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"Prices of essentials are being hiked only in the interest of Awami-looters' syndicate."
BNP STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBER GAYESHWAR CHANDRA ROY



"We will soon be able to resume full-fledged classes at educational institutions after completion of students' vaccination."
EDUCATION MINISTER DIPU MONI



"It was a very tough election, but the people's will that they want us to create this country's future ... was shown."
JAPAN'S PRIME MINISTER FUMIO KISHIDA AFTER RULING COALITION'S VICTORY IN NATIONAL ELECTIONS

CLIMATE SUMMIT 2021

The damage must be addressed

Hasina reminds world leaders as she addresses COP26 summit, puts forward four points to fight climate change

UNB, Glasgow

The issue of loss and damage must be addressed, including global sharing of responsibility for climate migrants displaced by sea-level rise, salinity increase, river erosion, floods, and draughts.

This is one of the four points put forward by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to the world leaders to fight climate change.

She was addressing the 26th Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP26) of United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) yesterday.

In the first point, Hasina said the major emitters must submit ambitious NDCs (Nationally Determined Contributions), and implement those.

"Second," she said, "The developed countries should fulfil their commitments of providing 100 billion dollars annually with a 50:50 balance between adaptation and mitigation."

Third, the prime minister said, the developed countries should disseminate clean and green technology at affordable costs to the most vulnerable countries. "The development needs of the CVF countries also need to be considered."

The fourth one was on the issues of addressing loss and damage and global sharing of responsibility for climate migrants.

The prime minister further said Bangladesh has cancelled 10 coal-based power plants involving 12 billion dollars of foreign investment, just to supplement its efforts against

the adverse impacts of climate change.

The government has recently submitted an ambitious and updated NDC to UNFCCC, she added. "Bangladesh has one of the world's most extensive domestic solar energy programmes. We hope to have 40 percent of the country's energy from renewable sources by 2041.

"We're going to implement the Mujib Climate Prosperity Plan -- a journey from climate vulnerability to resilience to climate prosperity."

Hasina mentioned that Bangladesh is trying to address the challenge of climate impacts because of 1.1 million forcibly displaced Myanmar nationals or Rohingyas.

She further said Bangladesh is one of the most climate-vulnerable

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is greeted by her British counterpart Boris Johnson during arrivals at the UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow, Scotland, yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

'We are digging our own graves'

Global leaders urged to 'save humanity' at climate summit amid cries of betrayal

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World leaders must act to "save humanity", UN chief Antonio Guterres said yesterday as they met for the historic COP26 climate summit with code-red warnings from scientists ringing in their ears.

More than 120 heads of state and government are gathering in Glasgow for a two-day summit at the start of the UN's COP26 conference, which organisers say is crucial for charting humanity's path away from catastrophic global warming.

"It's one minute to midnight... and we need to act now," British Prime Minister Boris Johnson said to start proceedings on an at-times chaotic opening day.

COP26 is being billed as vital for the continued viability of the Paris Agreement, which countries signed in 2015 by promising to limit global temperature rises to "well below" two degrees Celsius, and to work for a safer 1.5C cap.

With a little over 1C of warming since the Industrial Revolution, Earth is being battered by ever more extreme heatwaves, flooding and tropical storms supercharged

by rising seas.

As Johnson took the stage, Swedish activist Greta Thunberg retweeted an appeal for her millions of supporters to sign an open letter accusing leaders of betrayal.

"This is not a drill. It's code red for the Earth," it read. "Millions will suffer as our planet is devastated -- a terrifying future that will be created, or avoided, by the decisions you make. You have the power to decide."

Pressure is on governments to redouble their emissions-cutting commitments to bring them in line with the Paris goals, and to stomp up long-promised cash to help developing nations green their grids and protect themselves against future disasters.

"It's time to say: enough," Guterres said. "Enough of brutalizing biodiversity. Enough of killing ourselves with carbon. Enough of treating nature like a toilet. Enough of burning and drilling and mining our way deeper. We are digging our own graves."

Johnson spoke of the "uncontainable" public anger if the conference falls flat.

