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46,56,489

Further improve

Syria 'bleak' with violence

to return.

protests in 2011.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ahmed yesterday asked field-level police officials to further enhance the quality of the investigation into cases.

Mentioning that sometimes negligence is found in the supervision of the investigations, the IGP directed the field-level officers to be attentive to

The police chief made the directives in his closing remarks at the three-day crime review meeting at the Police Headquarters that was attended by superintendents of police in all districts, deputy inspector generals of all ranges and all metropolitan police

Benazir warned that no police

corruption is proved. "Under the clear direction of the prime minister, we are pledged bound to build a corruption-free police force for the welfare of the country and

 $\hat{\mbox{No}}$ member of the police could have any connection with drugs, he said. "If anyone has any sort of association with police none should be involved in any activity that harms the force, the country or the people.

Benazir also warned that no compromise would be made regarding maintaining the discipline of the force.

"If any police member breaks the discipline, exemplary actions have to be taken against him or her," he said, adding that they were also trying their best to ensure the welfare of the members of the force.

He also asked the force members to refrain from inhumane behaviour with people. The IGP also said currently the number of cases has come down to half due to beat policing.

He asked to monitor social media regularly so that no citizen becomes a victim of cybercrime. He also asked for monitoring markets to check price hikes.

Benazir said the use of illegal weapons and illegal use of legal weapons must be stopped.

Mentioning about ongoing mega projects at different parts of Bangladesh where many foreign nationals are working, the IGP asked for ensuring their security.

On the first day of the meeting, the crime statistics of the January-March and April-June quarters were discussed.

being committed and the increase in

fighting was only adding to Syria's

woes and making it unsafe for refugees

500,000 people and displaced

millions since it started with the

brutal suppression of anti-government

She said Prof Masuda was also a

"Her multifaceted talent will inspire

political leader, social worker, women

entrepreneur, artist, a university teacher

our womenfolk alongside giving them

strength and courage to go ahead," she

of the departed soul and conveyed deep

sympathy to the bereaved family and

also wished good health of everyone

Awami League lawmakers Moslem

Uddin Ahmed, Md Abdus Sobhan

Miah, Syeda Zohra Alauddin, Simeen

Hussain Rimi and Waseqa Ayesha Khan

Opposition Leader GM Quader, Opposition Chief Whip Moshiur

Rahman Ranga, barrister Anisul Islam

Mahmud Kazi Firoz Rashid Nazma

Akther and Shamim Haider Patwary

and BNP lawmaker Harunur Rashid

The two lower court judges also

prayed to the HC bench of Justice

Mustafa Zaman Islam and Justice KM

Zahid Sarwar Kajol to exonerate them

from any proceedings, saying that

they will remain more cautious during

The HC bench is scheduled to hold a

Golam Mostafa, the investigation

officer (IO) of the case, has been asked to

appear today with relevant documents

to explain why he sought the second

and third remand of Pori Moni, who

was granted bail and released from jail

associate Ashraful Islam Dipu were

shown arrested in the case filed by

the Rapid Action Battalion under the

On August 5, Pori Moni and her

passing remand orders in future.

hearing on the matter today.

on September 1.

The premier prayed for eternal peace

and a knowledgeable person.

staying at home and abroad.

took part in the discussion.

also spoke on the occasion.

the deceased lawmaker.

Among JP lawmakers,

Syria's war has killed an estimated

Jab registration only key vaccine doses in government stock,

registered for the vaccination. Of them, about 4.5 lakh students received the first dose and 90,000 got both doses, a top UGC official, who attended the meeting yesterday, told The Daily Star.

Some 1.31 lakh residential students of public universities have registered for the vaccine. Of them, 1.18 lakh took the first dose and 81,000 got both the shots.

About 90 to 95 percent of about 15,300 public university teachers have received both doses, said UGC

Asked how all students would be vaccinated before October 15 given the current rate of registration, Prof Alamgir said the condition that all students need to be inoculated before that date was no longer in effect after the meeting.

after completing the registration of all their students before September 27 upon approval of their academic councils and syndicates," he said.

students will be a challenge as health officials informed us that there are enough vaccines in their stock," he

However, there have been frequent hiccups in the country's regular because of shortage of doses. About 4.14 crore people have registered and 2.03 crore of them are yet to get the first dose, according to data from the Directorate General of Health Services

At present, there are about 1.5 MONI

the data shows.

THE MEETING At the meeting, several VCs said many of their students could not register for not having NID cards.

An UGC member estimated that about 15 to 20 percent of all university students do not have the identification document.

