daughters to keep peace in the troubled regions of the world far away from home, as the country pursues its expanding role in global affairs.

This land of geniuses, artists and philanthropists, thought-leaders and path-finders, tillers of soil and makers of masterpieces, riders on the sea, builders on land, and gazers of the sky, is a gift as Nature gave it, and a miracle as its recipients made it by right and responsibility.

On the most joyous occasion of the golden jubilee year of the establishment of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and the year-long celebration of the birth centenary of

Jatir Janak Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, I offer my fervent prayers for the blessings of peace, prosperity and happiness for the great nation and the people of Shonar Bangla forever.

The timeless legacy of one of the greatest statesmen of the modern

age continues, as in the reflections of Anandashankar Roy: "As long as Padma, Meghna, Gouri and Jamuna flow, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, your accomplishments will also live on...

The liberator and founder of the incredible nation of many blessings and limitless possibilities, Sheikh

Mujibur Rahman belongs not only to Bangladesh, but to the world. May the silken knot of the Bangladesh-Bhutan relationship

grow stronger with each passing year.

Thakur S Powdyel is Former Minister of



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#### গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ র্যাপিড এ্যাকশন ব্যাটালিয়ন-৫



স্মারক নং-৫৩২৬/কিউ তারিখঃ ২২ মার্চ ২০২১খ্রিঃ "The Public Procurement Regulation-2008" মোতাবেক চলতি ২০২০-২০২১ অর্থ বৎসরে র্যাব-৫, রাজশাহীর নিমুবর্ণিত মেরামত প্রকল্প বাস্তবায়নের জন্য বাংলাদেশের প্রকৃত

ঠিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট থেকে সিলমোহরযুক্ত খামে প্রতিযোগীতামূলক দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচেছঃ স্বরাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয় র্য়াপিড এ্যাকশন ব্যাটালিয়ন-৫। সংস্থা সংগ্রহ সন্তার নাম অধিনায়ক, র্য়াব-৫। সংগ্রহ সক্লাধিকারী কোড বর্তমানে ব্যবহৃত হচ্ছে না সংগ্রাহক সত্তার জেলা

পুলিশ সদর দপ্তর স্মারক নং-রিপেয়ার অ্যান্ড মেইনটেন্যান্স/৪৪.০১.০০০০.০৪৩.৯৬-২০২০/মেরাতম/র্যাব/১১৬০(৩)। দরপত্রের সূত্র নম্বর তারিখ ১১ মার্চ ২০২১খ্রিঃ।

দরপত্রের পদ্ধতি উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (OTM)।

বাজেট ও বরান্দের উৎস

রাজস্ব বাজেটের আওতায় র্যাবের অনৃকূলে বরাদ।

১২ এপ্রিল ২০২১খ্রিঃ সময় ১৭০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত। দরপত্র সিডিউল সর্বশেষ প্রাপ্তির তারিখ

দরপত্র জমা প্রদানের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময় ১৩ এপ্রিল ২০২১খ্রিঃ সময় ১২০০ ঘটিকা।

১৩ এপ্রিল ২০২১খ্রিঃ সময় ১২৩০ ঘটিকা। দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময় দবপত্র সম্পাদনকারীর অফিস ও ঠিকানা

র্যাব-৫ সদর দপ্তর, মোল্লাপাড়া, হড়গ্রাম, রাজশাহী দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের স্থান

দরপত্র গ্রহণের স্থান র্যাব-৫ সদর দপ্তর, মোল্লাপাড়া, হড়গ্রাম, রাজশাহী।

দরপত্র খোলার স্থান র্যাব-৫, সদর দপ্তর মোল্লাপাড়া, হড়গ্রাম, রাজশাহী

"The Public Procurement Regulation-2008" অনুযায়ী মেরামত কাজের অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন সরকারি/স্বায়ন্তশাসিত সংস্থার তালিকাভুক্ত বৈধ ঠিকাদার

দরপত্রদাতাদের যোগ্যতা ও দরপত্রের সাথে ঃ "The Public Procurement Regulation-2008" এবং বর্তমান সংশোধনী মোতাবেক দরপত্রদাতাকে দরপত্র দাখিলের সময় নিমুবর্ণিত কাগজপত্রাদি দরপত্রের সাথে অবশ্যই দাখিল করতে হবেঃ দাখিলযোগ্য কাগজপত্রের বিবরণ

(ক) নাগরিকত সনদপত্র (খ) ট্রেড লাইসেন্স (গ) ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন সনদপত্র (ঘ) টিআইএন নম্বর উল্লেখসহ হালসনের আয়কর সনদপত্র (ঙ) ফার্ম/প্রতিষ্ঠানের মালিকানা সনদপত্র (চ) পিডব্লিউডি/এলজিইডি/এমইএস এর তালিকাভূক্তির সনদ (ছ) আর্থিক স্বচ্ছলতা সনদপত্র (জ) ব্যালেন্স শীট, (ঝ) সংশ্লিষ্ট কাজের অভিজ্ঞতা সনদ (এঃ) দরপত্রদাতার ফার্ম/প্রতিষ্ঠান কালো তালিকাভুক্ত নয় মর্মে নিজ প্রাতিষ্ঠানিক প্যাডে প্রতিস্বাক্ষরিত মুছলেকা (ট) প্রাতিষ্ঠানিক প্যাডে দরদাতার ০৩ (তিন)টি নমুনা

স্বাক্ষর ১ম শ্রেণীর কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক সত্যায়িত ও (ঠ) পাসপোর্ট সাইজের সত্যায়িত ০২ (দুই) কপি ছবি। এ ছাড়াও "The Public Procurement Regulation-2008" ও তদীয় সংশোধনী মোতাবেক অন্যান্য শর্তাবলী সিডিউলে উল্লেখ করা হবে। সিডিউলের মূল্য দরপত্র জামানত কাজ সমাপ্তির সময়

