

## Raducanu makes

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my best tennis."

It was a stunning achievement for the unheralded 150th-ranked teen, who didn't drop a set in three qualifying matches and seven main-draw matches over two weeks in producing a stunner for the ages.

Raducanu is the youngest Slam champion since Maria Sharapova at 17 in 2004 at Wimbledon.

Not since Virginia Wade in 1977 at Wimbledon had a British woman taken a Slam singles title, with Raducanu the first Briton to claim the US Open crown since Wade in 1968.

Queen Elizabeth II was among the first to pay tribute to Raducanu's incredible triumph.

"It is a remarkable achievement at such a young age, and is testament to your hard work and dedication," the British monarch said in a statement.

## Chameleon-like

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and patterns actively in accordance with surroundings is key to the camouflage technology that we created."

Dr Ko and the team demonstrated the technology, which uses thermochromic liquid crystal ink and vertically stacked multi-layer silver nanowire heaters, with a robot with colour-detecting sensors.

The demonstration showed the skin trying to mimic the colours the sensor "saw" around it. As the robot crawled over areas of different hues, its skin almost instantaneously changed to match the background.

By adding additional silver nanowire layers in simple shapes such as dots, lines or squares, researchers say they have enabled the skin to create complex patterns.

Dr Ko continued: "The colour information detected by sensors is transferred to a microprocessor and then to silver nanowire heaters. Once the heaters reach a certain temperature, the thermochromic liquid crystal layer changes its colour."

Scientists behind the skin believe it could make a "competent option for a next-generation artificial camouflage".

The research, published in the journal Nature, states that artificial camouflage is "an important technology for the military" – a market that researchers say is "growing rapidly".

The study says: "Recent developments on smart textiles for the military purpose also increases the interest towards adaptive camouflage technologies."

"Besides military applications, artificial camouflage receives broad attention from architecture, art and fashion, and a number of consumer products for hunting and outdoor activities."

## Court accepts

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Securities and shareholder-director of Dhaka Stock Exchange; Didarul Islam Bhuiyan, a member of Rashtrachinta; Ashik Imran; and Shapan Wahed.

The tribunal issued arrest warrants against Sami, Tasmeem, Ashik and Shapan as they were shown "fugitives" in the charge sheet, Shamim said.

The judge also directed the officer-in-charge of Ramna Police Station to submit the reports on execution of the arrest warrants by September 30, Shamim added.

Of them, Kishore, Minhaj and Didarul were earlier arrested and they are now on bail, while the others have been shown on the run.

Writer Mushtaq Ahmed's name was dropped from the charge sheet as he died at Kashimpur High Security Jail on February 25.

The court also relieved US-based journalist Shahed Alam, Germany-based blogger Asif Mohiuddin and Philip Schuhmacher from the charges of the case as investigators did not find any evidence against the four in the case.

The Rapid Action Battalion arrested Kishore, Mushtaq, Minhaj and Didarul from the capital from May 4-6 last year.

On May 6 that year, Abu Bakar Siddique, assistant director of Rab-3, filed a case against 11 people, including Kishore, Mushtaq, Didarul and Minhaj, with Ramna Police Station under the DSA.

The 11 were prosecuted under sections 21, 25(1) (b), 31 and 35 of the DSA, which deals with anyone running propaganda or campaign, "against the Liberation War of Bangladesh, the cognition of the Liberation War, Father of the Nation, National Anthem or National Flag", anyone "tarnishing the image of the nation or spreading confusions" or attempting to "create hostility, hatred or adversity among people or destroy communal harmony or create unrest or disorder or deteriorating or threatening to deteriorate law and order".

On March 4 this year, Kishore walked out of jail after languishing in jail for 10 months, while Minhaj and Didarul obtained bail in the case in September last year.

Investigation officer Afchhar Ahmed, a sub-inspector of Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime unit of police, submitted the supplementary charge sheet with the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court of Dhaka on June 13.



**A Palestinian man inspects the damage following Israeli airstrikes on Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip yesterday. Israel carried out the air strikes in response to Palestinian rocket fire into its territory, the Israeli military said.**

## 'Bangladesh can be another wonder'

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duties with zero duty for up to 7,200 different products under the GSP+ scheme. The EU takes immense pride in seeing Bangladesh enjoying the benefits of EU's "Everything but Arms", which has helped Bangladesh significantly in moving towards the attainment of middle-income status in 2024. Bangladesh is the single largest beneficiary of the EBA trade preferential scheme among the 48 EBA beneficiary countries, allowing Euro 18 billion worth of Bangladeshi products to be imported on a tax-free basis, resulting in the saving of Euro 2 billion.

