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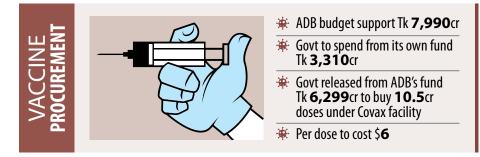


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Budget boosted for jab campaign

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Govt raises allocation to Tk 17,000cr this FY for Covid vaccines as it secures supply of 24cr doses



REJAUL KARIM BYRON and WASIM BIN HABIB

The government will spend an estimated Tk 17,000 crore this fiscal year to procure Covid-19 vaccines as it has secured access to around 24 crore doses from multiple sources

The amount, which includes transportation and other costs associated with administering the jabs, exceeds the 2021-22 fiscal year's allocation of Tk 14,200 crore for vaccination.

funds include loans from The development partners. The government will readjust the allocation at the end of this fiscal year, according to officials of the finance and health ministries.

The finance ministry earlier this month

released Tk 6,299 crore (\$741 million) of Tk 7,990 crore (\$940 million) it received from the Asian Development Bank to buy 10.5 crore doses from two Chinese drug makers under the Covax facility.

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Of the doses, around 7.5 crore shots will be procured from Beijing-based biopharmaceutical company Sinovac while the rest will be from Sinopharm, a Chinese state-owned company, finance ministry officials said.

The vaccines will start coming to Bangladesh from next month. By December, we hope to get all the 10.5 crore doses," a top official of the ministry told The Daily Star, preferring anonymity.

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ROHINGYA LEADER MOHIB ULLAH KILLING

Admission seekers at an exam hall at Dhaka University's Curzon Hall before the start of the undergraduate entrance exam yesterday morning. The university for the first time held the exam in all eight divisions of the country amid the pandemic. Story on page 3

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Rabindra Univ

Agitation

Closure no

solution

Students say they

want permanent

removal of teacher

Farhana

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

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Caught between fear and distrust

MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA and Mohammad Ali Jinnat

Life in Lambashia Rohingya camp in Ukhia appeared normal. People roaming here and there. Grocers busy with customers. Kids playing on the street. Youths gossiping and watching videos on their smartphones.

But beneath this regular life, there was an underlying fear and distrust. To feel this unease, one only needs to spend a little while at the camp that still reels from the shock of the killing of Rohingya leader Mohib Ullah.

Where shall we seek justice?

Wife of slain Rohingya leader asks in an exclusive interview with The Daily Star



Viewers vexed as foreign TV channels blocked

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

As the country's cable operators stopped broadcasting foreign TV channels yesterday, viewers expressed anger as they were unable to watch their favourite shows

According to a government decision, programmes with advertisements on foreign channels cannot be shown in Bangladesh

Information and Minister Broadcasting Mahmud Hasan on Thursday said mobile courts would be conducted to implement ad-free (clean feed) broadcast of foreign

IV channels from October



demonstrations seeking her permanent expulsion. They confined the ac

Everyone would just start walking with heads down when asked why it happened or who might be the killers. These correspondents tried to talk to at least 50 people and most of them declined to say anything on the record.

They would, however, recall how great a leader Mohib was and what the camp dwellers lost because of this tragedy.

"If Mohib was spared, the Rohingyas would have been able to return to their motherland one day," said a 50-year-old man while preparing to offer Juma prayers.

He requested not to disclose his identity, as "spies of the criminals were everywhere.

Mohib Ullah, 48-year-old chairman of the Arakan Rohingya Society for Peace and Human Rights, was killed by gunmen at his office Wednesday night.

His brother Habib Ullah filed a case with Ukhia Police Station against 20-30 unnamed people on Thursday night, said Ahmed Sanjur Morshed, officer-in-charge of the station.

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MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA and MOHAMMAD ALI JINNAT

Rohingya leader Mohib Ullah came home in Lambashia camp in Ukhia after his Esha pravers on Wednesday night. His wife, Nasima, asked him whether he wanted to eat something.

Mohib nodded and smiled as he went to change his clothes. Nasima then gave him three rotis with some curry, and a fruit. As he finished his dinner, Nasima gave him a betel leaf.

Mohib, the leading voice for the rights of Rohingya people, would be assassinated in less than 10 minutes next to their home.

"We don't want justice. Where shall we seek justice?" Nasima asked between sobs as she spoke

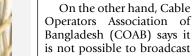
to the correspondents inside the tiny bamboo shack where Mohib lived with Nasima, their eight children, and his elderly mother.

These correspondents waited for an hour to meet Nasima amid tight security measures by the Armed Police Battalion.

The woman in her early 40s was wearing a traditional Rakhine dress covering half her face. Their eldest daughter Shamima soon joined her. The grieving mother and daughter looked scared.

Sitting in the poorly-lit room with little ventilation and no fan, Nasima said she saw three of the gunmen. They were young, wearing lungi and had no face coverings.

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"Local media industry will be benefited if advertisements are not aired on foreign channels." foreign channels by cutting INFORMATION MINISTER advertisements. So they HASAN MAHMUD

have stopped the broadcast. This has left viewers angered.

"I spend my weekend watching sports and international news... I'm not finding any entertaining programmes in the channels now," said Taposh Barua, an official of a private company.

"I'm an avid football fan and like me there are thousands of people who love the game. We'll miss the sports," he said.

vice chancellor and several officials to the university's administrative building yesterday to press home their demand.

"Closing the university is not the solution. We want her [Farhana's] permanent removal," one of the agitators, told The Daily Star. Another student,

Roksana Rafa of cultural heritage and Bangladesh studies department, said the university closed its academic and administrative activities to tame the demonstrations, SEE PAGE 2 COL 1

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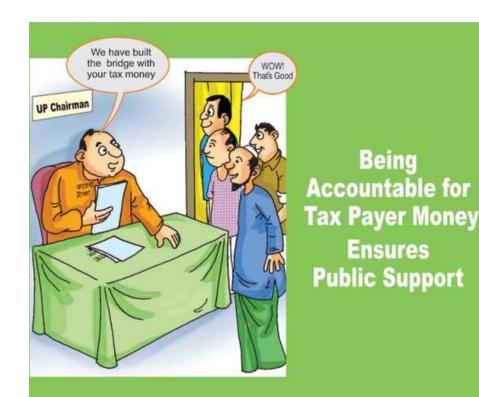
"SAY NOT IN GRIEF 'HE IS NO MORE" BUT IN THANKFULNESS THAT 'HE WAS'."



Iftekhar Uddin Ahmed (Ifti) (August 27th 1950 - October 2nd 2015) Founding Chairman, Bonanza Group of Companies & Raj Overseas Ltd.

The memories of your calm strength, your indelible smile, and your unflinching fortitude guide us through these trying times.

> We ask all friends and family to remember him in their prayers.





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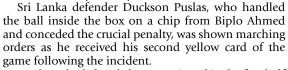


Topu Barman celebrates his all-important goal.

Booters off to winning start

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Topu Barman's calmly converted spot-kick in the 56th minute helped Bangladesh off to a winning start in their SAFF Championship campaign as the men in red and green beat Sri Lanka 1-0 at the National Stadium in the Maldives yesterday.



Duckson had already been cautioned in the first half for a reckless challenge.

Maldives

15,56,758

NEWS

27,531

4,801,936

Deaths

BANGLADESH UPDATE 847 New c Total cases New cases in 24hrs 48 killed in custody, 'gunfights'

Finds ASK report covering Jan-Sept

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Forty-eight people died in custody of law enforcement agencies and in "gunfights" in the first nine months of this year, said rights body Ain o Salish Kendro yesterday.

Of them, 34 were killed in so-"crossfire", "gunfight", called "exchange of fire" or "encounters" with law enforcement agencies, nine in firing, while four from torture by law enforcement agencies. Besides, one died of a heart attack after being arrested as claimed by police, according to an ASK report.

The report, prepared based on the news run by different national dailies, said a journalist was shot dead while 154 others became victims of torture, attacks, cases and harassment during the period.

The rights body said incidents of rape, sexual harassment and violence against women, torture and acid throwing increased in the nine months compared to the corresponding period last year.

the chairman of the Arakan Rohingya

Society for Peace and Human Rights.

He was shot dead around 8:30pm on

Wednesday inside his bamboo-fenced

is just steps away from the house, was

under lock and key yesterday.

standing in front of the house.

Myanmar, said Nasima.

running here and there.

from the house].

The 30 feet by 10 feet office, which

Recalling the fateful evening,

Nasima said soon after his dinner,

some of Mohib's followers came to

see him. They were talking to him

days were coming as repatriation

could take place soon and every

Rohingya should be ready to go to

office to continue the conversation.

Mohib then asked them to go to the

"In just five minutes, I heard the

gunshots. I thought it was from the

main street [around 100 feet away

stepped outside and saw people

office when she fell to the ground after

an unknown man kicked her, she said.

Eighteen-year-old Shamima then

She was about to go to Mohib's

Mohib told his followers that good

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office.

At least 1,085 women were raped in the last nine months. Of them, 203 were gang-raped, 39 were killed after being raped while eight died by suicide after being raped. Besides, 256 attempted rape incidents were reported during the period, found the report.

In the corresponding period last year, at least 975 women were raped, according to the report.

ASK further said 101 women became victims of sexual harassment in the nine months this year. Ten of them died by suicide while three were killed.

The report found that 71 men came under attack for protesting sexual harassment of women and four of them were killed. Besides, 527 women became victims of family violence. Of them, 303 were killed.

It said 182 women were tortured for dowry, including 60 killed. A total of 38 domestic helps were tortured and 12 of them were killed, the report mentioned.



15,16,901

Recoveries

GLOBAL

Family members of former Army and Air Force men, who were hanged, jailed and sacked in the name of preventing a mutiny on October 2, 1977, form a human chain in front of the old Dhaka Central Jail yesterday, demanding posthumous trial of late president Ziaur Rahman. PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Budget boosted for jab campaign

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Each dose would cost around \$6, said the official.

Besides, the country is expected to get three crore doses of the singledose Johnson & Johnson vaccine under the Covax facility by the first quarter of next year. The vaccine will be purchased using the World Bank funds, said finance ministry sources.

The government initially sought seven crore doses of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, called Janssen, but Covax primarily agreed to three crore doses.

The Covax facility is a global initiative coordinated by the World Health Organization, the Vaccine Alliance Gavi, and the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations. The facility is working to ensure that low- and middle-income countries have equitable access to Covid-19 vaccines.

Other than the global arrangement, the government also secured 10.7 crore doses through bilateral arrangements. Of the doses, 7.7 crore will be purchased from Sinopharm and the rest will be from Serum Institute of India (SII).

The government has already paid Tk 3,310 crore from the government's own fund for this purpose.

"We have set aside an estimated Tk 4,250 crore for logistics like buying syringes and administering the jabs,"

eventually lowered the age bar to 18 years to include university students.

In November last year, the vaccine from various sources, government had signed a tripartite according to the health directorate. deal with SII and its local distributor for purchasing 3 crore doses of the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine in phases from January to June.

But the country suffered frequent hiccups in its mass inoculation campaigns, mainly due to shortage of doses caused by a yawning gap between supply commitments and actual delivery.

Serum delivered 70 lakh doses in two shipments in January and February, but stopped shipment last two weeks after the Delta variant since then as Covid cases surged in

Besides, the government is yet to get a quarter of the 6.8 crore free doses that Covax promised to deliver by June this year. Uncertainty remains over whether the global facility would be able to keep its commitment to supply all the doses by December this vear.

and Covax led to suspension of administering the first dose of the 7.9 LAKH DOSES FROM vaccine on April 26.

in from the US, China and Japan, Germany today, reports UNB.

In phases, the government year," said a finance ministry official. Bangladesh has so far received more than five crore doses of different

> Around 3.33 crore people have gotten their first doses while around 1.69 crore people have received both doses as of September 30, according

to data from the directorate. Around 12.77 percent of the target -- inoculating 80 percent of the total population aged 18 and above -- has been met so far.

Bangladesh has been witnessing a gradual decline in the number of Covid deaths and infections over the of the virus ravaged the country in June and July.

The number of deaths shot up to over 200 a day at that time and remained above 100 a day for several weeks. However, deaths from the deadly virus have been declining steadily, and came down to 21 in the 24 hours till 8:00am yesterday.

The total death count stands at The dearth in supply from SII 27,531, said a press release issued by the DGHS.

GERMANY TO ARRIVE TODAY Gradually, however, the situation The country will receive 7.9 lakh more improved as supplies started coming doses of AstraZeneca vaccine from

helping the government to resume A cargo flight of Qatar Airlines administering the first dose on June carrying the vaccine doses will land at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport around 5:00pm, said officials at the health ministry.



234,841,335

Total cases

PM returns home from US Bss, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina returned home last night from Washington DC via Helsinki wrapping up her US visit to attend the 76th United Nations General Assembly and other high level side events.

"A VVIP chartered flight of Biman Bangladesh Airlines carrying the premier and her entourage members reached the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport at 11:15pm," PM's Press Secretary Ihsanul Karim told BSS.

After a brief stopover in Helsinki, the flight departed the Vantaa International Airport at 10:55am (local time) for Dhaka.

Ambassador of Bangladesh in Finland (non-resident) Md Nazmul Islam saw the PM off at the airport.

Earlier, the flight departed the Dallas International Airport in Washington DC for Helsinki at 5:27pm on Thursday (Washington DC time).

Bangladesh Ambassador to the US M Shahidul Islam saw the premier off at the airport.

The PM reached New York on September 19 to attend the UNGA after a two-day stopover in Helsinki.

During her stay in New York from September 19 to 24, she joined the UNGA at the UN Headquarters and some high level side events.

Hasina on September 25 left New York for Washington DC.

UN, US condemn killing of Mohib Ullah

REUTERS, Washington

The United Nations and the United States on Thursday spoke out over the killing of Rohingya leader Mohib Ullah and called on Bangladeshi authorities to investigate his shooting.

Mohib Ullah, who was in his late 40s, was killed by unknown gunmen in a camp in Cox's Bazar on Wednesday night.

He led one of the largest of several community groups to emerge since more than 730,000 Rohingya Muslims fled Myanmar after a military crackdown in August 2017.

"The UN urges the Bangladeshi authorities to undertake an investigation and to hold those responsil

Where shall we seek justice? even after the assailants were gone, "I don't know any of them... They she alleged. were wielding the guns," said Nasima. Born in 1974, Mohib Ullah was

"He had confidence and trust in

Mohib spent most of his time for the community rather than his family, she said, he was a meritorious student and completed graduation from

"I studied upto class eight. I am from a town called Akyab. When he went there for higher studies, he came into close contact with our family and we got married."

restricted the movement of Rohingyas in Akyab, they could no longer go there.

no relatives here [in the refugee camp] from my side.

in Myanmar, but the international to Bangladesh.

"None of our family members or his brothers are capable [of being leaders]. I will not take any leadership role

At this point, Shamima said, "We want nothing but safety. We want the "I stood up and entered the office safety of my family. We don't want justice. I want my father's dream to be fulfilled." As these correspondents were leaving, Mohib's eight-year-old daughter Afnan was seen looking for her father, peeping into her father's office.

Mohib believed that no Rohingya would ever harm him, she said.

his community because he fought for them throughout his life.

Akyab College in Myanmar.

After the Myanmar government

"My parents are still there. I have

Mohib was a Rohingya leader recognition came after they travelled

India.

only to see my father lying on the floor in a pool of blood. I lifted his head up. His mouth was open and eyes closed."

Nasima then said there were around 10-12 people with her husband, but they ran away after the gunmen opened fire.

forward to take Mohib to the hospital

"Where has my father gone? When None of Mohib's followers came would he come back?" asked the mentally challenged girl.



Deceased Rohingya leader Mohib Ullah's wife Nasima, left, and daughter Shamima speak to The Daily Star at their home in Lambashia camp of Cox's Bazar yesterday. The family members are struggling to come to terms with his death. PHOTO: STAR

Closure no solution

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but the move put the students in uncertainty.

"We wanted [Farhana's] expulsion, not the university's closure," she said.

On September 26, the teacher asked university employees to cut the hair of male students who had long hair before they are allowed to enter examination halls.

She then herself cut the hair of many students, said the agitators.

Unable to bear the humiliation, one of the students tried to die by suicide, sparking protests.

A probe committee later found proof that she had indeed cut the students' hair against their will.

"We examined the university's CCTV footage which clearly shows Farhana Yeasmin Baten cutting the students' hair," said Laila Fardous Himel, chairman of Rabindra Studies department and the head of the fivemember probe committee.

Amid the student protest, Farhana

announced stepping down as the head of the Department of History, Culture and Bangladesh Studies of the university.

On Thursday night, the university called an urgent meeting of its syndicate, which decided to close down the university and suspended Farhana

Yesterday, the students besieged the acting VC, Prof Abdul Latif, and university officials to the building for hours.

Contacted, Rawshon Alom, acting proctor, said, "Students are continuing their demonstrations because they don't seem to understand the reality.

"The university authorities called an urgent syndicate meeting and took action against the teacher. A probe committee has already been investigating the incident. After getting the probe report, the university will take further action. We urge the students to have patience."

said the finance ministry official.

Moreover, the country will get five crore free vaccine doses from Covax by the end of this year, he added.

Bangladesh started the mass vaccination programme on February 7 this year for people aged 65 and above with 70 lakh Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine shots, produced by SII.

Yesterday, the Armed Police Battalion

detained Md Selim alias Lomba

Selim, 27-year-old Rohingya man, on

suspicion of involvement in the killing.

entire community," said Syed Alam, a

neighbour of Mohib, talking to these

correspondents in front of the slain

Rohingya leader's office, guarded by

He said 10-12 people were present

nearby when the killers attacked

Mohib but everyone went into hiding

number, are everywhere," he said,

without mentioning any name. "It

is distrust. We cannot trust anyone

"The criminals, though few in

members of Armed Police Battalion.

"It is an irreparable loss for the

19 on a limited scale, and gradually expand in scale from that point.

The government has now planned to inoculate on a massive scale in the coming months to make up for lost time.

would be inoculated by this fiscal consignment.

Mohib had received death threats

several times but he never gave up

and worked for the repatriation of the

refugees. "Now all our efforts to return

A top official of law enforcement

agencies wishing not to be named

said Rohingyas are tight-lipped about

the incident. "No one trusts anyone.

Everyone keeps mum. The killers left

the place when there were hundreds

of people in the area, but everyone

brothers and dedicated his entire life

"He was our only ray of hope,"

said Ahmed Ullah, younger brother of

for the Rohingya community.

Mohib was eldest among the four

to Burma seem pointless."

Caught between fear and distrust

was silent."

Mohib.

German Ambassador to Bangladesh Achim Troster and Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) Senior "We are confident that a large Secretary Lokman Hossain Miah will portion of the country's population be present at the airport to receive the

harmed anyone -- then why was he

He added at least 12 people were

present when Mohib was attacked. If

they came forward, his brother might

recognised Rohingya voices. He came

to Bangladesh in 2017 when about

700,000 Rohingyas fled Myanmar

amid a violent crackdown by the

after a group led by him organised a

Geneva to address the UN Human

Rights Council and to the White

House, where he spoke with the then

president Trump as part of a meeting

with survivors of religious persecution.

huge rally in the camp in 2019.

