Stop support for SS Power

Kori; Anu Muhammad, professor, Economics, Jahangirnagar University; and Syeda Rizwana Hasan, chief executive, Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA) are among the 129 individuals who penned the letter.

"The involvement is contrary to President Xi Jinping's speech at the second Belt and Road Forum in 2019 where he said, 'We need to pursue open, green and clean cooperation... We may launch green infrastructure projects, make green investments and provide green financing to protect the Earth which we all call home," they said in the letter.

"In February 2021, Economic and Commercial Counselor (ECCO) of China in Bangladesh sent a letter to the Bangladesh's Ministry of Finance stating that 'the Chinese side shall no longer consider projects with high pollution and high energy consumption, such as coal mining and coal-fired power stations," they mentioned.

Terming the project "A Bloodcoloured BRI project", the personalities and organisations said, "Since the beginning of the project in 2016, 12 people have lost their lives, more than 100 got injured and harassment cases have been filed against over 6,000 workers and villagers in three different incidents around this power plant."

"The project has been marred by lack of transparency, irregularities and rampant human rights violation since its inception. Lead sponsor S Alam group evicted thousands of

even though they want to work as

a helping hand of the government

in learning new things, said Afsan

Chowdhury, a researcher and

the structural analysis on corruption

in their reports. Rather, they talk about

who is involved with the corruption.

We are failing to say why corruption

all kinds of journalism, said Julfikar

Ali Manik, planning consultant of

ethics it means he/she is stigmatising

by force and purchase information

from anybody. We cannot take away

anything without informing a person

from his/her room and these things

will violate the ethics of journalism,"

Doing investigative journalism in

Bangladesh is very challenging, said

Gitiara Nasreen, a professor at the

department of mass communication

write, but in the last year they have seen

their rights of journalists compromised

media, Nasreen said during the

pandemic mainstream media also

Talking about fake news in social

Reducing sources of gathering

information, torturing journalism

physically and mentally and curtailing

freedom by enforcing new laws

are giving scope to fake news, said

Masum Billah, assistant coordinator

of outreach and communication

hits than 10 first-grade newspapers'

websites, according to the World

Health Organisation and the Centre

for Disease Control and Prevention of

Abetting repression

Fake websites got four times more

all over the world, she said.

gave wrong information.

division of the TIB.

The journalists' job is to talk and

and journalism of Dhaka University.

If anyone does journalism violating

"We cannot collect information

Maintaining ethics is imperative for

or stealing is going on," he added.

Boishakhi Television.

the profession.

Manik added.

Journalists show a lack of interest

"In our country, reporters do not do

identifying their errors," he added.

columnist.

It's all to exert political clout

local residents and they were not paid a single penny for their land. Those who refused to give up their land were harassed with fake lawsuits. S Alam acquired several times more land than the actual 640 acres of project area using their muscle and mobsters," the

"Banshkhali power plant will be extremely harmful to the public health in the area. According to estimates, the coal power project will emit 192,200 million tonnes of carbon dioxide over its operating lifetime," it added.

They also added, "The project plans to apply very weak emissions standards, which would not be allowed even in China, and the flaws and omissions in the EIA help justify this. The ongoing construction itself creates a permanent waterlogging over a large area of the adjoining villages."

The signatories demand the Chinese minister to get aligned with those Chinese measures for foreign investment, and respond to their following demands:

1. Withdraw all involvement of your institution from the Banshkhali coal power project.

2. Investigate the issues in relation with human rights violation and erroneous Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

3. Ensure adequate compensation and rehabilitation of the dead and injured workers and the affected

4. Without exceptions, cancel all ongoing and future investments in fossil fuel including coal, oil and gas.

Of them, only 16 percent of the

content got warning signs from

Facebook, he said in his keynote

coronavirus cases in China would

have been avoided if there were

assurance of freedom of speech and

accurate flow of information, he said.

