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Muktar had been on the run since July 7 after Monowar Hossain, adviser of Arani municipality unit Swechhasebak Legaeu and also a college teacher, filed a case against Muktar for attacking him and his family members over previous enmity.
Police raided Muktar's house on July 7 night and recovered four firearms, bullets, drugs and cash around Tk one crore.
Police then detained his wife and two of his nephews from the house.

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Bhutto further said that on his return to Pakistan he would call on President Yahya Khan and demand a speedy return to civilian rule.
BANGLADESH'S PLEA TO VISTING FOREIGNERS
Foreigners visiting liberated areas in Bangladesh were advised by the Provisional Government to have their travel documents authenticated by them in the appropriate manner. Similarly, foreigners had been advised to have their documents endorsed by the authority at Bangladesh Missions abroad.

GUERRILLA WAR CONTINUES
Guerrilla operations in Dhaka and Narayanganj were continuing unabated. The power supply to Dhaka was seriously disrupted when the guerrillas uprooted three electric pylons in the Tangi. An industrialist and a well-known collaborator Amir Hussain had been killed. The guerrillas threw grenades at Gulshan Cinema Hall at Narayanganj causing the death of three non-Bangalees. They also threw grenades at the court compound of Narayanganj in which five persons were killed.
Besides Dhaka and Narayanganj, there had been a spate of bomb explosions in all the major towns and so far 10 "peace committee" members had been killed in the province. In Khulna, the chairman of the "peace committee" got a threatening note from the Naxalites and was later killed. It was also reported that three members of the peace committee in Sylhet were killed by the freedom fighters.

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Italy allows rescue ship with 572 migrants to dock

AFP, Rome

Italy on Thursday authorised the Ocean Viking migrant rescue ship to dock in Sicily after the group urged EU members to allow 572 people picked up in the Mediterranean Sea over three days to be brought ashore.

"The Ocean Viking this evening received from the Italian maritime authorities a long-awaited news: the 572 survivors will disembark in Augusta, in Sicily," the Marseille-based NGO said on Twitter.

The announcement came after the NGO vessel carried out one of its largest rescues in years on Sunday night, involving a boat that set off from Libya with 369 men, women and children and that was at risk of capsizing.

"Such large unseaworthy wooden boats launched from the coast of Libya had not been encountered by our teams in several years," the Ocean Viking's operator, SOS Mediterranean, said earlier in a statement.

The operation was Ocean Viking's sixth rescue within days and brought the total number of migrants onboard to 572.

Since the start of the summer the number of crossings have increased as migrants take advantage of the good weather and calmer seas, but the number of people lost at sea has also risen.

So far this year, more than 880 migrants have died trying to reach Europe from North Africa, according to the International Organization for Migration.



Covid patient Lovely, 48, is being attended by her relative on the floor of the Corona unit of Khulna Medical College Hospital. With all the 130 beds full at the unit, she has been taking treatment on the floor for the last three days. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: COURTESY BY HABIBUR RAHMAN

Provide funds for adaptation mechanism

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Pointing out that thousands of people are uprooted from their sweet homes and traditional jobs due to global warming, inundation and river erosion, Momen said, "These displaced people, we term them as 'Climate Migrants' need to be rehabilitated."
Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the summit as the President of Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF) while Bangladesh hosted the summit organised by Finance Ministers of the Vulnerable Twenty-two with Finance Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal in the chair.
In his speech, Momen also said the commitment of 100 billion US dollars per year as promised in Paris

Agreement must be fulfilled urgently, with equal distribution between mitigation and adaptation.

"We believe climate change and related disasters are a development and economic issue. That is why financial resources and transfer of green technology are crucial," he observed.

Momen said the finance ministers can play a key role in economic and financial aspects of tackling climate change and help strengthen the negotiations that are ongoing by foreign and environment ministers.

The foreign minister said major economies, including G7, G20, and other major economies, need to come forward to provide adequate resources and technology support to the most vulnerable countries to address the

climate changes.

"It is also critical that all countries, particularly the major emitting countries, declare ambitious and aggressive NDCs, and then take urgent steps to reach the targets," he added.

Claiming that Bangladesh has emerged as a global leader in climate change adaptation, Momen said, "We are spending nearly 5 billion US dollars each year for adaptation and mitigation ... we are the first LDC to set up the Climate Change Trust Fund from our own resources."

He said that Dhaka would continue to work through the CVF to champion the cause of the climate vulnerable nations.

