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"We don't have any interest in the formation of Election Commission as the electoral system has been completely ruined by the current government."
BNP SECRETARY GENERAL MIRZA FAKHRUL ISLAM ALAMGIR



"Many incidents [of violence] have embarrassed us. We've directed our field level officials to check such incidents."
CHIEF ELECTION COMMISSIONER KM NURUL HUDA ON RECENT POLLS VIOLENCE CENTRING UP ELECTIONS



"I think it is unlikely the company will change if [Mark Zuckerberg] remains the CEO. ... Facebook would be stronger with someone who was willing to focus on safety."
FACEBOOK WHISTLEBLOWER FRANCES HAUGEN



CLIMATE SUMMIT 2021

PLEDGE RENEWED

to end deforestation by 2030

More than 100 countries, including Brazil, endorse multibillion-dollar pledge representing over 85 percent of world's forests

AFP, Glasgow

World leaders yesterday issued a multibillion-dollar pledge to end deforestation by 2030, a promise met with scepticism by environmental groups who say more urgent action is needed to save the planet's lungs.

According to summit hosts the British government, the pledge is backed by almost \$20 billion in public and private funding and is endorsed by more than 100 leaders representing over 85 percent of the world's forests, including the Amazon rainforest, Canada's northern boreal forest and the Congo Basin rainforest.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson said the agreement on deforestation was pivotal to the overarching goal of limiting temperature rises to 1.5 degrees Celsius -- the most ambitious Paris Agreement target.

"Climate change and biodiversity are two sides

of the same coin," Johnson said Tuesday.

"We can't deal with the devastating loss of habitat and species without tackling climate change and we can't tackle climate change without protecting our natural environment and respecting the rights of indigenous people."

"So protecting our forests is not only the right course of action to tackle climate change, but the right course for a more prosperous future for us all," he said.

Signatories include Brazil and Russia, which have been singled out for accelerating deforestation in their territories, as well as the United States, China, Australia and France.

The government of Brazil, much criticised for its environmental policies, announced Monday at the summit that it would cut 2005-level greenhouse gas emissions in half by 2030 -- up from a previous pledge of 43 percent.

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Holding vaccination cards in their hands, school students aged 12-17 wait in long queues at the Covid-19 vaccination centre at Chittagong Grammar School in the capital's Banani yesterday. Students had to endure delays of several hours before being jabbed against the virus. Their guardians also suffered because of the delay. Related story on page 2.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

CLIMATE CHANGE FALLOUT

Women bear the brunt: Hasina

UNB, Glasgow

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said structural inequalities in human society along with inherent social customs were causing disproportionate impacts of climate change on women.

"Generally, women across the world don't have equal access to resources. In addition, in many societies, they don't have the decision-making power and are often engaged in low paid and unpaid jobs and activities. All these factors contribute to more adverse impacts of climate change on women than on their male counterparts," she said.

The PM was addressing the "Women's Climate Leadership Event-COP26: High-Level Panel on Women and Climate Change" at the Scottish Pavilion in Glasgow.

Hasina said most vulnerable and marginalised people around the world are also the greatest victims of the adverse impacts of climate change for a number of socio-economic and cultural factors. "Women and girls are major among them."

Recognising the vulnerabilities of women in climate change response is critical, the premier said.

She said the Bangladesh government is fully committed to making women part of the solutions to climate change by creating space for them to contribute to all aspects of sustainable development.

"I call upon all of you, especially the women leaders, for taking bold and decisive actions in this COP for a global compact to build communities resilient to climate change in a way where everyone -- both men and women -- can participate equally."

Hasina said to address the vulnerability of women due to climate

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MORE ON COP26

CLIMATE FINANCING
Developing countries demand overdue climate financing from rich countries

METHANE EMISSIONS CUT
Nearly 90 countries, including major emitters, join pact to cut 30pc of the climate warming gas by 2030

COAL INVESTMENT
Nearly all internationally available development financing is now committed to reducing or ending investment in coal-fired power

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Rozina wins Free Press Award

Honoured as 'Most Resilient Journalist' of this year

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prothom Alo journalist Rozina Islam, who faced threats and harassment and was also imprisoned for writing investigative reports on irregularities in the health sector during the Covid-19 pandemic, received the Free Press Award.

