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two separate cases against Mannan and Syeda Hasina with Ramna Police Station on August 21 and October 21, following two graft investigations.

On August 24 that year, a Dhaka court granted bail to Mannan considering his illness and status as a former state minister in the Awami League government. His wife Syeda Hasina got bail from another Dhaka court on October 24 the same year.

In May 2015, the ACC pressed charges against the couple in the graft

According to the charge sheets, Mannan illegally amassed Tk 74.94 lakh and concealed information about his properties worth Tk 4.59 lakh, while his wife Syeda Hasina illegally amassed Tk 3.45 crore and concealed information about properties worth Tk 1.86 crore.

UK cops arrest

FROM PAGE 12 Detective Chief Inspector Neil John, from the Met's specialist crime command, called the arrest a "significant development".

Two other men arrested this week on suspicion of murder have been released pending further investigation.

Hundreds of people held a vigil on Friday evening in the southeast London neighbourhood of Kidbrooke, where Nessa lived and her body was discovered last Saturday.

The murder echoes the high-profile killing in March of 33-year-old Sarah Everard, which focused attention on what is being called an epidemic of violence against women.

People with clout FROM PAGE 12

Saving the rivers is not possible unless the government is willing, they added.

With the slogan 'Save the rivers of Sundarbans to save the Sundarbans', Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon and River Keepers Bangladesh formed a human chain on the Marine Drive Road in Mongla, Bagerhat.

Nur Alam Sheikh chaired the programme where the speakers said biodiversity in the rivers of the Sundarbans is under serious threat as some fishermen use poison to catch

In 2005, the United Nations launched "Water for Life Decade". Following that, river enthusiasts have been observing World Rivers Day.

Kosovo accuses Serbia of trying to provoke conflict

AFP, Pristina

Prime Minister Albin Kurti of Kosovo accused neighbouring Serbia of trying to "provoke a serious international conflict" after two vehicle registration offices near their border were attacked early Saturday.

The increase in tension occurred on the sixth day of ethnic Serb protests against the ethnic Albanian-led government's decision to require drivers with Serbian registration plates to put on temporary ones when entering Kosovo.

A registration office was torched in the small town of Zubin Potok and another damaged in Zvecan, though there were no casualties, the prime minister said.



People participate in a Solidarity With Afghan Women rally outside the United Nations headquarters, during the 76th Session of the UN General Assembly, in New York, US on Saturday.

India calls for political settlement

problems of the country's agricultural economy, particularly those having a definite bearing on the future development of the country, such as land ownership and land tenure system, co-operatives, introduction of modem techniques of farming, irrigation, etc. SWARAN SINGH'S SPEECH AT UN

India's Minister for External Affairs Swaran Singh today called upon the UN and all other international organs "to impress on the military regime of Islamabad that force will not succeed and therefore a political settlement between the military regime and the already elected members is essential".

He was speaking in the general debate

which opened in the UN General

Assembly. However, the Bangladesh foreign ministry was critical of this Indian stance, and, referring to Swaran Singh's speech at the UN, regretted in an internal report on the international situation that "the powers which were sympathetic to us and were considered to be trusted friends have also now turned against the concept of an independent Bangladesh".

INDIRA FLIES TO MOSCOW

Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi flew into a rousing reception in Moscow today on a three-day visit. Her talks with Soviet leaders would start tomorrow. According to a spokesperson, the subject to be discussed at the prime ministers' talks would include follow-up action to the Indo-Soviet Treaty, economic cooperation, expansion of cooperation in other fields as well as Bangladesh issues.

ON THE WAR FRONT

In the Rangpur-Dinajpur-Rajshahi sector, Mukti Bahini today ambushed the Pakistani patrol in Joymonirhat of Dinajpur district. They killed six Pakistani soldiers there. In a surprise raid Mukti Bahini forced Pakistani troops to abandon their position in Usalja. Seventeen Pakistani soldiers were killed in the action. Mukti Bahini captured some arms and ammunition. In another operation, Mukti Bahini ambushed a mixed patrol of Pakistani soldiers and razakars near Khanpur and inflicted 15 casualties on the enemy. On the same day Mukti Bahini raided Pakistani troops position near Chakramari and killed seven enemy

soldiers. Mukti Bahini disrupted railway communication between Parvatipur and Badarganj by blowing up a railway bridge.

In the Mymensingh-Sylhet sector, Mukti Bahini today ambushed a Pakistani patrol near Gafargaon in Mymensingh district and killed two Pakistani soldiers. On the night of September 27, Mukti Bahini raided Pakistani troops guarding the bridge near Rahimpur, killing one enemy soldier. In another operation, Mukti Bahini attacked Pakistani troops near Baotali and killed three Pakistani

In the Dhaka-Cumilla-Chattogram sector, Mukti Bahini raided the Pakistani position at Kaimpur, killing eight enemy soldiers and injuring seven. Two enemy boats were destroyed in the area. On the same day, Mukti Bahini raided Pakistani positions at Sripur and Ajnapur areas and killed 11 Pakistani soldiers. In another operation, Mukti Bahini ambushed Pakistani troops near Monoharpur and Koteswar, killing four of the enemy.