UN Secretary General António Guterres, Colombian President Iván

'A thoughtful gesture'

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Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.
On July 3, Hasina sent 2,000 kilograms of Haribhanga mangoes, a variety grown mostly in Rangpur, to Indian President Ram Nath Kovind and PM Narendra Modi.

Modi wrote that despite the disruptions caused by the pandemic, cooperation between the two neighbours continued to flourish in all areas of bilateral relations.

"I am glad that follow-up discussion and initiatives have taken place despite these disruptions," he said, reiterating the Indian government's commitment to progressing mutually beneficial cooperation.

"Please accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration," read the letter.

On Thursday, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee also wrote to Hasina thanking her for the Haribhanga mangoes, saying she was overwhelmed by the gift.

"I have been moved by the mangoes you sent for me. I heard about the Haribhanga mangoes, but never tasted them," she said in a letter to the PM.

"I respect your affection and the flavour of Bangladesh in those mangoes. I am really overwhelmed," she said.

Hasina also sent mangoes to Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, Mizoram Chief Minister Zoramthanga and Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma.
Haribhanga mangoes were also sent as gifts to the leaders of Bhutan, Sri Lanka, the Maldives, Nepal, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, Kuwait, Qatar and Bahrain.
Mangoes are grown in Bangladesh in abundance and the most notable varieties are: Haribhanga, Lengra, Himsagar, Gopalghob and Amrapali.
The country in recent years exported mangoes to Europe and the USA.

Argentina, Brazil

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Lionel Messi aiming to lift his first trophy with the national team.

Brazil boast a resounding Copa America record against fierce rivals when playing at home, having won five of their six such encounters without ever losing.

However, an overall head-to-head Copa America record favours the Argentinians, who have prevailed in 15 of their 33 such showdowns.

All eyes will be fixed on this fixture to see who prevails - Messi or his former Barcelona teammate Neymar.

World hunger

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food crises had been worsened by the onset of the pandemic and its economic consequences.

"Mass unemployment and severely disrupted food production have led to a 40 percent rise in global food prices, the largest increase in more than a decade," Oxfam said.

In total, it said over half a million people are living in "famine-like conditions" around the world, while 155 million live with "extreme hunger" -- the equivalent of the combined populations of France and Germany.

Of the 155 million, two out of three live in a country with ongoing war or conflict.

"Conflict remained the biggest driver of hunger around the globe for three consecutive years, including during the pandemic," the group said.

"We are currently seeing the superimposition of crises: unceasing conflicts, the economic consequences of Covid-19 and a spiralling climate crisis," said Helene Botreau, Agriculture and Food Security Advocacy Officer at Oxfam France.

Oxfam's analysis comes ahead of the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization's own report on global food security, due to be published on Monday.

France to start closing military bases in Mali by year-end: Macron

AFP, Paris

President Emmanuel Macron said yesterday France would start closing its bases in northern Mali before the end of the year, part of a drawdown of French troops fighting Islamist extremists in the Sahel region.

"The shutdowns of these sections will start in the second half of 2021 and be completed by early 2022," Macron told a press conference following summit talks with the leaders of five West African nations.

Macron announced last month that he would start removing much of the 5,100-member Barkhane force in the Sahel after eight years of helping local forces stave off the threat from Islamist rebels linked to Al-Qaeda and the Islamic State.

But Macron insisted France would remain a long-term partner for the G5 countries of Mali, Burkina Faso, Chad, Mauritania and Niger.

After the drawdown, France will still have "2,500 to 3,000" soldiers in the region, he said.

"It's a matter of stopping these two organisations from making the Sahel and West Africa their new territory for expansion," Macron said at a press conference with Niger's President Mohamed Bazoum.

"But in no way are we going to take over the responsibilities and sovereignty of nations in the region, to fulfil their missions for restoring security and government services to their populations," he said.

He added: "Our enemies have abandoned their territorial ambitions in favour of spreading their threat not only across the Sahel, but across all of West Africa."

Pfizer pushes for 3rd shot to boost efficacy

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"This will support disease control efficiently. Thailand will be victorious," said Apisamai Srirangson, assistant spokeswoman for the government's coronavirus taskforce

Japan meanwhile grappled with planning for the upcoming Olympic Games, which will be held later this month with no spectators.

Delta currently accounts for around 30 percent of cases, and officials imposed a new state of emergency on the capital to fight off rising infections.

The Olympic flame arrived in the Japanese capital yesterday, in a muted finish to a nationwide torch relay that was supposed to stoke excitement about the Games but which has been taken off public roads or otherwise altered because of virus concerns.

