

# Charges against ex-minister’s

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unit Jubo League; Fahad bin Wazed Fahim alias Fahim, general secretary of Faridpur District Swechhhasabak League; Kamrul Hasan David, former joint convener of Faridpur town Jubo League; Mohammad Ali Minar, district Jubo League joint convener; and Tariqul Islam alias Nasim, Faridpur town Jubo League joint convener.  
Of them, Barkat, Rubel, Levi and Farhan are now in jail.  
After accepting the charges, Judge KM Emrul Kayesh of the Senior Special Judge’s Court of Dhaka issued arrest warrants against Babar, now vice-president of Faridpur district Awami League, and five others since they were shown as “fugitive accused” in the charge sheet.  
The judge directed the officer-in-charge of Faridpur Sadar Police Station to submit a report on the execution of arrest warrants issued against them by

October 13.  
On March 3, Uttam Kumar Biswas, the assistant superintendent of police of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of police and also the case’s investigation officer, submitted the charge sheet to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate’s court in Dhaka.  
SM Miraj Al Mahmud, a CID inspector, lodged the case with Kafrul Police Station against the two brothers under the Money Laundering Act on June 26 last year.  
According to the case statement, they amassed huge amounts of wealth after winning contracts from various government departments in the district through manipulation since 2010.  
They were allegedly involved in drug smuggling and land grabbing. The two became owners of around 23 buses, several trucks and cars.

# Nasa’s Lucy mission

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After receiving boosts from Earth’s gravity, Lucy will embark on a 12-year journey to eight different asteroids — one in the Main Belt between Mars and Jupiter and then seven Trojans.  
“Despite the fact that they really are in a very small region of space, they’re very physically different from one another,” Hal Levison, the mission’s principal scientist told reporters, about the Trojan asteroids, which number more than 7,000 in total.  
“For example, they have very different colors, some are grey, some are red,” he added, with the differences indicating how far away from the Sun they might have formed before assuming their present trajectory.  
“Whatever Lucy finds will give us

vital clues about the formation of our solar system,” added Lori Glaze, director of Nasa’s planetary science division.  
Lucy will fly by its target objects within 250 miles (400 kilometers) of their surfaces, and use its onboard instruments and large antenna to investigate their geology, including composition, mass, density and volume.  
The ship was built by Lockheed Martin and includes over two miles of wire and solar panels that, placed end-to-end, would be as tall as a five-story building.  
It will be the first solar-powered to venture this far from the Sun, and will observe more asteroids than any other spacecraft before it. The total mission cost is \$981 million.

# Network of illegal handsets

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The IMEI numbers are printed on the handset’s box. Buyers can also find it by dialling \*06#.   
The customer would be informed in reply whether the handset is legal or not.  
If anyone sells illegal handsets, the seller has to refund the price of the handset as per the customer’s claim, the telecom watchdog said, adding that legal action will be taken against the retailers of illegal handsets.  
Those who bought handsets abroad for personal use or received them as

gifts have been urged to register the handsets by visiting the website neir.btrc.gov.bd.  
There has been a drop in sales of illicit mobile phones after the NEIR technology was introduced, said Jakaria Shahid, the secretary-general of the Bangladesh Mobile Phone Importers’ Association.  
“It will benefit us further when the new technology programme starts in full swing on October 1,” he said.  
Bangladesh has 17.7 crore active mobile connections as of July, according to data from the BTRC.

# Snoring: Why it happens

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tractor noise we call snoring.  
One can snore due to many different harmless reasons: obesity, alcohol consumption, consuming prescribed sedatives, nasal congestion, pregnancy, etc. Although snoring is not a sign of anything major, sometimes it does appear as a symptom of Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA).  
OSA is a complication that occurs when, for some reasons, a person’s nasal airway gets obstructed. OSA often leads to loss of sleep. How would one know they suffer from OSA? Daytime drowsiness, teeth grinding and jaw clenching (also called bruxism), nocturia, lack of concentration can all be signs.  
How can one reduce snoring?

Contrary to popular belief, snoring can be reduced, managed, and almost be made to appear non-existent. Immediate remedies, without the intervention of a doctor, would have one reduce the level of alcohol or cigarette consumption. In addition, physical exercises always help.  
If one wishes to take it a step further, there are mouthpieces which aid the process of anti-snoring. Different types of mouth exercises can also help relax muscles and reduce snoring. But if it gets too much to bear, and you wake up from your own snoring, seeking professional help will be a good idea.  
For now, however, just hope your partner is a deep sleeper or has a pair of earbuds.

