Country's first

Md Asaduzzaman, chief of CTTC

unit, told The Daily Star yesterday that

the data centre will help speeding up

explosives related cases investigation

as it already has all types of IED's

communication with a developed

country and take information if any

new IED's found anywhere in the

panicked when they found an IED.

The CTTC chief said that people got

"We have earlier seen that due to

mishandled and not having proper

knowledge, people often got hurt. The

data centre will help create awareness.

People will get knowledge and notify

local police so that action can be taken

During a visit yesterday, five

"Bomb Archive", in where, IED and

separate sections were found in the

Bomb replica used in political program

and militants' attacks like Holey

Artisan café attack, Tazia Possession,

Narayanganj police outpost attack,

Moulvibazar and Ashkona militant

The second section is "IED Research

Centre", where the officials preserved

the worlds latest IED related research,

There is a Data Fusion Corner in

the centre, from where, officials will

be on duty round the clock and give

feedback, advice and input to all other

ntelligence" corner to keep data

about how to diffuse IED, collect

biometric and collect evidence to

And finally, there is "Chemical

Rahmat Ullah Chowdhury, in-

charge of BDU unit, told The Daily

Star that the bomb data centre will be

a centre of excellence for Bangladesh

police to provide knowledge on IED.

police and it has to respond to bomb

calls across the country. We have to

respond to around 10 calls on an

average every day. Due to continuous

analysis, the centre will be able to

help officials to diffuse IED safely and

it will also reduce the risk factor," he

US Central Intelligence Agency (FBI)

have already visited the data centre

and praised the initiatives, according

Regarding the use of IED by

militant outfits, BDU officials said

three homegrown militant outfits -

Huji, JMB and Neo JMB – were mainly

A team of Bangladesh Army and

"BDU is the only trained team in

Exploitation" corner to check and

analyse different types of chemicals

also

immediately," said the CTTC chief.

"The centre will also keep

history and who used those IED's.

according to officials.

world," he said.

data centre.

hideout was kept.

analysis and books.

police units.

submit in court.

used in IED.

## Dhaka reminds int'l community of their duities

UNB, Dhaka

Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen has stressed on the international community's responsibility towards establishing accountability and justice for the massive human rights violations perpetrated against Rohingyas in Myanmar.

The minister raised the issue at a meeting with UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet Jeria in Geneva on

He reiterated Bangladesh's strong commitment to promoting safe, dignified and voluntary return of Rohingyas to Myanmar in a conducive environment.

Momen conveyed Bangladesh's readiness to work with Myanmar, UNHCR, OHCHR and other parties concerned to bring about a sustainable and durable solution.

Bangladesh continues to bear the burden of over 1.1 million Rohingyas as no repatriation took place over the last four years amid "lack of initiative" from the Myanmar side and "inadequate steps" by the international community.

Four years ago, Myanmar's military carried out a horrific "ethnic cleansing" against the Rohingya in northern Rakhine State. The brutality of the military's atrocities shocked the conscience of the international

The last exodus of Rohingyas began on August 25, 2017 when violence broke out in Rakhine, forcing thousands of Rohingyas to seek shelter in Bangladesh.

Bangladesh had handed over a list of 840,000 Rohingyas to Myanmar for verification, but the verification process by the Myanmar side was very slow, Dhaka says.

Repatriation attempts failed twice in November 2018 and August 2019 amid Rohingyas' lack of trust in the Myanmar government.

Bangladesh and Myanmar signed a repatriation deal on November 23, 2017. On January 16 the following year, the two countries inked a document on "Physical Arrangement", which was supposed to facilitate the return of Rohingyas to their homeland.

### Pakistan asks

appointment of Dr Malik as the governor of the occupied territory of Bangladesh as an acceptance of defeat by the so-called military junta of

"It is evident that Tikka Khan's awful rule of ruthless killing, looting, burning and raping have been turned into ignominious nullity on the soil of Bangladesh. The killer has fallen. His chivalrous glory is crumbled into pieces. He is to get out as a disgraced man with head low and vanity lower. There is a clear message in this for General Yahya Khan also," added Moshtaque.

He further said, "The appointment of Mr Malik is yet another attempt to throw a handful of dust in the eyes of the world to create confusion. People of Bangladesh know the designs behind this sort of restoration of civil administration. They witnessed this same 'restoration' once after Ayub [Khan] staged a coup in 1958, again after Yahya ascended the throne of Pakistan in 1969. When colonial rule by a military governor becomes pungent and embarrassing, the military rulers go for transplanting a civilian quisling as the Subedar of Bangladesh. This time also the military colonialists have exercised their ground rule of colonial administration. This known game is not going to pay any dividend this time in an attempt to convince foreign powers to give aid and assistance."