He attained widespread recognition

Later that year, he was invited to

Mohib was one the most

killed?'

have survived.

Myanmar army.

account," UN spokesperson Stephanie Tremblay told a press briefing in New York on Thursday.

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said he was "saddened and disturbed" by Mohib Ullah's murder, calling him 'a brave and fierce advocate for the human rights of Rohingya Muslims around the world".

"We urge a full and transparent investigation into his death with the goal of holding the perpetrators of this heinous crime accountable," Blinken said in a statement.

Booters

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Playing in front of a crowd mostly made up of Bangladeshi expatriates, the men in red and green dominated the game with 58 per cent ball possession. However, Bangladesh, sitting 16 places above Sri Lanka in FIFA ranking, suffered in finishing, losing the ball in the final third often and having only four out of 20 shots on target.

Topu, however, came close to outting the booters ahead just minutes before referee blew the whistle for half-time. The Bashundhara Kings centre-back's well-timed header off a cross from left-back Yeasin Arafat forced a fingertip save from Sri Lanka goalkeeper Sujan Perera.

Ten-men Sri Lanka produced a few attacks near the end of the game but none could trouble Bangladesh stopper Anisur Rahman Zico.

Bangladesh will face seven-time India in their next game on Monday at the same venue.

UN reports 'unprecedented' malnutrition in Tigray AFP, Addis Ababa

The UN warned of "unprecedented" malnutrition among pregnant and lactating women in Ethiopia's war-hit Tigray region, in a report published hours after the government sparked outrage by expelling senior UN officials.

The latest situation report from the UN's humanitarian coordination office, posted online late Thursday, also described "alarming" malnutrition among children as fears of mass starvation grow nearly 11 months after northern Ethiopia erupted in conflict.

Viewers vexed as foreign TV channels blocked

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There is a good number of fans of foreign soap operas in the country. They have also expressed fury over the decision.

The section 19 of Cable Television Network Operation Act, 2006 put embargoes on operators in broadcasting advertisement to local viewers through foreign channels.

Though COAB has stopped the broadcast, Akash subscribers were able to watch foreign channels. Akash is a direct-to-home service introduced by Beximco.

Contacted, Zahidul Karim, public relations officer, BEXIMCO Holdings Limited said, "BEXIMCO group and its subsidiaries are compliant of all government rules and regulations, so Akash DTH has already taken steps to block all foreign channels one by one which don't comply with government directives."

"Akash authorities assure all

responsible media outlets that by country's economy, media industry, tonight, all non-compliant channels blocked until further directives from the government comes," he added.

Meanwhile, Association of Channel Owners Television Association (ATCO) and Broadcast Journalist Centre (BJC) welcomed the government's move for banning programmes with advertisements on foreign channels.

Speaking at a programme on the celebration of the 22nd anniversary of Channel i, the information minister said several thousand crore taka are being invested in foreign channels since the operators do not implement clean feed.

"Local media industry will be benefited if advertisements are not aired on foreign channels. Country's economy will get a boost," said Hasan Mahmud.

The minister also said the

artists and culture have been harmed will be blocked and will remain in want of clean feed. That is why the decision has been taken, reads a press release.

SM Anwar Parvez, founding president of COAB, said foreign channels that broadcast programmes with advertisements cannot be shown in the country as per government guidelines and so they have stopped broadcasting those.

He said if the government gives any new instructions or takes steps in future, then they will take action accordingly.

In its statement, BJC said though there was an embargo mentioned in the act, no measures were taken to implement it.

The government move will lessen the financial crisis of local television channels. Alongside the owners, media staffers will be benefited as well," it reads.

anymore. If Mohib's life is not secure, "With his killing, our hopes and then whose life is? aspirations also got killed. He never

in fear.

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BY IHTISHAM KABIR



Chabert's Vanga, Andasibe, Madagascar.

PHOTO: IHTISHAM KABIR

Madagascar's Treasures

n Madagascar, nine out of ten species of flora and fauna are endemic. That is, they are found in Madagascar and nowhere else. When looking through photographs from a trip in 2017, I am vividly reminded of this fact.

The fourth largest island in the world, Madagascar evolved several ecosystems and numerous species after breaking away from Africa approximately 160 million years ago. It would take years for a nature photographer to do justice to its wealth of flora and fauna.

A mountain range running northsouth through its middle divides Madagascar into several climate zones: wet in the east, dry in the west and even drier in the south. Each zone offers its own special biodiversity.

We visited the eastern and southern ecosystems: the rainforest of Andasibe and the spiny forest in the deserts of the south. Driving several hours from the capital Antananarivo we reached Andasibe at nightfall. The magic started at breakfast the next morning. From the restaurant terrace we saw a Chabert's Vanga – a black and white bird with blue eye rings - hopping around on a tree.

When I see a new bird in a new country I try to place it in context. The bird's family has members in other countries and I can compare to similar species I've seen elsewhere. For example, when I saw a Violaceous Trogon in Brazil, I immediately noticed its profile and pose were

there were also the "almost but not quite" birds.

For example, down south we saw the Doel - Oriental Magpie Robin. But something was amiss: it was much smaller than our national bird. It turned out to be a separate species called Madagascar Magpie Robin. Our *Kani Boga* (Indian Pond Heron) is not found here but the Malagasy Pond Heron with a bright blue beak is rare and sought after by birders. And Common Kestrel, a small falcon seen in winter, has a Madagascar version. While the former is greyish with orange-brown wings, the latter is more reddish with shades of purple and orange on its wings.

Over a hundred species of gentle and friendly lemurs live on this island. The eighty species of snakes here are non-threatening: I was able to approach a resting boa within a few feet. There are numerous colourful chameleons and lizards. The only carnivore in Madgasacar is the fossa, about the size of a large dog. It eats lemurs.

Plant life here is no less exciting. Madagascar grows the world's vanilla, the seed pod of an orchid that must be pollinated by hand. Of the eight species of baobabs in the world, six are endemic to Madagascar. These bottle-shaped trees are striking. They store water in the desert areas; their fruit is also edible. In addition to exotic plants, there were also familiarities such as Krishnachura and Panthopadop which originated here in Madagascar.

In a first, DU holds test in all div cities

"We have received no news of any

untoward incident. We were informed

the students maintained health guidelines too," DU Proctor AKM

Golam Rabbani told reporters around

1pm at his office, after the test ended.

Meanwhile, many expressed satisfaction over the decision to

Rahman, an engineer from the

capital's Mirpur area, who brought her

correspondent, examinee Abdur

Rahim, who came to Begum Rokeya

University from Gaibandha, said, "If

the exam was held in Dhaka, I would

Talking to our Rangpur

sister to a centre at the DU campus.

decentralise the exam venues.

STAR REPORT

For the first time in its 100-year history, Dhaka University (DU) held its admission test across all eight divisions, including the capital, yesterday.

DU authorities said it was done to reduce the stress and cost of travelling for examinees, as well as minimise health safety concerns of the pandemic.

The one-and-a-half-hour test of "Ka" unit, designated for science group admission seekers for the undergraduate degree, began at 11am across all centres.

On average, 45 students vied for each seat, sources said.

The venues outside Dhaka were Chittagong University, Rajshahi University, Khulna University, Bangladesh Agricultural University of Science and Ted in Mymensingh, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology in Sylhet, Barishal University, and Begum Rokeya University in Rangpur.

Speaking at a press briefing held at DU campus around 11:30am, VC Prof M Akhtaruzzaman said, "We have been in touch with vice-chancellors of all the universities [that hosted the test]. They've told us everything went have had a much harder time with it.



smoothly."

ADMISSION FOR 2020-21 "Ka" unit exams held in 79 centres in Dhaka, also 7 divisional cities

Gha **45** students vied for each seat

> This is way more comfortable." Visiting the DU campus yesterday

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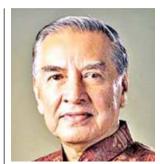
morning, our DU correspondent saw that a huge crowd of students and their guardians gathered at the campus hours before the exam began. Although most people were seen sporting masks, social distance could not be maintained in most places.

DU authorities also arranged special Covid tests at the university's medical centre, said Dr Sarwar Jahan Muktafi, chief medical officer of the medical centre.

"Health safety was our top priority," said Khulna University School of Fine Arts Dean Professor Monirul Islam. A total of 3,24,340 students have

applied for the test, vying for the 7,148 seats available under five units of the university.

The exam for "Kha" unit will be held today, "Ga" unit on October 22, while the "Cha" unit exam will take place on October 9. The "Gha" unit test is slated to be held on October 23



Star editor elected IPI vice-chair STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Daily Star Editor and Publisher Mahfuz Anam has been elected as one four vice-chairs of of the International Press Institute's (IPI) global Executive Board.

Mahfuz Anam and his colleagues from Spain, Turkey, and the United States -- all leading editors and media experts -- have been elected to the positions by their fellow members of the Executive Board, shortly after the 2021 IPI World Congress, said an IPI media statement issued yesterday.

The three other new vice chairs are Virginia Pérez Alonso, editor-in-chief of SEE PAGE 4 COL 2



similar to the Red-headed Trogon of the forests of Bangladesh, so the new bird was not completely alien.

Not so with this vanga! The entire vanga family is seen only in Madagascar, so this bird was alien to me. Other birds we found later were similarly strange - Asities, Couas, Ground-rollers and Fodys among them.

In addition to the unusual birds,

I would very much like to return to Madagascar in the future. However, that may be some time away as Madagascar today battles famine-like conditions caused by climate change and locusts. We wish them a quick recovery.

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The chaos that the capital faces at the onset of DU admission tests every year were spread out across all divisional cities yesterday. From riding on top of trains to walking along a crowd under the scorching sun, the rush had the cities buzzing from the morning all the way till the afternoon. These photos (counter-clockwise) were taken from Chattogram, Khulna, Barishal and Dhaka yesterday.

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Death toll **68** 22 died in Sept 34 in Aug, 12 in July 165 hospitalised yesterday Total infected 18,362

Dengue claims another life STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least one more dengue patient died while 165 were hospitalised in the last 24 hours till 8am yesterday, according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

A total of 7,841 dengue patients were hospitalised across the country in September, which is the highest number of hospitalisations in a single month this year.

With the new cases, a total of 18,362 were hospitalised this year. Of the total infected, 2,337 are from outside Dhaka.

This year, 68 people have died of dengue infection in the country, all of whom died between July, August and September.

Twelve people have died in July, 34 died in August and 22 in September, according to the DGHS.

1 in 4 eldery persons suffer from malnutrition

Reveals BSMMU study

MOUDUD AHMMED SUJAN

One in every four elderly people, aged 60 and above, are suffering from malnutrition, and over half of all elderly people are at risk of developing malnutrition, revealed a study.

The prevalence of malnutrition among elderly women is higher (28.8 percent) than men (22 percent), stated the research, conducted by the Public Health and Informatics (PHI) department at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU).

The study, which was conducted on 125 elderly people from three villages of Dhaka's Uttarkhan neighbourhood, found that 65.3 percent of the population are at risk of malnutrition.

The data was collected during October and November of 2019, while research findings were shared at a programme on BSMMU campus on Thursday

Researchers said there are around 1.5 crore elderly people in the country, but arrangements to ensure preventive healthcare for them is falling short.

The main reasons behind malnutrition among elders are depression; underlying oral and dental health conditions; avoidance of food like meat, milk



KEY REASONS FOR MALNUTRITION Depression, underlying oral and

dental health conditions Avoidance of meat, milk and eggs Prevalence of non-communicable

diseases ARTHRITIS

More than half of elderlies in rural areas suffer from arthritis

Problem needs to be addressed at early stage More trained staff required at grassroots to help patients

and eggs; and prevalence of noncommunicable diseases.

"The target population in our study was mainly from insolvent families... So a suitable nutrition programme is needed for them," Dr KM Thouhidur Rahman, lead investigator of the study and scientific coordinator of PHI

department, told The Daily Star. STUDIES ON ARTHRITIS, PALLIATIVE CARE

conducted by study The BSMMU's Internal Medicine and Rheumatology department revealed that more than half (52 percent) of all elderly people living in the country's rural areas are suffering from arthritis pain, while half were found to be suffering from moderate disability.

This aging-related disease is more prevalent among women (56.6 percent) than men (43.4 percent), according to the study, conducted on 380 people of Dhaka's Dohar upazila from April 2017 to March 2018.

"The main problem is that if arthritis pain is not addressed at an early stage, it causes disability among elders. Despite a large number of elders suffering from this problem, there is no proper treatment arrangement," said Dr Moinul Hassan, lead investigator of the study.

He said, "If health staffers working at grassroots, like community healthcare providers, were trained, they could have referred people to tertiary hospitals."

Another study conducted by

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Free Lawachhara from grabbers Speakers urge govt at human chain

Our Correspondent, Moulvibazar

Demanding protection of Moulvibazar's Lawachhara forest, a group of activists yesterday formed a human chain to raise awareness about the forest's importance.

They also demanded that the authorities concerned free the forest from grabbers.

The activists staged the demo in front of Lawachhara Bagmara area under the banner of "Lawachhara Jibo Boichitra Rokha Committee" (Lawachhara Biodiversity Protection Committee).

Manjur Ahmed Azad Manna, committee chair, who presided over the programme, said, Lawachhara's very existence is under threat. Beyond just illegal grabbing, it's destruction is now "officially" underway thanks to the railway and forest departments.

He urged the government to take steps to preserve its biodiversity by shifting the rail tracks and regulating mindless tourism.

Moulvibazar district council Helal Uddin, BAPA district coordinator SM Saleh Suhel also spoke at the programme.

SHOTS FIRED ON FARMERS IN CTG No case filed, none arrested yet



SS Dredger kept machinery on agriculture land for months Farmers protested the move as it disrupted farming 'WDB contractor's men' attacked them during debate

7 farmers sustained shotgun pellet wounds on Thursday

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

No case was filed till yesterday after seven people, mostly farmers, were shot and injured in an attack "by a Water Development Board (WDB) contractor's men" at Tulatoli in Satkania, Chattogram the day before.

The incident happened over putting dredging materials in agriculture land by the river Sangu.

Villagers said the contractor's company, SS Dredger, kept dredging machinery on their agricultural land for months without their consent. The landowners, mostly farmers of the village, protested the move as it was disrupting farming. But the company allegedly did not pay heed to the protesters.

Anwar Hossain, OC of Satkania Police Station, said, "We contacted family members of the injured to ask for filing a case. They said they are at hospital attending the victims."

Asked why police did not file the case, he said if the families do not lodge a case, police would do so.

The OC said they were trying to arrest the miscreants and recover the gun used on Thursday's incident.

However, no arrest was made till filing of this report vesterday

Health condition of seven people hit by pellet of shotgun was stable, said doctors at Chattogram Medical College Hospital where they were undergoing treatment in surgery ward.

Meanwhile, a tension was prevailing at Tulatoli village yesterday fearing further violence in the area.

City

Hamida Wadud passes away

Bss, Dhaka

Hamida Wadud Poly, niece of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, breathed her last yesterday morning at the Combined

Military Hospital, Dhaka. She was 68. She left behind a son, a daughter, two sisters, grandchildren and a host of relatives and well-wishers to mourn her death.

Her namaz-e-janaza was held after Juma prayers. She will be buried at Banani graveyard on October 4 at 10am in her husband's grave.

Her husband former additional secretary MA Wadud died in 2014.

Hamida Wadud Poly is a cousin of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and second daughter of Bangabandhu's younger sister Khadiza Hossain.

The prime minister expressed deep shock and sorrow at the death. In a condolence message, Hasina prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul and conveyed deep sympathy to the bereaved family members.

3kg crystal meth

A case was filed with Teknaf Police

Station in this connection, he added. The haul seized yesterday might

have a street value of up to Tk 3 crore in Dhaka as law enforcers say only 10 grams of ice can cost up to Tk 1 lakh in the city.

On September 22, members of Border Guard Bangladesh arrested a man with 2 kg of crystal meth in Teknaf.

Like yaba, crystal meth is mostly trafficked in from Myanmar through the border in Teknaf and Ukhia upazilas of Cox's Bazar, and Naikhongchhari upazila of Bandarban, according to officials of the Department of Narcotics Control.

Law enforcers have this year recovered a total of at least 10.72 kg of ice in nine incidents in Dhaka, Chattogram and Cox's Bazar.

Drawings

FROM PAGE 12 The painting, called "Sting Like a Bee," was made by Ali in 1978 during the filming of the historical mini series "Freedom Road" in which he starred, Bonhams auctioneers said. It is expected to fetch \$40,000 -\$60,000 at the sale on Oct 5.

1 in 4 eldery FROM PAGE 3

Palliative Medicine department revealed that most patients at the terminal stage of their illness were aged between 50 and 80 years.

Of the total participants, 60 percent were cancer patients, and 62 percent asked for home-based palliative care after being referred by their physicians.

Taiwan's main opposition Kuomintang (KMT) legislators out down a podium as they protest calling for the government to apologise for coronavirus deaths, at the Parliament in Taipei, yesterday.

Asthma more prevalent in children

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asthma is common in Bangladesh. An estimated 7 million people, including 4 million children, suffer from asthma-related symptoms in the country.

In general, asthma is found to be more prevalent in children aged 5-14, compared to adults. Approximately, 80 percent of all asthmatic patients report disease onset before 6 years of age. Common asthma signs and symptoms in children include coughing (particularly at night), wheezing, difficulty in breathing, chest pain, tightness or discomfort.

Children are at a higher risk for wheezing if they are born prematurely and if mothers smoke during their pregnancy or have a family history of asthma or allergies.

and asthma attacks are unknown. A combination of inherent biologic and genetic susceptibilities and environmental exposures have been

implicated. The common causes of asthma attacks include viral infections -especially upper respiratory tract infections such as cold or flu, dust, smoking, weed pollens, animal dander and pet allergens.

Anxiety disorders can develop in children with asthma three times more than non-asthmatic children.

If a child's asthma symptoms are severe, parents must consult a specialist. The doctor will give the child right amount and type of medication.

Severe asthma may be life threatening and children should The exact cause of sensitive airways receive frequent doses of nebulised

(metered-dose inhaler) with spacer.

oxygen saturation (SpO2) below 92 percent should receive oxygen. Early use of systemic corticosteroids reduces the need for hospital admission and prevents relapse, but the whole process must be followed upon consultation with doctors.

the symptoms can be reduced by following an asthma action plan that can be developed upon consulting physicians to track symptoms and adjust treatment. With proper treatment, even severe asthma can be

Dr Rukhsana Parvin is an assistant professor at Department of Pediatrics, Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College.

bronchodilators. Once improving, patients should be switched to an MDI

Children with severe asthma or

Asthma can't be cured, but

kept under control.