Last year, Filipino journalist Maria Ressa, who got Nobel in Peace this year, also had received the Free Press Award, given by the Netherlands-based organisation "Free Press Unlimited", which works for media freedom and the development of journalism in more than 40 countries.

Free Press Unlimited conferred the award on Rozina in the "Most Resilient Journalist Award 2021" category at The Hague on Tuesday evening (Bangladesh time 12:15am today). Its monetary value is 7,500 Euros. Meanwhile, Indian journalist Bhat Burhan received an award in the Newcomer of the Year category.

In a declaration, Free Press Unlimited said a lot of talented and brave journalists' names were proposed for the award.

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JAIL KILLING DAY

Too dark for an autumn morning



Syed Nazrul Islam Tajuddin Ahmad M Mansur Ali AHM Quamruzzaman

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

The clock struck around four in the morning. Wearing khakis and carrying sten guns and SLRs (self-loading rifles), a band of five army personnel arrived at the erstwhile Dhaka central jail on an autumn morning in 1975. As they entered the jail, one of the five introduced himself as Captain Muslemuddin, attached to the Bangabhaban.

Inside the prison were four national leaders -- Syed Nazrul Islam, Tajuddin Ahmad, AHM Quamruzzaman and M Mansur Ali. They had been put behind bars since the assassination of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, on August 15, 1975.

Moments later, the leaders, who played pivotal roles in the formation of the Mujibnagar government in exile in 1971, were herded into a cell.

The army men swiftly marched into the prison compound, shooting and bayonetting them to death. Thus, Bangladesh was robbed of its top national leaders in the early hours on this day in 1975.

And the tragedy was compounded as it took 21 long years for the nation to start the trial of the case. It started only after a favourable political scenario emerged in 1996.

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Tigers out with a whimper

SPORTS REPORTER from Abu Dhabi

There was no fighting instinct or glimpse of self-confidence as a sorry-looking Bangladesh team continued their poor run in the ongoing ICC T20 World Cup with a fourth consecutive defeat in the super 12 stage, this time losing by six wickets against South Africa at the Sheikh Zayed Stadium in Abu Dhabi yesterday.

It was probably the worst performance by Bangladesh in the ongoing tournament as they were bundled out for just 84 runs in 18.2 overs, a total chased down by the Proteas with six wickets in hand and 39 balls to spare.

Among the few positives, if one would want to look for, is that they were able to dismiss four of the South African batsmen defending a low total and take the game till the 14th over.

South Africa skipper Temba Bavuma remained unbeaten on 31 to register their third win in four games while Taskin Ahmed was the best bowler for

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South Africa pacer Kagiso Rabada (L), who broke the back of Bangladesh batting with the first three wickets, almost had a fourth when he induced a caught-and-bowled chance off Bangladesh skipper Mahmudullah Riyad during their T20 World Cup fixture at the Sheikh Zayed Cricket Stadium in Abu Dhabi on Tuesday.

PHOTO: AFP

BANGABANDHU, MUKTERPUR BRIDGES Toll rates raised

Govt says it's for covering maintenance costs, repaying loans; transport leaders warn people to bear the brunt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has raised the toll rates of the country's two biggest bridges -- Bangabandhu Bridge and Mukterpur Bridge -- by 10 to 50 percent.

At Bangabandhu Bridge, the rates for passenger vehicles like cars and buses rose by 10 to 25 percent while it went up by 14 to 18 percent for trucks and trailers.

At Mukterpur Bridge in Munshiganj, the rates have been hiked by 25-50 percent and 20-33 percent respectively.

The authorities have also for the first time fixed toll rates for three-axle trucks and trailers.