NURUL AMIN REFUSES TO LEAD PAKISTAN TEAM TO UN Former East Pakistan chief minister Nurul Amin declined to lead Pakistan's delegation to the forthcoming session of the United Nations General Assembly. Nurul Amin, leader of the Pakistan Democratic Party, was the lone non-Awami League member to win the election to the National Assembly in December, 1970. He turned down the request of President Yahya Khan's regime to lead the delegation due to "health reasons".

## IPU TO DISCUSS BANGLADESH

The Council of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) unanimously decided to enter the question of "international cooperation in favour of the East Pakistani people and refugees" on the agenda of the 59th IPU session which was formally opened today at Versailles by French President Georges Pompidou.

#### PAKISTAN LIFTS PRESS **CENSORSHIP**

The Pakistan government lifted press censorship throughout Pakistan, an official spokesman announced today. Shamsuddoza Sajen is a journalist and researcher. He can be contacted at sajen1986@gmail.com

# Govt to arrange 1 crore doses every month

three crore doses of vaccines with

There was no response from any

Sinopharm from

other vaccine producing companies

China and Sputnik-V also responded

and we took initiatives immediately;

we have inked an agreement with

Sinopharm and also signed a

memorandum of understanding for

said, her government has already taken

measures to collect 24,54,52,700

doses of Covid-19 vaccine as part

of the initiative to inoculate all the

Till August 30, the prime minister

advance payment."

"Afterwards,

local production.

then, she said.

It was the 14th session of the eleventh Jatiya Sangsad which began around 5:00pm, presided over by Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury.

In the scripted answer, PM said:

"Steps have been taken to ensure more

than one crore vaccine doses every According to the schedule received from Sinopharm, two crore shots

will be available every month from October onwards and six crore shots by December, she added. So far, 1,82,89,018 people have got

the first Covid dose and 78,40,169 people have been vaccinated with the second dose. In total, 2,61,29,187 doses of Covid-19 vaccine have been administered, the PM told parliament. Hasina said the country has a stock

of 1,18,96,343 doses of Covid vaccine right now. She said the government has established communications with all vaccine producing organisations. "Of

them, we [first] got response from

successful captain for Bangladesh in

the format. Mahmudullah now has

led Bangladesh to 11 victories in 23

T20Is, surpassing the previous best of

Mashrafe Bin Mortaza, who led the

It was once again Shakib Al

Hasan who played the pivotal role

in such a dominating win. Shakib,

who was adjudged the player-of-the-

series against Australia last month,

continued his good run of form with

The premier all-rounder picked up

yet another all-round performance.

Tigers to 10 victories in 28 T20Is.

She said the process to purchase three crore doses Sinopharm vaccine and 7.50 crore dose Sinovac vaccine through Covax is at the final stage.

Tigers stroll to maiden T20I

two wickets giving away just 10 runs in by reducing the clueless visitors to

The PM said the government has sent formal proposal to purchase 70 million doses of Johnson and Johnson vaccine, 30 million dose

his four overs before playing a crucial

role with the bat, scoring a team-high

of 25 off 33 deliveries that stabilised

the innings after Bangladesh had lost

Coming into the series on the back

of a historic 4-1 series victory against

the Aussies, Bangladesh were clear

favourites against an inexperienced

New Zealand side, who are on the

tour without a single player from their

squad for the upcoming T20 World

like favourites as they began the rout

Mahmudullah's troops did play

Sinovac vaccine from Covax with the finance of Asian Development Bank. **DELTA PLAN 2100** 

Responding to a question from Shameem Haider Patwari from Jatiya Party, Hasina informed the House that every year, about 6,000 hectares of coastal land is lost to erosion. As a result, about 50,000 people became homeless, she said.

She said the government has taken a move for a permanent solution to the river erosion problem.

The project Delta Plan 2100 has been undertaken for overall river management, water supply in urban and rural areas, waste management, flood control, river erosion control, river training, and to maintain navigability.