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	91	সিপিসি-২, নাটোর ক্যাম্পের ফোর্স বাথরুম এবং কুক হাউজের ওয়াল টাইল্স মেরামত ও সংস্কারকরণ।	<b>೨</b> 00,00	\$\$,900.00	২০ দিন
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	٩١	সিপিসি-৩, জয়পুরহাট ক্যাম্পের ভিএডি মেস রংকরণসহ দরজা জানালা মেরামত ও সংস্কারকরণ।	\$60.00	00.00	২০ দিন
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অধিনায়ক, র্যাব-৫, রাজশাহী।

দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার পদবী

দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্মকর্তার ঠিকানা २५ ।

দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার সাথে যোগাযোগের মাধ্যম

বিশেষ জ্ঞাতব্যঃ

ব্যক্তি বা প্রতিষ্ঠানের সন্ত্রাধিকারীর স্বাক্ষরযুক্ত প্যাডে আবেদনপূর্বক অধিনায়ক, র্যাব-৫, রাজশাহী হতে অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত দরপত্র সংগ্রহ করা যাবে ।

দরপত্র সংক্রান্তে অন্যান্য তথ্যাবলী দরপত্র সংগ্রহকালে নিমুশ্বাক্ষরকারীর কার্যালয় হতে জানা যাবে।

দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ হতে দাখিলকৃত দরপত্র ৩০ দিন পর্যন্ত বলবৎ থাকবে।

অনুমোদিত বরান্দের আলোকে কার্যাদেশ প্রদান করা হবে। এতদৃসংক্রান্ত কোন আপত্তি গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না । দরপত্রে উল্লিখিত সময়ের মধ্যে কার্য সম্পাদন করতে হবে ।

কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন অথবা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ কিংবা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন । কোন প্রকার কাটা ছেঁড়া, ঘষামাজা বা কারেকটিং ফ্রইড ব্যবহার করা যাবে না ।

সিডিউল ক্রয়ের সময় অবশ্যই বাংলাদেশের তালিকাভূক্ত ঠিকাদার প্রতিষ্ঠানের লাইসেন্সের সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি আনতে হবে।

Asked whether any action was taken against the companies, he said, "We will take our next action after receiving its [the new committee's]

The metre-gauge diesel electric locomotives -- bought under a project worth around Tk 300 crore -- arrived at a railways workshop in Chattogram's Pahartoli after they were unloaded at the Chattogram port in September last year.

committee said the technical specifications of four key components -- engines, alternators, compressors, and traction motors -- of the supplied locomotives did not match the specifications mentioned in the agreement, showed railway documents obtained by The Daily Star.

payment for the locomotives and the

A probe committee, led by Farukuzzaman, additional secretary submitted its report on February 25.

actions against Hyundai for supplying locomotives in deviation from the contract and CCIC Singapore Pte Ltd for failing to carry out its duties.

The probe committee report shows that Hyundai supplied alternator model TA9-12CA9SE, but the agreement sought alternator model

Railways officials said the two models are different in terms of power

Besides, as per a government plan, all rail lines in the country would be converted into dual gauge within a few years. The government had instructed the BR to purchase locomotives which could be used on both metre-gauge and broad-gauge by changing the

the TA9-12CA9SE But with alternator, the locomotives will not run on broad-gauge, said officials.

Hyundai supplied Engine model 8-710G3B-ES instead of 8-710G3B-TI as mentioned in the contract, saying that the engines they provided are "superior" to the one mentioned in the contract, documents show.

They also supplied different traction motors.

#### **NEW COMMITTEE**

On March 3, the railways ministry held a meeting over the report of the probe committee led by Farukuzzaman and it was chaired by Railways Secretary

At the meeting, a representative of

The committee recommended the Central Procurement Technical Unit said that as the locomotives were not supplied as per the contract, it should be scrutinised whether those can be received as per the Public Procurement Rules, reads the meeting

> As per his suggestion, the meeting directed BR's director general to form technical committee to settle the

> The BR on March 21 formed the four-member committee, led by Prof Muhammed Mahbubur Razzaque, but a circular in this regard did not mention the deadline for the work, sources said.

The BR issued another circular yesterday mentioning the deadline, they said

Apart from Prof Muhammed Razzaque, was member of the previous probe committee, Abdul Matin additional Chowdhury, project director (mechanical) of Dhaka Mass Rapid Development Project (Line-5, Northern Route), Azizul Haque, additional chief engineer (mechanical) of Bangladesh Water Development Board and Borhan Uddin, chief mechanical engineer (east) of BR are members of the new committee.Contacted, Prof Mahbubur Razzaque yesterday said he received a letter regarding the formation of the four-member committee and that they would take the next step after talking with other committee members

## Titas, RHD trade blame

Lalmatia, parts of Dhanmondi, Razabazar, Indira road, Ihigatola. Pirerbagh, Hajaribagh, and Eskaton suffered due to a shortage of gas.

Unable to get gas at home, those people bought food from restaurants. Some used electric cookers.

Rumana Sharmin, a housewife who lives in Lalmatia, said she woke up around 7:00am and found that they had no gas.

The woman had to buy breakfast from a nearby restaurant. She also had to buy lunch and other meals for her family from outside.

Mousumi Sumi, a resident of Mohammadpur, was in a similar situation. "I got up at 6:30am and saw that the gas pressure of my stove was extremely low. Although cooking with it was extremely tough, I managed to boil an egg and cook some rice. But it took hours," she said, adding that

Surovi Rozario, a resident of Razabazar, said she had to use an electric cooker to make breakfast for their family. BLAME TRADE

Shamim Al Mamun, RHD executive engineer (Dhaka division), said they did not know the gas line was there.

"Even Titas was initially not sure whether the gas line was there. They confirmed it around two to three

supposed to take permission for installing a gas line on RHD's land. But as far as I know, they did not take any such permission," he said.