stagnation of current journalism in

Bangladesh. This situation has arisen

due to the government, the political

parties, the administration, the owners

of mass media, working journalists,

journalist unions, and above all our

tendency to accept and adopt and in

demanded a policy considering media

as an assistant in ensuring the free

flow of accurate information during

This will be helpful for independent

They also demanded a repeal of the

controversial sections of the Digital

Security Act 2018 and declare the

They also demanded bringing the

subject of wholesale termination of

iournalists under the supervision

of the government and different

journalist organisations will have to

TIB also demanded necessary steps

by the authorities concerned to ensure

the security and health protection of

The local chapter of the global anti-

At the webinar, three journalists

were given the TIB Investigative

Journalism-2020 award. The recipients

are Abu Rayhan Tanin, staff reporter

of daily Chattogram Pratidin in print

media (regional) category; Saikat

Bhoumic, senior correspondent of

Sarabangal.net in print/online media

(national) category; and Mufti Parvez

Nadir Reza, Ekattor Television's senior

correspondent, received the award in

the electronic media category.

graft watchdog also demanded making

the press council more effective than

Official Secrecy Act 1923 extinct.

In the keynote paper, TIB

some cases compel," he said.

the coronavirus pandemic.

take steps in this regard.

the information ministry.

journalists.

"We are all responsible for the

It is claimed that 86 percent of the

the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Ecnec), the planning minister said, "I'm thankful to Momen as he has mentioned about our friendship of 50 years. But his sending the DO letter without even discussing it took me by

"There are some ongoing issues between me and five other parliamentarians of Sunamganj. Those will be resolved soon.'

Mannan said what Momen did was "unnecessary" and added, wasn't a government decision and no serious harm was done. It was rather a misinformation and it will be taken care of. We are friends and will remain so."

Speaking to journalists on his return from the US, the foreign minister said he would talk to his "old friend" to discuss how he came to support the

Mannan, Momen appear to resolve feud with Sunamganj and Mohanganj, reports UNB.

Momen, a parliamentarian from Sylhet-1, said he wrote a letter to the railways minister "with an open mind" after five lawmakers from Sunamganj requested him to back their proposal.

"I should have talked to him [Mannan]. Now I will have to look at it. I have no conflict with him. I shall speak to him. I feel sorry about it," Momen told reporters at his foreign ministry office.

He said he was surprised at the discussion on social media over his letter to the railways minister. He said he had no information about "internal politics" of Sunamganj, but he only favoured connectivity.

For decades, Sunamganj has been waiting to get connected through rail as only the district's Chhatak upazila

idea of a railway connecting Chhatak has been connected to Sylhet since 1954 due to industrial importance.

The railways ministry in 2015 assessed three possible routes to connect Sunamganj town with Chhatak, which will connect with Dhaka via Sunamganj's Dharmapasha and Netrakona's Mohanganj upazilas.

However, the planning minister recently asked the railways ministry to revise the assessment by skipping Chhatak and including Dakshin Sunamganj upazila, which is his home and constituency.

An assessment project considering the request is under progress now. As this demand will eventually

increase cost and time, all five other MPs of Sunamganj opposed it and sent DO letters to the railways minister on June 7.

The foreign minister then backed

Rich nations hoarding Covid shots

Unfortunately, rich countries are hoarding vaccines. They have several times more vaccines than they need. Vaccines are expiring," he said without naming any country or the conditions.

"Those countries promised vaccines but are not supplying these. Before giving [the vaccines], they are asking for this or that in return. Nothing should be tied to vaccines," Momen told reporters at the foreign ministry after his return from a weeklong visit to the US.

During his visit, he had attended two UN events -- one on the Myanmar situation and the other on least developed countries (LDCs) -- and held a number of bilateral meetings with senior UN officials.

Bangladesh is desperately seeking vaccines from various countries, including the US, China, Russia, UK, Australia and Canada, following India's halt of vaccine export in February due to Covid surge in the

Serúm Institute of India supplied only seven million of the 30 million AstraZeneca vaccines contracted with Bangladesh.

