

4 bullet-hit

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The injured were receiving treatment at Pabna General Hospital.
Additional policemen were deployed in the area to keep the law and order situation under control but no group filed any case, the OC added.
The election is scheduled to be held on November 11.

New species

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because it also saw the rise of our own species (Homo sapiens) in Africa, our closest relatives, and the Neanderthals (Homo neanderthalensis) in Europe.
However, paleoanthropologists call this time "the muddle in the middle" because human evolution during this age is poorly understood.
Lead author, Dr Mirjana Roksandic, of the University of Winnipeg, Canada, said: "Talking about human evolution during this time period became impossible due to the lack of proper terminology that acknowledges human geographic variation."
Under the new classification, H. bodoensis will describe most Middle Pleistocene humans from Africa and some from southeast Europe, while many from the latter continent will be reclassified as Neanderthals.
According to one of the co-authors, Christopher Bae, department of anthropology, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, the introduction of H. bodoensis is aimed at "cutting the Gordian knot and allowing us to communicate clearly about this important period in human evolution."

Dr Roksandic concluded: "Naming a new species is a big deal, as the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature allows name changes only under very strictly defined rules.
"We are confident that this one will stick around for a long time, a new taxon name will live only if other researchers use it."
The findings are published in Evolutionary Anthropology Issues News and Reviews.

Home minister's

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Branch of police started probing the incident. After completing the primary investigation, the DB team arrested the four.
DB Sub-Inspector Bulbul Ahmed filed the forgery case with Kotwali Police Station on Thursday, accusing the four, said Inspector Hossein Ali.

Dhaka, Delhi

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extensive coordination efforts between the Economic Relations Division (ERD) and the High Commission.
The 19th Bangladesh-India LoC review meeting was held in Dhaka on October 27-28 to review the progress of 43 projects being taken up for implementation under GoI Lines of Credit (LoCs).
Sridharan Madhusudhanan, joint secretary (DPA-1), Ministry of External Affairs, government of India, led the Indian delegation and the Bangladesh delegation was led by Shahriar Kader Siddiky, additional secretary, ERD, Ministry of Finance, government of Bangladesh.
Representatives of Indian companies executing the LoC projects in Bangladesh also participated in the meeting.

The India-Bangladesh development partnership has grown significantly in recent years, said the Indian High Commission in Dhaka.

Four LoCs worth \$7.862b had been extended to Bangladesh for undertaking important infrastructure development projects in a wide array of sectors.

The total disbursements as of October 25, 2021, are approximately \$865m.

Under the first LoC of \$862m, 12 out of 15 projects have already been completed and three projects are under execution.

Under the second LoC of \$2b, two projects are already complete and the other projects are under various stages of implementation.

Under the third LoC of \$4.5b, one project has reached the execution stage, while the other projects are under various stages of DPP finalisation and tendering.

During the LoC review meeting, both sides expressed satisfaction with the robust cooperation on LoC projects.

The two delegation heads appreciated the fact that all stakeholders on the LoC projects are in constant touch, holding frequent and detailed review meetings, and are making every effort for the expeditious execution of projects.

A detailed discussion was held, Line Ministry-wise, to review project progress. The existing issues with project implementation and possible resolution mechanisms were identified.

Detailed timelines were determined for all the steps involved in project implementation.



Four trucks and a covered van are kept in water on the Padma bank after these were salvaged. Their owners urged the BIWTA to take these to the ground to avoid damage. Eighteen vehicles fell into the river after a ferry accident at Paturia terminal in Manikganj on Wednesday morning.

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BIWTA has no capacity to salvage Amanat Shah

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Lifting of the half-sunken ferry at Manikganj's Paturia terminal is uncertain as the BIWTA does not have the capacity to pull it out.
Weight of the tilted ferry -- Amanat Shah -- is around 280 tonnes, said officials of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority.
"We don't have the capacity to pull out the ferry," said its Chairman Commodore Golam Sadeq.
"Now, we are focusing on salvaging the vehicles that are still underwater," he told reporters while visiting the spot yesterday.
"After rescuing all the vehicles, we will think how the ferry can be pulled out. As we don't have the capacity, we may use a private rescue vessel," the chairman said.