The Bridges Division yesterday issued a circular on the hiked rates, saying the new rates came into effect immediately.

Contacted, Bridges Division Secretary Abu Bakr Siddique said the authorities concerned were updating the relevant software. He hoped that they would be able to implement the new rates within a day or two.

He said the toll rates for Bangabandhu Bridge have been increased by 17 percent on average. The rates for Mukterpur Bridge saw a similar hike.

The development came four months after the Bangladesh Bridge Authority (BBA), which built and operates the bridges, decided to raise the toll rates to boost the income from the bridges. With the money, the government wants to pay for the maintenance of the bridges and repay the loans it took to build those.

The BBA board, chaired by Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader, made the decision at its 110th meeting on June 24 this year, officials said.

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BANGLADESH UPDATE

229
New cases in 24hrs

15,69,982
Total cases

27,873
Deaths

15,33,836
Recoveries

GLOBAL UPDATE

5,024,258
Deaths

248,023,907
Total cases

COVID JABS FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN Campaign goes outside Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The vaccination programme for schoolchildren aged between 12 and 17 would be expanded outside the capital.

Students in Manikganj and Kishoreganj have already received jabs on the second day of the vaccination drive amid some mismanagements.

Talking to The Daily Star, Shamsul Haque, member secretary of the Covid-19 Vaccine Management Taskforce Committee of DGHS, yesterday said, "We have plans to set up vaccination centres [dedicated for students] in every district."

The government has around 80 lakh Pfizer vaccines in hand and more vaccines will come in the coming weeks, he said.

According to the Department of Information and Communication Technology, around 474,835 students submitted their National ID card numbers from various educational institutions.

A total of 131,771 students have already registered with the Surokkha apps for the vaccine.

Visiting a vaccine centre at the Banani branch of Chittagong Grammar School in the capital, this correspondent found that hundreds of students stood in a queue for the vaccine yesterday morning.

Seeking anonymity, a student of Holy Cross Girl's School and College

said, "I received an SMS to be at the centre to receive the vaccine."

She stood in front of the centre till 4:00pm and then returned without receiving any jabs. Many had waited like her amid chaos in the queue. One even fell and fainted.

Asked, Syed Md Golam Faruk, director general of Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education, said, "We received some complaints. More students rushed to the centre than the number of jabs and that could be a reason."

He also said, "We request the DGHS to increase the number of vaccines to avert such type of incidents."

The government has started inoculating students on Monday and eight vaccination centres were set up in as many schools in the capital.

Vaccines started administering from the eight centres and each centre was supposed to administer 5,000 doses a day, to inoculate 40,000 children in Dhaka a day.

On October 14, the authorities administered the Pfizer Covid vaccine to 120 students from several schools in Manikganj. None of them showed signs of side effects and after that, the government started going for mass vaccination.

Over two dozen countries have so far approved or started giving Covid shots to children below 18, according to media reports.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina addresses the "Women's Climate Leadership Event-COP26: High-Level Panel on Women and Climate Change" at the Scottish Pavilion in Glasgow yesterday.

PHOTO: PID

Women bear the brunt: Hasina

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change, it is important to create space for them in the decision-making process.

"In a bid to ensure that, Bangladesh has already secured women's leadership from the national parliament to the grassroots of decision-making processes."

The PM mentioned that the National Adaptation Programme of Action (NAPA) of Bangladesh has incorporated gender in a comprehensive manner as part of adaptation solutions. "We have prepared the National Climate Change and Gender Action Plan to ensure gender equality in climate change-related policies, strategies, and interventions."

She said the current updated Bangladesh Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan includes gender as one of the core strategic areas to undertake practical and action-oriented programmes to tackle climate change.

"Most importantly, my government has introduced Gender Responsive Budgeting, allocating around a 30 percent share of expenditure to women development to mainstream gender in all policy and decision-making processes," she said.

Hasina argued that it is a scientific fact that women are more resilient than men. Even in the most difficult cases of natural calamities, it is women who first turn around to take care of their families and households.

