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### Monsoon takes toll

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The Nixon Administration stopped granting military export licenses to Pakistan on March 25, after the Pakistani army moved to crush the movement in Bangladesh, but did not revoke permits issued before that date.

#### NEW YORK TIMES CORRESPONDENT OUSTED FROM EAST PAKISTAN

Sydney H Schanberg, South Asia correspondent of The New York Times, was expelled from East Pakistan today.

He said he had been ordered to leave by martial law authorities "in the interests of the security of Pakistan".

Schanberg, who was based in New Delhi, was earlier one of 35 foreign correspondents expelled from East Pakistan in March, 1971.

#### CANADA BLOCKS SHIPMENT OF WEAPONS TO PAKISTAN

The Canadian government stopped a shipment of spare aircraft parts to Pakistan and said no Canadian arms were to be

loaded aboard the Padma, which arrived in Montreal on June 29, 1971 from New York.

Customs officials said the order blocked the loading of 46 crates of parts for F-86 Sabre Jets; an official of the firm shipping the parts said the contracts went back as far as five years.

#### UN REJECTS WORLD BANK ASSESSMENT **ON BANGLADESH**

The UN in effect declined to take note of the World Bank team's assessment of the situation in Bangladesh. World Bank's assessment was completely contrary to the assessments and prognostications by the UN officials, Ismet Kittani, Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, and the UNDP officials about the slow return to normality and resumption of the UNDP aided development projects in the waraffected area

Shamsuddoza Sajen is a journalist



Demonstrators display signs and a banner during a "No Climate, No Deal" march near the White House, in Washington, DC, US, on Monday. PHOTO: REUTERS

Plunging into debt just to get to the pre-pandemic period, it said. upazila, and Manikganj and Madaripur districts

The study report said 49 percent of the RMG workers said their pay and perks were slashed due to the pandemic.

Their monthly income went down by 21 percent on average compared to the prepandemic period. However, their monthly expenditure decreased by only two percent. This forced them to reach for their savings and rely on borrowing and other forms of debts to manage the expenditure.

The study found that 38 percent RMG workers had to reduce the frequencies of their meals, 69 percent had to consume low quality food while 85 percent had to cut their protein intake.

The income of 92 percent of the non-RMG workers declined. Their monthly average income decreased by one-third.

Forty-seven percent of them reported a decrease in the frequency of meals, 73 percent reported that they consumed low quantity food, and 83 percent said they lowered their protein consumption.

The study also found that about 64 percent migrant returnees were repatriated forcefully, while 33 percent of them returned home after their employers bore the relevant costs.

About 84 percent of the returnees did not receive any severance pay or other dues from their employers. Upon arrival, the returnees found it difficult to find jobs here in Bangladesh, said the report.

They have experienced a sharp fall in their average monthly income -- by 60 percent. As a result, the returnees used their savings and borrowed cash to finance expenditure.

A press release from the Brac University's CPJ said while presenting findings of the study, lead researcher Sanaul Mostafa and Shahidul Islam suggested that the informal workers and migrant returnees were the worst sufferers.

People from the low-income accumulated debt, borrowed groups overwhelmingly from informal sources, given the fact that these groups lost, on average, one-third of their income compared

Seventy percent of the pandemic-affected workers expected that the government would help them recover from their losses.

The study recommended that the government may develop and introduce a one-year "Solidarity Package" targeted to the recovery and well-being needs of the most-affected groups. Household aides, daily labourers and transport workers may be considered as the preferred target groups.

Given the massive impacts of the pandemic on low-income people's food intake behaviour, the government may introduce targeted programmes to provide them with subsidised nutritional support by expanding the number of fair price outlets managed by the Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB).

Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Sudipto Mukerjee said development agencies, state, private sectors and academic institutions, among others, can work together to find appropriate solutions amidst the pandemic.

Addressing the programme yesterday, Hossain Zillur Rahman, chairperson of Brac and chairman of Power and Participation Research Centre, stressed that a credible research was one of the ways to inform policymakers of the voice of vulnerable groups, including the "new poor" which has emerged during the pandemic.

"The study and the discussions today certainly points to the myriad of ways in which we can continue exploring to develop our understanding of the gaps in policies," he said.