She mentioned that in this plan the whole country has been divided in to seven river basins and survey is going on. The surveys on Karnaphuli, Sangu and Matamuhiri rivers have been completed.

four for nine runs in four overs after

Kiwi skipper Tom Latham had elected

Latham and Henry Nicholls

then began rebuilding, but always

looked shaky and indecisive against

Bangladesh bowlers who already

had their tail up and were looking

unplayable on a slow, low and

gripping Mirpur pitch, tailor-made for

Latham's 34-run stand with

Nicholls eventually came to an end

when the former mistimed a pull-shot

off all-rounder Mohammad Saifuddin

enhancing their abilities.

Indian Serum Institute and booked Sinopharm vaccine, and 73 million OBITUARY MOTION FOR PROF ALI

**ASHRAF** The House yesterday unanimously adopted an obituary motion expressing profound condolence on the demise of Prof Ali Ashraf, a veteran lawmaker of ruling Awami League from Cumilla-7.

A freedom fight and former deputy speaker of parliament, Ali Ashraf died on July 30 at the age of 74.

'We have lost an experienced parliamentarian," the prime minister said while participating on the obituary reference.

She noted that Ali Ashraf had written 15 books on contemporary politics and economics

Jatiya Party Among others, Chairman and Deputy Leader of the Opposition GM Quader, Law Minister Anisul Haq, Agriculture Minister Abdur Razzaque, LGRD Minister Tajul Islam, and AL lawmakers Matia Chowdhury, Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim participated in the discussion.

just 13 runs in 2.5 overs. Coming in to chase a low total,

However, a fruitful contribution from Shakib followed by unbeaten scores of 16 and 14 from Mushfiqur and Mahmudullah respectively saw the Tigers eventually register an easy

None of the Kiwi partnerships after that crossed double-figure mark as leftarm pacer Mustafizur Rahman rattled the tail, picking up three wickets for

Bangladesh were left in the lurch by openers Mohammad Naim and Liton Das as both exited after scoring just a solitary run each.

victory with 30 balls to spare.

# Frustration grows in BNP grassroots

two early wickets.

moving forward with the election in mind, not a movement. It's not lost on the high-ups that the organisation still lacks the strength to pull off a movement.

The BNP boycotted the January 5, 2014, election, demanding polls under a non-partisan interim government. It waged a countrywide movement but could not force the government to concede its demand; rather it was criticised for destructive politics.

Then in 2018, it formed a greater alliance with Jatiya Oikyafront and participated in 11th parliamentary election. But it managed only nine seats including one reserved seat for women. The party boycotted the election results alleging massive rigging but eventually parliament. joined

Fast forward three years, the BNP is still in a shambles.

A district leader wishing not to be named said the party should hold a council immediately to draw up

with the Taliban's seizing of control

before the final withdrawal of the US

Razib said they all had decided

to return home as the Western

forces were withdrawing and that

formation of a new government was

likely, but it was beyond imagination

that the Taliban would take control

They had flights on August 16, but

with the Taliban's seizing control of

Kabul the day before, the flights were

cancelled, leaving them in trouble

"We were secure in our company

because no commercial flights were

residences in Kabul, but as all the

foreigners were leaving, we were

trying to get into the airport," he told

this correspondent at his Dhaka home

hardships in those districts, they said.

flood victims on the banks of

the Brahmaputra, Dharla and

Dudhkumar rivers are facing crises

of food and pure drinking water.

Many of the flood victims have left

their homes and taken shelter along

with their furniture and livestock on

in Jatrapur union on the bank of

the Brahmaputra in Kurigram Sadar

upazila, told The Daily Star that

he had moved with his family to

a government road as his house is

has been provided to them, he said.

So far, no government assistance

Ayub Ali, chairman of Jatrapur union

inundated with flood water.

Mahu Miah, 58, of Char Parbati

government roads and WDB dykes.

Kurigram, around 50,000

available.

and other Nato forces by August 31.

a long-term vision and a roadmap how it goes in Dhaka, the party is regarding the months leading up to the polls. This would give party activists some kind of hope.

"The central leadership is out of touch with the grassroots. The gap should be bridged immediately and top leadership should issue specific directives. Grassroots leaders are frustrated, they need hope ...," he

Central leaders claim that with an eye on the next election, the party has started stepping up its organisational including committees for associated and front organisations. It has already formed convening committees for Dhaka North and South city units.

Although the party has been making this claim since 2009, the revamp process is yet to be completed. BNP insiders said personal rivalries

and intra-party feuds are the main barriers to completing the process. They said although the success of any movement depends largely on

Their 2-week long nightmare finally ends

the airport five times but failed as

they were not allowed in on security

on August 26 that killed about 100

people, including 13 US troops, they

took shelter in a place that is about

eight minutes' drive from the airport.

