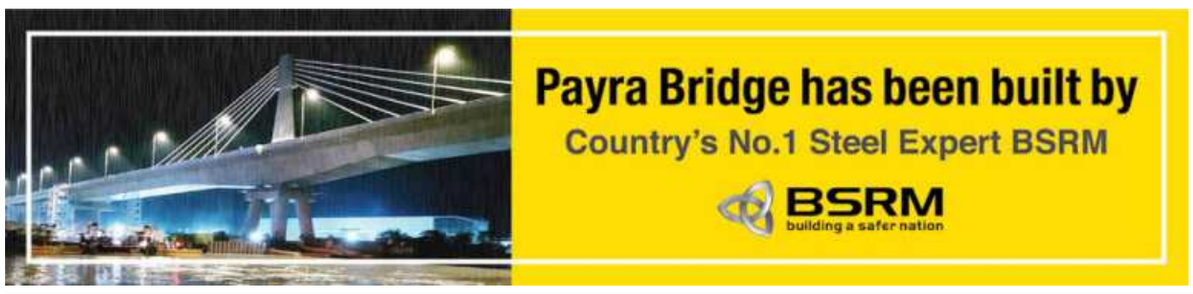

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MANNAN FLYOVER IN CTG

Confusion on 'cracks'

CDA says it's rumour

SATR REPORT

The Chattorgam Development Authority (CDA) has ruled out the report that cracks have developed on two pillars of MA Mannan Flyover.

"As per information from our technical team, these are not cracks," Md Mahfuzur Rahman, executive engineer (project) of CDA, told The Daily Star around 7:30pm yesterday.

"It [that the cracks were developed] was a rumour," he said, adding these are actually marks created during the construction work and they have been there since the inauguration.

Before the technical team of CDA went for the inspection around 6:30pm, Hasan Bin Shams, its chief engineer, said, "Primarily it appears that the cracks have been developed on the surface plaster. It will not cause any structural

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Vehicles stuck in long tailbacks on Moghbazar-Mouchak flyover and the road along it in the capital's Satrasta area yesterday. Commuters suffered major delays as two rallies organised in Nayapaltan and Shahbagh led to gridlock in different parts of the city.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Reza Kibria, Nur float new party

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former Gono Forum general secretary Dr Reza Kibria and former Ducsu vice president Nurul Haque Nur have launched a political party named "Bangladesh Gono Odhikar Parishad".

The new political party was floated through a programme at its office at Pritam Jaman Tower in the capital's Paltan yesterday.

A 83-member convening committee was also unveiled with Kibria as the convener and Nur as the member secretary.

The party said it has set "democracy", "justice", "rights" and "national interest" as its four core operating principles.

"People's right is our pledge" has been fixed as its slogan.

Gonoshasthaya Kendra founder Dr Zafrullah Chowdhury was present as the chief guest of the programme.

Launching the party, the leaders demanded restoration of caretaker

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SUDAN CRISIS

Coup triggers deadly unrest

7 killed, dozens injured; capital locked down

AGENCIES

Angry Sudanese stood their ground yesterday in street protests against a coup, as international condemnation of the military's takeover poured in ahead of a UN Security Council meeting.

"No to military rule", "The revolution will go on" and "Returning to the past is not an option", they chanted, a day after the armed forces seized power and reportedly shot dead at least seven people.

On Monday soldiers detained Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok, his ministers and civilian members of Sudan's ruling council, who have been heading a transition to full civilian rule following the 2019 overthrow of autocrat Omar al-Bashir.

The subsequent declaration of a state of emergency and dissolution of the government provoked an immediate international backlash with the United States, a key backer of Sudan's transition, strongly condemning the military's actions and suspending millions of dollars in aid.

The UN demanded Hamdok's

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ROAD TO FREEDOM
THIS DAY IN BANGLADESH LIBERATION WAR HISTORY

Nazrul seeks China's support

OCTOBER 27, 1971

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

FAMINE AVERTED FOR NOW

A briefing dated October 27, 1971, prepared for US President Richard Nixon, concluded that the widespread famine with associated deaths and an accelerated refugee flow to India -- predicted by many last summer -- would not occur in East Pakistan during the winter. The briefing was based upon an on-the-sport review report from the Deputy Aid Administrator Maurice Williams, who had investigated the danger of famine in East Pakistan.