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KILLINGS OF JOURNALISTS

Justice a mirage as impunity prevails

ZYMA ISLAM

Some of them were murdered a decade ago, some in the early 2000s or even earlier. There is, however, a striking similarity: justice has not been done to them as impunity prevails.

They are journalists killed for performing their duties. In fact, in the last two and a half decades, cases filed over the murders of at least 13 journalists have apparently got lost in the annals of time.

The stories are the same for all of them -- investigations navigating through a labyrinthine judicial mess, never-ending probes and traceless culprits -- all in all, complete impunity.

The family members, in most of the cases, are the only ones seeking justice, but they feel frustrated and dejected.

"The government does not care about justice, that's all I can say," said an upset Bokul, brother of Shamsur Rahman, a former special correspondent of the Dainik Janakantha.

Shamsur was killed in 2000 in Jashore when two

armed men entered his office and opened fire at point-blank range. The case has not been solved in the last 21 years, despite the fact that the Speedy Trial Tribunal of Khulna dealt with the case.

"The trial has not even begun yet," said Bokul, adding that it is because one of the accused got a stay order from the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, halting the case proceedings.

Experts believe a culture of impunity for violence and killings of media workers remains a serious threat to press freedom and the people's access to information.

Since 1992, at least 23 journalists have been killed in Bangladesh, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists.

Verdicts have been delivered only in a few of the cases.

Against such a backdrop, the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists, declared by the UN General Assembly, is being observed today.

In a statement issued on the occasion, UN Secretary-General

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INTERNATIONAL DAY TO END IMPUNITY FOR CRIMES AGAINST JOURNALISTS

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Mob attacks police station after man dies 'in custody'

Locals in Rangpur's Kaunia allege torture, officials deny

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinaipur

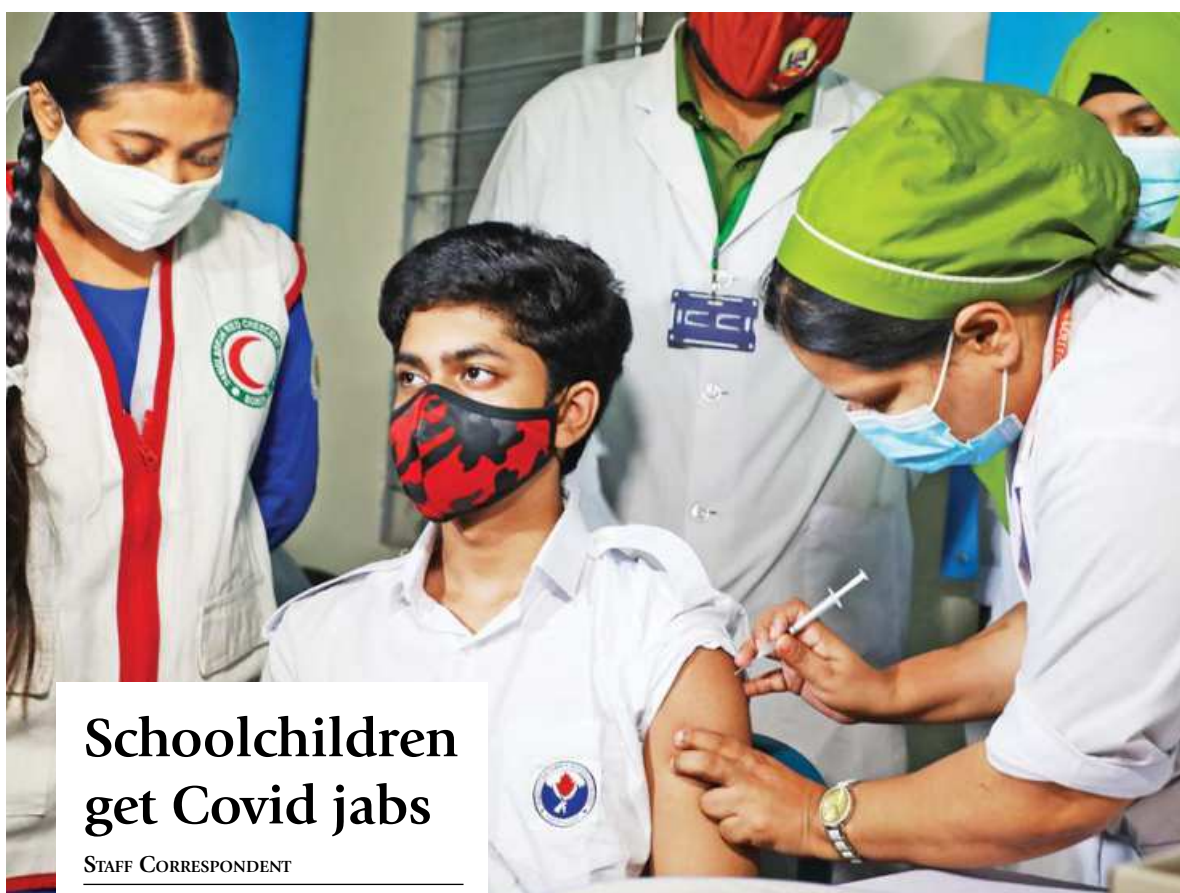
A mob threw brickbats at Haragach Police Station in Rangpur's Kaunia and vandalised a few police vehicles yesterday evening after news spread that a man was tortured to death by the law enforcers.

Police, however, said they did not torture anyone.

Locals said the incident happened after a team from the police station carried out a drive in Dalalhat village in Kaunia upazila around 6:30pm on information that several people were taking drugs there.

During the drive, Tajul Islam, 55, of the village, along with others was detained. At that time, "police beat up Tajul and pushed him against a wall". He died there, several locals claimed.

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Schoolchildren get Covid jabs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday started inoculating 12- to 17-year-old school students against Covid-19.

With this, Bangladesh has joined the small list of countries who have kicked off Covid vaccination of children.

Speaking at a programme marking the inauguration at the

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A student being administered Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine at Motijheel Ideal School and College after the government inaugurated the vaccination campaign for students aged 12-17 yesterday.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

PRE-POLLS VIOLENCE Youth beaten to death in Dhamrai

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

A youth, who was critically injured in an attack allegedly by rivals over upcoming Jadabpur Union Parishad polls in Dhaka's Dhamrai upazila on Sunday, died at a hospital early yesterday.

The victim is Md Shihan, 20, son of late Abdul Majid of Amchimur village.

Another injured in the attack, Alamgir Hossain, 30, was undergoing treatment at National Institute of Traumatology and Orthopaedic Rehabilitation, also known as Pangu Hospital.

Elections to Jadabpur union are scheduled to be held on November 11.

Alamgir's sister Khadija Begum alleged that on Sunday evening, some youths, including Dipu, son of Jadabpur union Chairman Mizanur Rahman Mizu, who is also the rebel candidate of Awami League, called Shihan and her brother to an abandoned house in Amchimur village.

As they went there, Dipu and his associates beat up them mercilessly, leaving them critically injured, she said. Locals rushed them to the capital's Pangu Hospital where Shihan died early yesterday, said Khadija.

Shihan and Alamgir are supporters of Abdul Majid, AL nominated chairman candidate for Jadabpur Union Parishad polls. Mizanur will contest the polls as an AL rebel candidate as he did not get AL ticket this time.

Meanwhile, Mizanur's daughter Shila claimed that her father and brother were not in the area during the incident.

She said allegations were brought against them so that her father could not contest the polls.

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Buttler ton virtually puts Eng in semis

AFP, Sharjah

Jos Buttler hit the twenty-first century of the Twenty20 World Cup as England effectively booked their semifinal spot with a 26-run victory over Sri Lanka on Monday.

Buttler's unbeaten 101 -- his maiden century in 86 T20 internationals -- steered England to 163 for four after being invited to bat first in Sharjah.

England bowlers led by Adil Rashid then combined to bowl out Sri Lanka for 137 in 19 overs and remain unbeaten with four wins in the Super 12 stage to stay top of the group.

Only South Africa and Australia can match their eight points but England already have the cushion of a far superior run rate.

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