

Freedom first: Tajuddin

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 authorise and appropriate an additional sum of \$50 million for the relief and rehabilitation of refugees from East Pakistan and for humanitarian relief in East Pakistan under the Foreign Assistance Act.
 "Together with food supplied under Public Law 480, these funds will enable us to do our share in mitigating the effects of this human crisis, and thus help avert the deeper tragedies that all too easily could follow," said Nixon.
ON THE WAR FRONT
 Mukti Bahini today attacked Madunaghat electric sub-station, a few miles away from Chittagong city, and destroyed two transformers in a daring raid in the early hours of the day. Sepoy Mannan fired the critical shells that destroyed the transformers but in the process of firing was hit by a bullet. He later succumbed to the

injury.
 There was another action against the Pakistanis at Chagalnaya BOP. Mukti Bahini crept close to the enemy defence at night and laid in wait. A group of Pakistanis had started preparing their bunkers carelessly. At that time the raiding party swung into action and killed three Pakistanis. Mukti Bahini suffered one casualty.
 In the Rangpur-Dinajpur-Rajshahi sector, Mukti Bahini raided the Pakistani position near Dhanigala and killed four soldiers.
 In the Mymensingh-Sylhet sector, Mukti Bahini ambushed Pakistani troops position near Kamarsail and killed four enemy troops.
 Mukti Bahini raided Kaiara School, Feni where the occupation troops camped, and killed six of them.
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A health worker speaks with a person inside a vehicle at the Bondi Beach drive-through coronavirus disease testing centre during a lockdown to curb the spread of a Covid-19 outbreak in Sydney, Australia yesterday.

NHRC wants his dens shut

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 Ulama Anjum Al-Bayanat has been listed as a militant organisation by the home ministry and is one of the organisations in which Dillur is involved.
 The HC bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice Md Mostafizur Rahman said the NHRC report, attached with the writ petition filed on behalf of eight victims of Dillur's defamatory cases, made seven recommendations.
 "One of the recommendations is preparing a list of properties of Rajarbagh Darbar Shareef's so-called Pir Dillur Rahman and his organisations, and the issues of their revenues will have to be inquired," the HC bench said in the full text of its September 19 order released Monday.
 "Secondly, Dillur Rahman's den and its branches established at different places across the country will have to be shut down so that they cannot deceive the general people in the name of religion and cannot grab assets and money of innocent people through filing false cases and harassing them."
 Another recommendation, the HC bench said, was that Al-Bayanat and Al-Ihsan, newspapers run by Ulama Anjum Al-Bayanat and other organisations Dillur is involved in, will have to be banned.

The HC bench said in the full text that it has been evident from the NHRC report that around 7,000 acres of land and rubber plantations in different areas are illegally occupied by the so-called Pir and his Darbar Shareef.
 The bench delivered the short version of the order on September 19 following a writ petition moved by lawyer Mohammad Shishir Manir seeking necessary directives.
 Shishir Manir yesterday told The Daily Star that the NHRC had placed the seven-point recommendations about Rajarbagh Darbar Shareef and Dillur Rahman to the home ministry in 2018.
 "Since the home ministry has not taken any action, we have submitted the NHRC report to the High Court for necessary directives," he said.
 The eight victims, including Md Ala Uddin from Cox's Bazar, Nargis Akter from Khulna, Nazma Akter from Savar, a freedom fighter's son Zinnat Ali from Cox's Bazar, businessman Abdul Kader from Sabujbagh of Dhaka, Jainal Abedin and Aybur Hasan Siam from Narsingdi, collectively submitted the petition to the HC on September 16 through lawyer Mohamad Shishir Manir, saying Dillur Rahman filed several false, misleading and defamatory cases against them through his disciples to grab their properties and harass them.