The report cited the following reasons behind this development: Reduction of the East Pakistani population by nine million (13 percent) who had moved to India; shipment of one million tonnes of grain by the US; US support for transportation from ocean ports to river ports in East Pakistan; the end of a black market flow of rice, normally one million tonnes annually, from East Pakistan into India as a result of border tension; the UN role in making food distribution neutral in the "civil conflict" and the prospect of the winter crop beginning in late November, 1971.

The report, however, cautioned that the situation in East Pakistan was still grim and that continuous relief assistance would be needed. Maurice Williams identified March, 1972 as the next critical period.

NAZRUL'S LETTER TO MAO

The acting president of Bangladesh Syed Nazrul Islam today sought China's support for the liberation struggle of the Bangladeshi people. In a felicitation message, sent to Chairman Mao on the

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SINHA MURDER

Bullets fired from Liakat's revolver

CID chemical examiner testifies in court

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Cox's Bazar*

The bullets that hit Maj (retd) Sinha Rashed Khan were fired from the licensed revolver of now suspended police inspector Liaqat Ali, said a witness in the Sinha murder case.

The witness -- Mohammad Mizanur Rahman, chemical examiner of police's Criminal Investigation Department (CID) -- said this while testifying before the Cox's Bazar District and Sessions Judge's Court yesterday.

"The licensed revolver of police inspector Liaqat Ali was seized after the incident. Later, it was examined in CID's lab. It was confirmed that the bullets which hit Maj (retd) Sinha were fired from the

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Lemurs have rhythmic singing abilities

CNN ONLINE

If animals could be nominated for Grammys, these lemurs could win. That's because they've got rhythm.

The Indri indri, a species of lemur in Madagascar, is one of a few animal species with rhythm, according to a study published Monday in Current Biology.

The indri is the largest living lemur species and the only one that sings, which made it the perfect animal to study to see if it has rhythm, said study co-author Chiara De Gregorio, a researcher in the department of life sciences and systems biology at

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MOHIB ULLAH MURDER

3 arrestees remanded

Drug trade behind unrest in camps, says home minister

STAR REPORT

Three Rohingya men accused in the Mohib Ullah murder case were placed on a two-day remand by a Cox's Bazar court yesterday, reports UNB.

Senior Judicial Magistrate Md Helal Uddin passed the order after police applied for a five-day remand.