"Even if they have the permission, the gas line should be installed at the right place. But it was installed right beside the main road," he added.

Shafiqul Islam Khan, the Titas

everybody in the building she lives was director, said the road of the RHD was constructed around 20 years back and all installations were done in government land.

He said they obtained permission from the authorities concerned during the installation of the gas pipeline. He added that the allegation that the line was installed at the wrong place was

"When a project is taken, other relevant organisations send proposals to their planning divisions. If there is any issue, then a particular entity implementing the project either changes the project plan or others shift their utility lines. But in this case, they [RHD] did not submit any such proposal," he said.

Shafiqul said they would demand compensation from the RHD for the damage of their gas line connection. They will send a letter to the RHD following the assessment of the financial loss, he said.

## The telephone call that never came

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চা বোর্ড, ধাক্কামারা, পঞ্চগড়।

নর্দান বাংলাদেশ প্রকল্প.

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কার্যালয়, বাগানবাড়ি,

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উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (ওটিএম)

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কার্যালয়, ১৭১-১৭২, বায়েজিদ বোস্তামী সড়ক, নাসিরাবাদ, চউগ্রাম এবং

৩। বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড, লিয়াজোঁ অফিস, ১১১-১১৩, মতিঝিল বা/এ,

১১/০৪/২০২১, দুপুর ১২:০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত, নর্দান বাংলাদেশ প্রকল্প.

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ফেরতযোগ্য হিসাবে সরকার অনুমোদিত যে কোন তফসিলী ব্যাংক হতে

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ক) দরপত্র সংক্রান্ত যে কোন তথ্য অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে জানা যাবে।

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বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড, আঞ্চলিক কার্যালয়, ধাক্কামারা, পঞ্চগড়।

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back and they were united. Any decision, if forced on them, would not be accepted in any way. He asked people to be vigilant against attempts of creating communal tension.

#### **FACE-OFF AND FIRING**

From March 23 to the morning of March 24, the Pakistan army surrounded and held the Saidpur cantonment and neighbouring Botlagari, Golahaat and Kundul villages and used excessive force, killing almost a 100 people and leaving 1,000 injured. Curfew was imposed in the city. The army along with non-Bangalees carried out arson and carnage in the houses of Bangladeshis.

In Rangpur, a curfew was imposed helicopters to pass the instruction

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general people. In Chittagong, people resisted the offloading of MV Swat which was carrying 7,000 tonnes of ammunition. The army opened fire on the people and dozens were killed. In

Tajuddin Ahmad said in a press statement tonight, "We would like to emphasise once again that any attempt to frustrate the efforts of arriving at a political solution would be reckless. Bangladesh would not allow this to be done."

General Khadim, two planners of

commanders outside Dhaka.

Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, talking to newsmen on his return to the hotel after a brief talk at the President's House today, said progress was being made at the talks. Replying to a question, Bhutto said a joint session of the advisers of the president, Awami League and his party would have expedited the arrangement. But at the moment it was

Bhutto further added, "I am passionately devoted to one Pakistan." Shamsuddoza Sajen is a journalist "Operation Searchlight", boarded two and researcher. He can be contacted at

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#### Natural

বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড FROM PAGE 12 নৰ্দান বাংলাদেশ প্ৰকল্প prior research in the area, which was mostly carried আঞ্চলিক কার্যালয় out in lab or hospital বাগানবাড়ি, ধাক্কামারা, পঞ্চগড় settings with sounds played to volunteers by www.teaboard.gov.bd headphones

Seven of the 36 studies examined traditional health outcomes, including heart rate, blood pressure, perceived pain, skin conductance -- which नर्मान वांश्लारमभ क्षकन्न, वांश्लारमभ চा বार्ज, आश्वालक कार्यालय, is linked to emotional arousal -- levels of the বাউন্ডারী ওয়াল নির্মাণ কাজের দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি। stress hormone cortisol, and t-wave amplitude, a

> The rest measured potential precursors along the pathway to health, including metrics of perception, mood, and cognitive performance.

measure of heart health.

Overall, there was an 184 percent improvement in health and other positive affect outcomes in the groups exposed to natural sounds relative to comparison groups.

The natural sounds also led to a 28 percent decrease in stress and annoyance. Among the natural sounds

played to the volunteers, the sound of water had the highest impact, followed by birdsong, then a mix of both.

The team also examined audio recordings from 68 US national parks recorded over the past 15 years at 221 different locations.

#### Germany

FROM PAGE 12 Easter. Only grocers will be allowed to open on Saturday April 3.

"The situation is serious. Case numbers are rising exponentially and intensive care beds are filling up again," said Merkel.

#### Tensions

commanding officer could not be reached on his mobile phone despite repeated attempts.

When our Sylhet correspondent last spoke to the BGB commanding officer around 5:00pm, the two forces were holding their respective positions.

The mosque is inside Bangladesh territory but right beside the border. The need for its reconstruction was evident, said Abdul Salam, chairman of Dubag union in the upazila.

"At a flag meeting last year, the matter was discussed and the then BSF Commanding Officer cleared way for the construction and it was progressing normally. But as the previous CO has been transferred, the new CO stopped the construction work," he said.

The locals of the bordering area are safe, the chairman said.

#### 'I'll commit

FROM PAGE 12

wife," said Quader Mirza. "If the similar thing happens to me, I will commit suicide," he said this in a Facebook live yesterday. On December 4, 2018, then JP chairman HM Ershad was admitted

to CMH. The 11th national election was held on December 30. About the ongoing political situation in Noakhali's Companiganj, Quader Mirza yesterday said, Everybody, except some of my dedicated party men, keeps avoiding me since I started telling the truth

Feni. But I'm not afraid about it.' "Conspiracy is going on to kill me," reiterated Quader Mirza, who is the incumbent mayor of Basurhat municipality of Companiganj.

about the politics of Noakhali and

"Nobody likes me as I tell the truth. Police are harassing my supporters following the directives of Obaidul Quader and his wife," he added.