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RT-PCR tests at HSIA now likely

facilities that set up the rapid PCR airports. But none of the Bangladeshi labs at the airport are waiting on the UAE authorities to sign off on their standard operating procedures.

Asked about the government's slow response to setting up the rapid PCR are yet to re-join their workplaces and tests that saw many migrant workers' work visas expiré, he said: "The government gave its best effort to this

The Gulf state had imposed a flight ban from Bangladesh on May 12 following a huge spike in cases in the preceding weeks and the emergence of the highly transmissible Delta variant of the coronavirus.

While the ban was lifted on August 4, it came with a condition: a negative result from a PCR test done six hours before departure for

Such a rapid test result is possible Meanwhile, the six healthcare if there are testing facilities at the airports has them -- yet.

As a result, more than 20,000 UAE residents from Bangladesh, including migrant workers and professionals, risking losing their jobs.

testing facility at the Dhaka airport but the government's response has been slow-moving.

Of the 10 countries that require rapid PCR tests for entry to the UAE, only Bangladesh and Nigeria are yet to set up the testing facilities at the airports.

Last fiscal year, the expatriate Bangladeshis in the UAE accounted for about 10 percent of the \$24.8 billion of remittance the country received, according to data from the Bangladesh Bank.

For passengers travelling to the UAE passengers, two tests must be carried out before departure: one 48 hours before the flight and the other within six hours. The latter test will be conducted at the airport.

Initially, the six RT-PCR labs have The stranded expatriates had been been set up inside Terminal-1 of the demanding for speedy setup of the airport Later, those will be shifted to the designated space on the rooftop of the multi-storied car parking building of the airport.

On September 15, the expatriates' welfare ministry announced that based on the recommendations made by the health directorate, they have permitted seven healthcare facilities to set up labs at the HSIA.

However, one of the healthcare facilities later withdrew itself from the initiative.

Afghans at risk

DHAKA MONDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 2021, ASHWIN 12, 1428 BS

AFP from the UNFPA headquarters in

The doctor from Panama warned that women and girls would bear the worst of it.

"It is urgent, for women and girls in particular who were already suffering. This is one of the countries with the highest death during childbirth and pregnancy rates.

"We cannot underscore enough that even during a transitional period, women and girls have human rights and these are to be respected," she

Kanem repeated calls made by the international community to the Taliban, who swept to power last month as the United States withdrew its last troops, ending Washington's 20-year war there.

"The women of Afghanistan have made clear over years that they want their education, they want their health care, and that they're also ready, willing and able to design programs and to be able to lead in their communities, she said.

Taliban leaders have tried to portray the group as more moderate

than when it last ran Afghanistan from 1996 to 2001. Then, women were banned from school or work and

only allowed to leave home with a male chaperone. They have promised to change, saying they will respect women's

sharia law, but many remain sceptical. But not a single woman was appointed to the provisional government and the Islamists seem to be incrementally stripping away Afghans' freedoms.

rights within the framework of Islamic

Kanem notes that in a country ravaged by decades of conflict, many women, particularly in areas most affected by violence, are the sole breadwinners.

"We're all anxiously hoping that there will be regularity and ability of delivery of goods" to people in small communities where many of the UNPFA's staff are women, she said.

"We have said that we want to be able to maintain a functioning health

"(It's) pretty challenging right now with the airport having been closed, with certain professionals who have left the country," Kanem added.

BIWTA filling up the Turag

There is a V-shaped bend of the Turag river at Diabari point. A landing station was constructed around 150 feet inside the river's boundary demarcation pillars. A truck station has been set up there.

In a recent visit, it was noticed that BIWTA has kept filling the riverbank near the landing station.

Large jetties are being constructed near the landing station's south portion around 100 feet inside the river's boundary demarcation pillar no. 210, 211 and 212.

The demarcation pillars were set up by BIWTA and the Ministry of Shipping.

The BIWTA is also filling the river bank at the landing station's north portion to construct Eco-Park. Another jetty is being constructed

near Amin Bazar landing station around 150 feet inside the river boundary demarcation pillars no. 109, 110 and 111. Another landing station at Gabtoli

was constructed around 150 feet inside the demarcation pillar. Now, construction works for large jetties are ongoing on the north side of the landing station. Besides, a two-storied government

building has been constructed by the Department of Agricultural Marketing in the space between the landing station and the under-construction

Paribesh Bachao Contacted, Andolan Chairman Abu Naser Khan said large concrete structures like jetty would obstruct the natural water flow and public movement, he claimed.

There is a High Court directive that imposes a ban on the construction of any structure obstructing the natural flow of river water. Besides, such construction on the riverbank would encourage further encroachment, he added.

