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BLACKLISTING OF MINISTERS US violated Doha deal

Say Taliban, outlaw
demonstrations

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The Taliban have accused the US of violating the peace deal the two signed in 2020, for keeping its new interior minister Sirrajuddin Haqqani on the US terror list.

The new minister, who is part of the Haqqani Network, had been accused of attacks on US forces in Afghanistan during the 20 years of war. The US has a \$5m bounty for Haqqani. He also remains on a United Nations terror list.

Several other members of the group, including the acting Prime Minister Mullah Mohammad Hassan Akhund, are blacklisted internationally.

"Pentagon officials have remarked that some cabinet members of the Islamic Emirate or family members of the late Haqqani Sahib are on the US blacklists and still targets," said a statement from the ministry of foreign affairs late on Wednesday.

"The Islamic Emirate considers this a clear violation of the Doha Agreement which is neither in the interest of the United States or Afghanistan," the statement said, referring to the agreement signed in the Qatari capital.

The deal paved the way for the withdrawal of US-led foreign forces in return for a guarantee from the Taliban not to allow groups such as al-Qaeda and ISIS to operate on Afghan soil. The US forces withdrew just before an August 31 deadline in what turned out to be a chaotic exercise, ending America's longest war.

The US-Taliban deal excluded the West-backed Afghan

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A launch gets stuck under a rail bridge over Kurulia canal in Brahmanbaria town. The canal bed rises due to siltation, resulting in increasing of water level in the rainy season. Recently, a motor boat hit the bridge, built in the British era, while going under it, injuring several people. The photo was taken on Tuesday.

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MASUK HRIDYO

'We will
in no way
patronise
any terrorists'

Says Momen about
Afghanistan

UNB, Dhaka

Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen has said Bangladesh will decide on its policy towards Afghanistan independently after observing the situation, their attitudes and policies but no terrorists will be patronised.

"We have zero tolerance...we will in no way patronise any terrorists," he told reporters yesterday referring to the involvement of a few Bangladeshis in Afghanistan in the previous Taliban government.

The minister said he was asked whether Bangladesh would follow the policy of India or Pakistan, but he made it clear that Bangladesh's was not linked with that of any other country.

Briefing journalists at the foreign ministry,

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WHO urges Covid vaccine booster moratorium

Seeks vaccines for
poor nations

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The World Health Organization has urged countries to avoid giving out extra Covid jabs until year-end, pointing to the millions worldwide who have yet to receive a single dose.

"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 Ghebreyesus told journalists on Wednesday.

Speaking from WHO's headquarters in Geneva, Tedros urged wealthy countries and vaccine makers to prioritise getting the first jabs to health workers and vulnerable populations in poorer nations over boosters.

The WHO called last month for a moratorium on Covid-19 vaccine booster shots until the end of September to address the drastic inequity in dose distribution between rich and poor nations.

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ROAD TO FREEDOM
THIS DAY IN BANGLADESH LIBERATION WAR HISTORY

Bangladesh to send team to UN

SEPTEMBER 10, 1971

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

GENOCIDE & REFUGEE
ISSUES WILL BE RAISED
AT UN

The Bangladesh government

decided to send a delegation

to the upcoming session of the

United Nations General Assembly.

Bangladesh Foreign Secretary

Mahbub Alam said today at a news conference in New Delhi

that the personnel of Bangladesh delegation would be finalised

soon. He added that the question of genocide and refugees from

Bangladesh would be raised in the UN General Assembly. He said

they had no yet approached the US Embassy for visas to enable

them to attend the UN session.

ON THE WAR FRONT

In Dhaka-Cumilla-Chattogram sector, Mukti Bahini ambushed

Pakistani troops in Amjadhat. Majhigacha and Chandpur, killing

16 Pakistani troops.

Mukti Bahini ambushed Pakistani patrols at Charnal and in

Laksmipur, killing three Pakistani troops. On the same day, Mukti

Bahini raided the Pakistan position at Jadisar and killed four

Pakistani troops.

