

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 war-affected area.

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World passes 3b vaccine mark

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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 coalition.

According to the AFP count, high-income 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 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 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 doses.

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.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Caretaker's body found 2 days later

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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 (CTTC) 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 with him.

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

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

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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 the progress in the investigation into the murder of journalist

couple Sagar Sarwar and Mehrun Rumi, 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 a vigorous campaign against "Kishore Gang".

"We expect families to pay more attention to their children. Besides, the society has to come forward. The patrons who are leading teenagers into gang culture will not be spared."

Mamun expressed special gratitude to doctors, nurses, 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 destitute people, distributing health safety equipment, 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 Shitromani Akali Dal and Shiv Sena from Bharatiya Janata Party-led National Democratic Alliance.

বার্ষিক সাধারণ সভা-২০২১

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স্থগিত 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।

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পুরাতন ৮৬ বিজয়নগর, ঢাকা-১০০০।

বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাইতেছে যে, নিম্নবর্ণিত দুইজন প্রতারণা পূর্বক **The Saint Petersburg State Medical Academy, Russia** এর ডিগ্রী সত্যিকারের দাবি করে বাংলাদেশ মেডিকেল এন্ড ডেন্টাল কাউন্সিল হইতে রেজিস্ট্রেশন গ্রহণ করিয়াছেন। বিষয়টি প্রমাণিত হওয়ার তাহাদের রেজিস্ট্রেশন বাতিল করা হইয়াছে এবং তাহাদের বিরুদ্ধে সৌভাগ্যবাহী আইনে মামলা দায়ের করা হইয়াছে।

১। মোহাম্মদ ওয়াহিদুজ্জামান, পিতা: মোহাম্মদ সাদেক আলী, গ্রাম: বাঘাসুর, পো: রাজাবাড়ী, থানা: কেরানিগঞ্জ, জেলা: ঢাকা, (বিএমএডসি এর রেজিস্ট্রেশন নং- A-42572, Date-16.05.2006)

২। দীপেশ চন্দ্র দেবনাথ, পিতা: মহানন্দ চন্দ্র দেবনাথ, গ্রাম: ভাওর খোলা, পো: শিবনগর, উপজেলা: মেঘনা, জেলা: কুমিল্লা, (বিএমএডসি এর রেজিস্ট্রেশন নং- A-42573, Date-16.05.2006)

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

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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 Shamsnagar-Kanirbari border for several hours.

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

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.

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

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