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G20 to push for 1.5C goal

Set to acknowledge existential threat of climate change as Pope, Pacific Islands urge action

REUTERS, Rome

Leaders of the 20 richest countries will recognise the existential threat of climate change, a draft communique seen by Reuters shows, as Pope Francis yesterday said the COP26 summit must give future generations "concrete hope" by matching words with deeds.

The Group of 20, whose leaders gather for a two-day summit from today in Rome before heading to Glasgow, Scotland, for the United Nations gathering, will pledge to take urgent steps to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit).

While the landmark 2015 Paris agreement committed signatories to keeping global warming to "well below" 2 degrees above pre-industrial levels, and preferably to 1.5 degrees, carbon levels in the atmosphere have since grown.

"We commit to tackle the existential challenge of climate change," the G20 draft, which might still be changed, said as people around the world prepared to take to the streets to demonstrate their desire for political action.

"We recognise that the impacts of climate change at 1.5 degrees are much lower than at 2 degrees and that immediate action must be taken to keep 1.5 degrees within reach."

US President Joe Biden will join his G20 counterparts after a setback on Thursday when the House of Representatives

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Climate protesters take part in a demonstration calling upon world leaders to take action to cut carbon emissions yesterday, ahead of the COP 26 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Glasgow. This photo was captured from Khulna's Boyra area. Story on page 4.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

HUMAN TRAFFICKING 23 women rescued in Dhaka

10-12 traffickers held, says Rab

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) last night conducted raids in the capital and rescued 23 women who were about to be trafficked abroad.

The raids to rescue the 23 women were conducted in Mirpur, Uttara and Tejgaon areas, ANM Imran Khan, assistant director of Rab's legal and media wing, said.

During the raids, they also picked up 10-12 traffickers, said Rab-4 Senior Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) Mohammad Sajedul Islam.

Tipped off about the operation, several teams of Rab-4 in collaboration with the intelligence wing of Rab headquarters, rescued the women, he said.

Details about the raid, rescue and arrests will be disclosed in a press conference today, the Rab official added.

CONSTABLE RECRUITMENT Home minister's signature forged

Cop among 4 held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Police have arrested four people, including a constable, over selling demand order (DO) letters to jobseekers after forging the signature of Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan during the recruitment of constables in the force.

The arrestees are: Jewel Rana, 28, and Al Amin, 19, of Uttar Moheshpur village in Rangpur, Mosaddek Hossain, 20, of Gachhupara village in Rangpur's Mithapukur upazila, and Masudur Rahman, 45, of Phulbari village in Gaibandha's Sadullahpur upazila.

Masudur is a constable at Rangpur Metropolitan Police Lines.

Law enforcers picked them up from different places in Rangpur between Wednesday and Thursday.

Meanwhile, a Rangpur court sent the arrestees to jail in a forgery case on Thursday night after they were produced before it, said Md Hossein Ali, inspector (investigation) of Kotwali Police Station under Rangpur Metropolitan Police.

Police on October 24 seized a DO letter from the constable recruitment documents with a fake signature of the home minister. Later, they filed a general diary with Kotwali Police Station in this regard.

Meantime, a team of Rangpur Detective

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ROAD TO FREEDOM THIS DAY IN BANGLADESH LIBERATION WAR HISTORY

Yahya's election drama

OCTOBER 30, 1971

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

NIXON'S LETTER TO YAHYA

US President Richard Nixon, in a letter sent today, appreciated Pakistan President Yahya Khan for his "prompt and positive" response to the US proposal for withdrawal of forces from the border with India.

He, however, added, "There are still serious risks in the present situation and hostilities could still erupt inadvertently. Such hostilities could easily escalate with a much wider conflict with tragic consequences for the entire South Asian subcontinent."

Nixon opined that the United Nations had a serious responsibility to act in ways that would help reduce tensions and begin the "difficult task of building a lasting peace in that area".

Nixon concluded the letter with the suggestion that Yahya should work for restoring normalcy in East Pakistan so that flow of refugees into India halts and a "viable political accommodation among all the people of Pakistan" can be achieved.