"If the private rescue vessel is not available, we may think of lifting the ferry after cutting it into pieces," he added.
Several BIWTA officials earlier said rescue vessel Prattoy would arrive on the spot from Narayanganj.
They also said the crane at Prattoy could lift 250 tonnes and it would be used to pull out the ferry.
But the BIWTA chairman yesterday dismissed the statements and said Prattoy would not come, saying that it could not lift the ferry.
Abdus Sattar, assistant general manager (marine) of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation (BIWTC) at Aricha regional office, said another rescue vessel -- Rustom -- would reach the spot from Munshiganj's Mawa today.
Currently, Hamza is conducting rescue operations to pull out the vehicles underwater. From today, Hamza and

Rustom will jointly work to lift vehicles underwater, said the BIWTA chairman.
Each of the vessels has the capacity to lift 60 tonnes, said BIWTA officials.
Shah Amanat was being moored at the ferry terminal around 9:35am on Wednesday when it started leaning heavily to the starboard and tipped over within a few minutes with 18 vehicles, including trucks and covered vans.
Of the vehicles, 13 were salvaged till yesterday.
Of the rescued vehicles, four trucks and a covered van have been kept in half-sunken condition on the bank of the Padma. Owners are saying their vehicles would be damaged more if these are kept in this state.
Contacted, BIWTA officials said the vehicles would be handed over to their owners today.

Yahya's election drama

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are independents.
YAHYA RENEWS APPEAL TO REFUGEES
Yahya today made another appeal to refugees to return to their homes in East Pakistan. According to Radio Pakistan, Yahya in a statement released from Rawalpindi assured the "displaced persons" that irrespective of religion and caste they could all return to their homes without fear and with a complete sense of security.
ON THE WAR FRONT
Naval commandos of the Mukti

Bahini today sunk American freighter Loren at Londonghat in Chandpur. The ship had been carrying arms and ammunitions to be unloaded at Chandpur. Due to explosion of a mine laid by Mukti Bahini, Londonghat was also damaged. Crew of the ship and five sentries were drowned.
Mukti Bahini today raided Pakistani troops' position at Meabazar, Comilla, killing four and injuring seven enemy soldiers. Another group of freedom fighters ambushed Pakistan troops and razakars in Hajatkhola of the same

district and killed 15 Pakistani soldiers including one captain, and injured 20.
UN GETS MORE AID FOR BANGLADESH REFUGEES
The United Nations announced new contributions from Australia and Denmark for the relief of Bangladesh refugees. Australia and Denmark would contribute 2.5 million Australian dollars and 2.5 million Danish Krone, respectively.
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Take care of your sinuses

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conducted a study of the effects of chronic sinusitis on daily functioning to determine how miserable it can be.
Comparing its impacts with that of other chronic illnesses -- including heart failure, back pain, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, Dr Metson and his team of Harvard researchers found its sufferers reporting the highest levels of pain and the lowest levels of social functioning. They suffered from significant problems with work, energy, and mental health, the study revealed, according to an article by the Harvard Health Publishing.
The sinuses are four cavities or spaces in the head. They are located behind the forehead, nasal bones and cheeks. Sinusitis develops when one or more sinuses get blocked leading to infection and inflammation.
Sinus blockage usually happens due to swelling of the nasal passages produced by the common cold or allergies. More serious sinusitis can

result from structural problems, such as a deviated septum or nasal polyps.
Loss of smell or taste, cough, bad breath, fever, toothache, and fullness in the ears are also symptoms of sinusitis.
Sinusitis is classified as "acute", "subacute" or "chronic" based on how long it lasts. Treatment begins with simple remedies, such as nasal irrigation and, if necessary, progresses to more advanced strategies, such as prescription drug therapy or surgery.
There are many things you can do to reduce your chance of developing sinusitis or to relieve early sinusitis symptoms. One of the most important things is to promote drainage and to keep nasal passages clear.
Some of the preventive measures advised by experts are: bathing your nasal passages daily, drinking lots of water, inhaling steam, avoiding dry environment, sleeping with your head elevated, blowing your nose gently, and avoiding antihistamines unless prescribed.

Man admits

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of Gonipur Moholla of Chaumuhani municipality.
The attacks on Hindu houses and a temple in the municipality were carried out on October 15, during Durga Puja celebrations.
Body of Pranta Das, a member of International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), was recovered from a nearby pond the following day.
A statement from the office of Noakhali's superintendent of police yesterday said Abdur Rahim on Thursday night gave confessional statement before a court.
In his statement, the accused admitted that he injured Pranta Das by assaulting him during the October

15 violence.
Besides, Rahim cited names of 27 other people who were involved in the attack, said the police station.
Another accused, Md Arif, 21, a resident of Alipur TNT Colony of the municipality, also gave a confessional statement over his involvement with the attacks on Hindus.
Noakhali Senior Judicial Magistrate Nobonita Guha recorded the statements of both the accused on Thursday night under Section 164 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.
So far, fourteen cases have been filed in connection with the attacks on Hindus in Chaumuhoni and 154 have been arrested. Of them, seven have given confessional statements.

