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Tigers stroll to maiden T20I win against Kiwis

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When Mushfiqur Rahim struck Cole McConchie over midwicket for a boundary in the 15th over, Bangladesh had registered their first-ever T20I victory over New Zealand at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday, less than a month after clinching their maiden T20I series against Australia at home.

The seven-wicket victory was all the more overwhelming for the Tigers as they did it after bundling out New Zealand for a paltry 60 in 16.5 overs -- Kiwis' joint-lowest total ever in T20Is.

The win also saw T20I skipper Mahmudullah Riyad become the most SEE PAGE 10 COL 2



Bangladesh spinner Nasum Ahmed, right, clenches his fist after dismissing New Zealand batsman Colin de Grandhomme, 2nd from left, during the first T20I at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

Another wave may roll in soon

Experts fear citing complacency, recent Covid developments in India

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Despite a steady dip in infection and death rates over the last three weeks, experts fear another wave of Covid-19 might be around the corner and say there is no room for complacency.

Their fear is rooted in the lowering of guard by the authorities and general public alike amid an improving coronavirus situation.

It also stems from how things are changing in neighbouring India where a panel of health analysts see a third wave coming any time between September and October.

Since the pandemic hit these shores in March last year, Bangladesh has witnessed a pattern of infection and deaths similar to that in India.

Against this backdrop, health officials in Bangladesh have urged people to

strictly maintain health guidelines while participating in economic activities, which are returning to pre-pandemic levels.

Experts said the infection and death rates are still above the danger level and the withdrawal of restrictions on all economic and social activities, except education institutions, may fuel another spike.

The infection rate on August 31 was 11.95 percent. It was 29.97 percent on August 1, according to the DGHS data. An infection rate above five percent is widely considered to be in the danger level.

If there are no Covid-19 cases and deaths for two to three weeks, then it can be said the situation is under control, according to the DGHS.

"There is no room for complacency since the infection and death rates are still high. As all economic activities are open and people are not caring much SEE PAGE 2 COL 3

PM ON COVID JABS Govt to arrange 1 crore doses every month

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday told parliament that the government has made arrangements to get more than one crore doses of Covid-19 vaccines every month.

The prime minister said this in response to a query from Awami League lawmaker Shahiduzzaman Sarker.



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25pc rise in rice output by 2050

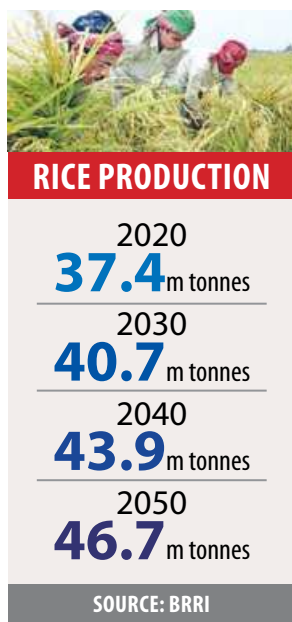
Govt sets the target to feed the additional population

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has targeted a 25 percent increase in rice production by 2050 by combining the efforts of farmers, rice scientists and agricultural officials to feed the additional population.

A group of researchers has prepared the "Rice vision for Bangladesh: 2050" calculating the projected population by 2050, assessing the state of cultivable land, annual rise in rice production and climatic condition.

Production of the staple will be increased by raising genetic gain, cultivating uncultivated land, mechanising agriculture and ensuring SEE PAGE 2 COL 1



REMAND FOR PORI Lower courts abused their authority: HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday observed that courts "abused" their authorities by placing Pori Moni in remand for multiple times in a drug case.

A High Court bench comprising Justice Mustafa Zaman Islam and Justice KM Zahid Sarwar expressed the opinion during the hearing of a petition challenging the legality SEE PAGE 2 COL 3

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