Bangladesh cabinet discusses another raid in this area freedom fighters killed five Pakistani soldiers. In the Rangpur-Dinajpur-Rajshahi sector, Mukti Bahini today engaged CHINA WILL STAND BY PAKISTAN:

CHINESE DIPLOMAT Chang Ying, Chinese consul general to East Pakistan, said his country would stand by Pakistan in case of any outside aggression. He was addressing a reception marking the Peking regime's 22nd anniversary in Dhaka

today. 'PAKISTAN FACING GRAVE CRISIS' Pakistan told its people that the country was facing a grave crisis of internal subversion and external aggression. The Islamabad government called upon the people and the press to guard against 'speculation and rumours about important national affairs'.

YAHYA URGED TO RELEASE BANGABANDHU

President of the Indian Union Mulsim League Muhammad Ismail group of Mukti Bahini ambushed a urged Pakistan President Yahya Khan Pakistani patrol near Jallikhala area to straight away order the release of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman

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BTRC begins to snap their

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operation.

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sector,

ON THE WAR FRONT

Pakistani troops, killing three and

injuring four of them. Earlier they

carried out several raids in the same

area destroying important roads and

culverts. On the same day, a bullock

cart carrying rations for Pakistani

troops was blown up when a mine

laid by Mukti Bahini exploded in

Thakurgaon area. Freedom fighters

killed two of its occupants in this

In the Kushtia-Jashore-Khulna

ambushed a Pakistani column near

Madra. Six enemy soldiers were killed

In the Mymensingh-Sylhet sector,

Mukti Bahini today raided the Pakistan

position at Rayiapur area inflicting

four casualties on them. Another

killing seven and injuring 12 others.

In the Dhaka-Cumilla-Chittagong

sector, Mukti Bahini raided the

Pakistan position area Champaknagar

and killed two enemy soldiers. In

freedom fighters today

on a trial basis for three months from July 1 and it became official yesterday.

Users were given an opportunity to register their unauthorised handsets within the three months. The phones registered by September 30 will continue to remain operational.

According to the BTRC, a text message in this regard will be sent to users automatically as soon as a SIM card is inserted. If the set is invalid, the

warning message will come any time. "Besides, if there are valid documents, the mobile company will give you the opportunity to register with them," said a BTRC official.

From now on, if an illegal handset is sold, the seller will be obliged to return the money to the customer on the basis of complaints.

At the same time, the country's mobile phone importers or local established.

mobile phone handset manufacturers have been instructed not to produce and import illegal handsets.

Minister Post for Telecommunications Mustafa Jabbar said the process of shutting down illegal handsets started on October 1. On the first day, no problem has been reported so far.

Asked about the number of illegal handsets shut down on the first day, he said they do not have the data as Friday was a public holiday.

The telecom regulator has registered 21.29 crore handsets in use in the local networks until June 30, according to data from the BTRC.

Between July 1 and September 30, 1.08 crore handsets were activated in Bangladesh, according to data from the BTRC. Proof of import of 29 percent of them is yet to be

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the Spanish news site Público and chair of Platform for the Defence of Free Expression; Emre Kızılkaya, chair of IPI's Turkey National Committee and project editor at Journo.com.tr; and John Daniszewski, vice president, standards and editor at large for the Associated Press.

vice-chairs join Executive The Board Chair Khadija Patel, who was newly elected to her position at the IPI World Congress last month.

Ten new board members were also elected during the congress from Nigeria, Palestine, Hungary, Turkey,

Russia, Jordan, the US, Japan, Finland, and Oatar.

The IPI Executive Board is elected by the General Assembly with regard to geography, gender and media, and other forms of diversity.

are chosen by the Executive Board members.

The board oversees IPI's finances and guides the Secretariat in implementing the organisation's overall strategy in defence of media freedom.

media executives

The board chair and vice-chairs

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FROM PAGE 12 Bengal state polls were held, the voter turnout in Bhabanipur was 61.79 percent.

Trinamool Congress (TMC)'s Sobhandeb Chattopadhyay had won the seat with 57.71 percent votes while his Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) rival had secured 35.16%. It was Mamata Banerjee's old seat, and Chattopadhyay had to vacate it when his party leader lost in Nandigram to BJP's Suvendu Adhikari, who is now the leader of opposition in the West Bengal assembly.

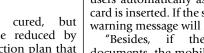
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In the by poll Banerjee is pitted against BJP's Priyanka Tibrewal and CPI(M)'s Srijib Biswas in Bhabanipur. The Congress did not contest the seat.

She has to win this by-poll to retain her CM post.

"Whenever turnout was high in the past, the BJP did well in Bhabanipur. But given the hype the TMC created in the last two weeks, today's low turnout proved that voters were not keen to help Mamata Banerjee emerge as a challenger to Narendra Modi in national politics," said state BJP's chief spokesperson Samik Bhattacharya.

Low turnout as Mamata



PM greets Xi

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THE MAN

elevate China-Bangladesh relations to the level of strategic partnership.

During her visit to China in 2019 Hasina had in-depth exchanges of views on bilateral relations, regional and international issues of common interest with President Xi, and reached broad consensus, according to the Chinese embassy in Dhaka.

She also sent a separate letter of felicitation to Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China Li Keqiang.

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Three girls missing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three teenage girls have been missing since they left their houses in the capital's Pallabi with cash, gold jewelry and other valuables on Thursday.

The mother of one of the 12th graders submitted a written complaint to Pallabi Police Station yesterday, expressing fears that the girls were trafficked abroad.

Police later detained two brothers, about the same age as the missing girls, and were nterrogating them.

According to the complaint, the two brothers and a girl tricked the missing girls into eaving their homes to go abroad.

The missing girls left their homes wearing college uniforms around 9:00am on Thursday without telling anyone. One of them took Tk 6 lakh in cash, another took 2.5 tola of gold and the other took Tk 75,000 and several mobile phones from their houses, the complaint added.

An elder sister of one of the missing girls said the three accused are also from Pallabi area.

Sub-inspector Sajib Khan of the police station told The Daily Star that police are investigating the matter.

Up for grabbing

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different spots, though the traders did not set up any permanent structures. Trading of similar items was also seen inside the boundary pillars at Hujurpara, Kholamora and Sirajnagar.

Besides, locals are dumping household waste between pillar 43 and 44 on the east part of Kholamora terminal, and between pillar 24 and 25 in Hujurpara area.

The only illegal occupant that could be traced is the Kamrangirchar unit of Bangladesh Inter-District Truck Drivers Union.

Asked about the truck stand at Kholamora, its central committee Organising Secretary Abul Basher said he did not know if the central committee authorised its construction.

"I cannot make any comment without looking at the documents," he said.

Contacted, BIWTA Executive Engineer Md Motiul Islam, also Dhaka's Circular Waterway Project's deputy chief director, said they took up a plan to construct walkways and to plant trees in the areas.

"If needed, we will excavate the river after completion of the project [for walkways and tree plantation]," he said.

However, Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (Bapa) General Secretary Sharif Jamil said such a plan was a violation of High Court directives that asked the authorities not to construct walkways by filling up riverbanks.

He said the process of setting up the riverbank boundary demarcation pillars was faulty. So building of any walkway based on the existing boundary demarcation would also be faulty.

He demanded re-demarcation of the riverbank boundaries on an urgent basis, before construction of walkways.

Eminent water resource and climate change specialist Professor Ainun Nishat said the government should take effective measures to end illegal grabbing of riverbanks to ensure the natural flow of the water first.

"Walkways can be built only after ensuring the natural flow of the river," he said.

[Tarun Sarkar is a freelance journalist and researcher]





বিষয়ঃ কর্মকর্তা নিয়োগের লিখিত পরীক্ষায় উদ্ভীর্ণ প্রার্থীদের মৌখিক পরীক্ষার সংশোধিত বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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জুনিয়র অফিসার	360002, 360092, 360030, 360032, 360030, 360038, 360032,		
(সেলস)	240022, 240020, 240028 1		
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জুনিয়র অফিসার	540328, 540205, 540208, 540252, 540256, 540252, 540222,		হতে শুরু।
জুনেরর আরুনার (সেলস)	200339, 200306, 200307, 200309, 200380, 200380 1		
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CTO: CTH-D.	240288, 260206, 260260, 260262, 260260, 260269, 260292,	শনিবার	
	260290, 260280, 260288, 260288, 260288, 260280, 260008,		
	<u> </u>		দুপুর ২:৩০ ঘটিকা
			হতে শুরু।

শর্তাবলী : মৌখিক পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণের সময় নিমোক্ত কাগল্পপত্র সমূহ সংগে আনতে হবে ;

১। সকল শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতার মূল সনদ, অভিজ্ঞতার মূল সনদ, জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্র (এনআইডি)/মুক্তিযোদ্ধার সম্ভানের ক্ষেত্রে সংশ্লিষ্ট মুক্তিযোদ্ধার মূলসনদপত্র, নাগরিকত্বের প্রমাণ হিসেবে ইউনিয়ন পরিষদ/পৌরসভা/সিটিকর্পোরেশনের ওয়ার্ড কাউলিলর/পৌরসভার যেয়র/পৌরসভার কাউলিলর কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত মূলসনদ পত্র এবং প্রথম শ্রেণীর গেজেটেড কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক সত্যায়িতপূর্বক বর্ণিত সকল সনদের ১ সেট ফটোকপি।

২। অন-লাইনে পুরণকৃত application form এর ছবিযুক্ত কালার প্রিন্ট কপি, এডমিট কার্ড এবং সদ্য তোলা ২ রুপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজ ছবি।

৩। বিদেশী কলেজ/ বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় হতে অর্জিত ডিগ্রীর ক্ষেত্রে শিক্ষামন্ত্রণালয়/ বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় মঞ্জুরী কশিশন হতে সমতুল্য মূলসনদ এবং ১ সে ফটোকপি।

৪। মৌখিক পরীক্ষায় যথাসময়ে উপস্থিত থাকতে হবে। নির্ধারিত সময়ের পর উপস্থিত হলে কর্তৃপক্ষ মৌখিক পরীক্ষা গ্রহণে বাধা ধাকবেনা।

৫। পদ্মা অয়েল কোম্পানী লিমিটেডে বর্তমানে চুক্তিভিত্তিক হিসেবে কর্মরত প্রার্থীদের ক্ষেত্রে প্রমাণক দলিল

৬। নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞস্তির অন্যান্য সকল শর্তাবলী অপরিবর্তিত থাকবে।

৭। প্রত্যেক প্রার্থীকে সরকার কর্তৃক নির্দেশিত স্বাস্থ্যবিধি পালনসহ আবশ্যিকভাবে মাস্ক পরিধানপূর্বক পরীক্ষাস্থলে আসতেহবে

উপ-মহাব্যবন্থাপক (মানবসন্দ্রপ ও প্রশাসন) পদ্মা অয়েল কোম্পানী লিমিটেড, প্রধান কার্যালয়, চট্রগ্রাম। GD-1761

পুনঃ নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি (২৩/ ০৯/২০২০ তারিখে দৈনিক প্রথম আলো এবং The Daily Star পত্রিকায় প্রকাশিত নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি অনুযায়ী আবেদনকারীদের পুনরায় আবেদন করার প্রয়োজন নেই) পদবী শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা বয়স বেতন ও ভাতা টাকা- ৪৩,০০০-৪৪৯৪০-৪৬৯৭০-৪৯০৯০-.....৬৯৮৫০/=বেতনক্রমে মূল বেতনের ৫০% বাড়ী ভাড়া, মাসিক সহযোগী সংশ্লিষ্ট বিষয়ে স্নাতক (সম্মান) ও স্নাতকোত্তর পর্যায়ে ন্যনতম ধ্যাপক ২য় শ্ৰেণি সহকারী অধ্যাপক পদে ৫ (পাঁচ) বৎসরের অভিজ্ঞতাসহ স্নাতক <u>বিষয়</u>ু দার্থবিজ্ঞা সর্বোচ্চ ৪৫ বৎসর চিকিৎসা ভাতা ১৫০০/-টাকা এবং ১০% পর্যায়ের কলেজে ১৫ বৎসরের শিক্ষকতার অভিজ্ঞতা প্রভিডেন্ট ফাভ ও কলেজ প্রদন্ত গ্র্যায়াইইটিস অন্যান্য আর্থিক সুযোগ-সুবিধা । (বিজ্ঞণ্ডি প্রকাশের তারিখে) III) সহকারী অধ্যাপক পদে ২টি প্রকাশনাসহ মোট ৪টি প্রকাশন রসায়ন জীববিজ্ঞান থাকতে হবে। * অধিকতর যোগ্যতাসম্পদ্ধ প্রার্থীর ফেরে III) Ph.D. ডিগ্রীধারীদের অগ্রাধিকার দেয়া হবে। উচ্চতর বেতন ক্ষেল (৫০,০০০-৭১,২০০/ হাস্য হবে। টাকা- ৩৫,৫০০-৩৭২৮০-৩৯,১৫০-৪১,১১০-....৬৭০১০/= বেচনরমে মৃল বেতনের ৫৫% বাড়ী ডাড়া, মাসিক সহকারী গণিত বিষয়ে স্নাতক(সম্মান) ও স্নাতকোত্তর পর্যায়ে ন্যনতম ২৪ বিভাগ/শ্রেণি, স্নাতক পর্যায়ের কলেজে প্রভাষক পদে ৫(পাচ) বৎসরের অভিজ্ঞতাসহ প্রভাষক পদে কর্মকালীন সময়ে স্বীকৃতমানের ধ্যাপক সর্বোচ্চ ৪০ বৎসর <u>বিষয়:</u> গণিত চিকিৎসা ভাতা ১৫০০/-টিকা এবং ১০% প্রভিডেউ ফাভ ও কলেজ প্রদন্ত গ্র্যাচুইটিসব অন্যান্য আর্থিক সুযোগ-সুবিধা (বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের তারিখে) জার্নালে ২(দুটি) প্রকাশনা থাকতে হবে । টাকা- ২২০০০-২৩১০০-২৪২৬০-১৫৪৮০-.....৫৩০৬০/= বেতনক্রে সংশ্লিষ্ট বিষয়ে ন্যনতম ২য় শ্রেণির সম্মানসহ ২য় শ্রেণি প্রভাষক ল্লাতকোন্তর ডিগ্রী অথবা উভয় পরীক্ষায় CGPA-2.25 থাকতে হবে <u>বিষয়</u>ু দার্থবিজ্ঞ মূল বেতনের ৫৫% বাড়ী ভাড়া, মাসিৰ □ SSC ও HSC-উভয় ক্ষেত্রে ন্যূনতম GPA 2.00 থাকতে হবে। □ শিক্ষক নিবন্ধন পরীক্ষায় উত্তীর্ণ প্রার্থীগণকে অগ্রাধিকার দেয় সর্বোচ্চ ৩৫ বৎসর চিকিৎসা ভাতা ১৫০০/-টাকা এবং ১০% শদাথাযঞ্জান রসায়ন জীববিজ্ঞান প্রভিডেন্ট ফান্ড ও কলেজ প্রদন্ত গ্র্যাচুইটি অন্যান্য আর্থিক সুযোগ-সুবিধা । (বিজ্ঞণ্ডি প্রকাশের তারিখে) হবে । গণিত টাকা-২২০০০-২৩১০০-২৪২৬০ 🗅 সংশ্লিষ্ট বিষয়ে ন্যূনতম ২য় শ্রেণির সম্মানসহ ২য় শ্রেণি প্ৰভাষক ২৫৪৮০-.....৫৩০৬০/= বেতনক্রমে মূল বেতনের ৫৫% বাড়ী ভাড়া, মাসিক মাতকোত্তর ডিগ্রী অথবা উভয় পরীক্ষায় CGPA-2.25 থাকতে হবে <u>বিষয়</u>: সিএসট সর্বোচ্চ ৩৫ বৎসর SSC ও HSC-উভয় ক্ষেত্রে ন্যূনতম GPA 2.00 থাকতে হবে (বিজ্ঞণ্ডি প্রকাশের তারিখে) চিকিৎসা ভাতা ১৫০০/-টাকা এবং ১০% জন্যন্য আর্থিক সুযোগ-সুবিধা। অন্যান্য আর্থিক সুযোগ-সুবিধা। 🛛 সংশ্রিষ্ট বিষয়ে ন্যনতম ২য় শ্রেণির সম্মান ডিগ্রী। ন্যনতম টাকা-১৬০০০-১৬৮০০-১৭৬৪০ প্রদর্শক ১৮৫৩০-......৩৮৬৪০/= মূল বেতনের ৬০% বাড়ী ভাড়া, মাসিক চিকিৎসা ভাতা CGPA-2.25 থাকতে হবে SSC ও HSC-উভয় ক্ষেত্রে ন্যূনতম GPA 2.00 থাকতে হবে ন্যনতম ২৭ বংসর <u>বিষয়</u>: সিএসট ১৫০০/-টাকা এবং ১০% প্রভিডেন্ট ফান্ড (বিজ্ঞণ্ডি প্রকাশের তারিখে) ও কলেজ প্রদন্ত গ্র্যাচুইটিসহ অন্যান্য আর্থিক সুযোগ-সুবিধা। টাকা-১৬০০০-১৬৮০০-১৭৬৪০ ন্যানতম দ্বিতীয় শ্রেণির বিএসসি (পাস) ডিগ্রী/ন্যানতম ন্যানতম প্রদর্শক ৯৮৫৩০-.....৬৮৬৪০/= মূল বেতনের ৬০% বাড়ী ভাড়া, মাসিক চিকিৎসা ভাতা CGPA-2.25 থাকতে হবে <u>বিষয়</u>: পদার্থবিজ্ঞান ন্যনতম ২৭ বৎসর ১৫০০/-টাকা এবং ১০% প্রভিডেন্ট ফার (বিজ্ঞন্তি প্রকাশের তারিখে) রসায়ন ও কলেজ প্রদন্ত গ্র্যাচুইটিসহ অন্যান্য আর্থিক সুযোগ-সুবিধা। বি.দ্র. শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতার কোন পর্যায়েই তৃতীয় শ্রেণি/বিভাগ গ্রহণযোগ্য নয়।

<u> जिमा कसाम कलिज</u>

🗖 প্রার্থীর আবেদনসহ পূর্ণাঙ্গ জীবন বৃত্তান্ত, শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতার যাবতীয় কাগজপত্রের ফটোকপি, জাতীয় পরিচয় পত্রের সত্যায়িত কপি, অভিজ্ঞতার দনদ, সদ্য তোলা পাসপোর্ট সাইজের সত্যায়িত ২(দুই) কপি ছবিসহ আগামী ২০/১০/২০২১ ভারিখের মধ্যে কলেজ অফিসে পৌঁছাতে হবে। 🛛 চাকুরীরত প্রার্থীদেরকে যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে আবেদন করতে হবে। 🗋 সহযোগী অধ্যাপক, সহকারী অধ্যাপক 🛽 ও প্রভাষক পদের জন্য ৫০০/- টাকা এবং প্রদর্শক পদের জন্য ৩০০/-কার ব্যাংক ভ্রাফট/পে-অর্ভার (অফেরতযোগ্য) আবেদনপত্রের সাথে অধ্যক্ষ, ঢাকা কমার্স কলেজ এর অনুক্লে জমা দিতে হবে। 🖬 অসম্পূর্ণআবেদনপত্র বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে

ঢাকা কমার্স কলেজ রোড, রাইনখোলা, মিরপুর, ঢাকা-১২১৬	ধূমপায়ীদের আবেদন করার দরকার নাই	প্রফেসর ড. মোঃ আবু মাসু অধ্যক্ষ

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at some point will not be sufficient to recapture

the benefits of the agreement because of the

progress Iran has made," Blinken said. On a

visit to France, which remains in the nuclear

deal, Iranian foreign ministry spokesman Saeed

Khatibzadeh said that analytical work by Tehran

will end soon. "I assume that in a few weeks we

are in a position to set a date with our friends in

Europe," he said.

