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his family members, the complaint said, adding that the plaintiff wanted justice.

Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate Mohammad Golzar Hossain ordered the company commander of Rab in Natore to investigate the case, said Inspector Aminul Islam of the court.

## Indian mission

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government lately approached the Indian authorities to resume an air bubble, which was in operation before a lockdown in April.

"The governments of the two countries are in talks about starting the air bubble again," an official concerned said.

Asked whether the land borders would open for people's movement, the official said the governments would consider it in consultation with the health authorities.

## Inoculation

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Mahbubur Rahman, senior officials of law enforcement agencies, other government and NGO officials, among others, were present there.

Contacted, the RRRRC office's health coordinator Dr Abu Toha MR Bhuiyan said, "We have a plan to vaccinate around 700 Rohingya daily. A total of 58 vaccination centres have been set up in all the 34 camps."

The vaccination programme will start at 9:00am and end at 3:00pm every day and it will continue for a week, Titu Chandra Shil, Teknaf upazila health and family planning officer, told The Daily Star.

Meanwhile, the vaccination programme has drawn a good response from the Rohingyas.

"We are very much interested in taking the vaccines," said Hafez Jalal Ahmed, a Rohingya community leader in Kutupalong camp.

This correspondent talked to around a dozen Rohingyas, who got vaccines yesterday at Hilna Nayapara camp of Teknaf upazila. All of them expressed their happiness and gratitude to the government for arranging vaccines for them.

## China demands recall of Lithuanian envoy over Taiwan recognition

AFP, Beijing

China yesterday demanded Lithuania recall its envoy to Beijing, after Vilnius allowed Taiwan to set up an office under its own name in a move seen as provocative by the Chinese government.

The self-ruled island, which China considers part of its territory, last month said it was setting up a representative office in Vilnius under the name "Taiwan" as opposed to "Taipei", an act interpreted by Beijing as a diplomatic insult.

An outraged Chinese foreign ministry yesterday said it had "demanded the Lithuanian Government recall its Ambassador to China" and would also withdraw the Chinese envoy to Lithuania.

The decision by Vilnius to allow a Taiwanese Representative Office "severely undermines China's sovereignty and territorial integrity" and "brazenly violates" the ground rules of diplomatic relations between China and Lithuania, the ministry said in a statement.

Beijing claims Taiwan as its own and has vowed to one day retake it -- by force if needed.

China tries to keep Taipei isolated on the world stage and refutes any official use of the word "Taiwan" in case it lends the island a sense of international legitimacy.

The Chinese foreign ministry yesterday urged Lithuania to "immediately rectify its wrong decision" and "not to move further down the wrong path".

Lithuania's foreign ministry responded by saying it "regrets this move by China".

"While respecting the principle of one China, (Lithuania) is determined to develop mutually beneficial relations with Taiwan," the ministry said in a statement.

The opening of the Vilnius office is the latest sign that some Baltic and central European countries are seeking closer relations with Taiwan, even if that angers China.

In May, Lithuania announced it was quitting China's 17+1

cooperation forum with central and eastern European states, calling it "divisive".

It has since pledged to donate 20,000 coronavirus vaccine doses to Taiwan.

And in 2019, Prague cancelled a sister-city agreement with Beijing and signed one with Taipei, while a high-profile visit to Taiwan last year by Czech senate leader Milos Vysrtil infuriated China.

China cut official contact with Taiwan and ramped up diplomatic pressure after the 2016 election of President Tsai Ing-wen.

Tsai, who won re-election by a landslide last year, rejects Beijing's stance that the island is part of "one China" and instead views Taiwan as a de facto sovereign state.



Mortuary workers remove unidentified bodies from a freezer container to be taken for a Covid-19 polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test at the Judicial Medical Officer's premises in Colombo, Sri Lanka yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

## DGHS orders closure of 7 pvt facilities

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During the inspection at Prime Orthopedic General Hospital and Digital Diagnostic Centre, the team found no doctor certified by BMDC, a sufficient number of nurses and Lab technologists on duty at the institution.