The Bangladeshis and about 150

Afghan students of Asian University

for Women (AUW) in Chattogram

stayed in seven buses on the streets for

nearly 40 hours from noon of August

relatives were all worried. We were

getting calls from journalists. Bombs

were going off and people were killed.

There were security concerns," he said.

and Bangladesh Ambassador to

They, along with nine other Uzbekistan, Zahangir Alam, regularly

He said Foreign Ministry Secretary

Around 30pc of country to be flood affected

parishad, said the amount of relief

materials he has received is low when

Rehabilitation Office (DRRO) has

allocated 280 tonnes of rice and Tk 12

lakh for flood victims in nine upazilas

preparing the list of flood-hit people,

the government relief aid has not yet

of three upazilas are suffering from

shortages of drinking water and dry

Bogura's Sariakandi upazila, our local

correspondent found around 500-600

people (165 families) were affected by

flood a month ago, but they were yet

reached the victims, said Ayub Ali.

However, due to the delay in

In Bogura, around 70,000 people

Visiting the Shonpacha char under

compared to that which is required.

District

of Kurigram.

Mashfee Binte Shams

Relief

"There was panic indeed. Our

After avoiding the bomb blasts

not in a good shape here in terms of organisational strength.

BNP's Publicity Affairs Secretary Shahiduddin Chowdhury Annie said that since outdoor programmes are suspended for around two years on account of the pandemic, they are focusing on reorganising the party.

"Our initial target is to revamp the party and complete it by this year. We have to force the government to hold the election under a non-partisan interim government and for this we need strength. We are now gaining strength," he added.

Annie, also a former student leader, said the revamping process was hampered because of the government's repression on the BNP men.

Party leaders said their biggest achievement is the party has been able to keep its leaders and activists united even in these most trying times.

Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, party's secretary general, said, "The government is bent on splitting the

Bangladeshis, made attempts to enter called them, asking what they could accommodation for two nights there

Razib, who has been working in

Afghanistan for 14 years, said they

were desperately trying to enter the

airport in anyway before August 30 as

the US was scheduled to complete its

leave Kabul by that time, they feared

of getting stranded there for a long

us entered the airport braving huge

crowds and requested the US forces

to put us on any flight and evacuate

us in anywhere outside Afghanistan,"

onboard a flight of the US to Doha.

With instructions from the foreign

ministry in Dhaka, the Bangladesh

embassy in Qatar called them

and arranged Covid tests and

Asma Begum, 45, said, "Flood

water entered our village around

15 days ago. We are suffering much

because we have no work, no food.

We are even collecting drinking water

from 5km away by boats. People who

do not have boats cannot go outside."

around 200 houses in Noapara char

under Bogura's Sariakandi upazila was

devoured by the Jamuna due to erosion

and flooding, said Shawkat Ali, chairman

of five upazilas have been marooned,

but a flood loss report has still not

come to the district administration,

said Md Abdur Rahim, district relief

In Tangail, over one lakh people

Over one lakh people of 25 unions

of Chaluabari union parishad.

and rehabilitation officer.

On the other hand, on August 29,

to receive any relief goods.

In a few hours, they were put

He added that if they could not

"With frantic efforts, finally six of

troop withdrawal by August 31.

time.

said Razib.

people from other strata also need to come forward. He added that "since the incumbent government is autocratic", it is tough for any political party even to wage a

BNP, but all its attempts fell flat. Our unity is our strength. The BNP

is not solely responsible for restoring

democracy in the country, rather

democratic and systematic movement. "Despite that, we are trying. We will continue to fight for democracy," he said.

Masud Hasanuzzaman, professor of government and politics at Jahangirnagar University, said if the party can plug its loopholes, then it

could get a positive result in the next electoral politics. Nurul Amin Bepari, former chairman of Dhaka University's political science department, said the BNP must introduce more peopleoriented programmes so that people can feel ownership. This ownership

through the Qatar government.

special flight.

over," he said.

Kalihati.

Nagarpur,

floodwater.

Rakibul

several weeks

the times of trouble.