Quader Mirza came to limelight as he has been making comments against corruption and misdeeds committed by AL men in Noakhali and Feni for the last few months.

On multiple occasions, he even came down heavily on government officials for their alleged involvement with corrupt politicians. He also repeatedly criticised his brother Obaidul Quader and his wife for patronising corrupt politicians.

This made political situation of Companiganj upazila volatile. Even, two deadly clashes took place there between two groups of AL over establishing supremacy in the area.

One group was led by Quader Mirza and another by Mizanur Rahman Badal, organising secretary of upazila unit AL, also a follower of lawmakers Ekramul Karim Chowdhury and Nizam Uddin Hazari.

The first clash took place on February 19 when both the groups used firearms in the clash and police also fired around 10 to 12 bullets to bring the situation under control. Local journalist Borhan Uddin

Muzakkir, 30, who was hit by bullets while covering the incident, died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital a

The two groups again clashed on March 9, leaving CNG-run autorıckshaw driver Alauddin, 22. dead and 30 others injured.

Meanwhile, Badal, who was arrested on March 11 in cases filed in connection with the violence, was released on bail yesterday.

## Man murders wife, son

She also said Rubel tortured her regularly and it became unbearable, Hashi's brother quoted her as saying at the mediation.

As Hashi and Rubel kept arguing, sitting on a bench at a yard inside the slum, Hashi's family members and the mediators went back to their huts. The couple was last seen around 1:00am yesterday.

Around 8:00am, Mehedi got the call from Rubel over his mobile phone.

"Rubel came to our house on Monday afternoon. He behaved well. He even brought fruits... If we had sensed trouble, we would not have allowed him to enter our house," Mehedi lamented.

"My sister wanted to live but her husband did not let her."

Mehedi said his sister married

Rubel five years ago. Things between the couple went from bad to worse two years ago.

In the first week of this month, Hashi came to her mother's house at Korail slum to save herself from Rubel's torture. A week ago, Rubel took her back to his Cumilla house. But she returned to her mother's house with her son after a day as Rubel again tortured her, according to her family

Nur-E-Azam Mia, officer-in-charge of Banani Police Station, said they suspect that Rubel had killed his wife

"We are trying to arrest him."

The bodies were sent to Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Morgue sources said both the mother and the child were strangled.

## 14 Huji men get death

They killed Bangabandhu and his family members at one stage and the conspirators tried to assassinate his daughter Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina 20 times following her return to the country in 1981, the court said.

The judge said the militants decided to kill Hasina and topple the legitimate government in July 2000.

Judge Kamruzzaman observed that it would be possible to prevent the recurrence of such atrocities by ensuring exemplary punishment to the accused.

If it is not possible to publicly execute them by the firing squad, they will be executed in accordance with the law, the verdict said.

The convicts are: Mofizur Rahman alias Mohibullah, Mahmud Azhar alias Mamunur Rashid, Rashed Uzzaman alias Shimul, Tarek Hossain alias Marfat Ali, Abdul Wadud Mollah, Sarwar Hossain Miah, Anisul Islam alias Anis, Azizul Haque alias Shahnur, Lokman, Yusuf alias Mochhhab Morol, Sheikh Enamul Haque, Mosahed Hasan, Maulana Amirul Islam alias Jinnat Munshi, and Maulana Rafiqul Islam.

Of them, Azizul, Lokman, Enamul, Mosahed and Yusuf are on the run.

The punishment of the fugitives will be effective the day they surrender or get arrested, the judge added.

around 12:15pm with nine of the convicts on the dock. They were taken to the courtroom amid tight security at 12:10pm with their hands cuffed behind their backs.

A large number of police members on the dock in helmets. An archway metal detector was placed at the recovered. entrance of the block that houses the

Bhuiyan

satisfaction over the judgement. 76kg bomb was recovered: one for the bomb, one for the attempted assassination of Hasina and the other

under the Explosive Substances Act. According to the prosecutors, on July 20, 2000, Mufti Hannan, his two brothers, and 14 others in a preplanned manner with a common intent had tried to create chaos in the country and worsen law and order.

The sedition case was filed with a Gopalgani court on September 13, 2000. On November 15, the next year, the Criminal and Investigation Department (CID) of police pressed charges in the case.

The charges were framed against 15 accused, including the prime accused Mufti Hannan on November 21, 2004

Hannan's name was dropped after he was hanged on April 12, 2017 at Kashimpur High-Security Prison for killing three people and injuring a British high commissioner in Bangladesh and a dozen others in

Thirty-four prosecution witnesses out of 50 gave their depositions before the court.

On August 20, 2017, the Speedy Trial Tribunal-2 of Dhaka sentenced 10 Huji members to death, one to life term imprisonment and three others to 14 years of rigorous imprisonment for attempting to assassinate Hasina by planting the bomb in Kotalipara.

On February 17 this year, the The verdict was pronounced High Court observed that had the perpetrators been successful in implementing their plan in Kotalipara, an episode similar to the August 15 massacre would have taken place.