Offshore links found in IPL teams

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 some cases pay little or no tax.
 The names exposed thus far include King Abdullah II, the King of Jordan; the presidents of Ukraine, Kenya and Ecuador; the prime minister of the Czech Republic, former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, Indian cricketing legend Sachin Tendulkar, Colombian pop star Shakira, Spanish footballer and coach Pep Guardiola, Indian billionaire Anil Ambani.
 The 2.94 terabytes of files were obtained by the Washington-based International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ) two years ago and since then, more than 650 journalists from ICIJ's 150 partner news outlets around the world trawled through the files.
 The ICIJ's partner organisation in India is The Indian Express, whose latest in the series exposed the offshore links to the origins of the two IPL teams.
 Internal documents of Panamanian corporate services firm Aleman, Cordero, Galindo & Lee Trust (BVI) or Alcolgal, which set up entities in the British Virgin Islands, establish the ownership of the IPL franchisees either wholly or partly with Indians who are British citizens and are related to Lalit Modi, the architect of the money-spinning cricket tournament.
 The documents reveal the links of Gaurav Burman, a fifth-generation scion of Dabur's Burman family and husband of Lalit Modi's stepdaughter Karima, with the Kings XI Punjab franchisee, reports The Indian Express.
 And also that of Indian businessman in Nigeria, Suresh

Chellaram, whose wife Kavita is the sister of Lalit Modi's late wife Minal, with the Rajasthan Royals franchisee.
 It was not just the investment by offshore entities in franchisees that raised eyebrows after the IPL was founded in 2008.
 It was a larger tussle between the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) and Modi who had suddenly emerged as a parallel power centre and was allegedly routing investments into these franchisees through people close to him.
 Burman, according to Alcolgal documents, had lent \$2 million to Bantree International, a British Virgin Island company, for the "purpose of making a shareholder loan" to its Mauritian subsidiary Colway Investments.
 Colway, in turn, was a shareholder in KPH Dream Cricket, the owners of Kings XI Punjab.
 Financial statements of KPH Dream Cricket for 2008-09 submitted to the Registrar of Companies showed that Colway held 4,47,700 shares (acquired at a premium of Rs 104.27 each for a total consideration of Rs 5.11 crore) in the franchisee, reports The Indian Express.
 Contacted by The Indian Express, Burman denied any wrongdoing.
 "Everything to do with KPH Kings XI was thoroughly investigated by the BCCI and the Enforcement Directorate. The BCCI had actually terminated our franchise. We went to court and won that case. Our franchise was restored," he said.

Alcolgal documents also reveal that Chellaram was the sole shareholder in Tresco International, a British Virgin Islands company, which in turn held 44.15 per cent in EM Sporting Holdings, a Mauritian company, the owner of Royal Multisport.
 Royal Multisport is the owner of Rajasthan Royals.
 The latest financial statements for Royal Multisport for the year ending March 31, 2020 show that EM Sporting Holdings is the company's holding entity with near 100 per cent shareholding, reports The Indian Express.
 The Alcolgal documents show that the ultimate beneficiary owners (UBOs) of Tresco were Chellaram's wife Kavita, son Aditya and daughter Amisha.
 Contacted by The Indian Express, he confirmed that his wife and two children were the shareholders of Tresco when it was active.
 "Tresco transferred its interest in the Rajasthan Royals prior to being wound up. Tresco made all relevant filings and disclosures in all relevant jurisdictions until its winding up," he said.
 The UBOs - Burman and the three Chellaram family members - of the two offshore entities Bantree and Tresco respectively are British citizens.
 Burman's UK address, the country's land registry shows, is a freehold property owned by Elephant Services, another British Virgin Islands company, since March 15, 2010. He is the UBO of Elephant Services, according to Alcolgal records.