Bangladesh then reached out to other countries. China has donated 1.1 million jabs of Sinopharm vaccines, while Bangladesh received 106,000 doses of Pfizer/BioNTech's Covid-19 vaccine. Bangladesh also signed a deal with China for vaccine import and is in the final stages of a deal with Russia.

Some 15 lakh Bangladeshis who had received the first doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine are waiting for the second dose, but unsure of when the country would get more doses of that particular vaccine.

said Bangladesh would receive 1 million 800 shots of AstraZeneca vaccine through Covax, but did not confirm the time of arrival.

Momen said the US Secretary of State Antony Blinken has written a letter to him recently, assuring vaccine supply following requests from the Bangladesh government and the Bangladeshi community for AstraZeneca vaccine.

He said Blinken said they will consider Bangladesh's case, but did not mention the amount and time. The US basically wants to give the vaccine under the Covax facility, but Bangladesh said they can also supply vaccine on a bilateral basis.

"The good news is that the US government is positive about Bangladesh," Momen said after the Biden administration announced the distribution list for 55 million of the 80 million doses of the US's own vaccine supply which the president pledged to allocate by the end of June. Of that, 16 million will come to

Asia, including Bangladesh. Last week, the G7 summit promised distribution of 1 billion doses of

vaccines globally by next year. Momen said the rich countries

are making promises, but are not delivering yet. Referring to his attending the UN

event on the Myanmar crisis, Momen said Bangladesh's focus is Rohingya repatriation, but Myanmar has not kept its promise of creating conducive conditions for Rohingya refugees to

"However, our friends, who speak of human rights and appreciate us for hosting the Rohingyas, are increasing their business with Myanmar. Their

business with Myanmar has increased up to 15 percent," he said.

"We raised such double standards at the UN," he said.

Referring to the UN General Assembly resolution on Myanmar, Momen said Bangladesh wants restoration of democracy in Myanmar but also Rohingya repatriation. However, the developed countries did not include the repatriation issue in the resolution, which is why Bangladesh abstained from voting, he

The Bangladeshi diaspora in New York requested the foreign minister to ensure their security when they visit Bangladesh, speed up the process of issuing dual citizenship and frame a policy so that their children can legally repatriate money that they get by selling their parental properties in Bangladesh.
"I said we will look into the

US ambassador to return 'this week' to Moscow

AFP, Washington

The United States said Monday that its ambassador will return this week to Moscow after two months, voicing hope he will build on last week's presidential summit and reduce potential miscalculations.

The two presidents, Joe Biden and Vladimir Putin, agreed in Geneva to send back top envoys, with Ambassador Anatoly Antonov flying back to the United States on Sunday.

Send Khaleda

Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said at a press briefing at party chairperson's Gulshan

The BNP leader said the former premier needs to be taken abroad for better treatment for liver and other complications.

Khaleda was admitted to Evercare Hospital on April 28, three days after she tested positive for coronavirus for the second time. She was released from the hospital on June 19. She first tested positive on April 11.

The BNP chief has also arthritis, diabetes and eye problems.

Fakhrul said, "Earlier, family members of Khaleda Zia talked about her taking abroad for treatment. We took a resolution in the party's standing committee meeting that she needs treatment abroad. The government should do everything immediately to take her abroad."

The government released Khaleda from jail on March 25 last year, suspending her sentence as per section 401 (1) of the Criminal Code of Procedure. The suspension was later extended twice.

The BNP chairperson landed in jail on February 8, 2018, after a special court sentenced her to five years in prison in the Zia Orphanage Trust corruption case. On October 30, 2018, the High Court raised her punishment to 10 years.

WHO setting up

facility, "where the technology is established at industrial scale and clinical development performed. Interested manufacturers from lowand middle-income countries can receive training and any necessary licenses to the technology. The two South African companies

participating so far were Afrigen Biologics, described as a development company, and Biovac, described as a manufacturer. WHO chief scientist Soumya

Swaminathan said the WHO was in negotiations with Pfizer and Moderna, which have both produced vaccines widely used in rich countries using new mRNA technology, which sends instructions into the body to make proteins that trigger an immune response.