It's a disconcerting fact that the pandemic has wrought havoc across all sectors of society. We are still struggling with the virus and its capricious nature. The EU believes that in times of crisis, dialogue, negotiations and empathy are essential and it's in this spirit that we look forward to addressing the issue of trade privileges once Bangladesh graduates from the LDC status.

DS: As Bangladesh graduates LDC status, what challenges and opportunities do you see?

Teerink: As the country stands on her 50th year, the future looks optimistic. However, the main priority of the country at this moment is to diversify her exports. Reliance on RMG will make Bangladesh a one-product miracle and such a position has its hidden perils. This country has other industries like motorcycle, ship building, steel, product, dry food and, would you believe it, even wig making. Reportedly, Bangladesh exports human hair products to 150 countries. Such initiatives should be publicised, promoted, and given incentives with new overseas markets explored.

Once graduated from LDC status, the competition will inevitably become tougher and to thrive in that environment, the products made in Bangladesh need to be of premium standard. Since this is the age of digital media, Bangladesh can utilise the global digital platforms to create a buzz about the cachet of the "Made in Bangladesh" logo. Attracting foreign companies to enter into joint production arrangements will also

boost the local industries, injecting confidence into a wide variety of locally manufactured items.

This country now has a large youth population, which is digital media savvy. The skills of the youth can be harnessed to turn the young into a constructive force. From mobile banking services to e-commerce platforms to OTT filmmaking – this country is making a mark in areas, once dominated by others. Youth development gains added significance, especially in the post pandemic scenario, in which countless people lost employment, livelihoods and means of income.

As the economy opens up, emphasis may be given to SME's with added impetus to women who run small enterprises and were hit hard during the prolonged lockdowns. Once the youth are encouraged and provided with the right facilities, post-LDC Bangladesh will be another wonder.

DS: The European Commission has proposed restrictions on visas to Bangladeshis. Why has this been done?

Teerink: The EU countries welcome Bangladeshis who come via a legitimate process. Currently, there is a significant number of Bangladeshis who entered EU nations circumventing the lawful process. The EU's short-stay visa policy has been closely linked to cooperation with partner countries since its revised Visa Code came into force in February 2020. This cooperation requires partner countries to readmit citizens, who do not have the right to stay in EU territories. Once this matter is resolved, which I hope will be soon, the restrictions will be eased.

DS: Rohingya repatriation seems delayed as the conflicts in Myanmar are rising following the military coup. What would the EU do to address it?

Teerink: Firstly, on behalf of the EU, let me commend Bangladesh once more for setting up a remarkable example of compassion and support by accommodating the Rohingya refugees. In 2021, the European Union is providing over Euro 28 million in humanitarian aid in response to the Rohingya refugee crisis and the worsening Covid-19 pandemic

in the country. In 2020, The EU mobilised a total of Euro 96 million for Rohingya refugees. Since the coup, EU sanctions have frozen assets or applied travel bans on 21 military and civilian members of Myanmar's junta. European citizens and companies are also forbidden from making funds available to those sanctioned. The bloc's last round of sanctions in April targeted military-owned conglomerates, barring EU investors and banks from doing business with them.

To be honest, the desire to resolve the protracted issue of the Rohingyas must originate from Myanmar. The EU will continue to extend unreserved support to Bangladesh. It strongly feels that repatriation should happen once a sustainable solution is found, and the rights of the Rohingyas are restored with assurances of a dignified return.

DS: As you return to Brussels, what would you tell the European Commission about Bangladesh?

Teerink: Bangladesh has shown resilience in the face of natural disasters, opened her arms to a repressed minority, taken a robust approach in upholding her secular values, managed to minimise the threat of militancy and strives to maintain a steady economic growth. At the same time, more attention is needed to improve workers' conditions, 100 per cent compliance with labour standards, freedom of speech, reduction of child marriage and a comprehensive youth development scheme, encompassing urban and rural areas.

DS: Anything else that you want to say?

