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A man tries to lift a woman that fainted after seeing the body of a relative who died from the coronavirus disease (Covid-19), at a crematorium in New Delhi, India yesterday. PHOTO: REUTERS

Indian states run out of Covid jabs

crisis, with hospitals and morgues overwhelmed by the pandemic, medicines and oxygen in short supply and strict curbs on movement in the

Despite being the world's biggest producer of vaccines, India does not have enough stockpiles to keep up with the second deadly wave of infections, which deals a blow to its plans to vaccinate all adults, starting from today.

Only about 9% of a population

dose since January. The original vaccination plan was to

cover just 300 million of the highestrisk people by August, but India widened the target as infections flared.

However, its two vaccine producers were already struggling to increase capacity beyond 80 million doses a month, hit by a shortage of raw materials and a fire at the Serum Institute, the maker of the AstraZeneca vaccine.

Inoculation centres in the financial capital of Mumbai will remain shut for of 1.4 billion have received a vaccine three days from yesterday because of the minister, K Sudhakar.

the vaccine shortage, authorities said. Delhi's Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal urged citizens not to show up at vaccination centres, as doses had not yet arrived.

In Karnataka, home to the tech hub of Bengaluru, the southern state's health minister said its vaccination drive for adults would not begin today.

"The state government has not received any information from companies about when they will be able to supply these vaccines," said

Chinese govt can't evade responsibility

investment from The China Development Bank, Bank of China and China Construction Bank, which amount to 71.71 percent of the total

"The project profiles confirm that the government of China cannot evade its responsibility for the killings and violent incidents that we have been witnessing since the initiation of this energy project," it said.

"We note that the Chinese government has decided to abandon coal-fired plants in China in future. But the same government is doing

the opposite in the coastal areas of the squalid and unhygienic living Bangladesh," the letter read.

It said the demands of the workers who died in police firing on April 17 on the premises of SS Power I Plant were straightforward and not illegal in any sense, and were ensured under Bangladesh's Labour Act, 2006.

The citizens condemned the killings and urged the Chinese government to ensure justice for the workers by bringing those responsible in the Chinese companies to book as per the law of the People's Republic of China.

The letter also shed light on

conditions of the workers, which put them at risk of contracting Covid-19.

ProfAsifNazrul of Dhaka University, economist Anu Muhammad, Barrister Jyotirmoy Barua, human rights activist Sultana Kamal, Nijera Kori coordinator Khushi Kabir, Executive Director of Research Initiatives Bangladesh Meghna Guhathakurta, Prof CR Abrar, DU Associate Professor Mohammad Tanzimuddin Khan, Chief Coordinator of Gana Samhati Andolon Zonayed Saki, among others, signed the letter.

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Md. Touhidul Islam Lt. Commander (TAS), BN Manager BFDC, Rangamati

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UK PM faces new questions after phone number found online

AFP, London

Revelations that British Prime Minister Boris Johnson's personal mobile number has been circulating online for 15 years raised national security concerns yesterday, amid a raft of probes into his conduct.

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গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার কৃষি আবহাওয়া তথ্য পদ্ধতি উন্নতকরণ প্রকল্প কৃষি সম্প্রসারণ অধিদপ্তর খামারবাড়ি, ফার্মগেট, ঢাকা-১২১৫।



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ক্ষি সম্প্রসাবণ অধিদপ্তর কর্তৃক বাছরায়নাধীন "ক্ষি আবহাওয়া তথা পদ্ধতি উন্তক্তরণ প্রকল্প "এব প্রকল্প হোয়াদকালীন সময়ের জন্য সম্পর্ণ অন্নায়ী ভিত্তিতে নিশূলিখিত পদসমহে নিয়োগের জন্য বাংলাদেশের স্থায়ী নাগরিকদের নিকট হতে আবেদনপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচেছ:

শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতা বৈতন-গ্ৰেড* হিসাবরক্ষক শ্বীকৃত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় হতে বাণিজ্যে ন্যুনতম শ্লাতক। হিসাব রক্ষণে সহায়ক এমএস ওয়ার্ড , এস্ক্লেল, ১ (এক) গ্ৰেড-১৩ 3b-00 পাওয়ার পয়েন্ট জানা থাকতে হবে। একাউন্টিং বা ফিন্যান্স, পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট, সরকারী অডিট ব্যবস্থা, এডিপি ও আইডিএ ফিন্যান্স সিস্টেম সম্পর্কে অভিজ্ঞদের অগ্রাধিকার দেওয়া হবে। অধিকতর অভিজ্ঞদের ক্ষেত্রে বয়সসীমা শিথিলযোগ্য।

^{*}*বি<u>ংদ্রং বেতন গ্রে</u>ড অনুযায়ী সাকুল্য বেতন ও সরকার কর্তৃক ঘোষিত জাতীয় বেতন ক্ষেল, ২০১৫ প্রযোজ্য হবে। ণঅর্থ মন্ত্রণালয়, অর্থ বিভাগ এর পরিপত্র নং ০৭.১১১.০৩১.০১.০১.০১.০০.২০১০.১৫ , তারিখঃ ১৪/০১/২০১৬ খ্রিঃ অনুযায়ী (১) হিসাবরক্ষকের সাকুল্য বেতন (গ্রেড-১৩)- ১৯৩০০/- টাকা।

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- ১. আগ্রহী ও যোগ্য প্রার্থীগণকে https://www.bamis.gov.bd/apply/-তে প্রদত্ত অনলাইন আবেদন ফরম নির্দেশাবলী অনুসরণ করে যথাযথভাবে পূরণ ও প্রয়োজনীয় কাগজপত্র স্ক্যান করে পিডিএফ ফাইল তৈরীপূর্বক আপলোড করে সাবমিট/দাখিল করার মাধ্যমে আগামী ১৭/০৫/২০২১ খ্রি: (সোমবার) বিকাল ৫.০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে আবেদন করতে হবে। নির্ধারিত তারিখ ও সময়ের পর কোন আবেদনপত্র গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না।
- ২. প্রকল্প পরিচালক, "কৃষি আবহাওয়া তথ্য পদ্ধতি উন্নতকরণ প্রকল্প" এর অনুকলে পরীক্ষার ফি বাবদ ১০০/-(একশত) টাকা, ১-৪৩৩১-০০০০-২০৩১ কোড নমরে বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক/সোনালী ব্যাংক এর অনুমোদিত শাখায় ট্রেজারী চালানে জমা দিয়ে চালানের মূল কপি স্ক্যান করে জীবন বুত্তান্তের সাথে পিডিএফ ফাইল তৈরীপূর্বক অনলাইন আবেদনের
- আবেদনকারীর বয়স ১৭/০৫/২০২১ খ্রিঃ তারিখে সর্বনিম্ন ১৮ (আঠার) এবং সর্বোচ্চ ৩০ (ত্রিশ) বছর হতে হবে। মুক্তিযোদ্ধা/ শহীদ মুক্তিযোদ্ধাদের পুত্র-কন্যা/ পুত্র কন্যার পুত্র কন্যা ও প্রতিবন্ধী প্রার্থীর ক্ষেত্রে বয়সসীমা সর্বোচ্চ ৩২ (বত্রিশ) বছর পর্যন্ত গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে। বয়সের ক্ষেত্রে এফিডেভিট গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না।
- মুক্তিযোদ্ধা ও শহীদ মুক্তিযোদ্ধার পুত্র-কন্যা ও পুত্র-কন্যার পুত্র-কন্যা কোটায় নির্বাচনের পূর্বে সংশ্লিষ্ট সকল সার্টিফিকেটের মূল কপি যাচাই করে সত্যতা সম্পর্কে নিশ্চিত করা হবে এবং নিয়োগের পূর্বে নীজ থানা (পুলিশ স্টেশন) হতে প্রদত্ব প্রত্যয়ন পত্র দাখিল করতে হবে।
- মৌখিক পরীক্ষার সময় আবেদনপত্রের সাথে সংযুক্ত সকল সনদপত্রের মূল কপি দেখাতে হবে।
- অসম্পূর্ণ/ক্রটিপূর্ণ আবেদনপত্র কোন কারণ দর্শানো ছাড়াই বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।
- আবেদনকারীকে লিখিত/ ব্যবহারিক/মৌখিক পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণ করতে হবে এবং এর জন্য কোন প্রকার টিএ/ডিএ প্রদান করা হবে না।
- ৮. প্রকল্পের মেয়াদ শেষে সংখ্রিষ্ট কর্মচারীর পদ স্বয়ংক্রিয়ভাবে বিলুপ্ত হবে এবং চাকরির অবসান হবে। এ জন্য আলাদাভাবে চাকরিচ্চুতির কোন নোটিশ বা পত্র দেয়া হবে না।
- কোটা সংক্রান্ত সর্বশেষ সরকারি বিধিমালা অনুসরণ করা হবে এবং
- ১০. নিয়োগ সংক্রান্ত বিষয়ে নিয়োগকারী কর্তৃপক্ষের সিদ্ধান্ত চূড়ান্ত বলে গণ্য হবে।