AB Bank DMD gets bail

Bank says defaulter filed case out of anger

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A Dhaka court yesterday granted bail to Abdur Rahman, deputy managing director (DMD) of AB Bank, in a fraud case.
 Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Nivana Khair Jesi passed the order after Nur Alam, a defense lawyer, filed a petition seeking bail for Abdur Rahman, court sources said.
 Following an arrest warrant issued by the court, police yesterday morning arrested Abdur Rahman at his Gulshan home and produced him before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court of Dhaka.
 Dhaka Metropolitan Police Assistant Commissioner (Gulshan zone) Newton Das told The Daily Star yesterday, "An arrest warrant was issued against the AB Bank DMD in a fraud case, filed by one Bazlur Rashid, following which he was arrested."
 AB Bank yesterday issued a press release saying that a habitual loan defaulter of the bank intentionally filed the case as he was trying to avoid repaying the loans.
 Lawyer Nur Alam told The Daily Star that Bazlur Rashid had filed the case on behalf of Ershad Ali, a willful loan defaulter who had taken a good amount of loans from AB Bank.
 Ali owes the bank Tk 176 crore in default loans in connection of which the bank lodged four criminal cases.
 A case is under trial at the money loan court against him. Ali had the case filed against the DMD due to personal anger, the press release said.

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 He said representatives of the Jashore deputy commissioner and the superintendent of police, civil surgeons and doctors were present when Kalu and Aziz were hanged.
 Before the execution of the death sentence, both met their families as their last wish. Their health was in good state, he said.
 On September 26, 2003, a case was filed with Alamdanga Police Station against four people, including the two, over raping and killing the two girls in Jorgachha village of Alamdanga.
 One of them died while on trial and another was acquitted in the case.

Still undecided

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 government, the e-Commerce Association of Bangladesh, the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry and the Bangladesh Association of Software and Information Services.
 The sub-committee is scheduled to submit its report within the next one month, he said.
 Meanwhile, the government will strengthen the commerce ministry's digital commerce cell as well as the DNCRP so that consumers can lodge complaints easily and get them resolved.
 Shafiguzzaman, however, declined to comment on how the creditors of the fraudulent e-commerce companies would be back or if they would be paid back at all.
 The introduction of the payment gateway on June 30 has dramatically brought down incidents of cheating in the e-commerce sector.
 "No major cheating incident was reported after that."
 In July, the government formulated a Standard Operating Procedure, which has been serving as a guideline for the e-commerce sector, he added.

Russian crew to shoot first

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 But they belatedly docked at the ISS at 1222 GMT after veteran cosmonaut Anton Shkaplerov switched to manual control.
 "Welcome to the ISS!" Russia's space agency Roscosmos said on Twitter.
 The crew travelled in a Soyuz MS-19 spaceship for a 12-day mission at the ISS to film scenes for "The Challenge".
 The movie's plot, which has been mostly kept under wraps along with its budget, was revealed by Roscosmos to centre around a female surgeon who is dispatched to the ISS to save a cosmonaut.
 Shkaplerov and two other Russian cosmonauts aboard the ISS are said to have cameo roles in the film.
 The ISS crew, which also includes a French, a Japanese and three Nasa astronauts, welcomed the newcomers when the hatch opened at around 1410 GMT.
 "It was difficult psychologically, physically and emotionally... but I think when we reach our goal all the challenges won't seem so bad,"

Peresild - who was selected out of 3,000 applicants for the role - said at a pre-flight press conference on Monday.
 True to a pre-flight tradition religiously observed by cosmonauts, the crew said that on Sunday they watched the classic Soviet film "The White Sun of the Desert".
 Shipenko and Peresild are expected to return to Earth on October 17 in a capsule with cosmonaut Oleg Novitskiy, who has been on the ISS for the past six months.
 "Space is where we became pioneers, where despite everything we maintain a fairly confident position," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters yesterday.
 If successful, the mission will add to a long list of firsts for Russia's space industry.
 The Soviets launched the first satellite Sputnik, and sent the first animal, a dog named Laika, the first man, Yuri Gagarin, and the first woman, Valentina Tereshkova, into orbit.