"Therefore, starting from policy-making to the ground response to climate led disasters, we are ensuring equal participation. In climate disaster preparedness programmes, we have engaged 76,000 volunteers and 50 percent of which are women."

The premier said Bangladesh's disaster preparedness programme is a success story as it reduced the death toll from half a million in a cyclone 50 years ago to only a couple of hundreds in a similar cyclone a year ago.

She also said the government is going to implement the "Mujib Climate Prosperity Plan" named after Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

In this plan, a strong role of women in the journey of climate vulnerability to climate resilience, to climate prosperity has been mainstreamed, the PM added.

Hasina said this is high time to connect the climate change ambition with a future that will be inclusive of

both men and women. "For this, we must reflect the priorities and concerns of women in various climate related policies."

She said women should be included in the driver's role in every level of initiatives, starting from the planning to resource allocation and implementation. "Therefore, financing gender responsive adaptation and mitigation measures will be the key."

The PM urged all to amplify the voices of women across the world to ensure equal access to finance to address the needs and priorities of women on climate change issues.

PM MEETS JOHNSON, CHARLES
Yesterday, Hasina held a bilateral meeting with her British counterpart Boris Johnson on the sidelines of COP26.

The two premiers discussed various issues of bilateral and multilateral importance.

The meeting was held at the designated UK Meeting Room of the Scottish Exhibition Centre in Glasgow, where the UN-led COP26 climate conference is being held.

Earlier, Hasina called on Prince Charles, heir to the British throne.

Rozina wins Free Press Award

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"We have found that free media and journalists face unbelievable pressure. We are amazed by the integrity of journalists worldwide, who continue to do journalism despite pressures. We are proud to confer the Free Press Awards to you [Rozina Islam]," it said.

Explaining why Rozina was given the award, the organisation said she is playing a courageous role in upholding the peoples' right to information despite various obstacles.

The jury of the award said Rozina is a good example of how independent journalists work as observers for the people and make contributions in protecting democracy and ensuring accountability in the society.

The announcement also said Rozina works for Bangladesh's largest newspaper, Prothom Alo, as an investigative journalist. She reported on the irregularities of the health sector and is now facing trial and harassment in her own country.

In May this year, Rozina was confined to a room of the health ministry for six hours. Later, a case was filed against her under the Official Secrets Act and she was arrested. After a week of imprisonment, she was freed on bail.

Noting the incident, the jury said, "We are expressing solidarity with the struggle of the journalist in revealing

irregularities during the crisis period of the coronavirus pandemic... We are calling for the Bangladesh government to stop harassment to Rozina Islam."

While arresting Rozina, police seized her passport, mobile phone and accreditation card, and she is yet to get those back. Therefore, she could not travel to the Hague. In her stead, her husband Md Monirul Islam received the award at the City Hall in the Hague.

Rozina Islam has been working for Prothom Alo for more than a decade.

She has reported on various issues including those related to health, the Liberation War, public administration, crime, environment, power and energy, economy, education and women in politics.

Rozina had earlier received a number of awards, which include Dhaka Reporters Unity Best Reporting Award in years 2021, 2017, 2014 and 2011; UNESCO Award in 2011, UNESCO Club Journalists Award in 2006, Canadian Awards for Excellence in Bangladeshi Journalism in 2011, Prothom Alo Best Reporters Award in years 2013 and 2014, Anti-Drug Best Reporting Award in 2017; and the Bangladesh Mahila Parishad Award and Transparency International Bangladesh's Best Investigative Reporting Award in 2015.

Toll rates raised

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The toll rates of Bangabandhu Bridge were last raised in 2011. This is the first time the rates of Mukterpur Bridge have been increased since its inauguration in 2008.

Transport leaders, however, said they had not been informed about the government decision and that the decision would ultimately put an additional burden on passengers.

It is because with the new rates, rent of vehicles will go up, they said.