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Asean envoy may not get permission to meet Suu Kyi

Myanmar's junta has said it was unlikely an Asean special envoy tasked with facilitating dialogue in the coup-hit country would be allowed to meet ousted pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi. The Association of Southeast Asian Nations has been under global pressure to help resolve the crisis in member state Myanmar. Brunei Second Foreign Minister Erywan Yusof, who was selected as the bloc's envoy in August after lengthy wrangling, has called for full access to all parties when he visits. But a junta spokesman told AFP on Thursday it would be "difficult to allow for meetings with those who are facing trial."

India-Australia to reach

trade deal by end 2022

Australia and India hope to reach a longpending landmark trade deal by the end of 2022, according to a joint statement released yesterday announcing the formal relaunch of stalled negotiations. Bilateral trade was around Aus\$24 billion (US\$17 billion) last year, with India exporting its key services sector and Australian coal going the other way. Both are members of the Quad alliance with the United States and Japan, and are looking to deepen strategic ties to counter China as well as economically and in other areas. India was Australia's seventh-largest trading partner and sixth-largest export market in 2020.

China likens Taiwan foreign minister to a 'shrilling' fly

China has launched a vituperative attack on Taiwan's foreign minister, evoking the words of revolutionary leader Mao Zedong to denounce him as a "shrilling" fly for his efforts to promote Taiwan internationally. Taiwan Foreign Minister Joseph Wu is an outspoken supporter of the island's efforts to push back against pressure from China, which claims Taiwan as its own. In a lengthy denouncement of Wu late on Thursday, China's Taiwan Affairs Office said he was a "diehard" supporter of Taiwan independence who peddled lies that Taiwan is a sovereign country. It quoted a poem written by Mao in 1963, The River All Red, which was a denunciation of the Soviet Union and United States. "All forms of comments on Taiwan independence are but flies 'humming, with a burst of shrilling and a fit of sobbing," the Beijing's Taiwan Affairs Office said. Taiwan's foreign ministry said the attack was "not worthy" of commenting on.



Les Paul's personal Gibson up for auction

A guitar that helped launch rock'n'roll will be for sale on Oct. 13, when Christie's in New York auctions inventor Les Paul's own personal guitar bearing his name. The "Number One" guitar, the earliest approved production model of the ramed Gibson Les Paul electric guitar, is bein sold by his son Gene. It is estimated to be worth between \$100,000 and \$150,000, Christie's says. "I'd have to say, what's the Wright brother's first plane worth? What's Thomas Edison's first light bulb worth? The Paul guitar, the Les Paul Number One, was his crowning achievement," Gene said on Thursday. As acoustic guitars were losing their dominance, Gibson and Les Paul got together in the early 1950s to come up with a solid-body electric guitar. The instrument he produced became one of the most iconic electric guitars, played by the likes of Jimmy Page, Pete Townshend, Jeff Beck and Duane Allman.

BLINKEN ON IRAN NUCLEAR DEAL 'The runway getting shorter'

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken renewed warnings Thursday that time was running out for Iran to return to a nuclear deal, saying it was up to Tehran to act. "The ball remains in their court, but not for long," Blinken told reporters in Pittsburgh where he took part in US-EU trade talks. "There is a limited runway on that, and the runway is getting shorter." Blinken reiterated that President Joe Biden was willing to return the United States to a 2015 accord in which Iran drastically scaled back nuclear work in return for promises of economic relief. Former president Donald Trump trashed the deal known formally as the JCPOA and reimposed sweeping sanctions, which Iran wants removed before it undoes a series of steps out of compliance that it took to protest the pressure campaign. "Simply getting back to the terms of the JCPOA



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Australia to ease curbs

Covid-19 vaccinated UK nationals Agencies

Amid surging infections, Russia yesterday reported a high for coronavirus deaths for a fourth day running as Australia said it will begin to reopen its borders next month.

A government tally reported 887 fatalities over the past 24 hours. Over the same period there were 24,522 new cases -- the highest total since late July. The new figure brings the country's total deaths from Covid-19 to 208,142 -- the highest in Europe

As of Friday, just 29 percent of the population had been fully vaccinated, according to the Gogov website, which tallies Covid data from the regions.

Australians would be able to return home and travel overseas "within

NOBLE PEACE PRIZE Is this Greta Thunberg's year?

The Nobel Peace Prize will be announced just three weeks before world leaders gather for a climate summit that scientists say could determine the future of the planet, one reason why prize watchers say this could be the year of Greta Thunberg. While the winner often seems a total surprise, those who follow it closely say the best way to guess is to look at the global issues most likely to be on the minds of the five committee members who choose. With the COP26 climate summit set for the start of November, that issue could be global warming. That could point to Thunberg, the Swedish climate activist, who at 18 would be the second youngest winner in history. Another big issue the committee may want to address is democracy and free speech. That could mean an award for a press freedom group or a prominent



political dissident, such as exiled Belarus opposition leader Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya or jailed Russian activist Alexei Navalny could get the coveted prize. The medicine prize opens the season on Monday, followed by the awards for physics on Tuesday, chemistry on Wednesday, literature on Thursday and peace on Friday. The economics prize wraps up the Nobel season on October 11. SOURCE: REUTERS



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for all humanity that we fulfil the promise of the Paris Agreement. I cannot emphasise enough that time is running out. Irreversible climate tipping points lie alarmingly close. ... We can either save our world or condemn humanity to a hellish future.





2001 - Nato formally invoked its mutual defence clause for the first time in its history after the United States produced evidence that Osama bin Laden was behind the Sept. 11 attacks.

2007 - South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun crosses military border into North Korea.

SOURCE: REUTERS

Russia sees record deaths,

India slaps reciprocal travel curbs on

Meanwhile, Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison said vaccinated

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh **Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

High Commission for the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Canberra, Australia

Request for Expression of Interest (EoI)

1.	Ministry	Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA)
2.	Agency	High Commission for the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Canberra, Australia
3.	Procuring Entity Name	High Commission for the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Canberra, Australia
4.	Expression of Interest for Selection of	Consulting firm for all the designs and construction supervision of Bangladesh Chancery Building in Canberra, Australia
5.	Invitation Reference No	19.01.6101.102.14.001
6.	Date of publication	02/10/2021
7.	Procurement Method	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)
8.	Source of Funds	Government of Bangladesh (GoB)
9.	Project Name	Construction of Bangladesh Chancery Building in Canberra, Australia
10.	EOI closing Date and Time	30/10/2021 up to 12:00 PM
11.	Brief Description of the Assignment	 (a) Preparation of all preliminary and detailed designs of Chancery Building in Canberra, Australia and their approval following local rules in Australia (b) Preparation of working drawing, and all Bill of Quantities & Tender documents (c) Detailed supervision of construction work, supply, installation and commissioning of fixtures and equipment (d) Advise the High Commission on all aspects of designs, approval, construction, payment and settlement of dues to the Contractor, sub- contractors and suppliers
12.	Eligibility of Applicant (Bidder)	 (a) Having experience in the relevant field for not less than 15 (fifteen) years with at least 3 completed projects of similar nature in Australia as on date of publication of this Eol; (b) Up-to-date Trade License and Income Tax Clearance Certificate; (c) The Consulting firm has to provide information to demonstrate that they are qualified to perform the job by submitting the firm's brochure, firm's registration with relevant professional bodies and authorities summarizing the firm's facilities and areas of experiences, availability of appropriate professionally qualified staff, etc.; (d) Knowledge or understanding of Bangladesh's culture and tradition and ability to blend these considerations with local Australian architectural and engineering considerations.
13.	Other Details	 (a) Total floor area of the 2 (two) storied building is approximately 1700 sq. meter. It will also have a basement of 900 sq. meter (b) Total land area: 4965 sq. meter (c) Location of the project: Block 18, Section 86, Division of Yarralumla, Turranna Street, Canberra, Australia (d) Applying firm will not participate in the tender for contractor (e) RFP document (Request for Proposal) will be issued to the short-listed firms from the office of the undersigned (f) Eol in two sets (original and duplicate) must be submitted in sealed
14.	Name and Designation	 envelope and delivered to the address of the undersigned (g) Association, Consortium or Joint Venture is allowed; capacity to mobilise other specific technical competence in design and implementation; firm linkages with prospective sub-consultants in Bangladesh or Australia (h) All staffs of the lead consultant and its partner(s) must have permission to work in Canberra (i) All submitted documents must be in English Mohammad Sufiur Rahman, High Commissioner, High Commission for the
15.	of the Official Inviting Eol Address of the Official	People's Republic of Bangladesh, Canberra, Australia High Commission for the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Canberra, Australia
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weeks" as 80 percent vaccination targets are met. On March 20 last year Australia introduced some of the world's toughest

border restrictions in response to the coronavirus pandemic. In Sri Lanka, officials yesterday lifted a near six-week lockdown to

contain the spread of coronavirus but maintained a night curfew and a ban on public gatherings and parties. Meanwhile, UK nationals visiting India this month will have to undergo

mandatory quarantine even if they are fully vaccinated against Covid-19 in retaliation for UK curbs on Indian citizens, a senior government source in New Delhi said yesterday.

The new rules, which take effect from Monday, follow the UK decision to require Indians vaccinated with AstraZeneca's Covishield to quarantine.

On Thursday, the World Health Organization lamented poor vaccination rate in Africa, where just two percent of the population, or less, have been fully vaccinated against coronavirus.

Global energy shortage or regional crises? REUTERS The reason for rising costs in Europe is a

British gasoline stations running dry, surging power costs in the European Union ahead of winter, forced restrictions on energy use in China and rising oil, natural gas and coal prices.

You could be forgiven for thinking the world had suddenly been hit by an energy shortage, but you would be mostly wrong.

While the squeezes slamming consumers and businesses is acute, the disruptions have less in common than you may think.

CHINA CRUNCH: Beijing has begun rationing electricity to energy-hungry businesses because of a crunch in coal supply triggered by stepped-up safety checks at Chinese mines which dragged output below year-ago levels for much of the first half of the year. The lower coal production in turn fuelled a steep climb in local thermal coal prices, which have scaled successive record highs this year and are up over 80% yearto-date. Because Beijing sets power prices, coal-fired power plants have been unable to operate economically with such high coal costs, and are shutting down. Goldman Sachs estimated that as much as 44% of China's industrial activity has been hit by the power shortages. The China Electricity Council, which represents power suppliers, said on Monday that coal-fired power companies were now "expanding their procurement channels at any cost" in order to guarantee winter heat and electricity supplies.

EUROPE'S POWER BILLS: The price of keeping the lights on in Spain has tripled, reflecting a broader spike in power bills across the EU in recent weeks. The surge in electricity costs has raised fears of a difficult winter ahead as households demand heat and push consumption to a seasonal peak.

confluence of local factors, ranging from low natural gas stockpiles and overseas shipments, lacklustre output from the region's windmills and solar farms, and maintenance work that has put nuclear generators and other plants offline. The timing is tough as demand is expected to rise in the coming months, but the return of power plants from maintenance and the startup of the recently completed Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline from Russia to Germany could eventually ease markets.



UK PETROL STATIONS RUN DRY: Panic-buying by motorists has left fuel pumps dry across major cities in one of the worst energy disruptions facing Britain in decades. Fights have broken out at filling stations as the government urged calm. But the problem is not a lack of gasoline, it is a lack of truckers to get it from refineries to retailers - one of the odd side-effects of Britain's EU exit and a hangover from postponed trucker certification and training during the pandemic. The fix? Prime Minister Boris Johnson's government has been issuing temporary visas to thousands of foreign truck drivers to get fuel to market, has put the army on standby to help out, and hopes to restore order at the pumps before the holidays.

MYANMAR CRISIS Number of people needing aid triples: UN

AFP, United Nations

Myanmar is facing a "severe crisis" with the number of people needing aid tripling to three million in the eight months since the military launched a coup, the UN humanitarian coordinator to the country said has said. Andrew Kirkwood

described the situation as 'very concerning.' "The people of Myanmar

are really living in a severe crisis at the moment," he said in a virtual meeting with reporters.

"The United Nations was supporting a million people affected by the conflict here inside the country," he said.

But that number "now is three million, that's a tripling in over the last eight months" since the February 1 coup.

In a recent report UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called for an "urgent" international response to the political crisis created by the coup in Myanmar. The military has carried out a bloody crackdown on opponents, with more than 1,100 civilians killed and 8,400 imprisoned.



From Curzon Hall to Bakharkhani, Rino's 'Dhaka 101' showcases elements that are unique to the city

Behind Rino's captivating visuals on Dhaka

Farah Kabir

As an emerging digital artist, Naznoor Rahman Rino never imagined that his art would gain popularity overnight, even with celebrities like Nuhash Humayun, Shakib Chowdhury, Elita Karim, and Wahid Ibn Reza. His celebrated art series, "Dhaka 101", is inspired by his upbringing amidst the chaos and tranquility of the capital of Bangladesh.

The artist completed his Bachelor's from IBA, Dhaka University, and is currently pursuing his Master's in Development Studies from BRAC University.

As a child, Rino used to make sketches with pen and paper, but was not deft at using watercolours. He often felt confused about colour combinations, as he was not trained in colour dynamics. Painting with watercolours on paper involves permanence, which required him to be very careful about the colours he chose to use. During his university days, Rino started working with Illustrator and Photoshop, through which he realised that he could change the colours he initially chose, and also experiment



Naznoor Rahman Rino.

with them. "That's why 'Dhaka 101' is so colourful. It is me overcompensating for all those years of not using colours in any of my work," Rino chuckled.

Rino aims to give a visual demonstration of everything that symbolises Dhaka through his work. His interpretation of the city involves representing unique elements of the city singularly. He also derives inspiration from many contemporary artists from home and abroad such as Dhaka Yeah, Inksmith, Faiaz Rafid, Banksy, Scott Tusk and Joakim Reidinger.

Rino depicted numerous everyday social issues of the city in his art, such as people not using a foot over bridge to PHOTOS: COURTESY m

cross the road, a broken road divider and the inconveniences caused due to the Metro Rail construction.

At the same time, he also portrayed the good sides of the city, coupled with current realities. He shows a Dhaka that its dwellers could connect with. His work even touched Bangladeshis living abroad, who felt nostalgic about Dhaka, and wanted their kids to learn about the way they grew up.

Rino admits that it was only about the pictures in the beginning. Soon, he felt the need to explain why they mattered to him. Every time he chose a topic or wrote a caption, it turned into him introducing Dhaka to someone who had never been there. Consequently, the city's monuments, markets, and lifestyles of its people found a place in his art.

Rino calls himself a 'weekend artist' as his full-time job takes up most of his time. "Everything is either about making money or professions, but the whole idea of self-expression behind art is something most Bangladeshis do not understand," he asserts.

He also states violation of intellectual property is another major problem most digital artists face, as people have a misconception that posts online are public property. "It is okay to download a picture and set it as a wallpaper, as it shows appreciation. The problem occurs when someone reposts the same picture or adds filters and a few other elements on Photoshop to show that it has been done by them," Rino adds. His work is very brand-friendly due to their minimalist and colourful properties. Despite placing a logo on the lower middle portion of all his pieces, people mistake it as a design element.

Yet, Rino marvels at how digitalisation has helped many artists to emerge.

"Art is also more accessible nowadays as it has become easier to afford an entry level graphics tablet, which has helped a lot of the younger population to get into it," adds Rino. "Moreover, the overall appreciation for art is increasing in our country compared to the days when people only thought that art was reserved for abstract and high thinkers. Through people like Wahid Ibn Reza, many are able to see that it is possible to make a career out of this creative medium."

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Aparna Ghose looks forward to a memorable Puja

Shah Alam Shazu

Aparna Ghose is one of the most sought-after actresses for both television and films today. The National Award winner has been a part of multiple critically acclaimed ventures, including "Third Person Singular Number", and "Mrittika Maya".

In a candid conversation with The Daily Star, she talks about her Puja plans, upcoming ventures, and more.

Durga Puja is just around the corner. How are you planning to celebrate the festival this year? This Durga Puja will be my most memorable one, as it is the first time that I will be celebrating it with my husband. He lives in Japan, but he is in Bangladesh at the moment. I plan to visit my in-laws, travel, and spend quality time with my loved ones during Puja.

A belated happy birthday to you. Did you do anything special for your birthday this year?

My husband was in town for my birthday this year, which was the biggest surprise for me. My loved ones also sent me their best wishes.

When are you planning to return to the sets?

I have not been actively shooting due to the coronavirus pandemic. Projects are being offered to me, but I have always been very choosy when it comes to work. I only take up projects that have unconventional characters and unique storylines. I am taking some time off, and hope to come back with something worthwhile for my fans.

Your performance on the silver screen has been well received by the audience. How important was that for you? A good script and a strong character – that's all I look for in any project. I want to remain in the audience's memory through my performances. When I hear people still praising my performance in "Shutopar Thikana', I feel overwhelmed, as that is the best reward for any artiste.

Are you looking to work on plays anytime soon? I am still associated with my troupe Nandonik, based in Chattogram. I think the stage is the best place to learn and improve acting, and I hope to be back on it soon.

Translated by Ashley Shoptorshi Samaddar



Behind the meteoric rise of Turkish and Iranian content dubbed in Bangla

Rakshanda Rahman Misha

In recent times, Bangladesh has seen a surge in production of Bangla dubbed productions of foreign films and series. These contents have carved a place into the hearts of audiences through its quality production and power-packed star casts.

Be it the 13th century Turkish historical drama "Dirilis: Ertugrul" or the magnificent 16th century Ottoman Empire in "Sultan Suleiman" or even the socially captivating drama "Bahar," their enormous fan base across the country lead to the influx in views across private televisions and OTT platforms.

The whole process of dubbing and producing such projects might seem easy



Marina Mitu, the Bengali voice actress for the character of Bahar.

to the naked eye, but both TV channels and online streaming platforms have to invest significant resources to add their own original touch to these projects.