Country Director of ActionAid Farah Kabir, Senior Programme Specialist of James P Grant School of Public Health, Brac University, Yameen Mazumder, Senior Research Fellow of Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies Nazneen Ahmed and Head of Strategy and Planning of Bidyanondo Foundation Manjoor Morshed, were the panelists of event. Executive Director of Centre for Peace and Justice, Brac University Manzoor Hasan,

moderated the virtual event.

Caretaker's body found 2 days later

evidence of IED.

FROM PAGE 12 explosion," he said.

Huge blasts occur only if the mixer is more than 15 percent, he added.

"Now the probe committee is trying to find out the source of the gas," Asaduzzaman, also the chief of the Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime (CITC) unit, told reporters while inspecting the spot.

He said they would disclose the cause of the explosion in details later.

Explosive experts from the

CTTC's Bomb Disposal Unit were many of them in three buses stuck with him. Responding to another query,

in traffic jam on the busy Outer Circular Road. he said they did not find any Due to the explosion, windows

of many nearby buildings shattered Md Tanjid, a rickshaw-van while broken pieces of bricks, walls, shutters and other items flew to the hour before the blast, when he nearby road, causing injuries.

Samanta Lal Sen, coordinator of Sheikh Hasina National Institute of Burn and Plastic Surgery, yesterday told this paper that five people were being treated at the institute. Three of them with around 90 percent burns were fighting for their lives in the ICU.

### Lawyers should

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If the honorariums are hiked, the lawyers will be encouraged to move cases, including the jail appeals of the poor litigants, sincerely, he said.

The lawyer told The Daily Star that the poor convicts, who cannot afford lawyers, file jail appeals through jail authorities.

Such convicts in prison need to be provided with cost-free legal service, he added.

### World passes 3b FROM PAGE 12

The pace of vaccination has so guickened that while it took 20 weeks to give the first billion, it only took four to give the last one thousand million. Some four of 10 of the jabs have been given in China (1.2 billion), with India (329 million) and the United States (324 million) also in the top three.

But it is a trio of Middle Eastern countries that leads the way in terms of coverage, with the United Arab Emirates having given 153 doses per 100 people, ahead of Bahrain and Israel on 124.

The three have nearly fully vaccinated 60 percent of their inhabitants.

Following them are Chile (118 doses per 100 people), the United Kingdom (113), Mongolia (111), Uruguay (110), Hungary (107), Qatar 107) and the US (98).

These countries have fully vaccinated around half of their populations (between 46 and 54 percent).

The European Union has given 357 millions shots to half of its population, with some 32 percent of the population having been fully covered.

But globally the vaccination drive is still hugely unequal even if most poor countries have begun to vaccinate thanks to the Covax sharing scheme run by the World Health Organization, Gavi and the Cepi coalition.

According to the AFP count, highincome countries as defined by the World Bank have administered an average of 79 doses per 100 inhabitants.

In low-income nations, the figure is just one shot per 100 people. And five countries have yet to start their campaigns -- Tanzania, Burundi, Eritrea, Haiti and North Korea.

Despite the controversies around t, the Oxford/AstraZeneca jab is still the most used in the world, given in eight of 10 countries. Then comes the Pfizer/BioNTech jab (used in 102 or 47 percent of countries that have started vaccinating), with Sinopharm and Moderna used in at least 48 countries, Russia's Sputnik V (at least 41), Johnson & Johnson (31) and Sinovac in 24 On the ground, Russia yesterday

reported its highest daily coronavirus death toll and Australia locked down major cities. At least 3.9 million people have

ied from Covid-19 and the pattern of vaccinations globally is highly uneven. Russia reported 652 coronavirus fatalities over the past 24 hours, with a record-high number of daily deaths -- 119 -- in Saint Petersburg, which is due to host a Euro 2020 quarter final on Friday. Health Minister Mikhail Murashko said 151,000 people in Russia are currently in hospital with the coronavirus. In further bad news, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov admitted that Moscow's goal of vaccinating 60 percent of the population by the end of summer was unattainable. Meanwhile, foreign ministers from the Group of 20 major economies stressed the need for greater global cooperation. "Multilateral cooperation will be key to our collective ability to stop this global health crisis," US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said. Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi did not name the United States but suggested ulterior motives in the rhetoric as he called on the G20 to show "true multilateralism". "China calls on able countries to avoid export restrictions or excessive hoarding" of vaccines, Wang said.

of the building, he smelt gas. Six people were found dead after the incident on Sunday, while another died of his injuries Monday morning. More than 50 people suffered injuries with

## Militants have no capacity to attack now

puller, yesterday said around an

took some electronic items from

an appliance store on the first floor

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during an operation there. Asked if there were any links between foreign and local militant outfits, Mamun said they didn't have any information regarding communication with foreign militants. "The militants that we have in our country are home grown."