Teerink: For me, Bangladesh has been boisterous, breath taking and bewitching. I travelled extensively across the nation from the Chittagong Hill Tracts to the Sundarbans and the landscape enthralled me. In the last year and half, during the Covid imposed restrictions, the forbearance of this country became all the more apparent. I also had the privilege to dip into the diverse aesthetic mixture of this country, from paintings to films to music. It's not an exaggeration when I proudly say that I am going back as an ambassador enriched by the best of Bangladesh to the EU.

## Khurram Panni defects

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Until Panni's resignation, the highest-ranking Pakistani diplomat to go over to Bangladesh was Mahasin Ali, head of Pakistan's mission to Hong Kong.

With Panni's resignation, the only ambassador of Bangalee origin left in Pakistan's diplomatic service was Kaiser in Peking. He was believed to have fallen from official favour for refusing to work for Peking's endorsement of President Yahya Khan's action in East Pakistan. He had been virtually stripped of his powers and refused permission to visit even Hong Kong.

Another Pakistani diplomat, Mohiuddin Jaigirdar, also quit the Pakistan foreign service today and joined the Bangladesh mission in London. Jaigirdar, 34, had been head of Chancery and sometimes the acting high commissioner at the Pakistani mission in Lagos, Nigeria.

ON THE WAR FRONT

In the Kushtia-Jashore-Khulna sector, Mukti Bahini today fired mortars on Pakistani troops near Chhotachra and killed 13 soldiers.

In another operation, Mukti Bahini ambushed the Pakistan column of a gun boat and several launches carrying Pakistani troops in Harinagar in the Khulna district. In the firing the gun crew of the escorting gun boat was killed and the radar antenna was destroyed. Later on, four launches of

the column were sunk. Mukti Bahini also drowned three launches in Banaripara.

It was estimated that nearly 40 Pakistani troops were drowned in the river. In this sector during the last few days a large number of Razakars surrendered to Mukti Bahini. The latest such desertion took place in Kushtia when the chairman of a union peace committee along with 22 Razakars surrendered with arms to the Mukti Bahini.

In the Mymensingh-Sylhet sector, Mukti Bahini exchanged fire with Pakistani troops in Bhoga, Karimpur and Kamarajil areas and inflicted four casualties on the enemy soldiers.

Mukti Bahini also ambushed Pakistani troops in Minteshwar area and killed two Pakistani soldiers.

In Dhaka-Cumilla-Chatogram sector, Mukti Bahini today fired mortars on Pakistani troops in Lakshampur, killing four enemy soldiers. They also destroyed two enemy bunkers. Another group of Mukti Bahini ambushed Pakistani troops in Moidhyar Bazar killing three enemy soldiers and one Razakar. On the same day Mukti Bahini ambushed Pakistani troops in Dakshin Jaspur and killed one soldier.

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## Long-due system

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the SB for vetting. Upon positive reports from the SB, the DC then issues the licence.

Issuing of licences for pistols or revolvers, however, require the home ministry vetting after approval from the SB and DC.

"We have already held a meeting with legal arms dealers. We will soon train them on the user manual," said a top SB official, requesting anonymity.

In the past, the Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime (CTTC) unit found links between legal arms dealers and illegal arms smuggling syndicates. They also found that at least 200 illegal firearms were smuggled into the country in 2018-2019.

These arms dealers imported the firearms legally and then sold them on the black market and to criminals after removing the barcodes, officials said.

During the same period, the CTTC unit pressed charges against nine authorised arms dealers for selling arms illegally.

Now this system can keep track of the total legal imports and sales of firearms. It will keep record of every firearm and bullet imported or sold by a legal arms dealer, said officials.

As of December 2018, there were 54,000 legal arms holders in the country.

Under the law, legal firearms holders must inform the local police in case they change their location after buying firearms. Quiet often, they do not do so, making it difficult to track

## LEGAL ARMS LICENCE HOLDERS

As of Sept 7

DIVISION	NO	TYPE OF ARMS
Dhaka	1,030	Pistol - 144
Khulna	753	Revolver - 794
Barishal	226	Single barrel shotgun - 75
Sylhet	742	Shotgun - 31
Rangpur	15	Double barrel shotgun - 12
Mymensingh	446	Rifle - 12
Chattogram	243	Rifle - 12

them manually, an SB official said.

"But now, the local police will be able to monitor it," the official added.

The software can also keep records of illegal arms recovery.

Nasir Ahmed, general secretary of Arms Dealers Association, said they heard about the system and that they were waiting for a briefing from the SB on this.