Prof Alamgir said health officials at the meeting assured them that if universities provided them with lists containing names of such students, the students be allowed to do the registration using their birth certificates. Sources said it was decided that

UGC would open a web link within two days. Students without NID cards will have to register there and then the UGC would forward the lists to the health authorities.

After that, those students will be able to complete the registration using the government's Surokkha app.

UGC acting secretary Ferdous Zaman said they would send a list of students to the health ministry soon through the education ministry.

At the meeting, there was also discussion on setting up vaccination booths at the medical centres of public universities to speed up the inoculation. registration, students

will be able to get vaccines at the university medical centres and the health directorate will give necessary technical support in this regard," Ferdous said.

COMPLETE REGISTRATION: DIPU

Moni urged all university students to complete their registration by September 27. "Students

After yesterday's meeting, Dipu

PHOTO:

MIRZA SHAKIL

completing their registration will get the vaccine on a priority basis," she said. While talking to reporters

after another meeting yesterday, the education minister said the government could not fix any reopening date for universities since they are autonomous bodies.

"We hope that the academic councils and syndicates of the universities will make a final decision keeping in mind the state of student's vaccination and the infection rate,"

The government on August 26 decided that students of all public and private universities will be inoculated against Covid-19 by September and the universities could start in-person classes in phases from October 15.

But on September 5 a discussion on reopening the universities surfaced again. That day, Education Minister Dipu Moni announced in-person classes in schools and colleges would resume in phases on September 12 and universities could reopen ahead of the scheduled date upon approval from their academic councils and syndicates.

The universities were closed on March 17 last year to curb the spread of Covid-19.

About 1.5 lakh students of medical, dental colleges and other health institutions went back to the classroom on Monday after taking both doses of the Covid vaccine.

increasing risk of accidents for vehicles. The photo was taken on Monday.

A CNG-run auto-rickshaw being driven off the bridge on Dhaleshwari river in Tangail's

Charabari area. The approach road to the bridge has been damaged by heavy rainfall,

officials.

"Now the universities can reopen

"We don't think vaccination of all

mass inoculation campaigns mostly

custom officials are assigned to check

"I think they [custom officials] should examine and check the contents of the cargo meticulously,"

Customs officials generally check only 2-5 percent of the cargo consignments meant for export on a random basis, said a high official of Dhaka Custom House on condition

of anonymity. 'We sent several letters to the respective authorities of the

government so that one official of Dhaka Custom House can remain present during the security check at the airport. But the airport authorities are not paying heed to our appeal," he

Couriers in use to smuggle out forex "And this was the beginning," Ahsan The Daily Star tried to communicate

A one-minute silence was observed at the Jatiya Sangsad to show respect to

By that time, some cartons of the consignment had already passed through the scanner machine.

Hasan Ali, a cargo supervisor of Best Kargo Kare, who came with consignment for formalities, was interrogated and handed over to customs officials along with the currencies for the next step of action.

Hossain Mohammad Ershad, assistant revenue officer of Dhaka Customs House, filed a case with the Airport Police Station yesterday.

In the first information report, the custom mentioned that the Star Express line in their declaration gave the names of 23 individuals as senders

with the Star Express Line but all the phone numbers were found invalid. Even the company website does not contain any valid information and is full of spam links. Rubel Albert, customer manager at

the receiver of the consignment in Singapore, told The Daily Star that they receive consignments from Star Express Line regularly. He declined to give details of the contents of the consignments to the

Network International Courier Service,

correspondent. He recommended communicating with Network International Courier Service through the law enforcement agencies for details. Probed about the repeated

incidents of narcotics and goods Ershad brought a complaint against smuggling via cargo, Ahsan said

the cargo consignment before they are sent to the scanner at the HSIA for final checking.

he added.

13.3 million at risk of displacement by 2050 structural issues.' be "hotspots" of climate migration

1.6 percent of the total population).

"This reflects the region's high vulnerability to climate change impacts, particularly in coastal and

deltaic areas facing sea-level rise and storm surges," reads the report. In the first Groundswell report, Bangladesh was projected to account for a third of the internal climate migrants in South Asia by 2050 in the

Model results showed that in all scenarios, urban and coastal areas could see dampened growth as climate out-migration hotspots, as sea-levels rise, augmented by storm surges, would

and crop failure increased migration by women, who have less secure access

make them less liveable.

has led to shifts in traditional gender roles and, in some contexts, to more empowerment and opportunities for women in their communities and households.

women, can be at risk of exploitation, including sexual exploitation, human trafficking, and violations of their rights. Climate risks can also make it more difficult for women to migrate, due to

The report added that people may be unable to leave at-risk areas due to pandemic-related mobility restrictions. For example, evacuation plans in response to Cyclone Amphan, which affected Eastern India and Bangladesh in May 2020, were complicated due to the need to follow strict precautions to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

Bangladesh's Perspective Plan 2021-2041, saying that the factors in climate change as a driver of future for people living in the most vulnerable areas.

both incremental and transformational approaches to build resilience to climate change in key sectors, especially agriculture.

