Monsoon takes toll

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

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

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

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 war-

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World passes 3b vaccine mark

The pace of vaccination has so quickened 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

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 it, 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

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 died 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. Western leaders have pledged to donate one billion doses to poorer countries.

In Australia, public anger is growing at the slow pace of vaccinations. The Delta variant has pushed Sydney, Perth, Darwin and Brisbane into lockdown, meaning a total of more than 10 million Australians are confined at home.

But so far, less than five percent of adults are believed to have received both vaccine

The Delta variant was first identified in India, which suffered a vicious wave of coronavirus that overwhelmed hospitals and crematoriums at its height in April and May.

India yesterday authorised the emergency use of Moderna's Covid-19 vaccine as it seeks to ramp up inoculations. It is the fourth to be approved by New Delhi after Oxford-AstraZeneca's Covishield, Covaxin -- developed by Indian firm Bharat Biotech -- and Russia's Sputnik V.

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

Caretaker's body found 2 days later

explosion," he said.

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

"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 (CTTC) unit, told reporters while inspecting the

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

Explosive experts from the

Responding to another query, he said they did not find any evidence of IED.

Md Tanjid, a rickshaw-van puller, yesterday said around an hour before the blast, when he took some electronic items from an appliance store on the first floor 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

CTTC's Bomb Disposal Unit were many of them in three buses stuck in traffic jam on the busy Outer Circular Road.

Due to the explosion, windows of many nearby buildings shattered while broken pieces of bricks, walls, shutters and other items flew to the 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.

Militants have no capacity to attack now

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 progress in the investigation into the murder of journalist will not be spared."

was so intense that it could be

seen in the daytime for 23 days,

and did not fade in the night sky

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

Scientists had speculated that

such supernovae should exist for

40 years, and suggested that they

would arise from massive super-

asymptotic giant branch or SAGB

stars. But there was little research

of either the supernovae or those

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,

Now scientists have found such

That phenomenon would go

for almost two years.

the latest research.

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. leading teenagers into gang culture

Scientists find new kind of supernova

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.

'The electron-capture origin of

supernova 2018zd', is published

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

The new kind of supernovae

is something like a bit of both. It

happens when the star is heavy

have

A paper describing the findings,

about how it did so.

in Nature Astronomy.

Scientists

neutron star.

and gather detailed information enough for its core to collapse,

divided

Mamun expressed gratitude to doctors, journalists, law 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 Besides, the society has to come destitute people, distributing forward. The patrons who are health safety equipment, and offering emergency services to patients, the Rab DG told reporters.

but too light for the elements

inside to fuse and create heavier

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

parts of those characteristics that

would indicate it was an electron-

capture supernova. But SN 2018zd

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

"We started by asking 'what's

Some supernovae had shown

explosion would look like.

has all six.

Scientists suggested this

elements and prolong its life.

Lawyers should

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.

US judge dismisses monopoly suit against Facebook

AFP, Washington

A judge on Monday dismissed a blockbuster antitrust suit against Facebook filed last year by federal and state regulators, saying the lawsuit failed to "plausibly" establish that the social network had created a monopoly.

Judge James Boasberg of the US District Court of Washington DC dismissed the case filed in December by the Federal Trade Commission and more than 40 states, which could have rolled back Facebook's acquisition of Instagram and the messaging platform WhatsApp.

The lawsuit "failed to plead enough facts to plausibly establish a necessary element... that Facebook has monopoly power in the market for personal social networking services," the judge said in a 53-page opinion, while allowing authorities the opportunity to refile the case with revisions

In lawsuits filed in December which were consolidated in federal court. US and state officials called for the divestment of Instagram and WhatsApp, arguing that Facebook had acted to "entrench and maintain its monopoly to deny consumers the benefits of competition." But the judge said the complaint

says almost nothing concrete on the key question of how much power Facebook actually had... it is almost as if the agency expects the court to simply nod to the conventional wisdom that Facebook is a monopolist."

Facebook shares surged after the decision, lifting the company's valuation above \$1 trillion for the first time.

The move comes a week after a US congressional panel advanced legislation which would lead to a sweeping overhaul of antitrust laws and give more power to regulators to break up large tech firms.

Pro-Iran militias attack US base in Syria after air strikes

Pro-Iranian militias exchanged fire with a US-led coalition in eastern Syria Monday, a war monitor and the coalition said, in an escalation after deadly US air strikes in Iraq and Syria the previous night.

US forces "were attacked by multiple rockets" in eastern Syria, but there were no casualties and personnel conducted counter-battery artillery fire at rocket launching positions", said coalition spokesman Wayne Marotto on Twitter.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights war monitor reported shell fire by Iran-backed militias against the US base in eastern Syria's Al-Omar oil field, and said the coalition fired heavy artillery at the militia-controlled town of Al-Mayadeen in response.

The exchange of fire came just nours after Secretary of State Antony Blinken declared that US air strikes on pro-Iran fighters in Iraq and Syria on Sunday night sent a "strong message" not to keep attacking US forces in Iraq.

The US air strikes were the second such deadly raid on pro-Iran targets since US President Joe Biden took office, and have sparked fears of a new US-Iran escalation amid faltering efforts to revive Tehran's 2015 nuclear deal with world powers.

"This action in self-defence... sends a very important and strong message," Blinken told reporters on a visit to

Modi to chair key meet amid cabinet reshuffle speculations

Our Correspondent, New Delhi

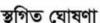
Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi will chair a meeting of the full council of ministers today to likely review the functioning of a few ministries amidst speculations of his first cabinet reshuffle since returning to power two years ago.

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.





সূত্র নং- বিসিবি / এজিএম-২০২১ / ৩৮৬ তারিখ ঃ ৩০শে জুন, ২০২১



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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 Jagather 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.





electron-capture scenario."





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