On October 12 last year, the SB requested the home ministry through the Police Headquarters to engage the offices of deputy commissioners with the system.

Once the DCs are involved, applications for firearms can be submitted online.

Asked about the request, Md Jahangir Alam, additional secretary (police) of the home ministry, said they were working on this.

## FBI releases

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Fifteen of the 19 hijackers were from Saudi Arabia. A US government commission found no evidence that Saudi Arabia directly funded al Qaeda, the group given safe haven by the Taliban in Afghanistan at the time. It left open whether individual Saudi officials might have.

The families of roughly 2,500 of those killed, and more than

20,000 people who suffered injuries, businesses and various insurers, have sued Saudi Arabia seeking billions of dollars.

In a statement on behalf of the organisation 9/11 Families United, Terry Strada, whose husband Tom was killed on September 11, said the document released by the FBI on Saturday put to bed any doubts about Saudi complicity in the attacks.

## Govt moves to shut down

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recommendation.

The request was made in a letter signed by Ashraf Uddin, director general of the Department of Environment, on September 9, 2021.

At the August 23 meeting, the Jatiya Sangsad committee said the STIE has the capacity to treat around 25,000 cubic metres of liquid waste every day, but the tanners generate around 40,000 cubic metres per day. That means 15,000 cubic metres of waste are dumped into the Dhaleshwari river without any treatment, causing severe water pollution.

Based on a report placed by the DoE before the JS body, it said the estate does not have the facility to treat solid waste, which includes heavy metals and chromium.

This solid waste is being dumped into the river without any treatment, causing further pollution and severe harm to the environment.

Due to the harm the estate was causing to the environment, the DoE did not renew environmental clearance licences for the estate's operation for the last two years.

In 2003, the government had taken the initiative to build the BSCIC Tannery Industrial Estate on 200 acres in Hemayetpur after moving all tanneries from the capital's Hazaribagh in order to prevent environmental pollution and to protect the Buriganga.

In the future, if the complex is operated in accordance with the provisions of the law, the issue of reopening may be considered, the JS body also said.

There are around 130 tanneries at present in the leather industrial park.

Tanneries and backward and forward linkage industries related

to leather goods have been accommodated in the new industrial park.

Despite nine years of work and expenditure of nearly Tk 500 crore, the construction of the Central Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) in the tannery estate has not been completed. A Bangladesh-China joint venture company was awarded the construction work of the CETP in 2012 and the deadline for completion was 2017, said tannery sources.

"However, it was extended several times."

They added that the STIE finally took over the project on June 27 but nobody was made responsible for anomalies in design and construction of the CETP, although nearly Tk 500 crore was spent from the government exchequer.

"Time and money were wasted and the environment damaged because of flaws in the design and anomalies in purchase and implementation of the CETP."

The joint venture company's delay has pushed the country's several-billion-dollar leather sector into trouble and caused a delay in obtaining the Leather Working Group (LWG) certification, which is required for better export prices of tanned leather.

The obtaining of the much-needed LWG certification has become uncertain again due to non-completion of the CETP. The Bangladeshi leather and leather goods and tanned leather goods exporters are having to get 40 percent below the actual price from international retailers and brands as the country could not attain the certification to prove better compliance practice in the sector.

## Two drug

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that a big consignment of yaba tablets from Myanmar will enter Bangladesh, said Lt Col Ali Haider Azad Ahmed, commander of BCB Battalion-34 in Cox's Bazar.

When a gang of four to five was entering Bangladesh through the border around 4:00am, the BGB men signalled them to stop. But they opened fire, forcing BGB personnel to retaliate and triggering a "gunfight". Shahjahan was hit, he claimed.

Doctors declared him dead after being taken to Ukhiya Upazila Health Complex. Shahjahan was accused in at least 10 cases, the BGB official added.


BGB also claimed to have recovered 50,000 yaba pills and a firearm from the spot.

In another incident, Lt Col Faisal Hasan Khan, commander of BCB 2 Battalion in Cox's Bazar, came up with almost identical version while describing the "gunfight" in Teknaf's Damdamia Natural Park area.


The BGB official said three drug peddlers were crossing the Naf river. Following the "shootout", one of them was declared dead after being taken to Teknaf Upazila Health Complex with bullet wounds, while two others fled to Myanmar.

He claimed that they also recovered 3.4 lakh yaba tablets and a firearm from the spot.

Both the bodies were sent to Cox's Bazar Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsies.



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