The three accused are Rashid Prakash Murshid

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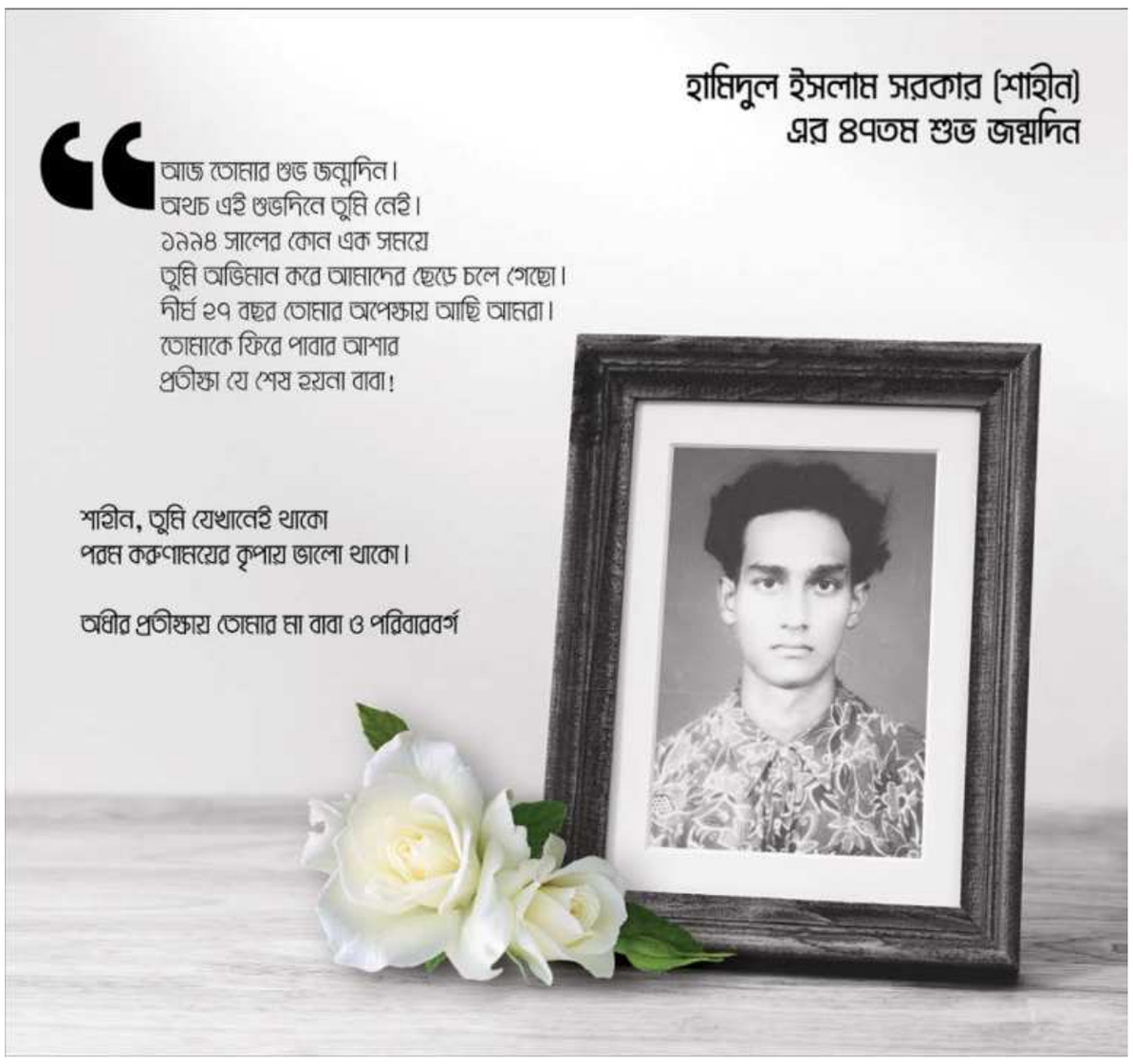
PRAYER TIMING OCTOBER 27

	Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN	4-50	12-45	4-00	5-32	7-15
JAMAAT	5-25	1-15	4-15	5-35	7-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



Asia suffered hottest year on record in 2020

Says UN ahead of COP26 summit

AFP, *Geneva*

Asia suffered its hottest year on record in 2020, the United Nations said yesterday ahead of the COP26 summit, with extreme weather taking a heavy toll on the continent's development.

In its annual "State of the Climate in Asia" report, the UN's World Meteorological Organization said every part of the region had been affected.

"Extreme weather and climate change impacts across Asia in 2020 caused the loss of life of thousands of people, displaced millions of others and cost hundreds of billions of dollars, while wreaking a heavy toll on infrastructure and ecosystems," the WMO said.

"Sustainable development is threatened, with food and water

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إنا لله وإنا إليه راجعون

Khurshida Rahman

It is with great sadness and deep sorrow, we announce the passing of Mrs. Khurshida Rahman on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 6:30 a.m. at the Evercare Hospital, Dhaka.

Mrs. Khurshida Rahman has left behind her husband – Mr. Atiqur Rahman (Masoom), Director – Transcom Group, sons – Ahmed Atifur Rahman and Omar Asifur Rahman and daughter – Zeeshaan Rahman, and a host of relatives to mourn her death.

She was buried at her family graveyard at the United City, Dhaka.

A loving wife and a caring mother, she was our source of inspiration and strength. May Allah SWT grant her the highest peak in Jannatul Firdous.

A Dua Mehfil will be held on **Friday, November 05, 2021 after Asr Prayers (4:30 p.m.) at the residence of her brother at United City, Satarkul, Dhaka.**

Atiqur Rahman (Masoom) and family

Dhaka, October 27, 2021

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