About Rab's capability of dealing with any possible militant attack, the Rab DG said, 'We do not think that militants have that capacity now. But we do not become complacent. We are constantly increasing our capacity and technological capabilities. We are ready to face any situation."

Talking about narcotics, he said the Rab were keeping an eye on it through intelligence surveillance and cyber patrolling.

Responding to a question about he progress in the investigation into the murder of journalist will not be spared."

couple Sagar Sarwar and Mehrun Runi, the elite force chief said, "We are investigating the case with due seriousness. We will submit the report once investigation is completed."

The couple was murdered inside their apartment in the capital's Raja Bazar on February 11, 2012.

About juvenile gangs, the Rab DG said juvenile delinquency is increasing alarmingly now.

"They [juvenile gangs] are also involved in violent and brutal crimes like murder. In order to save the next generation, it is necessary to pull in the reins on the 'teenage gang' culture now."

He said the Rab has launched vigorous campaign against "Kishore Gang".

"We expect families to pay more attention to their children. Besides, the society has to come destitute people, distributing forward. The patrons who are health safety equipment, and

special Mamun expressed gratitude to doctors,

nurses journalists, law enforcers, public representatives and other professionals who have been working for the country and humanity since the Covid-19 outbreak in the country.

He said mobile courts are being operated against various irregularities, including marketing of adulterated products and increase in prices of commodities.

"Over the last one year, we have been conducting campaigns on using masks, hand sanitisers, illegal health safety kits, and fake test reports," he added.

In addition to maintaining law and order during the pandemic, the Rab has gained people's trust and love through providing food to the unemployed, helpless and offering emergency services to patients, the Rab DG told reporters.

# Modi to chair key meet amid cabinet reshuffle speculations

### **OUR CORRESPONDENT**, New Delhi

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi will chair a meeting of the full council of ministers today to likely review the functioning of a few ministries amidst speculations of his first cabinet reshuffle since returning to power two years ago.

A cabinet reshuffle could be effected due to some vacancies caused due to untimely deaths like Ram Vilas Paswan and Suresh Angadi and exits of regional allies Shiromani Akali Dal and Shiv Sena from Bharatiya Janata Party-led National Democratic Alliance.



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স্তগিত ঘোষণা

বর্তমান কোভিড-১৯ মহামারি পরিস্থিতিতে গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার কর্তৃক আগামী ০১-০৭ জুলাই, ২০২১ তারিখ পর্যন্ত কঠোর লকডাউন-এর সিদ্ধান্ত গ্রহণের কারণে আগামী ০৭ই জুলাই, ২০২১ তারিখে বাংলাদেশ ক্রিকেট বোর্ডের নির্ধারিত 'বার্ষিক সাধারণ সভা-২০২১' স্থগিত করা হলো। বার্ষিক সাধারণ সভা-২০২১-এর পরিবর্তিত সময়সূচী যথাসময়ে অবহিত করা হবে।

> পরিচালনা পরিষদের নির্দেশক্রমে -প্রধান নির্বাহী কর্মকর্তা বাংলাদেশ ক্রিকেট বোর্ড



# বাংলাদেশ মেডিকেল এন্ড ডেন্টাল কাউন্সিল

২০৩, শহীদ সৈয়দ নজরুল ইসলাম সরণী পুরাতন ৮৬ বিজয়নগর, ঢাকা-১০০০।

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এতদ্বারা সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাইতেছে যে, নিম্নুবর্নিত দুইজন প্রতারনা পূর্বক The Saint Petersburg State Medical Academy, Russia এর ভুয়া সার্টিফিকেট দাখিল করিয়া বাংলাদেশ মডিকেল এড ডেন্টাল কাউসিল হাইতে রেজিস্ট্রেশন গ্রহন করিয়াছেন। বিষয়টি প্রমানিত হওয়ায় তাহাদের রজিস্ট্রেশন বাতিল করা হইয়াছে এবং তাহাদের বিরুদ্ধে ফৌজদারী আইনে মামলা দায়ের করা হইয়াছে



 মোহাত্মদ ওয়াহিদুজ্জামান, পিতা: মোহাত্মদ সাদেক আলী, গ্রাম: বাঘাসুর, পো: রাজাবাড়ী, থানাঃ কেরানিগন্জ, জেলাঃ ঢাকা, (বিএমএডডিসি এর রেজিস্ট্রেশন নং-A- 42572, Date-16.05.2006)



২। দীনেশ চন্দ্র দেবনাথ, পিতাঃ মহানন্দ চন্দ্র দেবনাথ, গ্রামঃ ভাওর খোলা, পোঃ শিবনগর, উপজেলাঃ মেঘনা, জেলাঃ কুমিল্লা, (বিএমএডডিসি এর রেজিস্ট্রেশন নং-A-42573, Date-16.05.2006)

দীনেশ চন্দ্র দেবনাথ

এমতাবশ্বায় তাহারা নিজেদেরকে চিকিৎসক বলিয়া পরিচয় দিতে কিংবা চিকিৎসা কার্যক্রম পরিচালনা করিতে পারিবেন না। যদি চিকিৎসা কার্য চালাইয়া যান তাহা হইলে আইন প্রয়োগকারী সংস্থা সমহকে অবহিত করার জন্য অনরোধ করা যাইতেছে

Aram ডা: মো: আরমান হোসেন রেজিস্ট্রার (ভারপ্রাগ্ত) বাংলাদেশ মেডিকেল এন্ড ডেন্টাল কাউপিল

leading teenagers into gang culture

# Scientists find new kind of supernova

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was so intense that it could be seen in the daytime for 23 days, and did not fade in the night sky for almost two years.

That phenomenon would go on to become the crab nebula, still studied in detail by astronomers to this day. But the new study confirms where it came from: the new kind of supernova detailed in the latest research.

Scientists had speculated that such supernovae should exist for 40 years, and suggested that they would arise from massive superasymptotic giant branch or SAGB stars. But there was little research of either the supernovae or those stars

Now scientists have found such an example, in the galaxy NGC 2146. That stellar explosion was close enough that scientists were able to find the star in archival images taken before it exploded, about how it did so.

The example known as SN 2018zd has a number of strange characteristics, many of which have not been seen in a supernova before, helping confirm that it was an example of the new explosion.

A paper describing the findings, 'The electron-capture origin of supernova 2018zd', is published in Nature Astronomy.

Scientists have divided supernovae into two main types. The first is a thermonuclear supernova, where a white dwarf star explodes after it gains matter in a binary system; the second is an iron-core collapse, where a massive star runs out of fuel and falls apart from the middle, leaving behind a black hoel or neutron star.

The new kind of supernovae is something like a bit of both. It happens when the star is heavy

and gather detailed information enough for its core to collapse, but too light for the elements inside to fuse and create heavier elements and prolong its life.

Scientists suggested this might happen more than 40 years ago, when researchers including Ken'ichi Nomoto of the University of Tokyo suggested that such a supernova could happen. In the time since, researchers have laid out a theory of what such an explosion would look like.

Some supernovae had shown parts of those characteristics that would indicate it was an electroncapture supernova. But SN 2018zd has all six.

"We started by asking 'what's this weirdo?'" said Daichi Hiramatsu, a graduate student who led the new research. "Then we examined every aspect of SN 2018zd and realized that all of them can be explained in the electron-capture scenario."

### **BSF** shoots

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According to BGB, Rifat's body was left near the Main Pillar No 862 of Shamsernagar-Kanirbari border for several hours.

Shah Alam, a member of Jagatber Union Parishad, said locals heard several gunshots at the border early vesterday.

Later, along with BGB members, they went to the border and noticed Rifat's body. The body had bullet marks on its neck and back. Initially, the locals suspected that Rifat was a member of a local cattle smuggling racket, the UP member added.

BGB Shamsernagar Company Commander Hossain Belal said preparations were underway to hold a flag meeting with BSF to get the body back.





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