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Top US diplomat Blinken warns time running out for Tehran to revive the deal with world powers
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"It is time for the development partners to be more humane and help the deserving without discrimination. Vaccine should be a public good."
FOREIGN MINISTER AK ABDUL MOMEN



"I will not stay silent when the companies and countries that control the global supply of vaccines think the world's poor should be satisfied with leftovers."
WHO CHIEF TEDROS ADHANOM GHEBREYESU
URGES MORATORIUM ON COVID VACCINE BOOSTER



"Essentially, it's about the fact that men and women are equal, in the sense of participation in society and in life in general. And in that sense I can say, 'yes, I'm a feminist'."
GERMAN CHANCELLOR ANGELA MERKEL



MUNSHIGANJ RIVERS

Prize, not penalty for top grabber

Shipping ministry, a custodian of rivers, itself giving contracts to a company that grabbed parts of the Meghna, Fuldi



PINAKI ROY and SAJJAD HOSSAIN, Munshiganj

Though the district administration and National River Conservation Commission have identified the company as the top river grabber in Munshiganj, the shipping ministry has been helping boost its business by awarding it shipbuilding contracts.

The company -- Three Angle Marine Ltd -- has grabbed parts of the Meghna and the Fuldi rivers in the district's Gajaria upazila.

In a 2019 report on river grabbers, Munshiganj district administration said Three Angle Marine occupied 4.31 acres of low-lying lands and canals and almost one acre along the Fuldi and the Meghna in Nayanagar Mouza.

Over two years have passed since the list was made for the river conservation commission, but none of the government agencies concerned has taken any action

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An aerial view of a shipbuilding yard built by grabbing parts of the Meghna and the Fuldi rivers in Munshiganj's Gajaria upazila. The shipping ministry has been giving the yard's owner -- Three Angle Marine Ltd -- new shipbuilding contracts although the district administration and the National River Conservation Commission identified the company as a top river grabber in Munshiganj.

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Sick students won't be marked as absent

Edu ministry officials say

MOHIUDDIN ALAMGIR

Students who will miss in-person classes being infected with Covid-19 or having symptoms will not be counted as "absent" in the school attendance if they show proof, education ministry top officials said.

Many guardians were worried about whether the authorities will count students who will miss in-person classes being infected with Covid-19 or having symptoms, in the school attendance.

They said that the government took a positive step of resuming in-person classes at schools and colleges in phases. But there are some issues like the infection rate of Covid-19 is still around 9 to 10 percent.

"Many students have a chance of getting infected to Covid-19 to and from school. Even in some case, there are chances of getting infected to the virus on the

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Probir gets justice

The journalist who came under attack for his stance against war crimes acquitted in a case filed under ICT Act over a Facebook post



"... the case was lodged by a highly politically ambitious person who did not sustain any injury due to the alleged post."

THE TRIBUNAL OBSERVED

CHATANYA CHANDRA HALDER and EMRUL HASAN BAPPI

A journalist who wrote in favour of the Liberation War and against war criminals and war crimes, and suffered assaults because of it, was yesterday acquitted of charges in a case filed under the ICT Act in 2015 over a Facebook post.

Judge Mohammad Ash Sams Joglul Hossain of the Dhaka Cyber Tribunal

issued the acquittal order in the case filed against journalist Probir Sikdar, 61, under the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Act.

The judge observed that 11 of Probir's relatives sacrificed their lives during the Liberation War of 1971 and that Probir was unkindly injured for his stance in favour of the war and against war crimes as well as war criminals.

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HC criticises judge for giving cop bail secretly

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

The High Court has slammed and cautioned Judge Md Iqbal Hossain of Special Judge Court-5 of Dhaka for hurriedly and secretly granting bail to Partha Gopal Banik, a suspended deputy inspector general (prisons) in Sylhet division, in a case filed over the recovery of Tk 80 lakh from his Dhaka home.

It said it had scrapped Partha's bail application and directed the trial court to finish the case's trail proceedings expeditiously. But the judge flouted the HC order by granting bail in an unusual manner.

Such an action from the judge was disappointing

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HOMES FOR THE POOR Some broke houses intentionally: PM

Says the media reported without digging out truth, asks AL men to prepare for 2023 polls

STAR REPORT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said some people broke houses, given by her government to the homeless as a gift for Mujib Borsho, with hammers and shovels and the media published photos of the houses without digging out the truth.

"The way they deliberately made cracks in those houses is unbelievable. Investigation has already revealed their names. I have the full report," she said.

Hasina, also president of the ruling Awami League, was speaking while presiding over a meeting of the AL Central Working Committee (ALCWC) held at the Gono Bhaban, BSS reported.

Terming the attitude of some unscrupulous people "disgusting", Hasina said, "The most unfortunate thing is after we decided to give houses to every person, I saw the houses collapse in a few places. I surveyed different

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AIRPORT TO GAZIPUR ON BRT Service from Dec 2022

Authorities say

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The long-delayed dedicated rapid bus service from the Dhaka airport to Gazipur is set to start from December next year -- six years after its original start date and at more than double the outlay.

Called the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Line-3, the service was part of the government's plan to decentralise Dhaka city, one of the most densely populated cities in the world with high rents.

The 20.5-kilometre bus corridor would allow people to reach Dhaka from Gazipur, a satellite town near Dhaka where the cost of living is much lower, in 35-40 minutes, a journey that now takes about 1.5 hours and can go up to four hours. From the airport, one can take the metro rail service to reach the other parts of Dhaka.

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The diagram shows a cross-section of the road with lanes: SERVICE LANE, GENERAL LANE, BRT LANE, BRT LANE, GENERAL LANE, SERVICE LANE. It also shows a map of the route from Airport Terminal to Gazipur Terminal with various stops in between.

A more nuanced WC squad this time

NABID YEASIN

Concerns remain regarding Bangladesh's quality of preparation for the upcoming T20 World Cup after winning recent encounters on spin-friendly series in Mirpur but despite these concerns, the Tigers' team management can gather hope from how they transitioned to a more stable team combination over the years, especially in the time since the previous edition of the T20 World Cup in 2016.

No eyebrows were raised yesterday when the Bangladesh Cricket Board's (BCB) selection panel of Minhajul Abedin, Habibul Bashar and Abdur Razzak announced a 15-member squad for the upcoming T20 World Cup, to be held in Oman and the UAE from October 17.

The squad that was expected was named during the press conference at the BCB headquarters in Mirpur, but that was not

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