The Bangladesh Delta Plan 2100, adopted in September 2018, lays out a comprehensive strategy for managing risks, including those from climate change, in deltaic regions. The has also adopted a strategy to develop secondary cities and towns and make them hubs of innovation, providing economic, education, and

Voegele, the World Juergen Bank's vice-president for sustainable development, said the data gives a "global estimate" of the scale of potential migration.

that "will emerge as soon as within the next decade and intensify by 2050, as people leave places that can no longer sustain them and go to areas that offer opportunity," Voegele was quoted as saying in a report of AFP. Citing WB, the AFP in its report

said thatresearchers in 2018 released a report on the impact of climate change on migration in South Asia, Latin America and sub-Saharan Africa, and projected that 143 million people in those regions could be forced to move Breaking the data down by region,

internal migrants due to climate change could hit 86 million in sub-Saharan Africa by 2050, 49 million in East Asia and the Pacific, 40 million in South Asia, 19 million in North Africa, 17 million in Latin America and five million in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, according to the WB report.

The updated estimate represents about three percent of the projected population of the regions covered.

"It's important to note that this projection is not cast in stone," Voegele

"If countries start now to reduce greenhouse gases, close development gaps, restore vital ecosystems and help people adapt, internal climate migration could be reduced by up to 80 percent -to 44 million people by 2050.

GOVT SERVICES No plan to raise

age limit now STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The authorities have no plan to increase the age limit for entering government services at the moment, said Farhad Hossain, state minister for public administration, yesterday.

He made the statement while responding to a question from BNP lawmaker Mosharraf Hossain at the parliament.

At present the age limit for entering a government job is 30 years; 32 for freedom fighters' offspring.

Although there was a significant session jam at educational institutions, including universities, in the past, there's no considerable session jam now, the state minister said.

Students generally sit for SSC at the age of 16 and HSC at 18, and they graduate at 23-24. Jobseekers get six to seven years to apply for government jobs after graduation, as the age limit for entering civil service is 30 years at present, he said.

"Moreover, we don't count the extra time from applying for a job to joining, which is required for almost 2-3 years,"

Jobseekers in the country have long been demanding to raise the age limit for entering government jobs to 35

Farhad Hossain said they raised the age limit of retirement to 59 from 57 which decreased the number of vacant posts in government jobs. If they raise the age limit for entering in this circumstance, the number of jobseekers will increase at a massive rate.

"That would bring more competition among the jobseekers and create frustration among under-30 jobseekers, that's why we have no plan to raise the age limit," he added.

Responding to a question from the government-leaning MP Ali Azam, the state minister said Bangladesh Public Service Commission had recommended recruiting 35,603 cadres since 2010. In this period, PSC recommended 5,143 first-class non-cadre employees and 5,743 second-class employees.

The question-answer was tabled by Speaker Shirin Sharmin Choudhury.

In August, the public administration ministry proposed to the prime minister to relax the age limit by 21 months due to prolonged academic life caused by Covid-19 restrictions.

The Daily Star could not reach the minister over the phone as it was switched off.

Three madrasa girls missing

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Three residential students of a madrasa in Jamalpur's Islampur upazila have remained missing for the last two days. The victims are Mim Akter, 9, Surva

second graders of Darul Taqwa Mahila Qawmi Madrasa. Police suspended all activities at the

Bhanu, 10, and Monira Khatun, 11, all

madrasa for an indefinite period and asked all 60 residential students of the institution to return home.

Mazedur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Islampur Police Station, said the girls went missing after saying their Fazr prayers on Sunday.

As the girls could not be traced, Mohammad Asaduzzaman, headmaster of the madrasa, lodged a general diary with the police station on Monday afternoon.

Police later detained the 48-year-old headmaster and three other teachers --Rabeya Akter, 24, Shokria Akhter, 25, and Elias Hossain, 45 -- for quizzing yesterday morning, he added.

According to the police official, the law enforcers are conducting rescue drives to find the girls within the shortest possible time.

Tough talks begin to form new Norway govt

A day after winning Norway's general election, left-wing parties yesterday kicked off what are expected to be weeks of tough negotiations to form a government replacing the centre-right in power for eight years.