The team also found evidence of charging more than the government fixed charge for different medical tests from patients.

While inspected Dhaka Healthcare Hospital, the team found evidence of immoral practice by keeping patients at the ICU though they did not need the support and overcharging patients.

The requisite number of doctors and nurses were also not found in the hospital.

The inspection at Remedy Care Limited revealed that the hospital was operating without renewal of its licence.

The ICU-based hospital made for business interest is running with the help of brokers and has a very unsatisfactory waste management and infection prevention system, the order

mentioned.

The order mentioned that during the inspection at Life Care General Hospital no physician or nurse was found at the hospital while its waste management and infection prevention system was very unsatisfactory.

About the irregularities of Jamuna General Hospital, the health directorate order said both Covid-19 and non-Covid patients were being treated at the ICU.

Besides, it was found overcharging oxygen bill and the hospital's waste management and infection prevention system were very unsatisfactory.

The inspection team did not find the requisite number of doctors and nurses on duty at Royal Multi-Care Specialty Hospital and Diagnostic Centre during the visit.

It also charged patients for different tests, at rates much higher than those fixed by the government and found unsatisfactory waste management and infection prevention system.

During the visit to the blood bank,

the inspection team did not find an MBDC certified MBBS doctor.

It also did not find any nurse, technologist and lab attendant, according to the order.

Earlier on July 31, a DGHS team inspected three hospitals in the capital's Uttara and found widespread irregularities, including treating Covid-19 patients without permission and that too with insufficient equipment and shortage of trained doctors and nurses.

The hospitals inspected were Shin Shin Japan Hospital, Uttara Al-Ashraf General Hospital and Radical Hospital.

## 6 policemen

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from the port city and was stopped at the DB police check point near Star Line Filling Station in Feni on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway.

The six DB officials searched the businessman and looted 20 gold bars worth Tk 1 crore 27 lakh, said the official.

## Thousands flee homes in north

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Envoys from hosts Qatar, Britain, China, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, the United Nations, and European Union were also due to discuss the situation in Afghanistan, a source told AFP.

But even with a new round of talks in the works, Pentagon spokesman John Kirby said it was down to the Afghan government and its forces to turn the tide, and there was "not much" the United States could do to help.

Meanwhile, India has asked its nationals to leave Afghanistan yesterday on a "special flight" from Mazar-i-Sharif - the country's fourth largest city - amid intense fighting with the Taliban.

"A special flight is leaving from Mazar-e-Sharif to New Delhi. Any Indian nationals in and around Mazar-e-Sharif are requested to leave for India in the special flight scheduled to depart late today evening," the Indian consulate in Mazar-e-Sharif tweeted.

**POSSIBLE WAR CRIMES**  
The UN human rights chief yesterday urged an end to the Taliban offensive on Afghan cities and said her office was receiving reports of possible war crimes.

"The Taliban must cease their

military operations in cities. Unless all parties return to the negotiating table and reach a peaceful settlement, the already atrocious situation for so many Afghans will become much worse," Michelle Bachelet said in a statement.

"We know that urban warfare results in scores of civilians being killed. We have seen it before, too many times."

The Taliban have appeared largely indifferent to peace overtures, and seem intent on a military victory to crown a return to power after their ouster 20 years ago in the wake of the September 11 attacks.

As fighting raged, tens of thousands of people were on the move inside the country, with families fleeing newly captured Taliban cities with tales of brutal treatment at the hands of the insurgents.

"The Taliban are beating and looting," said Rahima, now camped out with hundreds of families at a park in the capital, Kabul, after fleeing Sheberghan province.

In the northern city of Kunduz that was captured by the Taliban over the weekend, residents said shops had begun to reopen in the centre as insurgents focused their attention on

government forces who had retreated to the airport.

The UN's International Organization for Migration said yesterday that more than 359,000 people have been displaced by fighting this year alone.

"We urge all parties to the conflict and neighbouring countries to do everything they can to ensure that border crossing-points remain open, and humanitarian workers are able to access vulnerable populations in the border areas," the agency said in a statement.