The HC said the 76kg bomb was surrounded them when they were recovered on July 21, 2000, and two days later, the 40kg bomb was

If the 76kg bomb exploded, everyone and everything in a one Special Public Prosecutor Abu kilometer radius, would have expressed completely been damaged, the HC bench of Justice Jahangir Hossain Three cases were filed after the Selim and Justice Md Badruzzaman observed, citing a report from a military team that examined the bombs

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	560507 (LTM)	(GSIDP/MDR/SDW-119) Improvement of Pachim Chilarchar Akhon Bari Grave Yard, Union: Chilarchar [Latitude: 23.2182, Longitude: 90.13].	
	560508 (LTM)	(e-APP/LGED/MAD/GOBM/20-21/W-49) Periodic Maintenance of Bhuruapa-Ary Para Road from Ch: 00m-2685m (Road ID No: 354545124)	
	560509 (LTM)	(e-APP/LGED/MAD/GOBM/20-21/W-50) Periodic Maintenance of NHW, Gopalpur GC-Madaripur Kalkini R&H Road (Kaligonj Bazar) via Tumchar Road from Ch: 2970m-3766m (Road ID No: 354402008)	Apr-2021 Within 2:30 PM
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[contract] deviations ... We have formed the [new] committee to determine whether the locomotives can be used even after the deviation BR Director General Dhirendra Nath Mazumder told The Daily Star

In its report, the commissioning

The project authorities halted railways minister in October ordered a probe. The locomotives have been sitting in a workshop since then.

(law and land) of the ministry, The Daily Star obtained a copy of the

in trouble due to the sudden gas crisis.

Talking to this daily, Mohammed

hours after the incident," he said. "They [Titas gas authority] were

following a clash between army and of the military action to the brigade

Mirpur also, tensions were rising. Referring to these incidents,

Major General Farman and Major

'WE ARE MAKING SOME PROGRESS'

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It was Tom Latham's celebration following a match-winning unbeaten century that prevailed as the picture of the day while the jubilation of Mustafizur Rahman and Tamim Iqbal, instigated by the dismissal of New Zealand opener Martin Guptill, faded away as the Tigers let the game slip away during a five-wicket defeat in the second ODI at the Hagley Oval in Christchurch yesterday.

# Fielding the latest culprit of Tigers' Kiwi woes

NABID YEASIN





Bangladesh's five-wicket defeat to New Zealand in the

the Hagley Oval in Christchurch yesterday meant that the Tigers lost the three-match series with a game left to play.

A five-wicket win may sound a convincing victory but the margin fails to reflect how close the Tigers came to registering their first win against the Kiwis in their backyard.

Regardless of that fact, the records will still show that the Kiwis extended their home winning streak to 28-0 across formats against the Tigers, and 15-0 in ODIs.

The eight-wicket thumping in the first ODI in Dunedin was due to a batting debacle that saw the Tigers surrender to a formidable Kiwi pace attack for a meagre 131. And with the Bangladesh batsmen's history of failing on fast and bouncy tracks overseas, the prime focus since the first ODI was on the batsmen putting up a decent score that would at least leave the bowlers with something to

However, it seemed that while focusing on batsmen doing their

"Nice to have a match-winning contribution. We knew Bangladesh would come out fighting with the ball. We had to build some partnerships did that with Dev (Devon Conway) and Neesh (James Neesham). Dew made it tough. It was a tricky surface. Nice to cross the line. Always nice to win the series. Want to keep improving as a side.

NEW ZEALAND STAND-IN SKIPPER **TOM LATHAM** 

ignored and forgot to cover the other crucial facet of the game -- their fielding.

was a rare instance of Bangladesh batsmen coming up with a collaborative effort against New Zealand in their backyard. Skipper Tamim Iqbal's 78 at the top was well complemented by Mohammad Mithun's career-best unbeaten 73 off 57 deliveries that helped the Tigers put up a competitive score of 271 for

Collective effort was seen in the bowling too. The Tigers had reduced the hosts to 53 for three centurion was on 58. in 10.5 overs. Although a 113-run fourth-wicket stand between Devon bit to bring bowlers into the game, Conway and skipper Tom Latham the Tigers' unit. But it was not the wickets. the Bangladesh team completely had swung the momentum back only instance of him letting down Player-of-the-match: Tom Latham.

"We should've won this game. Bowler created chances, we couldn't hold on. The dropped catches, you know. When situation comes, you have to do things 100%. Disappointed today. Batters did really well. It was a different surface, a bit slow, 271 was a decent score. And

> hold on." BANGLADESH CAPTAIN TAMIM IQBAL

when the chances came, we couldn't

towards the hosts, a brilliant piece of fielding from Tamim -- a direct hit at the bowler's end -- in the 34th over offered renewed hope.

That bit of brilliance was the only moment of excellence in an otherwise lacklustre fielding effort. Just an over later, Mushfiqur Rahim failed to grab on to a regulation catch after pacer Taskin Ahmed had induced an edge off the bat of James Neesham on three. And again, in the very next over, off-spinner Mahedi Hasan dropped Latham off his own bowling when the eventual

Mushfiqur is undoubtedly one 2-42) of the hardest-working players in Result: New Zealand won by five

the team with poor efforts behind the stumps. The 33-year-old has come under scrutiny multiple times in the past for his below-average glovework.

While those two mistakes could well have turned the game around on its head, there were some abysmal fielding errors -- from Mahmudullah Riyad and Mahedi -- made in the outfield that also contributed immensely to the outcome of the

And even though the burden of yesterday's defeat would have to be shared by the whole fielding unit, it may be time for the team management to fix the one issue -that of replacing Mushfiqur as the wicketkeeper with a more proven and better gloveman in Liton -- that has repeatedly cost the Tigers dearly in the past.

**SCORES IN BRIEF** 

Bangladesh: 271 for 6 in 50 overs (Tamim 78, Soumya 32, Mushfiqur 34, Mithun 73 not out, extras 24; Boult 1-49, Henry 1-48, Jamieson 1-36, Santner 2-51)

New Zealand: 275 for 5 in 48.2 overs (Guptill 20, Conway 72, Latham 110 not out, Neesham 30, extras 17; Mustafizur 2-62, Mahedi

# Close enough not good enough for Bashar





"Catches win matches" is one of the oldest adages in cricket. There are several occasions when catches have won

matches and dropped catches have cost Bangladesh perhaps could have won

a first-ever international match in New Zealand against the hosts at the Hagley Oval on Tuesday had keeper Mushfiqur Rahim held on to a simple catch from Jimmy Neesham and had Mahedi Hasan managed a return catch to send back stand-in skipper Tom Latham, who hit an unbeaten hundred to help New Zealand take an unassailable 2-0 lead in the threematch series.