The Labour Party and its leader Jonas Gahr Store, in all likelihood the next prime minister, and his two preferred allies, the Centre and Socialist Left, won an absolute majority with 89 of 169 seats in parliament, according to preliminary election results.

Outgoing Conservative Prime Minister Erna Solberg acknowledged late Monday that her centre-right coalition had been defeated.

"In the next few days, I will invite the leaders of all the parties who want a new government to talks,' Store, who campaigned against social inequalities, said in his victory speech late Monday.

In addition to the Centre and Socialist Left, Store said he plans to meet with two other members of the current opposition, the Greens and the communist Red Party, who won three and eight seats respectively,

The negotiations present numerous challenges.

probe quality

Says IGP as 3-day crime review meeting ends

Inspector General of Police Benazir

the probes and supervisions of cases.

commissioners. member would be spared if charges of

people," he said.

drugs then he or she has to come out." He further said as a member of the

upsurge, economic woes: UN

The upsurge in violence in Syria, combined with its plummeting economy, is making life increasingly bleak for civilians, United Nations investigators said yesterday.

The UN Commission of Inquiry on Syria said war crimes were still

PM reiterates of Jatiya Party lawmaker from the reserved seat for women Prof Masuda M Rashid Chowdhury yesterday, the PM said, "Two lawmakers passed away in the first two days of this parliament session and today [Monday] another parliamentarian died."

Monday while undergoing treatment at city's Birdem hospital. Hasina added, "All, including those who received vaccines, will have to follow the health guidelines properly,

particularly during the period of the

coronavirus pandemic.

Prof Masuda passed away early

Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury moved the condolence motion to the 14th session of the 11th parliament. The motion was later adopted unanimously. Yesterday's session has been adjourned till 10:30am today after

adoption of the obituary reference over

the death of Prof Masuda to pay last respect to her as per the tradition. Hasina said, "Masuda M Rashid Chowdhury could have contributed more to the society if she had been alive.

Her death is a great loss to the society."

2 judges say sorry Earlier on September 2, an HC bench

ordered the two judges to send in their explanation within 10 days for taking the actor to police remand in three phases, which violates Supreme Court directives and guidelines. An accused cannot be taken in

police remand; he or she should be

interrogated at the jail gate if necessary,

according to the SC directives.

The accused person's health must be examined by a registered doctor before and after interrogation and his or her lawyer and relatives must be allowed to

be present during the interrogation.

not followed the apex court's directives while placing Pori Moni on remand. In the written explanation, the two said they had passed the order in good faith and in the presence of

But the lower court and police have

Ban illegal news sites

female police under the Supreme Court Narcotics Control Act.

have been asked to ban the portals in seven days after receiving the HC order. The HC bench of Justice Md Mozibur Rahman Miah and Justice Md Kamrul Hossain Mollah delivered the order while hearing a writ petition filed by Supreme Court lawyers Rasida

(BTRC) and Bangladesh Press Council

Rasida Chowdhury Nilu told The Daily Star that the HC bench ordered banning the operations of all unregistered online news portals except for 92 registered ones. The unregistered news portals are harmful for the citizens of the

country as they run defamatory reports

Chowdhury Nilu and Zaren Rahman.

assassinating character of people. They also publish similar comments and photographs, she said Following the same writ petition, the HC bench on August 16 issued a rule asking the respondents to explain why they should not be directed to

formulate an ethical code of conduct

for newspapers, form a broadcasting

commission for the electronic media,

and ban operation of all unregistered

online news portals. secretary, and Information chairpersons of BTRC and Bangladesh

said the body of a 21-year-old college student was recovered from her rented family filed a case under section 360 of the Penal Code, 1860 for instigating or abetting suicide.

But some mainstream media organisations, particularly news platforms, published the victim's photograph without blurring it. Some news portals posted numerous

of "questionable character", and due to the reports, the media have been flooded with comments that blame the victim. BTRC and Bangladesh Press Council,

They also stated in the petition that there are provisions under the Press Council Act, 1974 and National Broadcasting Policy, 2014 for formulating an ethical code of conduct and a broadcasting commission for the media, but those were not implemented.

Press Council were made respondents

In the petition, lawyers Rasida Chowdhury Nilu and Zaren Rahman flat on April 26 this year. Later, her

reports, suggesting that the victim was

however, have not taken any steps to stop their operation, said the petitioners.

Deputy Attorney General Nawroz MR Chowdhury represented the state during hearing of the petition yesterday.

pessimistic reference scenario, due to its growing population and high vulnerability to climate change.

The report also said both flooding Migration from rural to urban areas

"At the same time, migrants, especially

report acknowledged

It also acknowledges the need for

employment opportunities.

Without decisive action, there could

according to the preliminary results.