Trio wins Nobel Prize in Physics

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 "Giorgio Parisi is rewarded for his revolutionary contributions to the theory of disordered materials and random processes," it added.
 "The discoveries being recognised this year demonstrate that our knowledge about the climate rests on a solid scientific foundation, based on a rigorous analysis of observations," Hansson said.
 Manabe is affiliated with Princeton University in the US, while Hasselmann is a professor at the Max Planck Institute for Meteorology in Hamburg.
 Parisi, who also won the prestigious Wolf Prize in February, is a professor at Sapienza University of Rome.
"WE HAVE TO ACT NOW"
 Working in the 1960s, Manabe

showed how levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere corresponded to increased Earth surface temperatures.
 He was influential in developing the physical models of Earth's climate and worked on how exactly the heat energy received by Earth from the Sun radiates back into the atmosphere.
 Hasselmann was credited for working out how climate models can remain reliable despite sometimes chaotic variation in weather trends.
 The Committee praised his identification of climate "fingerprints" caused by both natural and human activities and how much climate change can be contributed solely to man-made emissions.
 Parisi was honoured for his work

in the 1980s that was said by the Committee to be "among the most important contributions" to the theory of complex systems.
 His work made it possible for physicists to understand apparently entirely random materials, with wide-ranging applications including mathematics, biology, and machine learning.
 Linking Manabe and Hasselmann's work to Parisi's, the Nobel Foundation said this year's prize "recognises new methods for describing complex systems and predicting their long-term behaviour."
 "One complex system of vital importance to humankind is Earth's climate."

Cops rescue five

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 The girls were confined at a flat in the capital and repeatedly raped in the last four days, said one of the victim's family members.
 Scared, they headed towards Barishal by a launch instead of returning home. Police rescued them from Sadarghat on their way, the victim's family said while this correspondent visited them last night.
 Manas Kumar Podder, deputy commissioner of DB (Mirpur division), said they were conducting raids to arrest the accused.
 "A case would be filed in this regard soon," he added.
 Meanwhile, a team of Mirpur Police Station rescued two other teenagers from Durgapur area of Netrakona.
 The girls' family members filed general dairies with the police station after they went missing last Friday, said Mostajirur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Mirpur Police Station.
 Police traced the girls in Netrakona with two youths named Sagar and Rabbi, he said, adding that both the youths are residents of the area. "We are interrogating them."
 On the other hand, another teenage girl went missing from her house in Rupnagar last Friday.
 Rupnagar Police Station OC Arifur Rahman said they started an investigation and rescued the girl from one of her friend's house in

the capital's Uttarkhan area after her family filed a general diary.
 "It seems that the girl went out of her home following a family feud," he added.
 On Thursday, in a separate incident, three teenage friends left their homes without saying anything to their families.
 One of them took Tk 6 lakh in cash, another took 2.5 tola of gold ornaments and the other took Tk 75,000.
 They also took SSC certificates, birth certificates and several mobile phones from their houses. Police could not trace them as of yet.
 Elder sister of one of the missing teenagers filed a case with Pallabi Police Station, under the Women and Child Repression Prevention Act, against 10 people on Saturday - citing the names of the four.
 She feared that the girls were trafficked abroad.
 In connection with the case, a youth was placed on a two-day remand on Sunday while the remand hearing of three other arrestees would be held after determining their age.
 Asked, ASM Mahtab Uddin, deputy commissioner of Mirpur division police, said that they had some leads regarding the girls' whereabouts.
 "We are working with the clues and hopeful to rescue the girls soon," he added.

Indigenous man

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 "Later we filed a general diary with local police station."
 Quoting witness, Ma Ma Ching said, "Sharif attacked my father with bricks first and set fire on him by pouring petrol."

Yaba pills worth




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 14,000 pieces of yaba tablets near the Damdamia check post in Teknaf.
 Sources said that BGB personnel signalled a biker to pull over at the check post, but he abandoned the vehicle and disappeared in the mountains. A search resulted in the drug haul.

Russia reports record daily Covid deaths

AFP, Moscow
 Russia yesterday recorded its highest daily coronavirus death toll as cases linked to the Delta variant spike amid a lacklustre vaccination drive and few anti-virus restrictions.
 A government tally reported 895 fatalities over the past 24 hours, a record in Russia since the start of the pandemic.
 The new figure brings total deaths from Covid-19 to 211,696 - the highest in Europe.
 Authorities have been accused of playing down the severity of the outbreak.

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