We spoke to private channel Deepto TV, OTT platform Chorki and professional voice actors to unveil the real story behind the idea of bringing Turkish series and how the rise in dubbing has led to emerging job opportunities for theater artists in Dhaka.

Private channel Deepto TV started its journey in 2015, with its superhit series "Sultan Suleiman." Since its inception, the channel has kept producing Turkish hits like "Feriha", "Bahar", and "Fatmagul", among many others.

Shubarna Parvin, Chief of Research of Deepto TV, gave an in depth view about the licensing process and how long does it take to completely dub an entire series.

"In order to buy the license of Turkish drama, we communicate via agencies. Then, and they send us catalogues from which we select dramas based on genre and casting. After that the final selection is sent



(L) 'Sultan Suleiman' was a phenomenon amongst Bangladeshi viewers. (R) From Turkish serial 'Kadin', aired as 'Bahar' on Deepto TV.

to the script team, to translate it efficiently," mentions Shubarna Parvin. "We have over 5 groups to monitor the whole process, starting with our very own dubbing team and sound editors."

The tedious process does not end here as it takes about a week for the script to be translated and another 7 days to dub a 40-45 minute episodes. On top of that, the preview and sound team makes sure that the end result comes up perfectly on the screen.

Deepto TV has about 11 in house



Mohammad Morshed Siddique, the Bengali voice actor for Ibrahim Pasha in 'Sultan Suleiman'. studios, which works efficiently to produce at least 30-50 dubbed episodes of Turkish dramas for their viewers.

"In 2015, 'Sultan Suleiman' used to air in two time slots, and it was one of the most watched content on Bangladeshi channels with an overall viewership of 2. If we combined the total views of both the time slot then the views amounts up to TRP rating of 3," adds Shubarna Parvin.

When asked about what attracted the Bangladeshi audiences towards the series, Shubarna asserted that people were attracted towards the high budget production and the storyline of the projects.

"Mostly female viewers are seen to prefer Turkish releases but 'Sultan Suleiman', featuring Hurrem and Sultan's love story, managed to attract both genders," mentions Shubarna Parvin. "Turkish series also offer wonderful music scores which resonate, with the viewers."

Foreign content has also paved its way to OTT platform as well. Popular Bangladeshi streaming channel Chorki showcases an array of dubbed Iranian movies which has been watched aside from its original contents.

"In order to buy the license of the Iranian film, we work with a Bangladeshi firm who acts as a middleman to provide us catalogues to select the projects. While going through the catalogue there are two things that we try to observe- one that it must be contemporary, we do not want to show old contents and two whether it's more OTT centric or not. Each episodes should have a hook so that the audiences would look forward to the next episode," states Adar Rahman.

Chorki works closely with multiple firms for dubbing their content. They have a creative curation team, which goes through the translation. They even watch the auditions of the voice actors to finalise who fits into the character best.

"We are currently working with 3 dubbing firms, but now we are closely working with Dhoni Chitra. It takes us about 20 days to about a month to produce a movie as we go through an extensive monitoring process," adds Adar Rahman, Content Officer of Chorki.

Chorki also revealed that its Bangla dubbed Iranian film "Topoli "and Turkish subbed film "Once Upon a Time in Anatolia" has received wonderful response from the audiences.

Mohammad Morshed Siddique, assistant voice director of Deepto TV and the man who voiced Ibrahim Pasha in "Sultan Suleiman", talked at length about how voice artists have to adapt their character within themselves to dub the scenes.

"It's really hard to deliver dubbing for foreign contents as their dialogue delivery and mouthing of words is different from us. We simply cannot copy their lines but we can surely incorporate our own Bangladeshi style to it so that the originality of the dubbing process is not hampered. Apart from voicing out the dialogues your bodily expression should also sync with it so that you are able to deliver the line to perfection," mentions Morshed.

In order to get into the character of

Ibrahim Pasha, Morshed had to change his lifestyle, and also ensure voice practices so that he can enforce a strong and husky voice for his character.

"Turkish drama not only entertains the audiences but it also helps the children to learn the *Promito Bangla*. We try to deliver the dialogues as if we are reciting a poem so that the audiences don't get bored. Due to the dubbing of serials, the viewership of private channels are increasing which is also leading to more viewership of local serials as well as fans are turning on to TV as well," adds the voice actor.

Morshed also shared how fans would notice his voice in public places like markets, buses and even in hospitals.

"They would tell me to repeat the dialogues from the screen or they would ask me why I cheated on Hatice with Nigar Kulfa," he laughs.

Apart from voicing Pasha, the actor also voiced Gul Aga, Niko, Pulak Mustafa Pasha, Kiraz Aga and many more in the popular series.

"Bahar" lead actress, dubbed by assistant voice director Marina Mitu, also talked about her role in the fan-favourite series.

The story of Bahar revolves around the struggles and perils of a single mother as she strives hard to raise her children in a cruel society.

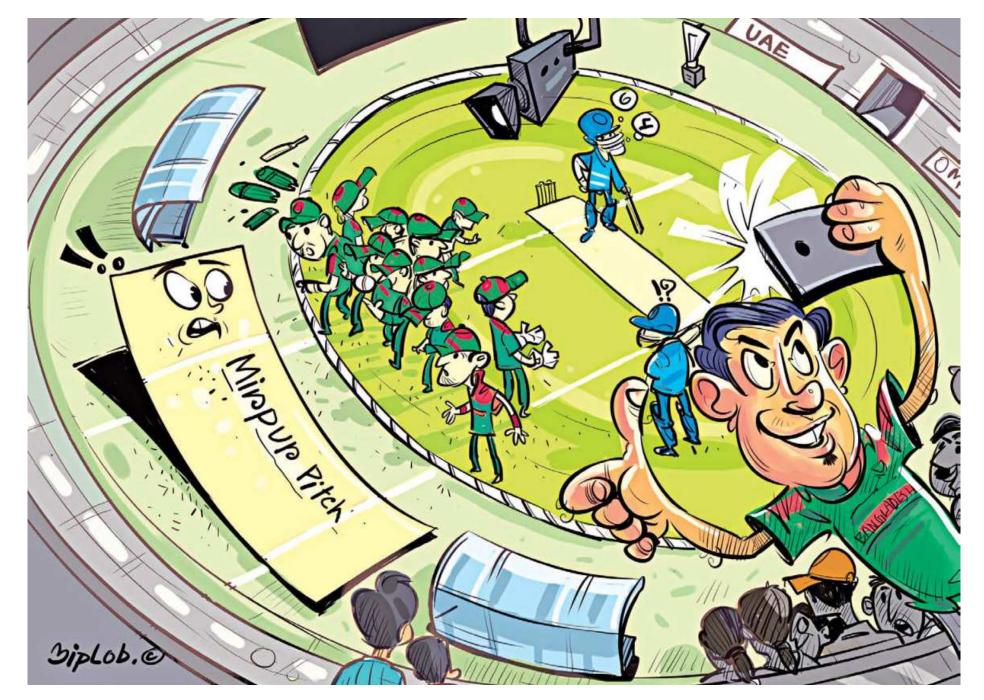
"The character of Bahar had to go through a lot of difficulties, so she would always cry in tough situation," says Mitu. "As I got deep into the character, her emotions became a part of my life, so most of the time I ended up feeling sad after the scenes. However, everything was worth it as the audiences truly appreciated my character."

The voice artiste also shared how her fans were shocked to found out that she voiced the negative character of Muqaddas, in Fatmagul and also voiced the sweet and simple Bahar in the series.

Apart from Deepto TV and Chorki, Bangladeshi OTT platforms like Binge and Bongo BD have also released Bangla dubbed Turkish series and movies.

Turkish dramas not only entertain the audiences, but it also provide many job opportunities to budding theater artistes. If there are more government institutions then more artistes can get proper knowledge about the technicalities of dubbing and can ensure a more quality productions.





Don't love me: Pitch

Cricket board's U-turn sees pitch being included in tournament squad

THE CLUELESSPONDENT

The controversial Merepoor Pitch arrived outside the gates of Intergalactic Cricket Council's (IgCC's) prison the day before yesterday.

Pitch waved at all satellites, orbiting above her head, and proceeded to reveal the following on its good length area: "Don't love me – Pitch."

Prior to this net-shattering event, the Alien cricket team complained to IgCC about Merepoor Pitch's radical behaviour, which led to their unprecedented thrashing against hosts Earth. Around the same time, a petition was filed against Pitch, mainly led by Batriarchal Media Influencers [BMI], who vilified Pitch as it became an entity that's not only harmful for the country's chances at the upcoming Galactic Cup in the United Andromeda Ephemeris (UAE), but for the greater good of the game itself. All BMI supporters believe the game should have a high Batriarchy Index that favours high-scoring games over competitive ones, at all space-times.

The petition filed by BMI gathered serious momentum by the time the series was over, and so, in a string of dramatic events, Pitch was accused under Misbehaviour Act 42020 and went to IgCC's prison.

Meanwhile, a counter petition took off, led by a group who call themselves Ballinists, who have protested the medieval, sinister "pitch-hunting" that took place in a Soon afterwards, Earth's leading newspaper The Daily Nebula asked Pitch what the meaning of her message was.

"It was meant mainly for all those BMI people, whom I trusted way more than I should've. What did I ever do wrong? You were all asking for a morale boost and I delivered! And whatever happened to home advantage?

But surely Pitch was overdoing things a little -- she could have kept scores around the 150s and avoided all this hassle.

"We've faced strong backlash following our [absence of a] stance. But you all need to understand, we were on the back foot once this matter turned legal. But since Pitch is clean now, we can dance down the track, redeem ourselves and continue the cheerful momentum.

"And in that spirit, we have already pitched a radical proposal in the latest IgCC board meeting: We want to include Pitch in the Galactic Cup squad, and we'll do so by replacing our cheerful, young leg-spinner,"

so-called modern society.

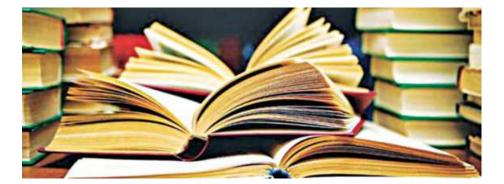
"We don't live in the dark ages anymore. You can't harass someone who only dared to express freely. It's way past time that we all should apologise to Pitch, especially the cricket board because their neutral stance on the whole matter is no less disgusting," Ballinist's lead activist posted on TriggerBook.

Which brings us to day before yesterday, when IgCC released the Pitch, having made a sufficient example of it. "Look, I got carried away in monsoon, a little too humidified on most occasions. And this isn't the first case. Go ahead and ask whoever made me the way I am, and interview pitches elsewhere while you're at it. Go interview Perth, that mean pitch, and ask if she faces the same treatment from her own country, planet or whatever?"

Back on Earth, Mother Earth Cricket Board's (MECB) Cheerperson Neel Bori Khan summoned the press outside the shopping mall nearest his home. the Cheerperson cheerfully told the media.

Nobody asked him the reason behind the latest decision or anything else for that matter, yet he continued.

"The reason is cheerfully simple, I mean, think about it: Why have a bowler who can turn the ball both ways when you can just have your favourite pitch behave in mysterious ways? And don't forget the injection of confidence, the winning mentality, the morale booster, the cheerful momentum. Cheers!"



Abandon literature, history books and embrace start-up hustle: CEO

STAR FARMVILLE CORRESPONDENT

A world-renowned CEO on Tuesday called on world leaders to abandon literature and history books in schools and colleges in favour of teaching start-up operations, technological innovations, and general profiteering.

The British magnate insisted that the perfect combination of Applied Science and Business will teach adolescents how to strike the industry with scientific innovation and expand their business to make massive profits.

"You want to be part of that 0.00000000001 percent that acquires over 60 percent of the economic pie," he said. "Motivation is a divine gift, but agile work culture is built. Remember, those who invest in other people's wealth through innovative start-ups are the ones who succeed. It's time world leaders prepare our kids for the future!" He also said most people are lazy and use their brains for imagination without taking action. "All who 'MS Exceled' in the tech industry don't have enough time to read or practise literature. The wealthiest people on the planet are investors, stockholders in tech giants and owners of online businesses. Other than our nation's very own JK Rowling who we are not very proud of, there's not one author or littérateur that has made a fortune," he wrote in his tweet.

"Those who read history hold grudges, and those who read literature are crazy and depressed -- there, I said it," added the scientist. "The way forward is commerce, eh?"

When a Twitter user asked whether his emphasis on start-ups and investments had anything to do with his investment in a certain firm that is currently on life support in Chapasthan, the guru replied that the question just ignored his advice on ignoring history and promptly blocked the user.

Burnout generation result of social media becoming extension of workplace: Therapists

Socially anxious more susceptible to its effects

AMIAAR PARINAH

In a TimeLess Magazine article titled "Minds Turned to Ash" published nearly four years ago, columnist John Cohen explores the global case of burnout. He starts with the story of someone he calls Steve, who is so overwhelmed by the extra hours at work and the burgeoning to-do list that he ends up in therapy.

Burnout, according to the article, occurs when people find themselves taken over by an internal protest against all demands assailing them from within and without and when the momentary resistance to picking up a glass becomes an ongoing state of mind.

This term was not known before 1974 and it was German-American psychologist Herbert Freudenberger who applied the term to the increasing number of cases he encountered of "physical or mental collapse caused by overwork or stress".

That article and the mounting evidence from her real-life experience as a therapist is what prompted a four-year study, named "Perpetual Workday" led by Professor Dr Sloe Lee Daah Eeing.

The study spanning continents with over 1.2 million participants was finally wrapped up last week and the findings revealed.

Researchers have come across something extraordinary -- over the last few years, as the first generation of people made themselves comfortable with social media, they quickly



turned it into an extension of the workplace.

It all started with which high school people were going to, then soon moved to which college, then which university, and eventually to job updates. People posted their designations, shared content relevant to their workplace designations.

As time went by, and in the almost 20 years social media has been part of our lives, it has upended social norms as we knew it. The older crowd that first shied away from social media also came along onto different platforms. And, very soon, the platform became riddled with ILLUSTRATION: RIDWAN NOOR NAFIS

co-workers and seniors, where an opinionated comment could draw criticism from the workplace.

"One respondent said he could not use swear words/curse/profanities on social media because his manager shimmied in and gave him an earful when he did use one following an office promotion," said Dr Sloe Lee Daah Eeing while revealing the study findings.

Everyone also feels compelled to remain at their most professional behaviour, or at least continue mingling with colleagues despite the end of the workday which results in delusions.

EDITORIAL



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We need civilian oversight of public projects

Lack of accountability is leading to poor implementation, waste of taxpayers' money

HE last few weeks have seen a barrage of damning reports about a number of publicly funded projects that, despite the difference in their nature, scale and even priority, found themselves facing a common foe: time and cost overruns, with the outcome being far from satisfactory. To be fair, this is not a new phenomenon, nor are government projects alone vulnerable to the double whammy of time and cost overruns. But the reported increase in such occurrences-The Daily Star alone published a number of stories recently on various projects—signals a pattern in which incompetence and corruption are equally tolerated at the expense of public interests. This is unacceptable.

We, therefore, join the call for institutionalising civilian oversight of public projects. The reason is simple: if the people of the country are going to pay for projects undertaken on their behalf, then they have a stake in the timely and effective implementation of said projects. Experts at a recent seminar have said that, although the government approves thousands of development projects every year, most are marred by poor planning and implementation as well as poor oversight, leading to all sorts of problems. The experts have, therefore, proposed making it obligatory for all ministries and development authorities to engage civil society when developing and implementing their projects. This will require establishing a built-in framework in the project development phase that will facilitate civil society engagement with a systematic monitoring and reporting mechanism. Such collaboration will help the authorities take corrective measures when needed.

However, such oversight, one fears, will be a tough sell to our bureaucrats, who have been historically resistant to any civilian interventions in policymaking. During the Covid-19 pandemic alone, we have seen many times how the bureaucrats repeatedly refused to engage experts in making decisions on public health, for example, to the obvious detriment of citizens. The fact is, civilian engagements are increasingly encouraged in more advanced democracies and institutions. We have seen how, in a number of countries, civilian oversight of police services has become an important accountability mechanism to police powers. We don't see why the same model cannot be replicated in our country, especially when public officials are repeatedly failing to live up to expectations. It also makes sense from a profit-loss perspective. Unfortunately, our existing accountability mechanisms are barely functional. Without a strong, depoliticised accountability mechanism, public officials cannot be expected to bring to book or even report their corrupt or incompetent colleagues.

All this shows why civilian oversight of publicly funded projects is the need of the hour, and the government should give it a shot considering the greater public interest. Seeing this through will require a strong political commitment, and a careful handling of any likely resistance from the public officials, but it will yield rich dividends in the long run.



cultivate freedom alongside discipline?" German philosopher İmmanuel Kant asked in 1899. The question still remains valid in many sectors of

life, especially in teaching. The incident of forced haircuts at Rabindra University, Bangladesh (RUB) in Sirajganj makes me revisit the role of a teacher who has been given a three-pronged agency: she is the department head; a member of the university's disciplinary proctorial team; and a member of the university's highest decision-making body-the syndicate. As a teacher, she is supposed to educate her students, and probably more so given her anthropological background and her position at the university's Department of Cultural Heritage and Bangladesh Studies. In theory, she is a "source" of freedom, from which the next generation will learn to liberate their minds. Her administrative role, however, demands that she ensures that there is no deviation from the norms in order for the system to function. She is an "administrative tool" of her institution, through which discipline is manifested. How do we bridge her two functional roles? What is our role in discerning her position in the social structure within which she operates?

Let me focus on the tree before scanning the forest. Here's what the

> We are so used to conceptualising power as a *manifestation of* authority, where one group or individual assumes control or asserts supremacy over another.

available information reveals: when some students of RUB's Department of Cultural Heritage and Bangladesh Studies demanded a spaced-out exam routine, the head of the department, Farhana Yeasmin Baten, put on her power cape. She argued that the exam schedule should not be revised, following which three exams had already taken place. Giving in to such demands would create precedence for students demanding to dictate official terms in future, she said. The application for a date change signed by two-thirds of the students of the department, was ignored, resulting in protests much to her disliking. When these students were entering the exam halls, the teacher snipped the hair of some students—who allegedly had long

The Rape of the Lock: A Mock **Epic Revisited**

OW do I being shaved with a blade was posted on

hair, but apparently also of the ones who had been instigating the demand for change in the exam schedule. Previously, during her proctorial patrol, the teacher asked the students to fix their unkempt hair that perhaps had grown unruly during the long Covid-inflicted university closure. Locks of hair of about 14 to 16 students were awkwardly clipped, which made some of the students shave off their hair altogether. The image of a young man

public; moral turpitude and madness are two grounds on which a public official can be dismissed. She can be fined or suspended for her excessive use of power. And the lost locks of hair will testify against her when the judgement is being passed, and the revenge-justice coin may soon be flipped to bring the protesters to task for vandalising public property.