Elsewhere in Asia, Vietnam's Ho Chi Minh City went into a two-week lockdown, with residents now barred from gathering in groups larger than pairs in public, and people are only allowed to leave home to buy food,

medicine and in case of emergencies.

Police have also set up checkpoints at city borders and only those with negative test results can get in.

In Indonesia, desperately needed supplies of oxygen and protective equipment arrived from neighbouring Singapore, reports AFP.

Indonesia has become a global Covid-19 hotspot, with a fierce outbreak leaving hospitals struggling to cope -- many are now refusing new patients, leaving scores to die at home, while desperate relatives hunt for oxygen tanks to treat the sick.

From Monday South Korea will for the first time tighten curbs to the strictest level possible in Seoul and neighbouring regions, as alarm spreads with new cases setting a second consecutive daily record nationwide.

South Korea, which has so far fared better than many industrialised nations in case numbers and deaths, reported 1,316 new Covid-19

infections as of midnight Thursday, up from Wednesday's previous record of 1,275.

A senior Indian government official said the country's devastating second coronavirus wave is not over yet, warning citizens to avoid crowding at tourist places.

"The war is not over yet," Vinod Kumar Paul, who heads a federal government panel on vaccines told a news conference yesterday, minutes after a video was played showing maskless people crowding at a waterfall in the Himalayan state of Uttarakhand.

FEARS OF RESURGENCE
In Europe, Delta was also threatening the return to normal life in a region desperate to restart the busy summer tourism season.

The variant was expected to be the main strain in France as soon as this weekend, even as vaccines rates tick upward.

But only 21 percent of people aged 18 to 29 have been fully vaccinated,

sparking fears of a dangerous resurgence.

Nightclubs in the country were allowed to reopen yesterday, but only at 75 capacity with mask-wearing encouraged.

And in the UK, where Delta is raging especially among the unvaccinated, the government was set to announce in the next two weeks eased restrictions on travellers.

Britain is expected to allow fully vaccinated foreigners and British expatriates into the country, in line with an easing of restrictions that some critics have said is too much too fast.

Authorities in Australia's largest city yesterday tightened a now three-week lockdown as new Covid-19 infections hit a record and authorities warned a Delta outbreak was spinning out of control.

"Do not leave your home unless you absolutely have to," state premier Gladys Berejiklian told Sydney's five million residents.

Over 30,000 marooned in two districts

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from the upstream, he said.

Around 40 villages have been waterlogged in the Teesta basin chas and low-lying areas of Hatibandha, Kaliganj, Aditmari, Patgram and Sadar upazilas of Lalmonirhat, said Mizanur, adding that floodwater would recede by today if there is no onrush of water from upstream.

Rasheda Khatun, 42, a flood victim in Kalmati village of Sadar upazila, said she along with other family members was marooned due to the sudden rise of water level in the Teesta on Thursday night.

"Some villagers went to safe places, but many others are still staying here."
"We have moved to a safe place

on WDB road as Teesta water entered our houses. But we couldn't take our goods from the houses," said Fazlur Rahman, 58, of Gobordhan village in Aditmari upazila.

"Aman paddy seedlings in the village have gone under water."

He added that the seedlings would be damaged if the water did not recede in a short time and they would face problems over Aman cultivation.

Abu Bakkar Siddique Shyamal, chairman of Gaddimari union parishad in Hatibandha upazila, told The Daily Star that around 2,000 people of his union were suffering from waterlogging.

Roads and croplands, aman

seedlings and vegetables are under water, he added.

Abu Jafor, deputy commissioner of Lalmonirhat, said they were prepared to tackle the flood situation, and if necessary, relief materials would be distributed among the flood-hit people.

In Sirajganj, around 15,000 people of five villages in Shahzadpur upazila have been marooned as Jamuna water entered these char villages, said Sultan Hossain, chairman of Jalalpur union parishad.

"Although the water level in the Jamuna is increasing, it is still flowing below the danger level. Due to onrush of water from upstream, this river water level is rising," said Nasir Uddin,

sub-divisional engineer of Sirajganj Water Development Board.

According to the Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre, the Brahmaputra and the Jamuna rivers are in a steady state which may continue for 24 hours.

The Ganges and Padma rivers are in a steady state. The Ganges may be stable in next 24 hours. The major rivers of the upper Meghna basin in the country's north-eastern region are in a falling trend which may remain steady in next 24 hours, it added.

[Our Lalmonirhat and Sirajganj correspondents contributed to this report.]

World's deepest pool opens in Dubai

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four times bigger than any other diving pool in the world. Guinness awarded it the "Deepest swimming pool for diving" title on June 27.