Mukti Bahini blew up a train carrying Pakistani troops near

Mukundapur. The mine explosion killed 19 Pakistani soldiers

and 10 Razakars. The engine and three bogies of the train were

destroyed.

In Rangpur-Dinajpur-Rajshahi sector, Mukti Bahini ambushed the

Pakistan patrol at Bhotemari area and killed seven Pakistani soldiers.

They also disrupted railway communications around this area.

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LAND FOR PBI OFFICE

JS body initiates probe into 'anomaly'

RASHIDUL HASAN

A parliamentary watchdog yesterday formed a three-member sub-committee to investigate alleged irregularities in the acquisition of one acre (100 decimal) of land to build an office of Police Bureau of Investigation in Kolatoli, Cox's Bazar.

The parliamentary standing committee on the land ministry took the step through a meeting at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban.

Ruling Awami League MP Habibur Rahman from Bogura-5 was made convener of the sub-committee while two other AL MPs -- Monoranjan Shil Gopal from Dinajpur-1 and Umme Fatema Nazma Begum from a reserved seat for women in parliament -- were made members.

The sub-committee was asked to submit its report

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CAPTURING CO2 FROM AIR World's largest plant starts up in Iceland



AFP, Reykjavik

The world's largest plant designed to suck carbon dioxide out of the air and turning it into rock started running on Wednesday, the companies behind the plant said.

The plant, named Orca, after the Icelandic word "orka" meaning "energy", consists of four units, each made up of two metal boxes, similar in appearance to the containers used for maritime transport.

Constructed by Switzerland's Climeworks and Iceland's Carbfix, when operating at capacity the plant will draw 4,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide

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Man arrested for comments made on police FB page

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Munshiganj

A man has landed in jail for commenting "offensive remarks" on the verified Facebook page of Bangladesh Police.

Munshiganj Judicial Magistrate's Court sent Mizanur Rahman, 26, of the district's Sreenagar upazila, to jail around 12:30pm yesterday.

Jamal Uddin, the court inspector in Munshiganj, confirmed this to The Daily Star.

Mohammad Kamruzzaman, officer-in-charge (investigation) of Sreenagar Police Station, said a case was filed under the Information and Communication Technology Act, 2006 against the accused.

Mizanur was arrested from his home in Sreenagar upazila on Wednesday and produced before the court a day later, he added.

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Three cotton pygmy geese, popularly known as Bali Hash, taking flight from a paddy field in Laxikola Deuly village of Bogura's Shibganj recently. Such an eye-pleasing scenario was very common in 20 years ago, but now it is becoming rare as the number of the bird is declining due to various reasons, including poaching.

PHOTO: COURTESY OF SHABBOSACHI DAS

Nine held in connection with rape of schoolgirl

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Narayanganj

Police yesterday arrested nine people, including a girl, over the rape of a schoolgirl in Narayanganj's Arahazar.

They were held after the victim's father filed a case against 10 people with Arahazar Police Station early yesterday, said Anisur Rahman Mollah, officer-in-charge of the station.

The arrestees are: Jahid, 20, Taijul, 19, Siam, 19, Robin, 23, Rifat, 20, Khairul, 22, Billal, 19, Nirab, 19, and a 14-year-old girl, who is a friend of the victim, said the OC.

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PRAYER TIMING SEPTEMBER 10

Fazr Juma Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 4:35 12:30 4:30 6:14 7:45
JAMAAT 5:10 1:15 4:45 6:17 8:15

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

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Conjunctivitis CONTAGIOUS, NOT MORE THAN COLD

PROF DR MD SHAFI
KHAN

Conjunctivitis is an inflammation or infection of the transparent membrane (conjunctiva) that covers the white part of the eyeball and inner side of the eyelids. When small blood vessels in the conjunctiva become inflamed, they are more visible. This is what causes the whites of your eyes to appear reddish or pink.

Conjunctivitis causes redness, itchiness, tearing in one or both eyes. A discharge may be present that forms a crust at night and

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