I am not here for a hair-splitting analysis of this particular incident based on some circumstantial evidence, or to

student feels that he has been oppressed, while the perpetrator of power here thinks that her method of disciplining is a technique to improve the situation or to bring order to the system. When we take part in this discourse, we also feel that we are stemming the rot. Once the media bites and CCTV footage became available, the agency of the teacher changed. Instead of being the agent of power, the teacher became a subject to power. Those of us who are running a media



Has the "power of discipline" shifted from the authorities of Rabindra University to its students?

Facebook by the protesting students, and it did not take long for the news of "the

rape of the lock" to go viral. The teacher appeared on a TV talk show and faced some top journalists and human rights activists to outright deny her role in the forced hair-cutting. She deftly washed her hands off of the incident of the head-shaving-just like the Roman governor Pontius Pilate did during the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Why "give the credit" to the teacher for the hair-cutting which was done by a professional barber? Not a bad ploy. Then again, can a university teacher act like a military drill sergeant, or the Puritan school principals who used to measure the length of skirts in missionary schools?

The centre of gravity shifted once many more students joined the protest: it was no longer a "depart-mental" issue-it went national, and potentially international. Resistance is the only logical outcome of exertion of power. Office buildings were vandalised; namecalling took place. Scores of students started a hunger strike for passive resistance to the "anarchist" pedagogical role of an educator. The university authority felt the media pressure; the University Grants Commission (UGC) demanded an investigation. CCTV footage showed the culprit's scissors in question, and the teacher now has been relieved of her duties. Students want more: they want the teacher to be fired. If you ask me, the teacher should be dismissed for lying in

assassinate the teacher's character or throw her under the wheels of a media bus based on some video clips smearing my Facebook wall.

I am rather interested in the inherent power structures in our daily lives. We are so used to conceptualising power as a manifestation of authority, where one group or individual assumes control or asserts supremacy over another. Power is a slippery slope. Say, you nab a thief in action and make a citizen's arrest, you suddenly find yourself on a moral high ground. The person you captured has done something wrong, which gives you the "right" to manhandle them, humiliate them, or even shave off their hair. Maybe a moment earlier, the thief had the power to wriggle into your kitchen through the ventilator; they had the power to silently walk into your private space. Suddenly, when you capture them by the neck with a rod in your hand, the person becomes powerless. Your powerful cry has raised an alarm, and an angry mob is now empowered to lynch the criminal. Say, you are an office boss, and it is your office policy not to wear long hair. Do you reprimand a staff member or humiliate him in public for violating office rules? Your harsh words can be more damaging than actual physical pain. The RUB student who took sleeping pills, unable to deal with his humiliation from the forced hair-cutting, will tell you that he is not dealing with a physical wound, but a psychological one. The

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trial, commenting on Facebook, writing about it, discussing it-all became a part of the power nexus. French philosopher Foucault called this phenomenon "capillary power" as it runs through the small veins of our social body.

This huge furore over "the rape of the lock" shows that we feel empowered to corner a young female assistant professor from a remote university, yet we dare not point fingers at larger wrongdoings. Our moral compass swings according to the power of the magnet we are dealing with. It's fine to play the moral police once in a while, but it's equally important to be aware of the totem pole in which we exist. We don't need to justify anyone's action, but we certainly need to invest ourselves in understanding the system that allowed such "disciplinary action" to take place in the first place. For that, we need to be more reflective on the power structure; off-the-cuff comments will add to sensationalism to give the media temporal agency, without bringing any qualitative change to the system. So, where do we change the dynamics of power if we have to think of an academic institution, where the teachers and the students are both valued and respected? What other institutions are linked with that academic institution?

Bring the culprits behind Ramu violence to justice

Nine years is too long to leave the cases hanging

E are concerned at the way cases filed in connection with the Ramu mayhem, one of the worst incidents of communal violence in the recent history of Bangladesh, have been lingering on for the last nine years, without any progress in sight. On September 29-30 in 2012, religious fanatics vandalised and torched 19 Buddhist temples and over 100 houses in Ramu, Ukhiya, Teknaf and Cox's Bazar Sadar upazilas, as well as Chattogram's Patiya upazila, apparently incited by a Facebook post that was later found to be fake. A total of 19 cases were filed after the violent attacks took place; among them, one was settled, while the remaining 18 cases are still pending with the court. The police have reportedly submitted seven charge sheets against 385 people, all of whom are now out on bail. Meanwhile, we still don't know the whereabouts of Uttam Kumar Barua, against whom the religious bigots had brought the allegations of demeaning Islam (who is also an accused in all the cases filed).

It's also worthwhile to recall that two Supreme Court lawyers filed writ petitions after the incident, following which probes were conducted as per the High Court's directives. A total of three probes were conducted: one by a judicial body, another by the police, and the third by the home ministry. In these reports, not only were the attackers identified, but it was also found that the local administration and the intelligence and law enforcement agencies did not play their due role to prevent the attacks. Although the probe reports were submitted to the High Court, the reports still remain unheard by the court. While it is absolutely necessary to set an example by making those responsible for the heinous attacks face justice, such delay in court proceedings is frustrating.

We understand that the high caseload that High Court benches faced was an impeding factor, as well as the reconstitution of High Court benches. But these shouldn't come in the way of ensuring justice in such sensitive cases. We think the writ petitioners should pray to the High Court for a quick hearing of the petitions, as suggested by the attorney general.

In addition, all the cases filed in this connection should also be expedited and disposed of without further delay. If these cases remain unresolved and the perpetrators get away without facing justice, it will only increase the sense of vulnerability among the affected minorities-and embolden the religious zealots and their instigators and enablers to commit more such crimes in future. We must not let that happen. Justice is vital for a peaceful co-existence of all the religious communities and minorities in our society.

The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind.

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Auf Wiedersehen, Chancellor Merkel!

A fond ode to a conservative from a leftist



stint at the helm SWAPAN of Germany, the economic powerhouse of the

European Union.

In the rough and tumble of democratic politics, ruling one of the major Western nations for 16 years is no small feat. What makes it more remarkable is that Merkel steered her nation with a calm, steady hand during a particularly turbulent period-when Germany had to deal with a global economic meltdown, a European Union financial crisis, and an exodus of millions of refugees from a war-torn Syria that roiled all of Western Europe.

I have no doubt that analysts are already poring through her record with a fine-tooth comb and making a detailed inventory of her strengths and shortcomings.

There's value in that, but there is also a risk of missing the forest for the trees. Whatever her policy shortcomings may have been, Merkel's lasting contribution was her temperament and style of governance. She brought an unassuming manner, a readiness to compromise and get along, to seek a way towards consensus, with an ideological flexibility that was tempered with pragmatism. To all this, she added a dash of endearing compassion and humanity.

Watching her from the US, where conservatism is a completely different beast, Merkel comes across as a breath of fresh air. I shudder with horror at the time not too long ago when we had a president who was a darling of conservatives

(and still is, come to that). I don't think I have to spell out who this former president is. Suffice it to say, the ability to compromise, pragmatism, and modesty are not his strongest suits.

One cannot overstate how important these attributes are for a statesman. Over the past few years, the US has become a petri dish for a real-time experiment on what toxic political hell can descend in the absence of these vital skills of governance. One of the basic facts of politics is that a conciliatory, pragmatic temper soothes political friction and bridges ideological divides.

Here I am, ideologically firmly on the left, yet I feel an enormous respect for a leader whose political views I strongly differ with. I like to call myself a non-denominational leftist: I have little patience for the doctrinaire, dogmatic nostrums of hardcore leftwing ideologues, but I agree with their worldview that societies are monstrously skewed towards serving the uber-rich. My German heroes (this is a dead giveaway of my age) are former Social Democratic chancellors of yesteryear like the cerebral, soft-spoken Helmut Schmidt, or even before that the humane, gentle Nobel Peace laureate Willy Brandt, whose Ostpolitik had gone a long way towards building bridges and lessening tensions with erstwhile Communist East Germany, providing a much-needed salve for the German people so monstrously divided after World War II.

Instead of getting into the nitty-gritty of policymaking during Merkel's long tenure, I will dwell on two issues that stand out.

One is her superb, expert handling of the Covid-19 pandemic. Again, the contrast with the US could not be greater. Merkel's management was an object lesson on how to reassure the public at a time of fear and panic. A trained physicist, she dealt with the crisis with calmness,



No matter which side of the political spectrum one may come from, one cannot ignore the pragmatism of Angela Merkel's leadership. FILE PHOTO: REUTERS

transparency, and a total commitment to science.

For me, however, Merkel's crowning glory will always be her extraordinary humane response to the Syrian crisis. Millions of Syrians fled a brutal civil war in 2015. As other Western European nations slammed their doors, Germany opened its arms. Between 2015 and 2019, 1.7 million people applied for asylum in Germany, making it the country with the fifth highest population of refugees in the world.

After decades of living in the US, I have an acute awareness of how people in developed countries are seized with a primal panic at the influx of destitute refugees. Xenophobia overwhelms compassion. Politically, the most antiimmigrant section of the population gravitates towards conservative politicians, some of whom are happy to fan the flames, while others duck the issue.

A real test of a politician's moral fibre is when she or he continues to take a stand even if it puts her or his political future in jeopardy. Merkel passed it with flying colours. She did not care that her stand could-and eventually did-carry a

steep political price tag. To be sure, Merkel has her critics. Many analysts say she was a crisis manager and not a visionary. While she arguably helped save the Eurozone following the debt crisis triggered in 2009, many nations bristled at Germany's brutal austerity measures. Other critics accuse her of complacency in the face of growing authoritarianism in Eastern Europe. Nonetheless, for 16 years, Merkel ran Germany with such level-headed calm and pragmatism that her stature grew in the world. She towered in her region, often being called the Queen of Europe.

Merkel's success in governance and diplomacy, in contrast with the bitter ideological bickering in the US, reminds me of one of Aesop's fables. The wind and the sun were arguing about who could get a man to take off his coat. The arrogant wind went first. It huffed and puffed, but the man held to his coat even more tightly. Then the sun took over. It offered its warmth. The man basked in the sun. He relaxed and took off his coat.

While serious political divides can never be fully reconciled, the art of gentle persuasion can go a long way towards creating a workable space for governance. Dogmatism, grandstanding and braggadocio fall short. Merkel is a living example of that lesson.

Auf wiedersehen, Angela Merkel. In this age of bitter political schisms, your legacy will always remind us that there is a far better way.

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'Continuous assessment without remedial assistance will be futile'

Prof Siddiqur Rahman, former director of the Institute of Education and Research (IER) at Dhaka University and member of the National Education Policy 2010 formulation committee, talks to The Daily Star's Naznin Tithi about the challenges we may face in implementing the new school curriculum, the outline of which was recently approved by the prime minister, and how we can solve them

Several major changes have been made in the new curriculum, such as scrapping exams for students up to Class 3 and cancelling any kind of public exams before Class 10. What do you think will be the main challenges in implementing these changes?

It is only natural that the curriculum would be changed and developed with the changing needs of time. The last time the curriculum was revised in Bangladesh was in 2012 and the government started implementing it in 2013. We have since continued with that curriculum, although some of its provisions were revised along



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the way. But let's not digress from our topic of discussion. Looking at the new curriculum, I think some of the major changes that have been introduced will be difficult to implement. The first important change is that there will be no summative evaluation, meaning that there will be no exams up to Class 3. It is, however, not the first time that this change has been brought to our primary education. Thirty years ago, under the government's second Primary Education Development Programme (PEDP), it was decided that there would be no exams in Classes 1 and 2-instead, there would be continuous evaluation. It is still in the curriculum officially, but not in reality. What the government is doing now is basically the same thing, but this time it has proposed to implement the system till Class 3. The challenge is that not enough research has been done to know why we could not implement it before, and what should have been done to ensure this.

Personally, I don't think there should be any exams till Class 3, and I am in favour of continuous assessment or evaluation. It is essential to improve the quality of education as well as to ensure education for all. What we need to remember is that we cannot get any benefit from continuous assessment, unless we introduce remedial assistance. Say, for example, there are 50 students in Class 1 in a school. Forty-five of them have fully understood the lesson given by a teacher, while the other five have not. Now, if the teacher goes on with her next lesson without making these five students understand the previous lesson, they will fall behind in the class. That's why we need remedial assistance, meaning that teachers must ensure that everyone in the class understands the lessons properly. Either the teacher will have to give them extra time after the class hour, or other students who have learnt the lesson well will help them understand it. Nowhere in the world is continuous assessment done without ensuring remedial assistance or teaching.

About the PECE and JSC exams, we were against them from the very beginning. Public exams at such a young age only create fear and stress for the students, which impedes their overall development. At this age, what they need is joyful learning. That is also the reason why we were advocating for cancelling the annual exams in Classes 1-3. In the past, there were no central exams in Classes 5 and 8; there were only scholarship exams, and not all students had to participate in those exams. So, we really appreciate the decision to do away with the PECE and JSC exams. However, cancelling these exams is not enough; continuous assessment and remedial assistance should also be introduced in all classes.

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In the current curriculum, 80 marks are earmarked for half-yearly and annual exams and 20 marks are kept for continuous assessment in every subject. This is applicable from Classes 1 to 12. Sadly, the government has not been able to implement this to this day. So, it will definitely need immense preparation to do it now.

As per the new curriculum, students will choose the streams—science, humanities, and business studies-in Class 11. Do you think it would bring about any positive change? What about vocational and technical education?

When I sat for my matriculation exams in 1962, there was single-stream education till Class 10; we chose the streams in Class 11. But later that year, it was decided that students would choose the streams in Class 9. Now the government is thinking about doing it again. No doubt, we need to change and update our curriculum according to the needs of time. But there needs to be a logical explanation and research before bringing this change, which is absent here. Did we do any research on this in the last 60 years? No.

However, I personally believe that there should be single-stream education till Class 10, because we need to ensure a strong foundation of education for our students. Understandably, five or eight years are not enough for the students to have a strong foundation and choose the stream for themselves. Ten years seems to be a good amount of time for the

students to understand which stream of education they would like to pursue. This time is needed for the development of values, knowledge, and aptitude in students

Moreover, not all students need to pursue higher education. The rate at which we are producing university graduates from public and private institutions is mind-boggling. No government can create jobs for so many university graduates. Don't we need educated farmers, fishermen, bus drivers? We need educated people in every aspect of life. So, I think it should be the government's policy to provide singlestream education to all till Class 10. After completing their SSC exams, 50 percent of the students should be allowed to pursue higher education according to their values, interests, and aptitude. The remaining 50 percent should go for vocational and technical education. There should be enough vocational training schools for them. The training period would depend on their subject of education. While a six-month training may be enough for poultry farming, learning about fish farming may need a one-year course. After receiving their desired training, they should be given financial assistance/loans to kick-start their career-which they can pay back with their earnings. This is how we can have skilled manpower.

The new curriculum is supposed to prioritise experiment- and activitybased learning. How can we prepare our teachers to implement this in the classroom?

What we generally do here is start a new system without taking proper preparations. We introduced creative questions in school exams without even preparing the teachers in creative education methods-and also without making the curriculum creative. For answering creative questions, students need to be taught to think creatively in the class first. A decade has gone since this system was introduced, but still there are teachers who don't understand what creative teaching is. They are still following the old method. Why? Because they were not trained properly.

About experiment- and activity-based lessons, not all the lessons in a class can meet these criteria. There will be lessons that will be information-based. While you are teaching the students about the divisions and districts of the country, there is nothing to experiment with. However, there are many things that can be taught through class activities and experiments. Say, for example, a teacher is teaching their students about three types of soil: loamy, sandy, and clayey. What they can do is give the students the three types of soil and tell them about their characteristics. Observing the characteristics of the soil types in class, students will identify and learn about them. This is called activity- and experience-based teaching. For this, teachers need to be trained so that they become skilled in delivering this kind of lessons properly. There are many teachers who are already skilled, but there are also those who are resistant to upskilling. Also, the training that is provided to teachers is mostly theoretical, which should not be the case—teachers should also learn through activity and experiment

Currently, 96 percent of our secondary schools are privately run, where the quality of teachers in general is not satisfactory. If we recruit inefficient and unskilled teachers, no matter how well we train them, they would be incapable of internalising that training and won't be able to teach creatively. I was a member of the National Curriculum Formulation Committee in 2010. At that time, we included a number of important provisions in the curriculum, most of which remain unimplemented. One of the most important suggestions we made at the time was to form an education service commission, just like the public service commission. The commission would consist of renowned educationists who would recruit skilled teachers through proper process, and after testing the candidates' professional aptitude. If that can be done, it will make a big difference in our primary and secondary education sectors.