"Everybody rued the two dropped catches and that's very natural. But from my perspective, the first win in New Zealand eluded us today because of a poor overall fielding effort. Stats will show you that Taskin Ahmed conceded 67 runs in his ten-over spell without success but I think he bowled brilliantly and was just unlucky. Not only that, he induced some good inside edges but conceded runs because of sloppy fielding," former national captain-turned selector Habibul Bashar, who is touring with the team, told The Daily Star over phone after the match.

"We conceded too many singles and doubles as well as a few boundaries because of fumbles in the field. If you give New Zealand the slightest chance in their

own backyard, they will grab it with both hands. Still, those two catches were very costly. The first one could have changed the complexion of the whole game and we could have regained momentum," he continued.

Bashar was disappointed that the Tigers failed to capitalise after the batsmen bounced back from a dismal performance in the first game.

"It was a good wicket to bat on, especially if you consider our batting strength. We were a bit shaky initially because of the first-match disaster, but the batsmen finally showed character and put a fighting total up on the board. I think our overall bowling was also not bad considering the pitch, but there is no point finding positives when you ultimately lose

"I think the only positive sign was that the team bounced back strongly after a poor showing in Dunedin. This performance also showed that we have got the ability to win matches against New Zealand in their own backyard. But they have to prove it by winning. I will only be happy if they can continue their good performance in the next game and win the final one-dayer [on Friday]," he added.

The former skipper also gave credit to skipper Tamim Iqbal for the way the lefthander built up the innings and bolstered the Tigers' confidence. "Tamim not only batted well, the way he is leading the team on and off the field is also very encouraging. But again we have to win."



Hagley Oval in Christchurch yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

# **Booters start with** encouraging win

SPORTS REPORTER



Bangladesh began the Nations Cup Three on a winning note, handing a 1-0 defeat to Kyrgyzstan's U-23 team in the opening match at the Dashrath Stadium in Kathmandu yesterday.

The men in red and green now need to only secure a draw against hosts Nepal on March 27 to claim a spot in the final of the tournament. Nepal will play Kyrgyzstan

U-23 tomorrow in a match that could decide the finalists altogether. Head coach Jamie Day was determined ahead of the tournament to blood young players and see if any were capable of making the cut for June's World Cup Qualifiers and

he handed debuts to three players. Center-back Habibur Rahman Shohag, left-back Rimon Hossain and forward Mehedi Hasan Royal all debuted in the opening match of the tournament and Jamie was perhaps happy with the overall performance from the team, although expectations were somewhat tempered by the national team's poor show against Qatar during a World Cup qualifier in December.

Day's charges clearly lacked in terms of stamina and fitness against Qatar, but looked better in both regards throughout yesterday's match thanks to the resumption of domestic competitions. Bangladesh may have played their senior side against Kyrgyzstan's Olympic outfit, but most of the Bangladeshi players were below 23, barring two or three players in the first half.

However, Day sent three pairs of fresh legs at the start of the second half, with Jamal Bhuiyan, Riyadul Hasan and Rakib Hossain coming on to replace Masuk Mia Jonny, Biplo Ahmed and Shohag while midfielder Manik Hossain Molla replaced debutant Mehedi Hasan Royal.

The boys in red and green got off to a fine start with better possession and built up through the flanks while debutant Shohag proved instrumental from nearly all the setpieces and almost provided the lead from a free-kick only to see the shot fisted away by Kyrgyz goalkeeper Toktaev Erzhan in the

With Bangladeshi players struggling slightly to cope with the fast nature of the pitch, Kyrgyzstan came close to breaking the deadlock in the 27th minute but forward Borudaev Gulzhigit, availing a long ball, drove miles off the target from inside the box with goalkeeper Anisur Rahman Zico to beat.

Three minutes later, Bangladesh burst into celebrations as Kyrgyz defender Kumabrajuulu Baiaman bundled into his own net. Biplo Ahmed initiated the move by snatching the ball from the feet of the opposition and freeing Saad Uddin down the right. The Abahani player then ran into the box and whipped back a fierce low-ball into the box for Biplo that Baiaman drove into his net while attempting to clear.



A couple of minutes later, Kyrgyzstan went close to equalising but Zico kept Bangladesh in the match by thwarting a one-on-one effort against Tapaev Temirbolot.

After resumption, Bangladesh looked better on the back of three changes.

Matin Mia, who staged a comeback after sustaining a hamstring injury during the 2020 Bangabandhu Gold Cup, penetrated the opposing backline time and again. He brilliantly entered the box from the right before cutting back for stand-in-captain Sohel Rana, but the midfielder was well-blocked by a defender in the 55th minute.

10 minutes later, Matain ran down the left flank and delivered a nice ball to substitute Manik Hossain Mollah, who failed to connect with the ball from the edge of the box. Kyrgyzstan exerted more pressure in the latter stages in search of an equaliser, but could not find the target against some good

## Shahadat hits debut ton



batsman Young Shahadat Hossain Dipu smashed his maiden century on his

first-class debut to put Chattogram Division in the driving seat against Rajshahi Division on the second day of their Tier 2 fixture of the Bangabandhu National Cricket League (BNCL) yesterday.

Despite scoring the century and helping Chattogram post 287 in their first innings at the Shaheed Kamruzzaman Stadium in Rajshahi, Shahadat will have to do it all over again as his side are struggling on 43 for five in their second innings.

Rajshahi's first-innings reply was a poor one too as they were bowled out for 152 runs, thanks to Noman Chowdhury's four wickets and Mehedi Hasan Rana's three wickets.

Chattogram, despite leading by 178 runs in their second innings, will be looking to stretch the lead further when they resume the third day against the hosts.