"In the case of road communication, we can see that parking spaces are being constructed by widening roads. Similarly, jetties should be constructed by widening rivers instead of filling it," Khan said.

Contacted, Bangladesh Poribesh Bachao Andolon General Secretary Sharif Jamil said constructions of such structures inside river boundary demarcation pillars are a violation of the High Court directive.

The Turag is on the verge of extinction due to the construction of such structures as landing stations and jetties, he viewed. Such government projects are

being undertaken for the interest of vested quarter and to legitimate other riverbank grabbers, said Jamil. He also demanded that the Anti-

Corruption Commission (ACC) should quiz the officials involved in such projects. BIWTA However,

Engineer Motiul Islam, also Dhaka's Circular Waterway Project's deputy chief director, denied the allegations of violating any HC directives.

The jetties are being constructed following the High Court directives that allow construction of jetties and walkways for goods transportation

Three dead, dozens injured after US train derailment

AFP, Washington

At least three people were killed and dozens more injured when a US train derailed Saturday afternoon in northern Montana, with rescuers rushing to safely evacuate everyone on board.

Around 141 passengers and 16 crew members were traveling from Chicago

towards the Pacific coast when eight of the 10 cars came off the tracks at around 4 pm (2200 GMT)

"We are deeply saddened to learn local authorities are now confirming that three people have lost their lives as a result of this accident," rail operator Amtrak said, adding that there were also "reported injuries".

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4	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)
5	Budget and Source of Fund	BASIC Bank's Own Fund
6	Tender Publication Date	27/09/2021
7	Tender Last Selling Date	13/10/2021 at 4.00 PM
8	Tender Submission Date & time	14/10/2021 at 3.00 PM
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Project that never

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Project director Md Abdullah Al Tariq said the work has been delayed due to the need to acquire additional land for the project.

"Seventy percent of the works are almost complete," at a cost of around Tk 158 crore, he said.

Fittingly, seizing the opportunity, some locals have turned the incomplete road and flyover into a cattle grazing field. During a visit to the area, this correspondent saw parts of the unfinished road filled with cow dung.

After months out in the open, the iron rods have caught This correspondent spoke to a guard at the spot. "Locals

don't pay heed to us when we ask them to take the cattle elsewhere," he lamented. Auto-rickshaw driver Shahidul Islam said, "The road

caused a lot of pain for years up to 2013, when the authorities began the works. But somehow, it's managed to get worse now.' Shahidul now needs to repair his auto-rickshaw almost

every week, due to the wear and tear the vehicle is subjected to by the uneven road. Though the project director has assured there's only a

few months of works left, and they'll be able to complete it in time, it remains to be seen whether that's actually the case, said locals.

Oldest bone tools

we have identified bone tools (this old) that were used to make clothing," Moroccan archaeologist Abdeljalil El Hajraoui said.

The international team discovered more than 60 tools in Contrebandiers (Smugglers) Cave, less than 20 kilometres (12 miles) from the North African country's They had been "intentionally shaped for specific tasks

that included leather and fur working", the team wrote in a study published in the journal iScience. The discovery could help answer questions on the origins of modern human behaviour, said El Hajraoui, a

researcher at the National Institute of Archaeology and

Cultural Heritage (INSAP). "Sewing is a behaviour that has lasted" since prehistory,

he told AFP. "Tools like those discovered in the cave were used for 30,000 years, which proves the emergence of collective memory.



পদ্মা অয়েল কোম্পানী লিমিটেড

(বাংলাদেশ পেট্রোলিয়াম কর্পোরেশনের একটি অঙ্গপ্রতিষ্ঠান)

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৩। বিদেশী কলেজ/বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় হতে অর্জিত ডিগ্রীর ক্ষেত্রে শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়/বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় মঞ্জুরী কমিশন হতে সমতুল্য মূল সনদ এবং ১ সেট ফটোকপি

মৌখিক পরীক্ষায় যথাসময়ে উপস্থিত থাকতে হবে। নির্ধারিত সময়ের পর উপস্থিত হলে কর্তৃপক্ষ মৌখিক পরীক্ষা গ্রহণে বাধ্য থাকবেনা

পদ্মা অয়েল কোম্পানী লিমিটেডে বর্তমান চুক্তিভিত্তিক হিসেবে কর্মরত প্রার্থীদের ক্ষেত্রে প্রমাণক দলিল। নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তির অন্যান্য সকল শর্তাবলী অপরিবর্তিত থাকবে।

প্রত্যেক প্রার্থীকে সরকার কর্তৃক নির্দেশিত স্বাস্থ্যবিধি পালনসহ আবশ্যিকভাবে মাস্ক পরিধানপূর্বক পরীক্ষাস্থলে উপ-মহাব্যবস্থাপক (মানবসম্পদ ও প্রশাসন

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