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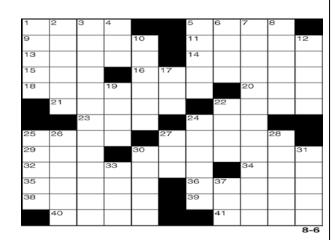
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00	সেফটি			৫৩০৬০/-		অভিজ্ঞতাসহ স্নাতক ডিগ্রী। বিশেষ
00						অভিজ্ঞতাসহ নাওফ ভিয়া। বিশেষ অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন ব্যক্তির ক্ষেত্রে বয়স
୦୦						অভিজ্ঞতাসস্গন্ন ব্যাক্তর স্বেজে বরস ৩৭ বৎসর পর্যন্ত শিথিলযোগ্য।
	চিকিৎসা	22	৯ম	२२०००-	৩০	এমবিবিএস পাশ।
_ 1	কর্মকর্তা			৫৩০৬০/-		
	সহকারী	90	৯ম	२२०००-	৩০	কম্পিউটারে ট্রেনিং সহ বিজ্ঞানে
	প্রোগামার			৫৩০৬০/-		স্নাতক ডিগ্রী অথবা বিএসসি ইন
						কম্পিউটার সায়েন্স এন্ড ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং
$ \rightarrow $						ডিগ্রী।
	সহকারী	০৯	৯ম	২২০০০-	৩০	স্ব স্ব ক্ষেত্রে ১ম শ্রেণির স্নাতকোত্তর
	ব্যবস্থাপক			৫৩০৬০/-		অথবা পূর্বতন পাবলিক পরীক্ষার যে
	(বাণিজ্যিক)					কোন ২টি পরীক্ষায় ১ম বিভাগ সহ
						২য় শ্রেণির স্নাতকোত্তর ডিগ্রী অথবা
						এমবিএ ডিগ্রী অথবা ৪ বছর মেয়াদী
						দ্বিতীয় শ্রেণীর স্নাতক (সম্মান) ডিগ্রী।
	সহকারী	২৪	৯ম	২২০০০-	৩০	১ম শ্রেণিতে রসায়নে এমএসসি
	রসায়নবিদ			৫৩০৬০/-		অথবা পূর্বতন পাবলিক পরীক্ষার যে
						কোন দুটি পরীক্ষায় প্রথম বিভাগ
						সমেত ২য় শ্রেণিতে রসায়নে
						এমএসসি ডিগ্রী অথবা রসায়নে ৪
						বছর মেয়াদী দ্বিতীয় শ্রেণীর স্নাতক
						(সম্মান) ডিগ্রী।
٥٩	সহঃ	২৫	৯ম	২২ ০০০-	৩০	সংশ্লিষ্ট বিষয়ে বিএসসি ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং
	প্রকৌশলী			৫৩০৬০/-		অথবা ৫ (পাঁচ) বছরের অভিজ্ঞতা সহ
	(কেমিক্যাল)					ডিপ্লোম ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং।
	সহকারী	১৯	৯ম	২২ ০০০-	৩০	সংশ্লিষ্ট বিষয়ে বিএসসি ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং
	প্রকৌশলী			৫৩০৬০/-		অথবা ৫ (পাঁচ) বছরের অভিজ্ঞতা সহ
	(বিদ্যুৎ)					ডিপ্লোম ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং।
০৯	সহকারী	১৯	৯ম	২২ ০০০-	ಿಂ	সংশ্লিষ্ট বিষয়ে বিএসসি ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং
	প্রকৌশলী			৫৩০৬০/-		অথবা ৫ (পাঁচ) বছরের অভিজ্ঞতা সহ
	(যান্ত্রিক)					ডিপ্লোম ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং।
	বন কর্মকর্তা	ده	৯ম	২২ ০০০-	৩০	বন বিদ্যায় ১ম শ্রেণীতে স্নাতকোত্তর
·	(1 + 4 + ♥			৫৩০৬০/-		অথবা পূর্বতন পাবলিক পরীক্ষার যে
						কোন ২টি পরীক্ষায় ১ম বিভাগ সহ
						বন বিদ্যায় ২য় শ্রেণির স্নাতকোত্তর
						দিলী অথবা ৪ বছর মেয়াদী দ্বিতীয়
						াত্র্যা অববা ৪ বছর নেরানা দ্বিতার শ্রেণীর স্নাতক (সম্মান) ডিগ্রী।
	ত্যাই প্ৰান্	- >>>				କମାର ନାର୍ବ୍ଦ (ବାର୍କାବ) ।ଡଣା ।
dan ter	মোট পদ= সোগস্কা নির্ধার					
	যোগ্যতা নির্ধার ব্যালযোর ১১/০			에고 이 고 ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	TO FORT ANY A	12 1/2000/200
						/১৯-১/২০০৭/১৭৪ অনুযায়ী এসএসসি মাত্র প্রচলিত ক্রিজিও বা মিকিপিও এব
	ন এবং এহচএ পূর্বের ১ম, ২য়					মানে প্রচলিত জিপিএ বা সিজিপিএ এর

	আজত সোজাপত্র					
৪.০০ পয়েন্ট ক্ষেলে	৫.০০ পয়েন্ট স্কেলে	সমতুল্য শ্রেণি/বিভাগ				
৩.০০ বা তদূর্ধ্ব	৩.৭৫ বা তদূর্ধ্ব	প্রথম শ্রেণি/বিভাগ				
২.২৫ বা তদূর্ধ্ব কিন্তু ৩.০০ এর কম	২.৮১৩ বা তদূর্ধ্ব কিন্তু ৩.৭৫ এর কম	দ্বিতীয় শ্রেণি/বিভাগ				
১.৬৫ বা তদূর্ধ্ব কিন্তু ২.২৫ এর কম	২.০৬৩ বা তদূর্ধ্ব কিন্তু ২.৮১৩ এর কম	তৃতীয় শ্রেণি/বিভাগ				
অনলাইনে আবেদন ফরম পূরণের 🛛	ক্ষেত্রে এবং পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণের ক্ষে	ত্রে নিম্নবর্ণিত শর্তগুলি				
অত্যাবশ্যকীয়ভাবে অনুসরণীয়ঃ						
 আগামী ০৭ অক্টোবর, ২০২১ খ্রিঃ তারিখ বেলা ১২.০০ ঘটিকা থেকে অনলাইনে নিয়মাবলী অনুসরণ করে 						
আবেদন ফরম পরণ করা যাবে। নিয়	মোবলী অনুসরণ করে পরীক্ষার ফি বাবদ ৫০০	০ (পাঁচশত) টাকা SMS				

এর মাধ্যমে পাঠাতে হবে। আবেদনপত্র পূরণ সংক্রান্ত শর্তাবলি ও নিয়মাবলী বিসিআইসি'র নিজস্ব ওয়েব সাইট <u>www.bcic.gov.bd</u> এবং <u>http://bcic.teletalk.com.bd</u> এ পাওয়া যাবে। অনলাইনে আবেদনপত্র পূরণের শেষ তারিখ ২৮ অক্টোবর, ২০২১ খ্রিঃ তারিখ রাত ১২:০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।

- ২৫/০৩/২০২০ খ্রিঃ তারিখে প্রার্থীর বয়সসীমা ১৮-৩০ বছর হতে হবে। মুক্তিযোদ্ধা/শহীদ মুক্তিযোদ্ধার ર. পুত্র-কন্যা এবং শারীরিক প্রতিবন্ধীদের ক্ষেত্রে বয়সসীমা ১৮-৩২ বছর।
- বয়সের ক্ষেত্রে কোন প্রকার এফিডেভিট গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না।
- 8. লিখিত, মৌখিক পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণ এবং চূড়ান্ত নির্বাচিত প্রার্থীদের চাকুরীতে প্রথম যোগদান পর্যন্ত কোন প্রকার টিএ/ডিএ প্রদান করা হবে না।

৫. এই নিয়োগ ও নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি সম্পর্কিত যে কোন সংশোধন, সংযোজন (যদি থাকে) বিসিআইসি'র নিজস্ব ওয়েব সাইট <u>WWW.bCiC.gov.bd</u> এ পাওয়া যাবে। আবেদনের সময় হ্রাস/বৃদ্ধি সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি, লিখিত পরীক্ষার ফলাফল, মৌখিক পরীক্ষার সিডিউল, চূড়ান্ত ফলাফল, নিয়োগপত্র সহ সকল তথ্য <u>www.bcic.gov.bd</u> এ প্রকাশ করা হবে।

লিখিত পরীক্ষায় উত্তীর্ণ প্রার্থীদের মৌখিক পরীক্ষার জন্য করণীয়ঃ

০৬. লিখিত পরীক্ষায় উত্তীর্ণ ও মৌখিক পরীক্ষার জন্য নির্বাচিত প্রার্থীদের লিখিত পরীক্ষার ফলাফল প্রকাশের পর ১০ কর্মদিবসের মধ্যে নিয়োগ ও প্রশিক্ষণ উপ-বিভাগ, বিসিআইসি, বিসিআইসি ভবন (৬ষ্ঠ তলা), ৩০-৩১, দিলকুশা বা এলাকা, ঢাকা-১০০০ বরাবরে সরাসরি/রেজিস্টার্ড ডাকযোগে নিম্নোক্ত কাগজপত্র ও সনদসমূহ ২ (দুই) সেট জমা দিতে হবে। খামের উপরে ও আবেদনপত্রে পদের নাম স্পষ্টভাবে উল্লেখ করতে হবে। সরকার কর্তৃক নির্ধারিত চাকুরীর আবেদন ফরম এর অনুরূপ তথ্য ফরম পূরণ করে এর সাথে (ক) অনলাইনে পূরণকৃত আবেদন পত্রের Applicant Copy এর প্রিন্ট কপি (খ) প্রবেশপত্র (গ) আবেদনে উল্লিখিত সকল সনদ/কাগজাদি (ঘ) সদ্যতোলা চার কপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ছবি (ঙ) নিজ জেলার পৌর মেয়র/ইউনিয় পরিষদ চেয়ারম্যান কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত নাগরিকত্ব সনদপত্র অথবা জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্রের ফটোকপি (চ) চারিত্রিক সনদপত্র ও (ছ) অভিজ্ঞতার সনদ (যদি থাকে) জমা দিতে হবে। ছবিসহ সকল ডকুমেন্ট প্রথম শ্রেণির গেজেটেড কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক সত্যায়িত হতে হবে।

০৭. যে সকল প্রার্থী বিদেশ হতে ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং/স্নাতক/স্নাতকোত্তর ডিগ্রি অথবা প্রযোজ্য ক্ষেত্রে যে কোন ডিগ্রি অর্জন করেছেন তাদের বিশ্বদ্যিালয় মঞ্জুরী কমিশন/শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয় হতে ইকুইভ্যালেন্স সংক্রান্ত যথাযথ প্রত্যয়ন পত্র অবশ্যই দাখিল করতে হবে।

০৮. সরকারি, আধাসরকারি ও স্বায়ত্তশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠানে চাকুরীরত প্রার্থীগণকে যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে আবেদন প্রেরণ করতে হবে এবং মৌখিক পরীক্ষার সময় অবশ্যই যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের নো অবজেকশন সার্টিফিকেট (এনওসি)/অনাপত্তি পত্র দাখিল করতে হবে। এতদভিন্ন পূর্বের চাকুরীস্থলের আপত্তি পাওয়া গেলে প্রার্থীর নিয়োগ সরাসরি বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।

- ০৯. চূড়ান্তভাবে নির্বাচিত এবং নিয়োগপ্রাপ্ত কর্মকর্তাদের পোস্টিংকৃত কর্মস্থলে ন্যূনতম ০৩ (তিন) বছর চাকুরী করতে হবে।
- ১০. চূড়ান্ত মনোনীত প্রার্থীদের ক্ষেত্রে পরবর্তীকালে কোন সময়ে কোন যোগ্যতার বা কাগজপত্রাদির ঘাটতি ধরা পড়লে, দূর্নীতি, সনদ জালিয়াতির প্রমাণ পাওয়া গেলে, পুলিশ ভেরিফিকেশন-এ বিরূপ কোন মন্তব্য পাওয়া গেলে, স্বাস্থ্যগত অযোগ্যতার প্রমাণ পাওয়া গেলে, অসত্য তথ্য প্রদান করলে বা যে কোন গুরুতর ভূলক্রটি পরিলক্ষিত হলে উক্ত প্রার্থীর নিয়োগ সরাসরি বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে। এছাড়া ক্ষেত্র বিশেষে সংশ্লিষ্ট প্রার্থীকে ফৌজদারি আইনে সোপর্দ করা যাবে। চাকুরিতে নিয়োগের পর এরূপ কোন তথ্য প্রকাশ বা প্রমাণিত হলে তাকে চাকুরি হতে বিসিআইসি প্রবিধানমালা ৫৪ (২) অনুযায়ী বরখাস্ত করা ছাড়াও তার বিরুদ্ধে যে কোন উপযুক্ত আইনানুগ ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা যাবে।
- ১১. যে কোন প্রকার সুপারিশ প্রার্থীর অযোগ্যতা হিসেবে বিবেচিত হবে এবং এরূপ ক্ষেত্রে নিয়োগ প্রক্রিয়া চলাকালীন যে কোন পর্যায়ে চাকুরীতে আবেদনকারীর প্রার্থীতা সরাসরি বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।
- ১২. কর্তৃপক্ষ নিয়োগের যেকোন পর্যায়ে পদের সংখ্যা হ্রাস/বৃদ্ধি/বাতিল করার অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করেন। নিয়োগ পরীক্ষা ও নিয়োগ সংক্রান্ত যে কোন বিষয়ে নিয়োগকারী কর্তৃপক্ষের সিদ্ধান্ত চূড়ান্ত বলে গণ্য হবে।

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Romeo's House, Verona.

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[Casa di Romeo, Via Arche delle Scaligere: Historians say this was the house of Cagnolo Nogarola, a Guelph supporter, like the Capulets, Juliet's family. But according to legend and literary texts, the Monetcchi family, or the Montagues, lived here until the 14th century, and the V-shaped battlement was the 'swallow tail' symbol of the opposing faction, the Ghibellines, which Romeo's family supported.

A marble tablet on the external wall bears a quotation from Shakespeare's 'Romeo & Juliet': ".. I have lost myself; I am not here. This is not Romeo; he's some other where." (Act1,Scene1)]

At noon, we enter a park, leaving behind his housea private home now, though a castle, really, whose walled, crenellated boundary allows no trespass, queues, nor keyholes; merely

leaps of fancy for those daring to 'dream things true' as the Bard's own hero once sighed in costumed flesh, or as mere modern meme of thwarted love, fated forever to elide

the world of shadows and shades of truth: the myths, the quotes on the marble plaque scenes staged and filmed, the 'wherefore' or 'forsooth', the blur of things neither white nor black.



Having waited pointlessly like beggars at a door we claim our alms in photos, click and pose and leave the alley of half-lies, of legends and lore, to turn the corner and enter the groves

of this public garden, where, beneath cultivated trees and gazed upon from pedestals by stern statues of upright citizens unruffled by the breeze, we gather, as if school children led to learn

lessons of history, strict facts about the past to shoo away the pesky pigeon flights of poetry. Yet stretched on the grass, a strange light is cast on me by one bent ancient tree,

whose swallow-tail boughs hold up the sky of my dreaming, like medieval parapets guarding the green patch where I lie hugging my heart's defiant secrets.

It knows not to ask if he ever did exist or live in that barred, voiceless home, for today, I hear the wordless wind insist: We, too, will soon be tales in times's eternal tome.

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Sunflowers

MITALI CHAKRAVARTY

I have journeyed long and journeyed far looking for sunflowers in the rain — fresh blooms, unwet, singing a song of freedom.

But freedom — it evades an explanation. We say the birds fly free — but are they free or bound by laws of nature, in sync with

Earth's harmony? Can you tell me where these sunflowers grow? Sunflowers that rise to the skies, flourish without sunshine.

I have wandered long and wondered more how clouds and flowers meet in a downpour. The sunflowers continue to sing of freedom.

Mitali Chakravarty likes to waft among clouds in quest of a world drenched in love and harmony and in that spirit founded the Borderless Journal.

Paradisal Libraries

Younger people might find this too dated, but I will stick by what Jorge Luis Borges once said: "I have always imagined that Paradise will be a kind of a Library!"

Well, not always! Till I was in my second year at DU, I would spend at least a few days of the week in Dhaka's USIS and British Council libraries to read British/American newspapers or literary periodicals like *TLS* and *The New Yorker*, or to borrow novels that I could devour at home later. But there were find out why Milton opted for the grand style, or tried to divert myself from Eliot's apocalyptic waste land musings by reading his hilarious book on practical cats, the 2nd floor collection of English department books seemingly had it all.

One other section I found fascinating was the reference section books in the ground floor. It had, for instance, twenty volumes of *Scrutiny* that I found superbly educative. But when I wanted to turn away from serious literary criticism, I would find Gershon

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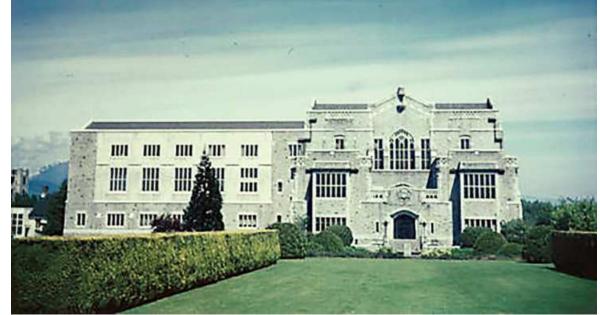


admire Defoe more and more, who seemed to know so much about the world outside Britain even in the eighteenth century.

Because I had taken a course on textual criticism, I had by this time also learned to appreciate book printing, design, editing, etc. I could view many of the antique books in the UBC collection as art objects, beautifully illustrated and lovingly bound together. Some had the unique smell that bibliophiles love. Many could be exhibition pieces and wonder-inspiring

lots of other things to distract us friends then. Bliss was playing basketball or

Leghorn's 1968 book *The Rationale of the Dirty Joke* captivating, not really for



cricket or chatting with friends or ogling girls passing by when chatting!

It was only late in my second year at DU that one of my dearest school friends asked me soberly if was I going to get serious about doing very (and not quite) well in exams. For middleclass boys like us, he pointed out to me and two other friends, doing very well was important, for if you had a first and scored high in TOEFL/ GRE, you had a good chance of going to a North American university.

That was how I ended up spending almost all my days in the DU Main Library. At first though, it didn't seem like a place where we would be able to spend any time at all. There were too many rules and you had to be patient for there was always a queue to get books. The library staff, too, at first seemed to be overworked/indifferent, and patience I am temperamentally short of!

But I persevered. And that is how I became what we call a "serious" student, determined to spend as much time as I could in the DU library. I soon found out what a treasure trove the library was. Whether I looked for books on Sophocles or Shakespeare, or wanted to discover the "Elizabethan World Picture," or admire contemporary stars of Literature, or whether I wanted to

its psychoanalytic take on such humor, but for the kind of laughs we teenagers now turning men were still addicted to. There were abundant newspapers and periodicals as well—favorite reading of those who came to the library to keep up with news from all over the world.

But, of course, I was in the library to study. I kept doing that seriously, along with my three other friends. In a year's time, I found out that the library staff members on duty, especially in evenings when student attendance was thin, were not unfriendly at all. In the evening, they would even allow me to wander across the aisles stacking literature books. I found thereby access to some very old collection that had somehow become part of the stacks. Some were also in the "confined' section of the library-books like Sir Walter Raleigh's the History of the World, published, I remember even now, in a Victorian giltedged cover edition.

My reputation as a serious, 'bookish' student grew. But what cared I for such labelling, knowing that I had found a gateway to a paradise of sorts through reading? Keats' "Ode to Chapman's Homer," so beautifully vivid in depicting how a book is a magic carpet to glimpse paradise, seemed to fit my sentiments well. "Much have I traveled in the realms of gold/And many goodly

states and kingdoms seen," Keats wrote, but when he came across Chapman's book, he declared, he had become a "watcher of the skies/When a new planet swims into his ken." Going to the DU library was to add to the literary planets I was regularly placing in the firmament of my imagination to return with an enhanced understanding of the makers of literature in English.

When our eyes tired of reading, we would take tea breaks every couple of hours, spending a lot of time in Sharif Mia's canteen. Students, budding as well as established writers, and close couples would chat on in the canteen as Sharif Mia poured hot, steaming tea to relax fatigued eyes and recharge imaginations bent on exploring the world of knowledge. We four had made the library our base, but we would do classes, play and watch sports and cultural events taking place in the

> However, the one major library of the world that I got to know really well for an extended period of time is the University of British Columbia's Main Library in Vancouver. Both while working on my Simon Fraser University M. A. dissertation and my doctoral dissertation for UBC, I would spend most of the day in this imposing Victorian style building.

gymnasium playing ground and TSC in between our reading sessions. The days went quickly and we knew we were spending them well, not only acquiring knowledge but also socializing and having fun.

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I have been fortunate to spend three weeks doing research on Edmund

Burke in the British Library, when it was housed alongside the British Museum in Bloomsbury, London. It was a thrill to work in its reading room and read signs telling you that Charles Dickens, Karl Marx and Virginia Woolf and others had studied there. Once I could even imagine their presence in the round shaped reading room! People came from all over the world either to view the collections on display or visit the neighboring British Museum, or to do research.