# US warns Bosnian Serb leader over secession threats

AFP, SARAJEVO

The United States warned yesterday that Bosnian Serb threats to secede from Bosnia violated a 1990s peace deal and would only lead to “isolation and economic despair.”  
The warning came just days after the Serb member of Bosnia’s tripartite presidency, Milorad Dodik, said that Bosnian Serbs want to form their own army within a few months.  
But US diplomat Gabriel Escobar told Dodik that “threats of secession and rolling back reforms to state level institutions” breached the Washington-brokered deal that ended Bosnia’s 1990s war, the US embassy in Sarajevo tweeted.  
Such threats offer “Republika Srpska citizens nothing but isolation and economic despair”, said Escobar, the US deputy assistant secretary for the Western Balkans.  
Since the end of the 1992-1995 war Bosnia consists of two semi-

independent halves -- the Serbs’ Republika Srpska and the Muslim-Croat Federation.  
They are linked by weak central institutions, including a presidency and a joint army.  
Dodik has frequently called for secession of the Republika Srpska, arguing that Bosnia was an “experiment by the international community” and an “impossible, imposed country”.  
On Monday, he said Bosnian Serbs wanted to form their own army “within a few months”, in a move that could further exacerbate a political crisis that erupted in July with the boycott of the country’s main political institutions by the Serbs.  
Dodik said recently that the Republika Srpska could proclaim independence within six months if Bosnia doesn’t abolish institutions formed after the peace treaty was signed -- like a joint army and justice system.

# Norway to shut its last Arctic coal mine in 2023

AFP, Oslo

Norway will in 2023 shut its last coal mine in Svalbard, its operator said yesterday, drawing to a close more than a century of prospecting by Oslo in this Arctic archipelago.  
Mine 7 will close in September 2023 after authorities in Longyearbyen, the archipelago’s capital, terminated a contract to supply the local power plant, the Store Norske mining company announced.

The closure won’t spell the end of all mining in this snow-drenched place north of the Arctic Circle, as a Russian company continues to extract coal there, keeping a strategic presence in the Arctic.  
“The purpose of Mine 7 is to supply coal to the power plant in Longyearbyen. Now that the coal supply agreement has been terminated, there is no longer any reason to operate the mine,” Store Norske’s director Jan Morten Ertsaas said in a statement.



PHOTO: AFP

A health worker inoculates a student with a dose of the Pfizer vaccine against the Covid-19 coronavirus at a school in Lahore, Pakistan yesterday, after the government began a drive to vaccinate children aged 12 and above.

# Bangladesh positive of quick start

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the regional football extravaganza by itself for the first time although they had been co-hosts with Sri Lanka in 2008. They celebrated that occasion by lifting the maiden trophy before making doubling their titles in the last edition in Dhaka in 2018.  
Interestingly, the 13th edition of the tournament is going to be held in a round-robin format for just the second time in the tournament’s 28-year history after Bhutan decided not to take part citing the Covid-19 pandemic. The only other time was during the inaugural edition held in 1993 with the participation of only four teams -- seven-time champions India, one-time champion Sri Lanka, Nepal and Pakistan.  
The appointment of interim coach Oscar Bruzon has brought an attacking vibe to the Bangladesh team, who are now looking to come out of the defensive shell they maintained under former coach Jamie Day. The team’s adaptation to the new playing style can be gauged in their opening match against Sri Lanka although

Bangladesh’s record in the last four iterations of the SAFF Championship has been poor, with elimination from the group stages each time.  
“We had a week of preparation and I think we have the maximum level of confidence to make a winning start to this beautiful SAFF Championship. Talking about playing the final is not reality because we are the second-bottom team in the tournament in terms of FIFA ranking. Our initial rivals tomorrow are Sri Lanka and we are looking forward to a good start in the opening match,” Bangladesh coach Oscar Bruzon said at the pre-match conference. “I want to feel that our team is ranked top 10 in the world. That feeling does not coming from me. It is felt among all players.”  
Captain Jamal Bhuiyan echoed Brunzon’s sentiments.  
“We want to start the tournament in a positive way and play 90 minutes of possession football. I hope we can do very well against Sri Lanka. The main goal is to get three points tomorrow [Friday],” Jamal said.  
Like Bangladesh, Sri Lanka have

also been going through the lean patch and seeking greener pastures under the guidance of Bosnia-born Australian Amir Alagic, who shrugged off the pressure by saying that he wants the side to show improvement following a 5-0 drubbing at the hands of South Korea in a World Cup qualifier in June.  
However, Sri Lanka captain Sujan Perera is eager to make a good start by beating Bangladesh in the opening match.  
“We haven’t come here for a vacation, we came to play football and do our best. The Bangladesh game will be a final for us because every game is a final. It is like a big opportunity,” Sujan said at the pre-tournament press conference yesterday.  
Bangladesh have never lost to Sri Lanka in the SAFF Championship, beating the Islanders 1-0 in 2008 and 2-1 in 2009. The men in red and green are also ahead of Sri Lanka in terms of the head-to-head count, with 11 wins, two draws and four losses.

