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SCO SUMMIT IN TAJIKISTAN

Indian PM flags 'radicalisation'

Draws attention to Taliban's takeover in Afghanistan; China, Russia urge the Islamist group to keep security promises

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Increasing extremism and radicalisation are the biggest threat to global peace, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi said yesterday at the nine-member Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit, and drew attention to the Taliban's takeover in Afghanistan.



Modi highlighted India's concerns over regional stability and asked the SCO member states, which includes China and Pakistan, to ensure the grouping works closely together on issues like connectivity and trust.

"Today, we can see what is happening in Afghanistan. As SCO members it is a must for us all to ensure that there is no radicalisation and extremism on the rise there," he said at the summit held online amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

"If we take a look at history, we will find that Central Asia has been a bastion of moderate and progressive cultures and values. Sufism flourished here over the centuries and spread throughout the region and the world. We can still see them in the cultural heritage of this region," the Prime Minister said.

"Based on this historical heritage of Central Asia, SCO should make a common template of fighting radicalisation and extremism. In India, and in almost all the countries of the SCO, there are moderate, tolerant and inclusive institutions and traditions associated with Islam," Modi said.

The US pull-out from Afghanistan after a 20-year war on terror has led

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A timber-laden truck stuck on a Bailey bridge on the Tangail-Aricha regional highway in Tangail's Nagarpur upazila. Locals said a part of the surface of an already worn-out bridge was damaged when the truck was crossing it yesterday. Local administration officials said vehicles weighing more than eight tonnes were barred from using the bridge but that rule is flouted regularly. All 12 bridges on the regional highway are in varying stages of degradation.

PHOTO: MIRZA SHAKIL

Football Head Coach Bruzon replaces Jamie Day for 'two months'

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) replaced head coach Jamie Day with Spanish coach Oscar Bruzon ahead of the upcoming SAFF Championship, scheduled to be held in the Maldives between October 1 to 16.

The decision was revealed to the media following a meeting of the National Teams Committee (NTC) held at the BFF headquarters yesterday.

"The meeting decided to release Jamie Day from his duty from the national football team for next three events for two months and appointed Bashundhara Kings' coach Oscar Bruzon as the interim coach," NTC chairman Kazi Nabil Ahmed told the media after the meeting.

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New Van Gogh drawing of old man discovered



AFP, Amsterdam

A newly discovered Vincent Van Gogh drawing that has been hidden in a private collection for more than a century went on display for the first time at an Amsterdam museum on Thursday.

"Study for 'Worn Out'", which depicts an old man sitting in a chair, was sketched by Van Gogh in November 1882 when he was just starting the career that would later produce masterpieces like "Sunflowers".

The owners, a Dutch family which bought the pencil drawing in around 1910, asked the Van Gogh

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UK removes Bangladesh from travel red list

Will put the country on lower-risk category from Sept 22

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh will be removed from UK's travel "red list" from September 22.

The country will be moved to the lower-risk "amber list" from 4:00am on September 22, which means travellers from Bangladesh will no longer require 10-day quarantine as part of Covid safety measures in a government-sanctioned hotel from that day.

Travellers from countries rated "amber" must also quarantine for 10 days on arrival in the UK. However, there is no requirement to do this in a government-sanctioned hotel; one can self-isolate at home or where they are staying.

Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen welcomed

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ROAD TO FREEDOM THIS DAY IN BANGLADESH LIBERATION WAR HISTORY

World meet on Bangladesh opens



Jayaprakash Narayan inaugurating the international conference on Bangladesh in New Delhi on September 18, 1971.

SEPTEMBER 18, 1971

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

CALL FOR INTERNATIONAL BRIGADE TO FREE BANGLADESH The three-day conference on Bangladesh began today in New Delhi. It was organised by the Gandhi Peace Foundation. The conference was a major international attempt to draw attention to the Bangladesh issue which had been hitting the headlines all over the world since March 25, 1971.

Distinguished citizens from many countries joined the conference to condemn the genocide against the Bangladesh people and to support their rights of self-determination. Before the

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NEWS WEBSITES

Can face ban for unethical practice: HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Directing that all unregistered news portals be banned, the High Court in the full text of its order has ruled that even if any registered news portal is involved in unethical practices like spreading disinformation, the government can ban its operation.

"The respondents [chairpersons of Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission and Bangladesh Press Council] are directed to take immediate step to ban all unregistered news portals except for the news portals described in Annexure- 'B' to the writ petition [92 registered news portals] within seven days from the receipt of the order copy.

"However, if the respondents find even the news portals mentioned in Annexure- 'B' to the writ petition to have involved in any unethical practice -- spreading disinformation, they are at liberty to ban such a news portal or portals," the bench of Justice Md Mozibur Rahman Miah and Justice Md Kamrul Hossain Mollah said in the full text of its order.

The two-page full text of order was released on Thursday as the HC bench on

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RANGAMATI Bullet-hit body of PCJSS man recovered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban

Police recovered the bullet-hit body of a 60-year-old member of Parbatya Chattogram Jana Samhati Samicity in Rangamati's Bagaichhari yesterday.

Suresh Kanti Chakma's body was found at an empty house in the remote Bongoltoli area, said Anwar Hossain Khan, officer-in-charge of Bagaichhari Police Station.

"No one is giving us any information about the criminals who killed him," he added.

However, Tridip Chakma, secretary of PCJSS

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Huge heaps of garbage accumulated near the footbridge in front of the Suritola Model Government Primary School at the capital's Syed Nazrul Islam Sarani. Pedestrians have stopped using the footbridge because of the piles of garbage surrounding the steps.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN



PRAYER TIMING SEPTEMBER 18

Fajr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 4:35 12:45 4:30 6:09 7:45
JAMAAT 5:10 1:15 4:45 6:12 8:15

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Star HEALTHLINE

DENTAL BRACES not only about AESTHETICS

FARHANA AHMED

Proper alignment of teeth is not only important for appearance; it also contributes to oral health.

If a person has malocclusion (having crooked teeth or a poor bite), braces are generally very effective in realigning teeth and correcting improperly positioned jaws.

Dr Md Tanvir Hossain, dental surgeon at Dhaka Dental College Hospital, said some factors behind malocclusion are hereditary and



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