




# DOLPHINS in danger

Experts say entanglement in fishing nets primary cause of death

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French naval officer, explorer and conservationist Jacques-Yves Cousteau was not wrong when he said, "The happiness of the bee and the dolphin is to exist. For man it is to know that and to wonder at it."

As such it feels especially unfortunate that in this piece, we are having to wonder just the opposite.

Why are dolphins washing ashore from the Bay of Bengal, is there one or many more reasons behind their deaths and can anything be done?

News of dead and sometimes emaciated dolphins washing up along the coast have been making the rounds on both social media and news platforms of late.

"If you look closely at the newspaper photographs, you will notice that many of these mammals that wash ashore are emaciated. Often times there's a piece of net around the dolphin's snout," said Rubaiyat Mansur, adviser to the Wildlife Conservation Society Bangladesh programme.

WCS began operations in Bangladesh in 2004 focusing on marine conservation.

Over the last 15 years, 274 dolphin deaths have been reported

At least 65% of these deaths were from gillnet entanglements



A dolphin spotted in the Swatch of No Ground in the Bay of Bengal in 2010. This is an image of a cetacean in its natural habitat, but not many of its ilk can enjoy the open seas, as the sight of the marine mammals washing ashore after being caught in fishing nets have become all too common.

PHOTO: REZA KHAN

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DHAKA-LONDON TALKS

## Importance of free polls discussed

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh and the United Kingdom have agreed on the importance of free and fair elections and vibrant civil society to promote accountable governance and institutions ensuring freedom of expression and religion.

The UK raised concerns reflected in the FCDO Annual Human Rights Report, including the "impact" of the Digital Security Act, political space, and extrajudicial killings, said the British High Commission in Dhaka yesterday.

The two countries held their fourth annual Strategic Dialogue on Thursday at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) in London and discussed the issues.

The dialogue was led by FCDO Permanent Under-Secretary Sir Philip Barton and Bangladesh Foreign Secretary (Senior Secretary) Masud Bin Momen.

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# Divided, bruised US marks 9/11 anniv

Experts say the 'war on terror' proved a boon for surveillance, bane for human rights



AGENCIES

Americans mark the 20th anniversary of 9/11 today with troops finally gone from Afghanistan, but national discord -- and for President Joe Biden, political peril -- are overshadowing any sense of closure.

The Sept 11 attacks also ushered in an era of increased surveillance, human rights violations and mass displacements globally, with the social and economic fallout likely

to continue for decades, experts said.

A whole generation has grown up since the morning of September 11, 2001.

In the interim, al-Qaeda founder Osama bin Laden has been hunted down and killed. A towering new sky scraper has risen over Manhattan, replacing the Twin Towers. And less than two weeks ago, the last US soldiers flew from Kabul airport, ending the so-called "forever war."

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## VACCINE FROM INDIA Supply will follow rise in production

Hopes information minister after 2-day India visit

UNB, Dhaka

Information and Broadcasting Minister Hasan Mahmud yesterday expressed hope that India would be able to supply Covid-19 vaccines to Bangladesh as per the agreement once the neighbouring country's production rises.

He said Indian Foreign Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar informed him that the vaccine production has been hampered in India due to scarcity of foreign raw materials, but they would be able to recover the problem in the 4th quarter of the current year (October-December).

"Hopefully, they would be able to supply the vaccines to Bangladesh in line with the agreement, if

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ROAD TO FREEDOM THIS DAY IN BANGLADESH LIBERATION WAR HISTORY

## Only self-rule will satisfy Bangladesh: Galbraith

SEPTEMBER 11, 1971

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

MUSHTAQE TO LEAD DELEGATION TO UN Bangladesh's Foreign Minister Khandaker Mushtaque Ahmed would present the case of Bangladesh before the UN General Assembly. He would be assisted by a strong team of experts including Bangladesh Foreign Secretary Mahub Alam and diplomat Abul Fateh. The decision to send a strong delegation to the UN General Assembly had been taken by the Bangladesh government in the light of the recent discussions at political level with different

parties in Bangladesh. In fact, the Consultative Committee, formed with five-party representatives had found it necessary to rouse the conscience of the world to the realities in Bangladesh. GALBRAITH URGES FOR SELF-DETERMINATION

Professor John Kenneth Galbraith, former US Ambassador to India, said today at the Calcutta Press Club that because of the massive influx of evacuees from Bangladesh to India, the Bangladesh issue had ceased to be an internal affair of Pakistan. He also refused to distinguish between political aspects of the issue and the evacuee question. "Two cannot be viewed separately," he opined.

Earlier today Professor Galbraith discussed various aspects of Bangladesh issues with the Bangladesh Foreign Minister Khandaker

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## Pre-Viking gold treasure found in Denmark



AFP, Copenhagen

An amateur archeologist has found 22 gold objects with sixth century symbols that could yield new details about pre-Viking peoples in Denmark, the museum that will house the treasure said.

Some of the objects have runic motifs and inscriptions which may refer to the rulers of the time, but also recall Norse mythology, Mads Ravn, director of research at the Vejle museums in western Denmark, told AFP.

"It is the symbols on the items that makes them unique, more than the quantity found," according to Ravn, who said the treasure weighed about one kilogram.

One piece even refers to the Roman emperor Constantine from the early 4th century, said Ravn.

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## Man beaten to death as theft suspect

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A suspected thief was beaten to death in the capital's Sabujbagh area early yesterday.

The 28-year-old man could only pronounce his name - Ridoy - to the crowd that started beating him, said police.

Anwar Hossain, sub-inspector of Sabujbagh Police Station, said the incident took place inside the boundary wall of a building under construction for a club.

Some people, including the club manager and caretaker, caught him around 11:15pm yesterday, he said.

They tied up his hands and legs and beat him up, leaving him critically

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Part of the old iron Bailey Bridge in the capital's Aminbazar has collapsed into the river. Locals have alleged that the collapse occurred after a sand-laden trawler hit one of its pillars. There are other such collapsed structures around the bridge, and those could lead to further accidents if not cleared soon.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

## Star HEALTHLINE

### What is post-Covid VERTIGO?

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If you have recovered from Covid-19, there may be several medical issues that follow suit. Some can be tame and some might make your head spin, quite literally.

There is still not enough research on post-Covid complications since the virus is still very much rampant. We know about persistent coughing, altered sense of smell, and fatigue as symptoms of long Covid, but scientists are increasingly pushing to add vertigo to the list.

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### PRAYER TIMING SEPTEMBER 11

Fajr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
4:35	12:45	4:30	6:14	7:45
JAMAAT	5:10	1:15	4:45	6:17
				8:15

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION