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‘The last, best hope’

Says COP26 chief on climate summit; G20 agrees on 1.5C target but falls short of a pledge on zero emissions

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The United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) began in the Scottish city of Glasgow yesterday as world leaders gather amid calls to avert climate disaster.

COP26 climate negotiations are the “last, best hope” to keep the goal of limiting global warming to 1.5C alive, said summit president Alok Sharma as he opened the meeting.

The Glasgow gathering, which runs to November 12, comes as an accelerating onslaught of extreme weather events across the world underscores the devastating impacts of climate change from 150 years of burning fossil fuels.

“We know that our shared planet is changing for the worse,” said Sharma at the opening ceremony.

G20 leaders meeting in Rome yesterday committed to the key goal of limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius and pledged action on the use of coal, but fell short on a target of zero emissions, according to a final draft communiqué.

Experts warn that only transformative action in the next ten years will help stave off far more cataclysmic impacts.

And the warming of the planet did not pause for the Covid-19 pandemic, which caused the UN meeting to be delayed by a year.

COP26 inherits its central goal from the landmark 2015 Paris Agreement, which saw countries agree to cap global

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Shrimp being soaked in water mixed with artificial colouring, which is meant to be applied on fabric and is harmful when ingested by humans. This unethical and hazardous method of changing the colour of shrimp to attract customers is going on at the Fishery Ghat Natun Bazar in Chattogram city. This photo was taken on Saturday morning.

PHOTO: RAJIB RATHAN

Online bullying a severe problem

Say 85pc youths surveyed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A survey finding shows that 85 percent of the youth in Bangladesh say online bullying is a severe problem.

Grameenphone and Telenor Group, in association with Plan International, did the survey in August and September 2021 among youths with the pandemic as the backdrop on how internet use and online bullying trends have changed across four countries -- Bangladesh, Malaysia, Pakistan and Thailand.

Of the 3,930 respondents in the regional survey, 16 percent of the respondents were youths from Bangladesh. The survey revealed that 85 percent of these individuals in Bangladesh said that online bullying is a severe problem.

With the ongoing digitalisation in Bangladesh, this is a concern that requires greater attention and awareness, as 29 percent of Bangladesh youths said they were bullied before the pandemic, while 18 percent said they experienced more online bullying since the onset of Covid-19.

In Bangladesh, 8 percent of youths have experienced online bullying at least once a week or more since the pandemic, according to the survey. The three most common platforms where youths experienced online bullying were social media, messaging apps, and online gaming

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PORI MONI'S REMAND

2 judges offer unconditional apology to HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two lower court judges yesterday offered an unconditional apology to the High Court for placing actress Pori Moni on remand for the second and third time in a narcotics case.

The judges are Dhaka metropolitan magistrates Debbirata Biswas and Atikul Islam.

In separate explanations, the judges told the HC that granting the appeal to place the actress on police remand for the second and third time was an inadvertent mistake on their part, their lawyer Abdul Alim Miah Jewel told The Daily Star.

The bench of Justice Mustafa Zaman Islam and Justice ASM Abdul Mobin received the explanations during hearing of a petition filed by Pori Moni challenging the legality of placing her on remand.

The court then set November 25 for

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THIS DAY IN BANGLADESH LIBERATION WAR HISTORY

War imminent: Yahya

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KENNEDY ASKS FOR UIN DEBATE
US Senator Edward M Kennedy urged the Nixon administration today to support efforts to bring the Bangladesh situation before the United Nations General Assembly in the interests of reaching a political solution.

He also recommended that the US administration help arrange an immediate visit by the International Red Cross mission in Pakistan to Awami League leader Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman who had been imprisoned by the Pakistani government. Positive information on the welfare and fate of Bangabandhu, the senator believed, would help reduce tensions throughout the area.

CHINA WILL HELP US: YAHYA
Pakistan President Yahya Khan, in an interview with Newsweek, said the war between Pakistan and India was imminent. “I have no reason to tell you war [with India] is not imminent because it is,” he told the magazine. “The Indians are already at war with us and the only reason there is no general confrontation is that we are not hitting back.”

Yahya further said he didn't want to escalate the already tense situation, but noted that “if the Indians escalate with a view to

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‘20 BNP men picked up’

Police detain them from 'Mayer Dak' organiser's house

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

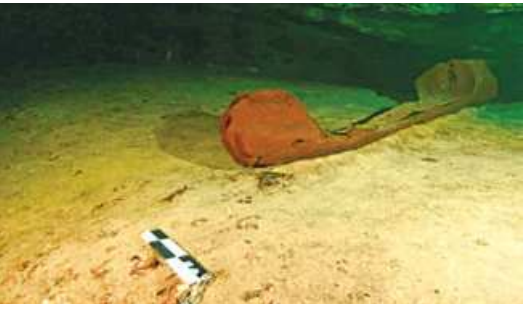
Police detained several BNP men from a doa mahfil programme held at the house of BNP leader Sajedul Islam Sumon, a victim of enforced disappearance in 2013, in Dhaka's Shaheenbagh area.

The BNP men gathered there to attend the programme held by the family after Sumon's mother Hazera Khatun returned home from hospital, BNP leaders and Sumon's family members said.

Sumon's mother is the key organiser of “Mayer Dak”, a platform that holds programmes on different occasions every year, demanding return

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Rare, ancient Maya canoe found in Mexico



REUTERS, Mexico City

A wooden canoe used by the ancient Maya and believed to be over 1,000 years old has turned up in southern Mexico, officials said on Friday, part of archeological work accompanying the construction of a major new tourist train.

The extremely rare canoe was found almost completely intact, submerged in a fresh-water pool known as a cenote, thousands of which dot Mexico's Yucatan peninsula, near the ruins of Chichen Itza, once a major Maya city featuring

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BUS STOP ON BRIDGE!

Traffic jams on the Second Buriganga Bridge in the capital's Nayabazar are common as CNG-run auto-rickshaws and buses illegally pick and drop passengers there. A long tailback was seen there yesterday.

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HEALTHLINE

MIGRAINE

More than a headache

STAR REPORT

Migraine is a strong headache often accompanied by nausea, vomiting, and sensitivity to light and sound. These severe headaches can last for hours and can interfere with daily activities.

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