Earlier, Chattogram resumed the day on 256 for seven in their first innings, with Shahadat 12 runs shy of his maiden ton. While he kept losing wickets at the other end, the member



of Bangladesh's Under-19 World Cupwinning side reached the milestone before being dismissed for 108 off 256 balls, his innings featuring eleven fours and two sixes.

"I was a bit nervous to be honest when I was on 97 and batting with Noman Chowdhury, the last batsman. But thankfully he negotiated the bowling well and I reached my century. This is very special for me and I will cherish this century for a long time," Shahadat told The Daily

In the other Tier 2 game, Dhaka

Metropolis skipper Marshall Ayub struck his 21st first class hundred to help his side to a first-innings lead over Barishal Division at the Barisal Divisional Stadium.

In reply to Barishal's 241 in the first innings, Dhaka rode on Marshall's brilliant ton and 60 from opener Zahiduzzaman to conclude the day on 324 for seven, taking a lead of 83

In Tier 1, Khulna's right-arm seamer Masum Khan bagged four wickets to leave Sylhet 130 for eight, Khulna still leading by 245 runs in the first innings. Resuming the second day on 308 for seven, defending champion Khulna were all out for 375 with pacers Abu Jayed and Ebadot Hossain picking up three wickets each. At BKSP, Nasir Hossain kept the

hopes of Rangpur alive with an unbeaten 93 against Dhaka Division. Rangpur still trail by 171 runs.

Resuming the day on 297 for eight, Dhaka went on to post 365 in their first innings before Rangpur found themselves in a spot of bother right from the start.

None of the other Rangpur batsmen were able to score big as leftarm spinner Nazmul Islam took three and pacer Sumon Khan bagged two wickets for Dhaka.

#### **SCORES IN BRIEF**

TIER 1 Khulna Division v Sylhet Division

Khulna: First Innings-375 all out in 109.4 overs (Tushar 99, Imrul 90; Ebadot 3-79, Jayed 3-94) Sylhet: First Innings-130 for 8 in 58 overs (Imtiaz 37; Masum 4-32,

Mominul 2-10).

Dhaka Division v Rangpur Division Dhaka: First Innings-365 all out in 106.3 overs (Saif 127, Nadif 69; Alauddin Babu 4-25, Mahmudul 2-78)

Rangpur: First innings-194 for 7 in 71 overs (Nasir 93 not out; Nazmul 3-69, Sumon 2-23) TIER 2

Barishal Division v Dhaka Metropolis Barishal: First innings-241 all out ( Ashraful 48, Sayeed 46; Hider

3-34, Rakibul 3-76) **Dhaka Metropolis: First Innings** 324 for 7 in 102 overs (Marshall 112, Zahiduzzaman 60; Kamrul 2-44, Monir 2-63) Chattogram Division v Rajshahi

Division Chattogram: First Innings-287 and Second Innings- 43 for 5 in 19.3 overs (Mahmudul 26 not out; Farhad 3-18)

Rajshahi: First Innings-152 allout in 44.3 overs (Farhad 27; Noman 4-47, Mehedi 3-22)





Cristiano Ronaldo's return to international colours will signal the resumption of his quest to become international football's most prolific scorer, with the Portuguese now just seven shy of Iranian Ali Daei's all-time record of 109 goals ahead of a match against Azerbaijan. Gareth Bale will also return for Wales and he attempted to shut down speculation about his future by saying it was 'no distraction' ahead of Wales' opening 2022 World Cup Qualifier against Belgium. The 31-yearold also confirmed that he planned to go back to Real Madrid at the end of this season to at least see out the last year of his contract.

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Gas supply Disruption in City

# Titas, RHD trade blame

Thousands wake up to find no way to cook

HELEMUL ALAM and TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

Thousands of people in different parts of the capital suffered badly after being hit by a severe gas crisis as a Titas connection was damaged in Amin Bazar on the outskirts of the city on Monday night.

While Titas and Roads and Highways Department (RHD) officials traded blame for the situation, many of the affected people did not get the gas connection back till 8:00pm yesterday, when this report was filed.

Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution Company Ltd officials said the gas line was damaged by an RHD

The problem began after the feeder line was damaged around 9:00pm on Monday during a construction work of Salehpur bridge over the Turag river in Amin Bazar, Titas Director (Operations) Shafiqul Islam Khan said.

He said they were working on it and that they were trying to keep gas supply normal.

RHD officials, on the other hand, said the line was installed on RHD land without permission and that they were not aware of its presence.

Arguing that the RHD cannot be held responsible for the people's suffering, the officials said no such gas line should be installed so close to a main road.

Titas officials said they took due permission during the installation of the gas line.

In the meantime, thousands of people in Mohammadpur, SEE PAGE 10 COL 1

Some motorcyclists get on the pavement while others follow the traffic rules and stay put in a gridlock near Shat Rasta intersection in the capital. The ones on the pavement are travelling under a sign set up there by police urging all to follow traffic rules.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

Wrong Locomotives

## BR probing if those can

Forms another

committees found that South Korean company Hyundai Rotem Company (HRC) supplied locomotives to Bangladesh Railway breaching the contract, the BR has now formed another committee to determine whether those

The new committee has four members and is led by Prof Muhammed Mahbubur Buet's mechanical department. engineering It was asked to submit its report within 10 working

The BR came up with the move although one of the two probe committees had recommended taking punitive action against HRC, and CCIC Singapore Pte Ltd, which the BR employed for the pre-

#### Man murders wife, son, dumps bodies in lake

He then calls family to tell them where to find the bodies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

She took refuge in her mother's house to save herself from her husband's torture and keep her three-year-old son out of harm's way

But her desperate bid to save herself and her son went in vain as both ended up dead, their bodies dumped in a lake near the Korail slum in the capital's Banani

Police yesterday recovered the bodies of Hashi Begum, 25, a homemaker, and her son Nirob Hossain.