"We could even expect to see within 9 to 12 months vaccines being produced in Africa, in South Africa, Swaminathan said.

FOURTH WAVE

In Europe, German Chancellor Angela Merkel received a Moderna coronavirus vaccine as her second jab after getting AstraZeneca as the first, a spokesman said vesterdav.

Party plans

(ALCWC) will place wreaths at the mausoleum of Bangabandhu in his birthplace in Gopalganj's Tungipara at 10:00am. AL presidium member Lt Col Muhammad Faruq Khan (retired) Jahangir Kabir Nanak, Organisational Secretary SM Kamal Hossain, Mirza Azam, Shahabuddin Farazi, and Syed Abdul Awal Shamim will attend the programme.

Besides, a discussion programme marking the day will be held at 4:00pm at the party's central office on Bangbhabandhu Avenue. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, also the AL president, will attend the programme virtually.

Party General Secretary Obaidul Quader has already called upon all its and leaders, activists and followers to organise programmes in a limited manner maintaining all health safety rules.

The AL began its journey on June 23 in 1949, when a young, secular and progressive section of the Muslim League formed the East Pakistan Awami Muslim League, at a meeting at the historic Rose Garden on KM Das Lane in Dhaka's Tikatuli.

Maulana Abdul Hamid Bhashani was elected as the founding president, and Shamsul Hoque was named the general secretary.

In July 1953, during the Second National Council meeting of the party, Bhashani was re-elected president, and the Father of the Nation was named the new general secretary.

Elephant in room

considers it briefly, and then sticks it in its mouth -- before the video cuts Kittichai and his wife live near a

national park in western Thailand, by a lake where wild elephants often bathe while roaming in the jungle. He was unperturbed by the mammoth mammal, recognising it as

a frequent visitor as it often wanders into homes in his village where it eats, leaves and shoots off back into the jungle. The elephant had actually destroyed

their kitchen wall in May, he said, creating an open-air kitchen concept reminiscent of a drive-through window. This weekend, its sole task was to find food.

Kittichai said a general rule of thumb in dealing with unwelcome visitors crashing is not to feed them. "When it doesn't get food, it just

leaves on its own," he told AFP. "I am already used to it coming, so I was not so worried.'

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military equipment from the US defence department's excess stocks sold to Pakistan under state department licence. Another ship bearing American military equipment for Pakistan had sailed from this port in May, 1971. According to the bills of lading, equipment for the earlier shipment was delivered at a New York dock on the same date that the state department sent its letter to the senate committee saying no deliveries were scheduled.

"These shipments," wrote The New York Times, "represent a breach of faith with the American public, with Congress and with a friendly foreign

It further said, "They serve further to undermine the credibility of the United States Government. And they put the United States in the position of abetting an act of repression that is not only morally repugnant but which constitutes a serious threat to this country's own long-term interest in peace and democratic development on the Indian subcontinent."

BANGALEES ARRESTS OF REPORTED Reports spread through Dhaka today

that a large number of Bangalees some reports put the figures as high as 400—had been arrested by the army during the night.

WAR-AFFECTED AREAS INSPECTED United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees said today that he had made helicopter

inspections of areas disrupted by civil strife in East Pakistan and had found that "life is slowly returning to normal".

commissioner, The Sadruddin Aga Khan, warned, however, that massive relief and rehabilitation support was needed in

the affected areas. He said that the \$45 million given or pledged by governments to care for East Pakistani refugees now in India had been used up and that the Indian authorities expected they would need far more than the \$175 million estimated earlier to cover a six month

period. INDIA ASKS US TO CLARIFY REPORT ON AID TO PAKISTAN

The United States charge d'affaires in New Delhi, Gallen L Stone, was called to the foreign ministry today for clarification of a report in The New York Times that two Pakistani ships had sailed from American ports carrying United States military equipment, including aircraft and spare parts for army vehicles.

Indian Foreign Minister Swaran Singh, who returned early today after a visit to six world capitals, said the contents of the report were "contrary to assurances" that he had from American officials in Washington that military aid would not be provided to

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