The facility is open by invitation only for now but will open to the public later this year. The crown prince of Dubai Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, a keen diver, was one of the first visitors and shared his experience on social media.

Water temperature is maintained at 30 degrees Celsius (86 degrees Fahrenheit), a comfortable temperature for wearing a thin wetsuit or a swimsuit.

পুনঃ দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি
বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ ক্যাম্প ট্রাস্টের মালিকানাধীন 'বড়তলা পুলিশ গার্ড' কনবের জন্য এক্সট্রাসোল ইলেকট্রিক্যাল ট্রান্সফর্মার, বিসিটি, এইচটি প্যানেল, এলটি প্যানেল ইত্যাদি। সিস্টেম ড্রা ও স্থাপন করা হবে। উক্ত কার্য সম্পাদনের জন্য অর্থাৎ এবং যোগাযোগসম্পন্ন অভিজ্ঞ প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে পুনঃ দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। দরপত্র জমাাদানের শেষ তারিখ আগামী ১৯/০৭/২০২১ খ্রিঃ, দুপুর ১২:০০ ঘটিকা। দরপত্র দলিলসহ বিস্তারিত তথ্যের জন্য যোগাযোগ-বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ ক্যাম্প ট্রাস্ট, ০৫ তলা, পুলিশ হেডকোয়ার্টার্স, ৬ ফনিল রোড, ফুলবাড়িয়া, ঢাকা-১০০০।

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Request for Proposal (RFP): To provide technical and management support services to the Islampur Salt Miller Association (ISMOS) to create an enabling environment for them to comply with GOB legislation and increase production efficiency of adequately iodized salt.
UNICEF-Bangladesh is inviting interested companies with a strong record and credibility of providing the above required service. To receive the detailed scope of work and procedure to submit the bid response, please email to "supplybangladesh@unicef.org"
Pre-bid Meeting Date: **Please see the schedule mentioned in the RFP**
The deadline to submit the proposal is **Monday, 26 July 2021; Time: 11:00 Hrs**
Please note UNICEF does not charge any fee at any stage of the solicitation process.
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TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL BANGLADESH
Anti-Corruption Investigative Journalism Fellowship 2021
Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) is inviting proposals from print and electronic media journalists for Anti-Corruption Investigative Journalism Fellowship. The topics of this year's fellowship will cover issues on education, health (including COVID-19 pandemic), local government, land and climate finance governance. The selected Fellow will be awarded an amount of Tk 1,00,000 (One lakh), crest and a certificate. Journalists working in any Bangla or English national daily and online news portals are welcome to submit proposals in the print media category. For electronic media category, journalists working in BTV, private satellite TV channels and radio are welcome to submit proposal. For more information, please visit: https://www.ti-bangladesh.org/beta3/images/2021/notice/IJ_Fellowship_2021.pdf
Deadline: 10 August 2021

NOTIFICATION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
This is a general notification for the public at large that the name of 'CBM Country Coordination Office, Bangladesh' will be changed to 'CBM Global Disability Inclusion'. As per the decision of CBM Federation, CBM International will transfer the CBM Country Coordination Office, Bangladesh to CBM Global Disability Inclusion. The new entity will also take over all the assets and liabilities of CBM International in Bangladesh.
This is worth mentioning that CBM Country Coordination Office, Bangladesh is a branch office of CBM Christoffel-Blindenmission Christian Blind Mission e.V., registered in Germany, which stepped into Bangladesh in 1972. Since then it has been working in partnership with local NGOs, OPDs and Civil Society Organizations with a Registration Number 2157, dated 13th November, 2006 from NGO Affairs Bureau in the field of healthcare, emergency relief & rehabilitation, promotion of human rights of Persons with Disabilities, disability inclusive disaster risk reduction, research and advocacy.
CBM was a Federation of 10 Member organisation until the end of 2019. Following detailed discussions within the CBM Federation, the Members agreed to operate as two legal separate entities, while continuing to share the same CBM brand name. In line with this agreement, 2 entities now exist: (i) CBM Christoffel-Blindenmission Christian Blind Mission e.V. ("CBM-International") and (ii) CBM Global Disability Inclusion GmbH ("CBM Global"), and both the entities agreed to operate in different countries. As per the separation arrangement, CBM Global will take over the activities of CBM International in Bangladesh with prior approval from the Government of Bangladesh.
This notification is circulated as public notification for information of all concerned.
On behalf of CBM Authority
Muhammad Mushfiqul Wara
Country Director