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Teenage girl gang-raped in Noakhali

STAR REPORT

A teenage girl was gang-raped in Noakhali on Thursday and a man was arrested yesterday on charges of raping another minor girl in Tangail.

The 14-year-old girl in Noakhali's Sonaimuri upazila was returning home from a nearby shop around 3:00pm when Abdur Rob, 23, and Rifat Hossain, 28, intercepted her, said police.

They then took the girl to a nearby abandoned place and raped her. Another youth named Salauddin acted as a guard at that time, the law enforcers added.

Hours later, they released her after threatening her with dire consequences if she disclosed the incident with anyone.

Returning home, the victim shared her experience with family members.

Later, on the same night, the victim's father filed a case against the trio with Sonaimuri Police Station.

The victim was produced before a court yesterday where a judicial magistrate recorded her statement.

She was then sent to the hospital for medical tests. Police were trying to arrest the accused, said Gias Uddin, officer-in-charge of Sonaimuri Police Station.

In Tangail, police yesterday arrested a man on charges of raping a neighbouring minor girl in Kalihati

upazila. The arrestee is Nosu Mondol, 65,

of the same upazila.

Quoting the victim's family members, police said the five-year-old girl was playing near a local mosque on Thursday afternoon with other children.

At one stage, other children went to their homes leaving the girl alone there. Taking the chance, Nosu called the girl, then took her to his room and raped her.

Returning home, the girl shared her experience with her family members and became sick. Around 10:00pm on the same night, the girl

was admitted to a local hospital.

The victim's family filed a case against Nosu with Kalihati Police Station yesterday morning.

Following the case, police arrested Nosu yesterday noon, said Saogatul Alam, officer-in-charge of Kalihati Police Station.

Our Noakhali and Tangail correspondents contributed to this

Raushan

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Raushan was feeling well after her admission to the hospital.

She might need to stay at the hospital for one or two more days, Mamun added.

Khaleda

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will be reviewed and the treatment plan will be decided," he said.

Zahid said as she was taken to hospital after a long time, doctors want to do all the necessary and regular medical tests.

The BNP chief has been suffering from arthritis, diabetics and ophthalmological problems.

Khaleda tested Covid-19 positive on April 11 and in the follow-up test on April 24, she tested positive

again. Amid the coronavirus outbreak, the government on March 25 last year freed Khaleda from jail for six months through an executive order suspending her jail sentences in two graft cases.

She was released from the prison cell at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University the same day. Since then, she has been staying at her Gulshan residence.

On August 27 last year, the government extended Khaleda's release period for six months. It was extended for another six months on March 15 this year.

On February 8, 2018, the BNP chief was sent to the Old Dhaka Central Jail after a court sentenced her to five years' imprisonment in the Zia Orphanage Trust corruption case. The High Court later doubled her sentence.

