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Sudan military seizes power

*Dissolves transitional govt; world
condemns as armed forces detain
PM, other leaders*

REUTERS, Khartoum

Soldiers arrested most of the members of Sudan's cabinet yesterday and the military chief dissolved the transitional government, while opponents of the takeover took to the streets where gunfire and injuries were reported.

Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, a general who headed the Sovereign Council, a ruling body that had shared power between the military and civilians, announced a state of emergency. The military needed to protect the country's safety and security, he said, and the council had been dissolved.

"We guarantee the armed forces' commitment to completing the democratic transition until we hand over to a civilian elected government," he added, setting elections for July 2023.

"What the country is going through now is a real threat and danger to the dreams of the youth, and the hopes of the nation to build a nation whose features are starting to emerge."

Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok was detained and moved to an undisclosed location after refusing to issue a statement in support of the takeover, said the information ministry, still apparently under the control of Hamdok's supporters.

The ministry called Burhan's announcement a "military coup" and called for resistance. It said tens of thousands of people opposed to the takeover had taken to the streets and had faced gunfire near the military's headquarters in

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Fishermen carrying blocks of ice towards their boats to resume fishing after the 22-day long ban on Hilsa fishing ended last night. The photo was taken in Chattogram city's Fishery Ghat area yesterday.

PHOTO:
RAJIB RAIHAN

22-day ban on catching hilsa ends

A CORRESPONDENT, Chandpur

The government's 22-day ban on catching hilsa to ensure its safe spawning during the peak breeding period ended at midnight yesterday.

A total of 44,035 fishermen in Chandpur were taking preparations to resume catching the national fish in the Padma and Meghna rivers.

The ban had started on October 4.

According to sources of Chandpur district administration and fisheries department, a committee formed by the local administration task force conducted raids during the ban in the 70-kilometre area along the Padma and Meghna to protect brood hilsa.

Along with authorities of fisheries department, district and upazila administrations, coastguards and river police have jointly and separately conducted 285 raids and 97 mobile courts.

During these operations,
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RICE MILLERS Govt to cancel licences for failure to supply Boro

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is going to cancel licences of the millers who violated contracts by failing to supply Boro rice to it during this current season.

The food ministry has already given a directive to the Directorate General of Food in this regard.

It has also asked to revoke licences of the millers who could supply the rice to the government but avoided signing the contracts during the Boro procurement season.

Electricity connections to such mills will be disconnected, read the directive, issued on October 24.

The Directorate General of Food has been asked to cancel licences and forfeit security deposits of the millers, who had agreement with the government, but failed to supply rice.

Those who supplied 80 percent or more rice will get back their security deposits under special consideration, according to the directives.

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ROAD TO FREEDOM THIS DAY IN BANGLADESH LIBERATION WAR HISTORY

Tajuddin hopeful of Chinese support

OCTOBER 26, 1971

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

HELP OFFERED FOR BANGLADESHI REFUGEES

Thirteen nations and five international organisations agreed in Paris today to a worldwide effort to meet the cost of the growing refugee problem in India. The number of refugees were put at more than 9.5 million. The expenditure needed to care for the East Pakistanis was put at \$700 million until the end of March 1973. It was agreed that such costs were creating an intolerable burden on India.

Representatives of Austria, Belgium, Britain, Canada, Denmark, France, West Germany, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, and the United States attended the meeting with delegates from India, the IMF, UNICEF, the High Commissioner for Refugees and the OECD.

CHINA CONGRATULATED

Bangladesh Prime Minister Tajuddin Ahmad today congratulated China on her entry to the UN and hoped that the people of the country would declare their solidarity with the people of Bangladesh in the struggle for liberation.

He added that the UN decision to accept China to its fold once again proved that "conspiracies of the reactionary forces are bound to fail in every age".

INDIRA DEFENDS SOVIET ARMS AID

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SINHA MURDER 'Body bore injury marks apart from bullet wounds'

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Cox's Bazar

Besides bullet wounds, multiple injury marks were found in the neck, throat and head of Maj (ret'd) Sinha Rashed Khan after his body was brought to the Cox's Bazar District Sadar Hospital.

Aminul Islam, a former sub-inspector of Cox's Bazar Sadar Model Police Station, said this while testifying before the Cox's Bazar District and Sessions Judge's Court yesterday, said a court source.

Aminul, a witness in Sinha murder case, prepared the inquest report.

Sinha was brought dead to the hospital. His body was smeared with blood and mud. A small portion below the throat was crushed. Injury marks were also found in the neck and

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Hundreds of Mayan artifacts discovered in Mexico



CNN ONLINE

Archaeologists say they have discovered hundreds of Mayan artifacts, including ceramic vessels and burial sites, along the route of a train construction project in Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula.

Researchers have so far discovered nearly 2,500 pre-Hispanic structures, 80 burial sites and thousands of vessels and fragments along the route of the "Maya Train," Mexico's National Institute of Anthropology and History (INAH) announced in a statement Thursday.

The artifacts were discovered with the help of GPS georeferencing, satellite topographic images

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SPL CAMPAIGN

66 lakh to be jabbed Thursday

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

More than 66 lakh people, aged 25 and above, will receive their second dose of Covid-19 vaccines in a special countrywide campaign on Thursday, officials said yesterday.

Those people received their first dose on September 28 in a special campaign marking the 75th birthday of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. On that day, 66,25,123 people received their first jab.

A circular from the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) yesterday said only those who received first jabs on September 28 will get the second ones on Thursday at the centres where they received the first shots.

Meanwhile, the DGHS said five people died from Covid-19 in the 24 hours preceding 8:00am yesterday.

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SOCIAL MEDIA FOR KIDS

Australia for forcing parental consent

AGENCIES

Australia yesterday unveiled plans to make social media companies obtain parental consent for users under the age of 16, with multimillion dollar fines for failing to comply.

Draft legislation to enhance online privacy protections would require companies such as Facebook, anonymous forum Reddit, smartphone dating app Bumble and Facebook-owned messenger Whatsapp to take all reasonable steps to determine users' ages

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PRAYER TIMING OCTOBER 26

Fajr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 4:50 12:45 4:00 5:32 7:15
JAMAT 5:25 1:15 4:15 5:35 7:45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



Heavy vehicles dumped by police, in an open area right behind the Shahbagh Police Control Room, have weeds growing in and around them. Due to a lack of maintenance after the dumping of around a hundred different vehicles, the place has turned into a jungle. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO:
ANISUR RAHMAN

Star HEALTHLINE

UTI more common IN WOMEN THAN MEN

STAR HEALTH DESK

Urinary tract infection (UTI) typically occurs when bacteria enter the urinary tract through the urethra and begin to multiply in the bladder, overcoming the body's defences.

It can infect any part of the urinary system like kidneys, ureters, bladder and urethra.

Common symptoms of UTI are: a strong urge to urinate, burning sensation when urinating, passing frequent and small amounts of urine, nausea, vomiting, muscle aches,

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