# Podgorny for equitable solution

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ASGHAR KHAN WANTS CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT  
Former air chief of Pakistan, Air Marshal Asghar Khan demanded restoration of civilian government in the four provinces of West Pakistan. Addressing a news conference in Dhaka today, Asghar Khan said if the recent general amnesty offer by President Yahya Khan was applied to all Awami League members of the still-born National Assembly and Provincial Assembly, there would be no need to hold by-elections. He accused the peace committees in East Pakistan of harassing the villagers. He

said the committees were making the life of the villagers difficult.  
ON THE WAR FRONT  
Two Pakistani soldiers were killed today when a mine laid by Mukti Bahini in Birisiri-Bijoypur area exploded, while another party of Mukti Bahini engaged Pakistani troops with mortars near Bandarkata, killing five Pakistani soldiers. On the same day, Mukti Bahini blew up one Pakistani truck on Phulpur-Haluaghat road of Mymensingh district.  
In a joint raid on Pakistani troops near Puttiachara, Sreemangal, Mukti Bahini today killed three enemy soldiers and wounded one.

Mukti Bahini also demolished the railway track between Dhaka and Mymensingh.  
In the Rangpur-Dinajpur-Rajshahi sector, Mukti Bahini today raided Pakistani troops’ position near Nayadighi area. They killed one enemy soldier and wounded two.  
Mukti Bahini raided Pakistan army position near Balla. They also attacked the enemy reinforcement moving from Ashrampara to Balla. In that action, 25 enemy soldiers were killed and eight wounded.  
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# Armenia detains wartime ex-defence minister over graft

AFP, Yerevan

Armenia has detained on corruption charges the former defence minister who headed the country’s military during last year’s disastrous war with Azerbaijan, officials said yesterday.  
Last autumn Armenia’s armed conflict with Azerbaijan over the disputed Nagorno-Karabakh region claimed more than 6,500 lives and saw Yerevan cede swathes of territory it had controlled for decades.  
The war sparked harsh criticism of Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan, with opposition parties accusing him of failing to prepare the army for possible large-scale hostilities and betraying national interests by agreeing to a humiliating truce.  
Critics say Armenian armed

forces were ill-equipped and lacked knowledge of modern warfare, while corrupt officials made a fortune on arms procurement contracts.  
Armenia’s state security service yesterday announced the detention of former defence minister David Tonoyan for alleged “abuse of office, forgery, and embezzlement while procuring weapons for the country’s armed forces.”  
Tonoyan, 53, was appointed defence minister in 2018 and resigned shortly after the six-week war.  
He is suspected of misappropriating some \$4.7 million, the security service said, adding that “many more former and serving military officials” were being investigated for similar offences.  
Ethnic Armenian separatists in

Nagorno-Karabakh broke away from Azerbaijan as the Soviet Union collapsed, and the ensuing conflict claimed around 30,000 lives.  
At the time, Armenians took control of the enclave as well as seven nearby districts of Azerbaijan -- some 20 percent of the country’s national territory.  
A fresh war erupted last September and saw the technologically superior Azerbaijani military rout Armenian forces with Turkey’s backing.  
The war ended in November with a Russian-brokered truce under which Yerevan ceded parts of Karabakh and all of the surrounding districts.  
Moscow has deployed some 2,000 peacekeepers in the area to oversee the ceasefire.

# Man killed

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haul was being trafficked to Bangladesh from Myanmar via the Ukhaia border.  
“At the time, BGB members saw a group of four or five people approaching from Myanmar’s border area and ordered them to stop,” he said.  
“The group split up and started shooting at BGB members. In self-defence, BGB men also fired back. At one point, the attackers retreated and fled through the mountains towards Myanmar,” he said.  
Later, BGB members searched the spot and found an unidentified person lying on the ground with a bullet wound. When he was taken to Ukhaia Upazila Health Complex, the duty doctor declared him dead, the battalion commander said.  
The body was sent to Cox’s Bazar District Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy yesterday morning. The BGB is preparing to file a case in this regard with Ukhaia Police Station, he added.