Khaleda was found guilty in another graft case the same year. Her party, however, claims both the cases are politically motivated.

With 'lollipops'

FROM PAGE 12 in several EU countries could spread more widely among young people and children

This could contribute to another surge in cases and threaten progress with vaccination campaigns.

To "keep track of the infections' and to offer a "sensible alternative to other testing options," Austria's Burgenland province has already ordered 35,000 lollipop tests, a spokesperson for the regional government told AFP.

This follows the success of a pilot project with children in some kindergarten and day-care centres.

Letters have been sent to parents informing them that the Burgenland state will provide each child with three free tests per week.

New curriculum

FROM PAGE 12 2023," said a top official who attended

the meeting. Education Minister Dipu Moni, Primary and Mass Education State Minister Zakir Hossen, top officials of secondary and higher education division, technical and madrasa division, primary and mass education ministry and NCTB attended the meeting.

"We will work in line with the meeting decision. We will take steps after seeing the meeting resolutions,' NCTB Chairperson Prof Narayan Chandra Saha told The Daily Star.

In the meeting it was also decided that new books for classes 1, 6 and 7 will be given to some schools in 2022 as part of a pilot programme. NCTB officials said the government took the decision when they were facing problems regarding the preparation of new books.

By now all the manuscripts for the books were supposed to have been prepared and NCTB was supposed to go for tender process of printing of the new books, said NCTB sources.

"But we could not finish the new

books," said an NCTB member. The new curriculum will emphasise competency rather than theoretical

The NCTB has set 10 main competencies that a student will

achieve after grade 12. Those include a student's ability to communicate, collaborate, express themselves, honour other people's opinions, think critically and solve

problems. The curriculum also places emphasis on learning languages, communication, mathematics and reasoning, science and technology, the ICT, environment and climate, and

values and morality. In the new curriculum, NCTB did not make any proposals for holding Primary Education Completion Examinations (PECE) in grade and Junior School Certificate

Examinations in grade 7. It also proposed to dissolve the science, humanities and business disciplines and suggested holding the Secondary School Certificate and its equivalent exams in just five subjects,

based on the syllabus of grade 10 only. The Higher Secondary Certificate exams will be held in two phases: in grades 11 and 12. The new curriculum also proposed a two-day weekend -- Friday and Saturday -- in schools, instead of just Friday.

The last time the curriculum was

Dhaka, Delhi need

difficult for Bangladesh and India to come to this stage of their relationship following the partition in 1947, and they should not slide back.

the new area of cooperation can be the Bay of Bengal, and both countries need to work together and use digital technology to find innovative ways.

He suggested that the think tanks come up with a possible solution.

Former Indian foreign secretary Krishnan Srinivasan said the Bangladesh-India friendship has been hostage to the vagaries of politics on both sides of the border. Now is time for looking at trade and connectivity that can lead the development without any detriment to sovereignty and independence.

"In a globalised world, every nation has multiple choices of friends, and India should accept that Bangladesh must have outreached to Southeast and Northeast Asia," he said.

Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Vikram Kumar Doraiswami said trade will be a key driver of the Bangladesh-India friendship in future, and Bangladesh could provide India a key base for value addition, including in food production, RMG and textile.

He also talked about closer integration of transportation systems, cooperation on renewable energy, blue economy and health.

Bangladesh is interested in having connectivity with Nepal, Bhutan and Myanmar through India, he said, adding, "It is a sustainable way to move forward if both sides see benefit in any initiative."

Doraiswami said there is a need for the two countries to do much on protecting the Sundarbans as well as check river pollution, especially around Dhaka.

Bangladesh Institute of Peace and Security Studies (BIPSS) President Maj Gen (Retd) ANM Muniruzzaman said it's necessary to analyse the current irritants of the bilateral relations and address those.

He said not signing the Teesta water-sharing deal, border killings, India's role on the Rohingva issue, rise of fundamentalism in India, export ban of vaccine, National Register of Citizenship and Citizenship Amendment Act are some of the issues that developed wrong perception in the public mind and need to be addressed.