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I researched first on Herman Melville and the city, looking up his fictional works and poetry, letters, journals as well as old newspapers, reviews and books of criticism. Mid-nineteenth century New York came alive and Melville's leviathan imagination swam into my vision as never before! Later, I worked on Daniel Defoe, but now my research took me back to Francis Bacon and the history of science, mercantilism, colonial history, seventeenth- and eighteenth-century cartography. New worlds kept opening up and I felt like the young Keats again, travelling in "realms of gold," glimpsing islands and peoples having to do with British colonial expansion, and getting to

even in stacks!

I never ever felt bored. When I had enough of research, I would read my favorite newspapers and periodicals. The UBC library used to get the (now defunct) Bangladesh Times, which kept me in touch with happenings in my dear country. When my eyes got fatigued, and if the day was bright and sunny, I would head off to the neighboring Rose Garden, and laze in the sun for an hour or so, or have a cup of tea in the basement coffee shop, or head off for adda with my Bangladeshi friends or a friendly Canadian T.A. The UBC Main library, like all great libraries, had infinite variety, although only the fully initiated can appreciate the range of delights to be experienced in them!

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And what will be the fate of the great libraries of the world in this superfast digitalizing world?

The DU library is now coveted, newspapers keep reporting, not for its book and newspaper collections, but for its spaces where students can study in relative silence for competitive examinations. The library, indeed, has been digitalized to a great extent and students who want to, can assess much information online. In contrast, and from what I can tell from the UBC Main Library website, it has not only digitalized completely but has also been attracting not only students and faculty members but also the general public to its 6 million books and displays sections. Now that the pandemic has stopped people from intermixing anywhere, there is even a "material picks up service", or so the webpage tells me. There is no telling where

digitalization and science will take us, but as I googled to find another suitable quote to end this piece I came across Albert Einstein's one: "The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library." In this day and age, I guess, one has to add, digitally, virtually or in reality. Thankfully, paradise is still there to be glimpsed though its collections, if not the sheer delight of fingering books and leafing through them, page after pager, book after book!

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Topu Barman jumps in the air as his teammates chase him following his decisive strike against Sri Lanka in the opening match of the SAFF Championship at the National Stadium in Male yesterday.

Topu stars as Bangladesh get off to winning start

ANISUR RAHMAN from Male



Bangladesh's bid to SAFF Championship got off to a positive note as they handed a single-goal defeat to Sri Lanka in the opening

match of the regional football extravaganza at the National Football Stadium in Male yesterday. Central defender Tapu Barman

converted a penalty in the 56th minute to separate both sides in a match where Bangladesh had the upper hand throughout.

The strike from the Man of the Match Tapu was good enough to give his side the winning start, however, the margin of victory could have been widened had the likes of Rakib Hossain, Biplu Ahmed, Saaduddin not squandered

over 40 minutes.

On a rain-soaked ground with play the final of the rousing expatriate spectators cheering from the stands throughout the 90 minutes, the men in red and green never felt like playing away from home.

Head coach Oscar Bruzon apparently drafted the players, who had featured in the starting eleven from their respective clubs in the Bangladesh Premier League, in his own starting eleven. And his charges did not disappoint the interim coach in terms of ball possession as they had good exchange of passes from the outset of the game and launched attacks from both flanks. There had been an apprehension

regarding Sri Lanka's expatriate forwards players - England-based Marvan Hamilton and Germanbased Ahmed Waseem Razeek, who

couple of moves from Waseem had the Bangladesh defenders in a spot of bother.

Left-winger Rakib Hossain was in his usual elements and whipped a couple of crosses but left-winger Jewel Rana, top scorer among locals in the domestic league, looked nervous throughout the first half before Saad Uddin replaced him to inject some pace from the left flank. Right-back Bishwanath Ghosh was excellent as usual. His long throw-in wreaked havoc inside the Sri Lankan box and Tapu Barman almost capitalised one to break the deadlock in the ninth minute. Tapu claimed a hand-ball after his drive was blocked by a Sri Lankan defender but the referee had turned it down.

Bangladesh tried to penetrate the Sri Lankan high-defence line by

team who played with ten men for threat in the match, even though a were not decisive enough. Captain Jamal Bhuiyan drove wide once before Waseem broke free from the Bangladesh backline in the 37th minute but Tariq Raihan Kazi

intervened at the cost of a corner. Following a fluid exchange of passes, Tapu came close to giving Bangladesh a lead before the interval but his close-range header off a Yeasin Arafat cross was brilliantly saved by Sri Lankan keeper Sujan Perera.

After resumption, Oscar made three changes that added pace in the game, which led to the creation of more scoring chances in the second half.

Bangladesh could have faced trouble when Queens Park Rangers forward Dillon De Silva fielded as a substitute but the backline kept him inactive to make sure Bangladesh

I'm not fully satisfied, says Bruzon

SPORTS REPORTER from Male

SAFF

Maldives

"This goal is not mine, it is for all my teammates," central defender Tapu Barman said after striking the decisive goal against Sri Lanka to give Bangladesh a winning start in the SAFF Championship in

Male yesterday. Netting the only goal of the game also saw Tapu join Mahbubur Rahman Sufil on five goals for the national team.

"I'm happy to have scored the winner because I always try to help my team. We played really well today. I always listen to my coach and take four to five penalty shots every day during practice," Tapu said, opining his best goal was the one that helped Bangladesh play out a draw against Afghanistan in the World Cup Qualifiers.

However, while Tapu may have found a reason to be satisfied, coach Oscar Bruzon was not overjoyed by the team's performance.

"We were favourites according to the FIFA PHOTO: COLLECTED

ranking. I think it was good for our side to play against Sri Lanka in the opening match because we set a tone of improvement," the Spaniard said at the post-match conference. We could not be satisfied even with the playing style, only with our control of the

game. I repeat I am not fully satisfied with the performance. But we need to be aware that we should convert half our chances by improving our conversation rate," the 44-year-old added.

Bruzon believes the result could have been different had the forwards converted the opportunities they created in the second half of the game.

"My only worry is that we need to improve finishing, which is a long-standing problem. I think we created five to six scoring chances in the second half but could not finish. We are going to work on it in the coming days," Bruzon said. "Bangladesh can play very good football and Bangladesh can control the game. I think we formed excellent combination, short and long. If we had a better conversion rate, results could have been better today."

"I think we knew that we should have full control of the game and we wanted to command the central areas in the opposing half. Sri Lanka defended deep in the first half and we went very close to their defence though we struggled to control some areas.

"We created good openings from the left flank and, in the second half, we decided to change the formation to a 4-4-2 from a 4-1-4-1 to keep the backline solid. Saad Uddin replacing Jewel Rana also clicked well for us," added Oscar.



Expatriate Bangladeshis lent tremendous support to the

'Focus now on consistency'

Despite being rated as one of the talented batsmen in the Bangladesh team, Soumya Sarkar had to face criticism regarding his consistency since he made his international debut six years back. During an exclusive interview with The Daily Star's Mazhar Uddin, the 28-year-old shared his plans for the upcoming ICC Men's T20 World Cup along with a few other topics. The excerpts are below:



2016 T20 World Cup, this is going to be your fourth ICC World Cup. How important the

2015 and 2019 and the

upcoming event is going to be for you as a player and also for Bangladesh?

Soumya Sarkar (SS): Obviously the upcoming World Cup is very important for me as I was unable to do well in the previous events. My aim will be to become a regular

performer for my team. World Cups are always special for any player as it's the biggest stage where you can showcase your talent and gain confidence.

DS: In the T20I series in Zimbabwe, you were adjudged the player-of-theseries. But you had a tough time at home against Australia in the next series and were only picked for the last match against New

Zealand. What do you think went wrong?

SS: I normally play with positive intent but the Australia series at home didn't go well for me. I think my reading of the pitch went wrong as it was difficult to play my natural game in such pitches at home. I have worked on this aspect and it's very important to read the surface as a batsman. I want to focus on the positive side of my batting and I am mentally working on this aspect.

you need to work on to become a better back-foot strokes individually.

The Daily Star (DS): batsman in world cricket? Having already played ODI World Cups in

SS: To be honest, I have been thinking of this aspect for quite some time now and trying to work on being more consistent. If you have noticed, I was playing my natural game in Zimbabwe. But things went differently at home where my positive intent backfired because of the surface as it required a different approach. My focus is now on consistency as a batsman and yes, I am eyeing to compete among the best in the world and not just in my country. I am aiming to be among the top ten batters

in the world and for that, you have to perform on a consistent basis and I realise it.

> DS: Keeping the pitch in Oman and the UAE in mind, what are the areas you think Bangladesh can utilise with the bat, especially during the powerplay? SS:

We utilised the

powerplay well in Zimbabwe. I think the batters will want to do the same in Oman and the UAE and play freely during the powerplay.

DS: Is there any specific area that you have worked on with batting consultant Ashwell Prince?

SS: He [Ashwell Prince] used to play shots on the back-foot really well as typical South Africans do. And I tried to learn a few tricks and tips from him about that shot. Though we didn't get the opportunity to work for DS: Do you think it's the consistency that a long time, I have been practicing those

A breath of fresh air

ANISUR RAHMAN from Maldives

The little Velana International Airport may not be that attractive upon arrival, especially after catching a sneak peek of the splendid beauty of Maldives from the sky. However, after stepping off the airport, which is linked to the capital city of Male with a bridge, the pristine water of the Indian Ocean is bound to completely sway the visitors in no time.

Having flown out from the Hamad International Airport of Doha in the morning, it took over four hours to reach Maldives' airspace. Initially, from high above, the ringshaped atolls in the blue water misled us to consider those as clouds. But when the aircraft had significantly descended, the view cleared up in high-definition to reveal lush green and hidden islands with picturesque resorts, resembling the ones generally found on internet search.

The mild and meditative waves of the crystal clear water must tempt one to go closer to it first, before boarding either water buses or taxi cabs destined for your place of stay.

We began heading towards Male on the hotel-provided microbus and the 15-minute journey impressed all of us to a great extent, especially the traffic system as the chauffeur neither had to overtake another vehicle, despite having ample space on both sides of the middle lane, nor did he ever resort to pressing any irritating horn. We got to know from the chauffeur that overtaking is forbidden in Maldives, although the

seemingly reckless bikers on the road disagreed, apparently.

On route, a lot of parked motorcycles caught our eyes. We got to know that the motorcycle, which costs around 40,000 Maldivian Rufiyaa (approximately 2600 US Dollar), is the most popular mode of personal transport in the 8.30-square-km city of Male.



Apart from male bikers, hijab-wearing female bikers dominate the streets, made of square-shaped zigzag concrete blocks which look similar to ones that Dhaka footpath had before the recently-laid red-yellow plates.

If Amsterdam is a city of bicycles and Dhaka is a city of rickshaws, then Male can be labelled as a city of motorcycles, no doubt.

It takes nearly one hour, or a few if you walk, to traverse Male from one end to another with the traffic being really thin except for the bikes. One of us found out that most of the Male roads have one-way movements that hardly cause any traffic jams. On top of it, no traffic police was seen anywhere.

The most interesting part of traffic is that the vehicles stop and wait until you cross the road via zebra-crossing and not the other way around, which is quite different compared to other sub-continent countries.

Interestingly, to see different shops with big glass windows, kept locked without any shutters or collapsible gates, may surprise you with the indication of the absence of robbers in the city.

It is common to have a view of the ocean's blue waters from the end of almost each narrow road, that basically joins the Malesurrounded ring road, and one can take a long breath of fresh air at the end of each road. Another pleasing aspect of the city is that the sky view is not hampered by high-rise buildings as it is in Dhaka. Except for a few high-rise buildings, most of the six or sevenstoried buildings and the trees virtually bear the beauty of the small town.

Finally, feeling lonely is not an option if you are from Bangladesh because invariably you will come across compatriots -- workers, companies' employees and businessmen -surrounding you in airports, hotels, shops and almost every other place in the city of Male.



ZIARUL'S RECORD **ON LAST DAY**

Ziarul Islam of Bangladesh Army set a new national record, lifting 292 kilos in the 109-kg category on the concluding day of Mujib Borsho National Weightlifting Competition at the old National Sports Council building yesterday. Ziarul lifted 132 kilos in snatch and 162 kilos in clean & jerk – both new records – to lead Army to overall victory. Baki Billah of Ansar was adjudged best male weightlifter while Smrity Akter of Army was adjudged best female weightlifter of the competition.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED





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BURIGANGA RIVERBANK Up for grabbing

BIWTA planning walkways when excavation of filled-up stretches needed

TARUN SARKAR

Local syndicates are out again to grab swathes of the Buriganga riverbank in the capital's Kamrangichar, blocking the natural flow of the river.

Over the last few months and years, they set up at least two truck stands, dozens of construction material businesses and a motor workshop by filling up the riverbank in the area.

In several recent drives, Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) cleared about 670 metres of the riverbank at Hujurpara, Sirajnagar and Kholamora under Kamrangirchar Police Station, but many illegal businesses still occupy the riverbank.

Experts and environmentalists say excavation of the filled-up riverbank is very crucial to ensure the natural flow of the river and to stop future occupation, but the BIWTA now plans to construct walkways there instead.

During a visit in early September, nearly 100 feet of riverbank inside the river-boundary pillars between Hujurpara mosque and Kholamora terminal area were found filled up.

One of the two truck stands has been set up between pillar 27 and 28 in Hujurpara. The other has been built on the east part of Kholamora terminal, filling up a large area of the riverbank between pillar 40 and 43. Parking of different sorts of vehicles and loading and unloading of

construction materials go on here with little regard for river protection laws and multiple High Court orders.

A signboard titled "Stand and Parking: Kholamora Terminal" has been hoisted there by Kamrangirchar unit of Bangladesh Inter-District Truck Drivers Union. Dozens of trucks, pickups and other small vehicles were seen parked there.

Nearby, a motor workshop has been set up to overhaul vehicles. It is not clear who set up the workshop, as there is no signboard to claim its ownership.

Trading of wood, sand, brick and stone is going on in full swing at SEE PAGE 4 COL 3



Trucks parked on the bank of the Buriganga at Kholamora ghat in the capital's Kamrangirchar. Influential locals encroached upon the river to make this truck stand. The BIWTA removed other structures that encroached upon the river, but the truck stand remains. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

CHINA ANNIVERSARY PM greets Xi, hopes strong cooperation

Unв, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina sent a letter of felicitation to Chinese President Xi Jinping and hoped that exchanges and cooperation at various levels between the two countries will be further strengthened in the coming days.

The prime minister sent the letter on the occasion of the 72nd anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of

THIS DAY IN BANGLADESH LIBERATION WAR HISTORY Bangladesh cabinet discusses Indo-Soviet talk

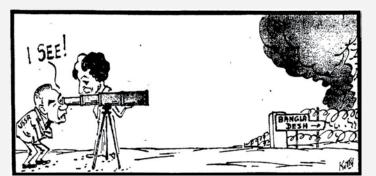


PHOTO: THE HINDUSTHAN STANDARD

UNAUTHORISED HANDSETS BTRC begins to snap their connectivity STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission yesterday started implementing the decision to disconnect unauthorised handsets from cellular connectivity.

The BTRC launched the programme after the deadline for mobile phone registration with the National Equipment Identity Register (NEIR) expired on September 30.

Drawings by boxing legend Muhammad Ali up for auction





Low turnout as Mamata fights to retain her CM post

NDTV, The Hindu

Bengal,

Election

The

PTI.

The bypoll in the Bhabanipur Assembly constituency in West

which

Minister Mamata Banerjee

is contesting to retain

her chief minister's post,

saw a relatively low voter

turnout amidst isolated

disturbances, a senior

registered over 57 percent

polling during Thursday's

by-election, the official told

Chief

China.

Hasina, on behalf of the government and the people of Bangladesh, conveyed to President Xi and through him to the government and the friendly people of China her heartiest felicitations and warmest greetings.

"Modern China under the leadership of the Communist Party of China is a significant partner for the socio-economic development of Bangladesh," said the PM.

Hasina fondly recalled President Xi Jinping's visit to Bangladesh in 2016 during which the two leaders agreed to

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OCTOBER 2, 1971 Shamsuddoza Sajen

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CABINET MEETING HELD

The Bangladesh cabinet met today to review the Kremlin meeting between the Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and the Soviet leaders, and to assess its implication on the War of Liberation. Earlier, Bangladesh Foreign Secretary Mahbub Alam had a meeting with Indian Foreign Secretary TN Kaul, who had accompanied Indira to Moscow. Although no official comment on the cabinet talks was available, informed sources indicated that the cabinet was satisfied with the outcome of the Moscow talks and in particular with the growing realisation among the Soviet leaders of the extent and intensity of the Liberation War in Bangladesh.

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NEIR is a central database for International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI), a unique 15-digit identification or serial number that all mobile phones must have to remain connected to networks. Mobile phones with

proper documents have been automatically included in the database. The NEIR was launched

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REUTERS, New York

A rare collection of sketches and paintings by American boxer Muhammad Ali - who loved to draw between fights - is going up for auction in New York next week.

The 24-piece collection, many of them in cartoon style and some of them signed, reflect Ali's interest in religion and social justice, but there are also some that picture him in the ring.

"Ref, he did float like a butterfly and sting like a bee!" reads the speech bubble from a boxer knocked out by an opponent with his arms raised in victory. SEE PAGE 4 COL 1

In April when the West

official said yesterday.

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Commission

constituency

3kg crystal meth seized in Teknaf

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rab officers yesterday arrested a Rohingya man with three kg of crystal methamphetamine in Teknaf, Cox's Bazar.

Officers caught Abdul Latif, 64, carrying the haul in a shopping bag around 3:30pm near Shapla Chottor on Marine Drive, said Abdullah Mohammad Sheikh Sadi, senior assistant director at Rab-15.

Latif, a resident of Aliabad area, told Rab officers in primary interrogation that he brought the substance, popularly known as ice, from the border in Teknaf to sell it in Cox's Bazar and elsewhere, the officer said.



 PRAYER TIMING OCTOBER 2

 Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha

 AZAN 4-45
 12-45
 4-15
 5-53
 7-30

 JAMAAT 5-20
 1-15
 4-30
 5-56
 8-00

 SOURCE- ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



THE OLD NORMAL?... Hundreds of people shopping at a street market in the capital's Gulistan yesterday evening. Other than one or two people wearing masks, the picture is similar to those of pre-pandemic times. Covid-19 transmission has been steadily declining across the country and people have been ignoring the health safety guidelines.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Star HEALTHLINE Asthma more prevalent in **CHILDREN AGED 5-14** Dr Rukhsana Parvin Bronchial asthma is a condition in which airways are inflamed and become more sensitive. When sensitive airways are exposed to certain triggers, they overreact, become narrower and breathing becomes difficult. If the condition is not managed well, it can lead to life-threatening asthma attacks. Asthma can begin at any age, but most children who have it, have their first symptoms by the age of 5. Childhood BEACON SEE PAGE 4 COL 2

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