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**'ATROCIOUS SITUATION'**  
The Taliban earned notoriety during their first stint in power from 1996-2001 for introducing a harsh interpretation of Islamic rule that barred girls from education and women from work.

Crimes were punished by public floggings or executions, while a host of activities -- from playing music to non-religious TV -- were also banned.

## Haiti chooses judge to probe president's assassination

AFP, Port-Au-Prince

After weeks of struggling to fill the job, a senior magistrate in Haiti on Monday announced that a judge has been named to lead the probe into the assassination of president Jovenel Moise.

The dean of the Court of First Instance in Port-au-Prince, Bernard Saint-Vil, said that Judge Mathieu Chanlatte was chosen for the job.

Chanlatte "will not be intimidated," said Jean Wilner Morin, president of the National Association of Haitian Magistrates.

"It is an investigation that will take time. We also hope that the authorities will put all the necessary resources at the disposal of magistrate Chanlatte and will also ensure his safety," Morin said.

A hit team burst into the presidential residence on July 7 and shot Moise dead. His wife Martine was wounded but survived.

Human rights defender Pierre Esperance said he hoped that Chanlatte would treat the case "with the law as a compass, without falling into political persecution."

Minister of Justice and Public Security Rockefeller Vincent said that his ministry would take all measures necessary to guarantee the safety of judges as well as courtroom evidence.

Police say they have arrested 44 people in connection with the killing, including 12 Haitian police officers, 18 Colombians who were allegedly part of the commando team, and two Americans of Haitian descent.

The head of Moise's security detail is among those detained in connection with the plot allegedly organized by a group of Haitians with foreign ties.

Moise had been ruling the impoverished and disaster-plagued nation by decree, as gang violence spiked and Covid-19 spread.

## Indira calls upon nations

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**INDIA, RUSSIA WANT POLITICAL SOLUTION**

The Soviet Union and India today called for a political solution of the Bangladesh issue. In a joint statement issued after four days of discussion, both countries demanded that the following actions should be taken to resolve the crisis: 1) stoppage of military atrocities by Pakistani troops, 2) stopping of the exodus of people from East Bengal to India, and 3) creation of conditions for safe return of refugees from India.

**KENNEDY VISITS REFUGEE CAMP**  
Senator Edward M Kennedy today visited Kolkata hospitals jammed with Bangladeshi refugees to see what could be done to treat children suffering from severe malnutrition. The Massachusetts Democrat had planned to end his refugee camp tour today and go to Pakistan for two days, but Pakistan yesterday abruptly cancelled permission for him to visit Dhaka and Rawalpindi.

**RUSSIA HAS SIGNED A PACT OF**

**AGGRESSION: BHUTTO**

The Chairman of the Pakistan Peoples' Party ZA Bhutto bitterly criticised the Soviet Union for what he called the signing with India of a "pact of aggression." The pact could embolden New Delhi to launch an aggression against Pakistan and China, he added.

**UN SEEKS FUNDS TO SHIP AID TO PAKISTAN**

UN Secretary General Threat appealed today for more money to help send relief to East Pakistan. A statement issued by his office said also that the first United Nations aid personnel had reached East Pakistan, with the main object of seeing "that all supplies, reach their destination, the people of East Pakistan". The statement today indicated that the United Nations cash receipts were less than a tenth of the amount estimated as necessary for the first phase of relief work.

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## Navalny allies face fresh criminal charges in Russia

AFP, Moscow

Two exiled aides of jailed Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny were slapped with new criminal charges for helping to finance organisations that have recently been labelled "extremist", Russian investigators said yesterday.

Navalny's movement is facing unprecedented pressure in Russia as his main groups have been de-facto banned in the country, while the opposition leader is serving two and a half years in prison on old fraud charges.

President Vladimir Putin's most vocal domestic critic was sent to jail in February after returning to Russia from Germany following a near-fatal poisoning attack that he blames on the Kremlin.

Russia's Investigative Committee said on yesterday that it had launched a criminal case against Navalny allies Leonid Volkov and Ivan Zhdanov over the "collection of funds and provision of financial services deliberately intended to finance an extremist organisation".