The 4.8-kilometre Bangabandhu Bridge, which was opened to traffic in 1998, on the Jamuna river is a vital strategic economic road, rail, energy, and telecommunication link between the western and eastern parts of the country.

The project was implemented at a cost of Tk 3,745 crore.

Quader on June 6 told parliament that Tk 6,434 crore has been collected in toll money from vehicles using the bridge till May this year.

In his scripted answer to a question from an MP, the minister said Tk 4,104.21 crore was spent in operational and maintenance costs and also for payment of DSL (debt service liability) of the bridge during that period.

The loan taken from development partners for the construction of the bridge would be repaid by 2034, he added.

As per the new rates, the toll for a motorcycle crossing Bangabandhu Bridge is Tk 50, a car Tk 550, a microbus and a pickup Tk 600, a minibus Tk 750, a bus Tk 1,000, a small truck (up to 5 tonnes) Tk 1,000, a medium truck (5 and 8 tonnes) Tk 1,250 and a large truck (8 to 11 tonnes) Tk 1,600.

A three-axle truck has to give Tk 2,000 and a 4-axle trailer has to pay Tk 3,000. An additional Tk 1,000 will be charged for each axle above four. There was no mention of this category in the previous toll rates.

Besides, Bangladesh Railway will have to pay Tk 1 crore annually for using the bridge. It was Tk 50 lakh earlier.

The BBA opened the 1.52km Mukterpur Bridge over the Daleshwari river in 2008. The bridge was built under a Tk 208.35 crore project to connect Munshiganj with Dhaka and Narayanganj.

As per the new decision, a motorcycle will pay Tk 15, an auto-rickshaw Tk 30, a car Tk 50, a jeep, microbus, pickup Tk 50, a minibus Tk 150, a bus Tk 250, a small truck (up to 5 tonnes) Tk 200, a medium truck (5 and 8 tonnes) Tk 250 and a large truck (8 to 11 tonnes) Tk 600 for using the structure.

Khondaker Enayet Ullah, secretary general of Bangladesh Road Transport Owners Association, said they were not aware of any move regarding hiking the toll rates.

Rustam Ali Khan, general secretary of Bangladesh Truck-Covered-Van Owners Association, said if the operational costs of vehicles go up, the fares of trucks and covered vans will rise as well.

Once the vehicles' fares rise, the people will ultimately have to bear the brunt, he told The Daily Star yesterday.

When the transport sector has been recouping losses induced by the pandemic, such a decision will put an extra burden on it, he added.

He urged the government to reconsider the decision and postpone the implementation of the new rates.

As his attention was drawn to the matter, Bridges Division Secretary Abu Bakr Siddique said they depend on toll revenues to pay for the bridges' maintenance costs and repay loan money taken for the construction of the structures. They also have to collect funds for new projects.

Replying to a question, he said, "Yes, it will put pressure on the people. But we also have to bear the pressure."

Pledge renewed to end deforestation

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Environment Minister Joaquim Leite also said Brazil would aim to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050.

Brazil also pledged that it would end illegal deforestation by 2028, marking a change of tone after more than two years of soaring destruction under President Jair Bolsonaro.

The summit pledge to "halt and reverse deforestation and land degradation by 2030" encompasses promises to secure the rights of indigenous peoples, and recognise "their role as forest guardians".

While Johnson described the pledge as "unprecedented", a UN climate gathering in New York in 2014 issued a similar declaration to halve the rate of deforestation by 2020, and end it by 2030.

However, trees continue to be cut down on an industrial scale, not least in the Amazon under the far-right government of Bolsonaro.

Deforestation in Brazil surged in

2020, leading to a 9.5-percent increase in its emissions.

Humans have already cut down half of Earth's forests, a practice doubly harmful for the climate when CO2-sucking trees are replaced with livestock or monoculture crops.

Almost a quarter of all man-made emissions of carbon dioxide can be attributed to land use activity such as logging, deforestation and farming.