"It's my brother-in-law Rubel Hossain who killed my sister and my nephew... He called me over phone in the morning and said he dumped their bodies in the lake and asked us to recover those," Hashi's brother Mehedi Hasan, a day labourer, told The Daily Star yesterday.

Mehedi and his family members rushed to the location and found the bodies of Hashi and her son floating in the lake. They then informed police.

Earlier on Monday afternoon, Rubel, a construction worker, came to the slum to take Hashi back to his house in Cumilla. But she refused to go back.

Later at night, several elderly neighbours sat with Hashi and Rubel to mediate between the couple.

"If you send me back to Cumilla with my husband, he will kill me this time," Hashi told the mediators, requesting them not to put pressure on her.

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### ROAD TO FREEDOM THIS DAY IN BANGLADESH LIBERATION WAR HISTORY

## The telephone call that never came

MARCH 24, 1971

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

THE FINAL MEETING There was a final meeting between Awami League's team and President Yahya Khan's advisers on March 24 at 6:00pm. The reading of all the clauses and schedules of the draft proclamation, initially prepared by Yahya's advisers and subsequently modified by AL representatives, was concluded.

Kamal Hossain, a member of the AL team, asked Lt Gen Peerzada, principal stait omcer to Yahya Khan, as to when the draft could be finalised. It was proposed from the AL side that Kamal Hossain and Justice Cornelius, adviser to Yahya Khan, should sit that very night and finalise the draft so that it could be presented before the president and Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman the

next morning. Cornelius was agreeable but Peerzada prevented him saying, "No, we have some discussions this evening, you may meet tomorrow morning.

When Kamal Hossain suggested fixing a time for the following day Peerzada intervened and said they would be informed about it over phone. Awami League



throughout the fateful day of March 25 but it never came. Even when Kamal Hossain finally left Bangabandhu at his residence around 10:30pm on March 25, Bangabandhu asked him whether he had received such a telephone call. Kamal Hossain confirmed that he had not. [Kamal Hossain, Bangladesh: Quest for Freedom and Justice, UPL, 2013, pp 102-

BANGABANDHU WARNS AGAINST CONSPIRACY From morning till night, without any rest, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman continued to give speeches for the many processions that arrived at his

doorstep. "We don't want any more discussions; now we want an announcement," said Bangabandhu.

If there was no solution by tomorrow, he said, Bangladeshis would find it themselves. No conspiracy could hold them SEE PAGE 10 COL 1

#### **Tensions** take hold on Sylhet border

BSF builds bunker on no-man's land Our Correspondent, Sylhet

Border Guard Bangladesh jawans took up position on the Gojukata border in Sylhet's Beanibazar yesterday morning shortly after India's Border Security Force set up bunkers in the no-man's land between the countries.

On Monday morning, the BSF had stopped the reconstruction of a centuries-old mosque on the Bangladesh side at the edge of the border, said Lt Col Shah Alam Siddiqui, commanding officer of 52 BGB Battalion.

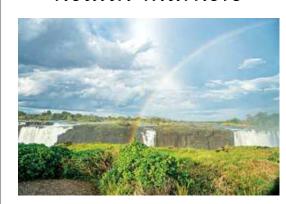
"The BSF stopped the reconstruction work entering Bangladesh territory and then unlawfully set-up bunkers 150 metres inside the noman's land.

"In response, we also deployed forces at the border," he said yesterday.

A flag-meeting started at 5:00pm to settle the issue, but the outcome of the meeting could not be known as the BGB

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## Natural soundscapes boost people's health markers



AFP, Washington

Spending more time in green spaces might be just what the doctor ordered, according to a study that quantifies the health benefits of natural sounds, from improved mood and cognitive performance to decreased heart rate and sensitivity to pain.

The paper was led by Rachel Buxton, a conservation biologist at Canada's Carleton University, and published Monday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS).

"We tend to look at the acoustic environment from the perspective of noise pollution and how it disturbs wildlife, and how it has effects on visitors to parks and human health," she told AFP.

"A lot of us conservation biologists are really interested in the inverse of that: what are the health benefits of natural acoustic environments?'

Buxton and her colleagues carried out a literature review to statistically analyze the patchwork of be used

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STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Although two engines can be used.

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#### 'I'll commit suicide' if I'm forced to be 'hospitalised'

Says Quader Mirza OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

Abdul Quader younger brother of ruling Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader, yesterday said he would kill himself if he was forced by "conspirators" to be hospitalised as part of a political plot. "Former Jatiya Party

chief HM Ershad was forced to be admitted to CMH [Combined Military Hospital] before a national election. Similar things may happen to me. Conspiracy is going on against me. Obaidul Quader is thinking so being provoked by his SEE PAGE 10 COL 4



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JAMAAT 5-30 1-15 5-00 6-20 8-15 SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

> উন্নয়নের গণতন্ত্র শেথ হাসিনার মূলমন্ত্র

A thirsty crow sipping water from a puddle on a street near Doyel Chattar in the capital yesterday. The city witnessed a sharp rise in temperature over the last few days. Water becomes hard to come by for animals especially during this time of the year.

PRABIR DAS

#### Germany to enter strict shutdown

**UK COVID VARIANT** 

India's top govt panel says no blood clot risk from Covishield, Covaxin AGENCIES

Germany will enter a strict shutdown for five days over Easter amid surging virus rates, Chancellor Angela Merkel and regional leaders agreed yesterday as criticism mounted over the government's handling of the pandemic.

As well as extending existing measures including keeping cultural, leisure and sporting facilities shut through to April 18, Merkel and Germany's 16 state premiers ordered a tougher shutdown between April 1

Almost all shops will be closed during the five days, and religious services will be moved online over SEE PAGE 10 COL 3



## ঢাকা দক্ষিণ সিটি কর্পোরেশন

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সম্পত্তি বিভাগ

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