# Teacher Farhana

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The respondents are the university VC, registrar, Farhana herself, assistant proctors, and teachers of the history department Rajib Odhikary and Jannatul Ferdous Mun, said writ petitioner’s lawyer Mohammad Humayun Kabir Pallob.  
The HC bench of Justice Md Mozibur Rahman Miah and Justice Md Kamrul Hossain Mollah issued the order and rule.  
Deputy Attorney General Nawroz MR Chowdhury represented the state during hearing of the petition.

# Increase food

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Right to Food Bangladesh chairperson Dr Qazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmad said the government must increase its rice storage capacity up to three million tonnes by this year and 10 million tonnes by 2030 to wield effective control over the market.  
The government should take pragmatic steps to control the influence of “middlemen”, he said.  
Underscoring the need for modernising the agriculture system, Kholiquzzaman, also chairman of Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF), suggested that the government provide farmers with high quality seeds, fertilisers, and equipment at a reasonable price to increase production.  
Food Minister Sadhan Chandra Majumder said, “We could not collect adequate amounts of aman rice in the last season due to the pandemic and floods. This is why we had to import rice to control the market.”  
“We will provide farmers with moisture meters so that they can store their produce properly,” he said, adding that the government will install 200 paddy silos to increase storage capacities.  
In his keynote speech, Shahanuare Shaid Shahin, general secretary of Bangladesh Agricultural Journalists’ Forum and senior reporter of Daily Bonik Barta, said dependency on imports has gone up in recent years, even though the production of rice and other crops have increased.

# NGOs lag behind

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government organisations but also in development organisations.  
He highlighted that the media must play a watchdog’s role in terms of discussing the challenges of proactive disclosure of information.  
Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF) executive director Shaheen Anam said, “We could not achieve the purpose for which this law has been enacted. We should work together with the Information Commission and make the RTI Forum stronger.”  
Information Commissioner Suraiya Begum ndc, and Sirajul Hossain, innovation advisor of Dnet, among others, spoke at the event, moderated by MJF’s Marium Ul Muhtara.

# Bangladesh one

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of life.  
These five pillars are: internet affordability, internet quality, electronic infrastructure, electronic security and electronic government.  
These pillars consist of 14 (two more than last year) indicators that are interrelated and work together to measure the overall digital quality of life.

# Tornado damages Australian homes, power lines

AFP, Sydney

A tornado ploughed through a rural area west of Sydney yesterday, damaging homes and scarring a tract of countryside.  
The tornado damaged “houses, power lines and trees” near the town of Bathurst, the weather bureau said.  
“We have indications of damage over a 25 to 30-kilometre line, running roughly northwest,” it added.

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Hereby invite tenders from the Supplier/Vendors of Good Neighbors Bangladesh for 2021 FY for the Procurement of the C-Section Medical Equipment Procurement, Supply and Setup for the project area as per terms and conditions stated below:

Package No	Name of Works	Tender security (BDT)
KOICA-GNB-CHW-P/2021/002	C-SECTION MEDICAL EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT, SUPPLY AND SETUP	3,00,000/=

**1. Client**

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**2. Funder**

Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA)

**3. Implementer**

KOICA-CHW Project office, T&T Road/Melagachi, P.O: Setabganj, P.S: Bochaganj, Dinajpur.

**4. Date, time and place of the bid conference**

No Bid Conference for COVID-19 Situation  
But On-Phone call /Physical bidding will be held for primary selected Vendors.

**5. Tender Duration and Tender details**

Date: 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 to 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021/untill BDT-05:00 PM  
For Tender Details visit: <https://shorturlLat/diFIL>  
Date: 16<sup>th</sup> October 2021(15 Days After Publication)  
Time: 5:00 PM (BDT)

**6. Last date, time and place of receiving tender ( Hard Copy)**

Place: KOICA-CHW Project office, T&T Road/Melagachi, P.O: Setabganj, P.S: Bochaganj, Dinajpur. Office Map : <https://shorturlLat/kruzT>

**7. Date, and time for opening tender**

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> October 2021 Time: 10:00 am  
(Tender will be opened by Office Tender Evaluation/Procrutment Committee due to having COVID-19 situation)

**8.**

The tender shall be valid for a period of 15 days after the tender opening and must be accompanied by the tender security specified above. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons whatsoever. Interested tenderers may obtain further information from the undersigned in favour of the Project Authority of KOICA-GNB CHW Project of GNB from the places mentioned above. The tenderer or their authorized representatives are allowed to visit our link to collect details of tender and tender documents- <https://shorturlLat/diFIL>  
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- Vendors must have capacity for Procurement, Delivery, Supply & Packaging in Due Time & Place
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- Liquid asset by tender publish date to submission date duration (7) Seven lac at any Government approval bank.
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- Payment Method: A/C Payee Cheque, Full payment after delivery within 15 days, No advance payment allowed.
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