During their stay in Doha, they

learnt that six other Bangladeshis and

150 Afghan students of AUW also flew

to Riyadh later that day by another US

company arranged tickets and they

flew to Dubai by an Emirates flight

and flew to Dhaka on Tuesday

last two weeks was just nightmare. It's

now over. The worries of our families,

friends and the countrymen are also

Sheikh Hasina, all the government

officials in Dhaka, Uzbekistan and

Qatar, and journalists for their help in

percent efforts to help us," he said.

of several hundred villages at Sadar,

Bhuanpur,

Mirzapur upazilas along the Jamuna

river were marooned, sources at Water

In Manikganj, water of the Jamuna

was flowing 17 centimetres above the

danger mark at Aricha around 3:00pm

yesterday, said Faruk Hossain, gauge

Several thousand people

Daulatpur, Shibalay, Harirampur and

other upazilas have been stranded by

engineer at Munshiganj WDB, said

more than 50 villages in three upazilas

were at risk of erosion due to the rise

in water levels of the Padma river for

Islam, sub-divisional

Development Board (WDB) said.

reader of Manikganj WDB.

Basail, Delduar

Gopalpur,

"I would say they all made 100

Razib thanked Prime Minister

Razib said while in Doha, their

"What has happened to us in the

found to use the IED and bombs. will help the BNP pile up pressure on But all of the IED's were prepared the government to hold a free and fair by the militant outfit watching election, he added. different tutorials and videos and the elements were also collected from a local source, they said.

said.

For this reason, the data centre is also keeping the updated data of the ountry's chemical traders and which type of chemicals they are selling so that it did not goes to any wrong hands.

Abdul Mannan, commissioner of special action group of CTTC unit, told The Daily Star that they are working to turn these bomb data centre into an institute, from where the officials working in law enforcement agencies can receive training.

"We have also plan to share intelligence and dataset with developed countries so that the people from the abroad can also get the scope to have training from the centre," he added.

## World's biggest

FROM PAGE 12

Drouot auction house in Paris, where it will be offered by the specialist auctioneers Giquello on October 21.

It is estimated that it will sell at 1.2 to 1.5 million euros (\$1.4-\$1.8 million), though dinosaur auction sales have proved very unpredicable in the past.

The dinosaur has an export licence and there are a dozen possible buyers, said Alexandre Giquello of the Giquello house.

The two-metre-wide skull, some 200 bones and large horns of the animal were being assembled Tuesday behind the windows of a Drouot

exhibition gallery in central Paris. A unique specimen with the skeleton more than 60-percent complete -including 75 percent for the skull -- Big John was discovered in 2014 in the US state of South Dakota by geologist

Walter W. Stein Bill. Its restoration was carried out in Trieste in Italy. This sale comes amid continued enthusiasm for dinosaur skeletons, with prices often reaching records that

leave public museums and research centres unable to outbid private buyers.

#### Formation of new govt in final stages WHO worried

FROM PAGE 12

In footage posted on a pro-Taliban meanwhile, account of the build-up of the parade, a helicopter flew overhead, trailing the Taliban's standard beneath it as fighters wrapped in headscarves

waved beneath. At least one Black Hawk helicopter has been seen flying over Kandahar in recent days, suggesting someone from the former Afghan army was at the controls as the Taliban lack qualified

The United Nations warned, of looming "humanitarian catastrophe", underscoring the daunting challenges that the Taliban face as they transform from insurgent group to governing

power. 'EXTRAORDINARY SUCCESS'

President Joe Biden was nonetheless defiant. "This is the right decision. A wise decision. And the best decision for America," Biden said in an address to the

For America, Biden argued, the only choice was "leaving or escalating", and called the evacuation as an "extraordinary success."

"No nation has ever done anything like it in all of history; only the United States had the capacity and the will and ability to do it," he

Biden, who has been savaged by critics for his handling of the withdrawal which saw the US and its

allies evacuate more than 122,000 in just over two weeks, also said the US would continue the fight against terrorism in Afghanistan and other countries, and warned the Islamic State group: "We are not done with vou vet.'

Russian President Vladimir Putin, meanwhile, said the US' 20-year campaign in Afghanistan ended in only tragedies, only losses."

It is "impossible to impose anything from outside", he said.

FROM PAGE 12 stressed that further studies were

needed to better understand it.

"The Mu variant has a constellation of mutations that indicate potential properties of immune escape," the bulletin said.

There is widespread concern over the emergence of new virus mutations as infection rates are ticking up globally again, with the highly transmissible Delta variant taking hold -- especially among the unvaccinated -- and in regions where anti-virus measures have been relaxed.