Top leadership uttering negative words about the people of another country is also a problem, he said, stressing on mutual respect.

Prof Imtiaz Ahmed, of Dhaka University's international relations department, said the two-nation theory will not work and this had not worked back in 1971. "Two-nation theory is really bad and we need to keep that in mind.

He said it will not work if Bangladesh, India or any other country thinks that it will develop alone and will not allow others to develop.

ey should not slide back. Centre for Policy Dialogue
The noted global strategist thinks Distinguished Fellow Debapriya Bhattacharya suggested that India continue to provide duty-free, quota-free access of Bangladeshi products to reduce the trade gap.

CPD Executive Director Fahmida

Khatun said the potential of trade between the two countries is \$16 billion, but it is now less than \$10

India imports products from the world market worth \$45 billion, and regional trade could increase to a great extent if there was regional integration. In response to India's role on Rohingya repatriation, former Indian

high commissioner to Bangladesh Pinak Ranjan Chakravarty said India, which shares a border with Bangladesh and Myanmar, cannot fully support Bangladesh over the Rohingya issue due to its internal problem and national interests. "On Myanmar, my point is that

India's ambivalence should be understood in the context of India's national inserts. We can't swing into absolute support and favour for Bangladesh," he said.

"We have an insurgency problem in the northeast and we have our own problems and difficulties in dealing with Myanmar on the Rohingya issue," he said.

On the border killings, Vikram Doraiswami said it is a complex phenomenon that requires a far greater effort, including by district governance and border guards on Doth sides.

Pinak Ranjan said, "Alleging and pointing fingers at India all the time doesn't help resolve the problem and doesn't help create the public perception in India."

He said the main reason behind border killings is the huge smuggling network and the huge mafia operating on both sides of the borders, which should be addressed jointly.

In reply to a comment that "vaccine diplomacy" is going on in reference to India's halt of exporting vaccines, Doraiswami said India has tried its best to supply vaccines to its

neighbours. Also, it should be recognised that there is a major crisis underway in India. Alternatively, he said India had offered third stage trial of Covaxin and subsequently its co-production, but that remains on the table. "Of course,

this is Bangladesh's decision." Security analyst Brig Gen (Retd) Shahedul Anam Khan and COSMOS Foundation Chairman Enayetullah Khan also spoke at the event chaired by former foreign affairs adviser to a caretaker government Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury.

An unprecedented move by

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Urban Service Consortium, who had just returned from an extensive visit to the outlying parts of Bangladesh. He estimated that almost a million frontier into India and thought that the number could rapidly increase to two million. Over 60 per cent of the

refugees were Muslims. War on Want and Oxfam both launched campaigns for massive funds to assist the refugees. The first British relief plane to Calcutta would leave London on May 4. Although British relief organisations still hold £1,500,000 of the funds raised at the time of the flood disasters in the Bengal delta, they had been told by the commissioner of charities that this money could be used only in that

ABU SYED CHOUDHURY BANGLADESH'S UN ENVOY

The Bangladesh government appointed Justice Abu Syed Choudhury, the senior-most judge of Dhaka High Court and vice chancellor of Dhaka University, its emissary at the United Nations. Justice Choudhury, now in London, had been abroad attending,

ironically, a meeting of the UN Human Rights Commission when the Pakistan army commenced the savage attack on unarmed civilians in Bangladesh. The directive to Justice Choudhury Bangalee refugees had crossed the from the Bangladesh government was to present the case on behalf of the government to all member states and to the secretariat of the United Nations and help create a lobby in favour of the people now fighting for freedom. **SOVIET UNION CONDEMNS**

PAKSTAN'S POLICY

The Russians for the first time officially condemned Pakistan's policy in Bangladesh. Pravda expressed skepticism about official Pakistani claims of stability in the rebel territory. It reflected the grave concern felt in high Russian official circles that the tragedy of Bangladesh could lead to a larger conflict between India and Pakistan, with possible involvement of China, and warned that continuing bloodshed not only harmed the interests of the Pakistani people but "also harms the cause of peace in Asia and all over the world".

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