The charges carry a maximum penalty of eight years in jail.

Volkov, 40, was in charge of Navalny's disbanded network of

regional offices. Zhdanov, 32, headed the Anti-Corruption Foundation (FBK) that publishes investigations into the wealth of Russia's elites.

The organisations were labelled "extremist" in June for allegedly plotting an uprising with support from the West.

"Knowing that these organisations were recognised as extremist, Volkov and Zhdanov announced the continuation of their illegal activities and organised a fundraiser," investigators said in a statement.

Both Volkov and Zhdanov reside outside Russia and are wanted by Moscow on other criminal charges.

"I've already lost count of the number of criminal cases that have been launched against me," Zhdanov wrote on his Instagram yesterday.

Navalny's close allies still in Russia are under close law enforcement supervision, some under house arrest.

Last week, Navalny's brother Oleg was handed a one-year suspended sentence for breaching coronavirus rules by calling on Russians to attend an unsanctioned rally. Key ally Lyubov Sobol was sentenced to a year and a half of restricted movement in the same case.

## Pori Moni, Dipu placed

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detained Pori Moni and Raz after raiding their houses on Wednesday night. They seized foreign liquor and narcotics from there.

Dipu and Sabuj were also detained during those drives and later shown arrested.

In its forwarding letter yesterday, the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) told the court that Pori Moni and Dipu have given vital information about some "masterminds" of the drug trade.

So, the investigation agency needs more time to glean information from the arrestees about those involved in drugs trading and their illegal earnings.

During the remand hearing yesterday, Pori Moni was seen crying standing inside the dock. At the time, her lawyer Mojibur Rahman said, "An actress has been in the same outfit and same mask for 122 hours. She is a heroine. She has a lifestyle."

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**CID INTERROGATING PEOPLE OF VARIOUS BACKGROUNDS**  
Although the CID is mostly investigating cases under the Narcotics Control Act, they said they have interrogated people of various backgrounds who "have links" with the actor and models arrested recently.

"We have called and questioned several people. More will be called if necessary. However, their names should not be published in the media until their involvement is proven," CID Chief Barrister Mahbubur Rahman told reporters at his office in Malibagh yesterday, without specifying their background and involvement with the arrestees.

He said six vehicles of the arrestees have been seized so far including one of Pori Moni, two of Raz, two of model Piasha and one of her associate Mishu Hasan.

"The CID is not looking just at drug cases. In addition to this, their income and expenditure accounts, sources of funds ... everything is being investigated," said the CID chief.

## Plant that

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that cannot die". The naming is apt: Welwitschia grows only two leaves — and continuously — in a lifetime that can last millenniums.

"Most plants develop a leaf, and that's it," says Andrew Leitch, a plant geneticist at Queen Mary University of London. "This plant can live thousands of years, and it never stops growing. When it does stop growing, it's dead."

Some of the largest plants are believed to be more than 3,000 years old, with two leaves steadily growing since the beginning of the Iron Age, when the Phoenician alphabet was invented and David was crowned King of Israel.

By some accounts, Welwitschia is not much to look at. Its two fibrous leaves, buffeted by dry desert winds and fed on by thirsty animals, become shredded and curled over time, giving Welwitschia a distinctly octopus-like look. One 19th-century director of Kew Gardens remarked, "It is out of the question the most wonderful plant ever brought to this country and one of the ugliest."

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### 3rd Addendum of Tender Document

This is for the information of all concerned tenderers that due to unavoidable situation the following amendment has been made of the tender document for "Supply, Installation, Commissioning, Operation and Maintenance of a Real-Time Web-Based Toll Collection System of Rustompur Toll Plaza at 193rd KM of Dhaka (Katchpur)-Bhairab-Jogodishpur-Shaistaganj-Sylhet-Tamabil-Jaflong Road (N-2) Road under Haganj Road Division during the year 2021-22", vide Issue No. 35.01.5800.07.07.86.21-1199; Date: 06/07/2021. **This addendum shall be an integral part of the tender document.**

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Tender last selling date and time	11/08/2021	22/08/2021 and 5:00pm
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