G20 to push

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Representatives abandoned plans for a vote on a \$1 trillion infrastructure bill, which would have represented the biggest investment in climate action in US history.
Biden had hoped to reach an agreement before COP26, where he wants to present a message that the United States has resumed the fight against global warming.
Meanwhile, Pope Francis joined in the chorus calling for action at

COP26, which runs from Oct. 31 to Nov. 12, saying the world's political leaders must give future generations "concrete hope" that they are taking the radical steps needed.
The 84-year-old pope, who will not attend COP26 following surgery earlier this year, called for a "renewed sense of shared responsibility for our world" to spur action, saying that while talks would be tough, they offered an opportunity.



Medical staff take a swab sample from a man to be tested for the Covid-19 coronavirus in Ganzhou District in Zhangye, in China's northwest Gansu province yesterday. Beijing's airports cancelled hundreds of flights yesterday as travel rules were tightened across China to tackle virus clusters as the capital gears up to host the Winter Olympics.

PHOTO: AFP

Tigers' hopes dashed

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posted by the West Indies. Bangladesh's ploy to take the game deep backfired, resulting in their third consecutive defeat in the Super 12s.
The game swung like a pendulum till the end but probably the lack of winning habit got the better of the Tigers, who at one point, looked on course for their first victory of the super 12 stage.
With two set batsmen -- Liton Das and Mahmudullah at the crease, Bangladesh needed 33 runs from the last four overs with six wickets in hand. Even the win predictor suggested Bangladesh had a 69 percent chance of winning in contrast to the 31 percent for the West Indies.
And the 95 percent Bangladeshi crowd present at the Sharjah stadium were waiting for Liton to go after the bowlers, instead the right-hander kept looking for singles and eyeing to take the game deep.
Mahmudullah remained not out on 31 off 24 balls, with a six against Bravo in the first ball of the 19th over bringing down the equation to 16 off 11 balls.
But despite the brilliant start to the over Bangladesh went on to score nine runs in the end and lost the wicket of Liton, who was caught at long-on boundary by Jason Holder for a 43-ball 44.
Earlier, Bangladesh sent Shakib Al Hasan to open the innings for the first time in T20Is but that play didn't work for them.
Shakib, who struggled with his left calf muscle right from the start of the game, handed a simple catch at mid-on on a mistimed shot off the bowling

of Andre Russell for nine.
Naim Sheikh never looked comfortable before chopping one off the stumps against Holder after scoring 17 off 19 balls as Bangladesh scored 29 for two in the Powerplay.
Liton and Soumya raised hopes for a brief period by adding 31 runs for the third wicket before the latter departed for a 13-ball 17. But Liton's approach of not going for big shots raised a few eyebrows while Mushfiqur Rahim once again gave his wicket away while trying to play a scoop shot after scoring just eight.
Bangladesh had made two changes to the side, with Taskin Ahmed and Soumya Sarkar replacing Nasum Ahmed and injured Nurul Hasan. Mahmudullah won the toss and elected to bowl.
Mahedi Hasan gave the early breakthrough by removing the dangerous Chris Gayle upfront while Mustafizur Rahman dismissed Evin Lewis as West Indies scored 29 for two in the Powerplay.
But some poor catching from the Bangladeshi fielders, with Mahedi dropping two and Afif Hossain one, cost the Tigers dearly. West Indies, who were 84 for four after 15 overs, went on to add 58 runs in the last five overs.
Nicholas Pooran and Roston Chase both got lives and added 57 runs off just 33 balls for the fifth wicket, laying the platform for a fighting final over.
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FB's future tops Web Summit agenda

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conversation towards Facebook's planned pivot developing the "metaverse", a virtual reality version of the internet that would make online experiences -- like chatting to a friend, or attending a concert -- feel face-to-face.
Thursday's announcement that Facebook's parent company is being renamed "Meta" met with a torrent of wisecracks on social media, with cynics regarding

the move as an attempt to distract attention away from the social platform's problems.
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