35 ELECTED UNOPPOSED TO EAST PAKISTAN ASSEMBLY The curtain was partly lifted today over the next scene in the election drama being staged by the Pakistani military authorities in East Pakistan. Of the 105 seats in the Provincial Assembly which were up for election following the unseating of the Awami League representatives, 35 candidates were provisionally declared elected unopposed. Today was the last day for withdrawal of nominations for the by-elections to the Provincial Assembly.

Eleven of those candidates belonged to the Jamaat-e-Islami, seven to the Muslim League (Quyyum Group), four each to the Pakistan Democratic Party, the Muslim League (Council) and the Muslim League (Convention), two to the Nizam-e-Islam and three

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LINE OF CREDIT

Dhaka, Delhi hopeful of increased utilisation

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh and India have expressed optimism that the utilisation rate of Lines of Credit (LoCs) extended to Bangladesh by India is set to increase significantly soon.

With the award of more than \$990.85m worth of contracts under the LoCs during the past three years, and another \$325.58m being finalised within the next few months, the two sides hope it will create new opportunities for shared development of the region and mutual benefits.

Bangladesh and India have noted considerable improvement in the speed of projects reaching the execution or ending stage under the LoCs.

It has been made possible with the active cooperation of the project-implementing agencies of both sides and the

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New species of early human named by scientists



INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

Scientists have announced the naming of a new species of human ancestor who first lived in Africa around half a million years ago.

Homo bodoensis existed during the Middle Pleistocene era and is the direct ancestor of modern humans, experts believe. The name bodoensis comes from a skull found in Bodo D'ar, Ethiopia.

Researchers say this period in history is vital

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COMMUNAL ATTACK Man 'admits injuring' Pranta Das

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

An accused in a case filed over communal attacks in Noakhali's Chaumuhani has confessed to a local court that he assaulted a Hindu youth, who later died.

The accused is Abdur Rahim, 40, a resident

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PRAYER TIMING OCTOBER 30

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

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Dr Ralph Metson, a sinus specialist at Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary in Boston and a Harvard researcher,



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FB's future tops Web Summit agenda

AFP, Paris

Facebook will face intense scrutiny over its future at next week's Web Summit, with its "Meta" rebrand and a damaging whistleblower scandal set to dominate discussions at one of the world's biggest tech conferences.

The gathering of the global tech elite in Portugal's capital Lisbon is set to welcome some 40,000 people from Monday evening through Thursday.

That's down from 70,000 in a non-pandemic year -- but Web Summit CEO Paddy Cosgrave said there was nonetheless a "strange euphoria" around the preparations after Covid-19 forced the cancellation of the 2020 edition.

"Everybody's been cooped up for so long. A big conference equates to a bit of a party," he told AFP.

"Plus, there's so many people who've built businesses that didn't exist two years ago, and they're now fully-fledged unicorns."

Executives from around 70 so-called unicorns -- start-ups valued at over \$1 billion -- will be present at this year's Web Summit.

But the troubles at Facebook, and its attempts to move on, are likely to garner the most attention.

Frances Haugen, the former Facebook engineer who leaked a trove of internal documents to international media, is due to speak on the opening night.

The "Facebook Papers" show executives knew of their sites' potential for harm on numerous fronts, including Instagram's impact on teens' mental health and deepening alarm over misinformation in the developing world.

Adding to the sense of crisis, Facebook has had to grapple in recent weeks with mass outages and rising calls for regulation to curb its vast influence.

Its finances, however, remain solid, with the company reporting quarterly profits of over \$9 billion on Monday, a 17 percent increase.


Haugen has testified before US and UK lawmakers warning that Facebook has repeatedly ignored its own employees' concerns in the pursuit of profit, but the Web Summit marks her first appearance in front of a wider public.

Facebook will have a chance to respond to the barrage of criticism, with vice president Nick Clegg addressing the conference on Tuesday and chief product officer Chris Cox on Wednesday.

Both will be keen to steer the

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