President Joko Widodo of resource-rich Indonesia said his own archipelago's rainforests, mangroves, seas and peatlands were key to restricting climate change.

"We are committed to protecting these critical carbon sinks and our natural capital for future generations," he said in a statement.

Greenpeace criticised the Glasgow initiative for effectively giving the green light to "another decade of deforestation".

"Indigenous peoples are calling for 80 percent of the Amazon to be

protected by 2025, and they're right, that's what's needed," said Greenpeace Brazil executive director Carolina Pasquali.

"The climate and the natural world can't afford this deal," she said.

Many studies have shown that the best way of protecting forests worldwide is to keep them under the management of locals with generations of preservation knowledge.

The commitment comes a day after UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres harangued the gathered leaders to act to save humanity.

"It's time to say: enough," he said.

"Enough of brutalising biodiversity. Enough of killing ourselves with carbon. Enough of burning and drilling and mining our way deeper. We are digging our own graves."

The UN COP26 conference will continue for another two weeks to try to craft national plans to forestall the most devastating impacts of global warming.

Too dark for an autumn morning

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A first information report (FIR) was filed with Lalbagh Police Station a day after the brutal murder and an inquest report was also prepared. But the infamous Indemnity Ordinance blocked the investigation and the trial.

On August 18, 1996, the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of police reopened the probe. In 2004, the trial court concerned in Dhaka handed punishment to the 12.

But justice still eludes the nation as the government could implement the verdict only in the case of Abdul Majed, of the 12 convicted killers.

Majed, who was sentenced to life imprisonment in the jail killing case, was arrested on April 7 last year after decades of absconding. Four days after his arrest, Majed, also a convicted killer of Bangabandhu, was executed in connection with the Bangabandhu murder case.

Other than Majed, progress regarding the other 11 killers has not been satisfactory.

The government could not even trace eight of them despite making efforts through diplomatic channels, intelligence agencies and the Interpol to bring the fugitives back home.

Convicted killers Rashed Chowdhury and Noor Chowdhury have been hiding somewhere in the USA and Canada.

As the nation pays tribute to the four slain national leaders on the 46th anniversary of Jail Killing Day today, the government insists that bringing all the 10 fugitives back home is one of its top priorities and all possible efforts are underway to this end.

"The government has continuously been trying and working very seriously to bring the fugitive killers of Bangabandhu and the national leaders," Law Minister Anisul Huq told The Daily Star yesterday.

On several occasions, he said the

The assassinations of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and four national leaders are intricately linked. They were assets of the nation. I think we should question how much the country has progressed towards the nation that these leaders dreamed of while they were alive.

SIMEEN HUSSAIN RIMI, DAUGHTER OF TAJUDDIN AHMAD

We demand the formation of a commission to identify and punish national and international hands behind the killing of the four national leaders. It will stop the repetition of such gruesome killings.

TANVIR SHAKIL JOY, GRANDSON OF CAPTAIN MANSUR ALI

government was planning to set up a commission to identify all those behind the killings of Bangabandhu and the four leaders.

About the commission, Anisul, who was principal state counsel in the Bangabandhu murder and jail killing cases, said, "As I have said earlier, a commission must be constituted. But I cannot say the specific date and time for its formation."

The Supreme Court's Appellate Division in its judgment in the jail killing case observed that the assassination of the four national leaders was the result of a criminal conspiracy.

The accused couldn't have carried out the killings unless very powerful state machineries had been involved in the conspiracy, the verdict said.

The apex court on April 30, 2013, upheld a Dhaka court's verdict that awarded death sentence to three former army personnel - Muslemuddin, Marfat Ali Shah and Abdul Hashem Mridha - and life imprisonment to eight other people for killing the four leaders.

The eight jailed for life are Khondaker Abdur Rashid, Shariful Haq Dalim, Noor Chowdhury, Rashed Chowdhury, Ahmed Shariful Hossain, Abdul Majed, Kismat Hasem and Nazmul Hossain.

Four other accused - Syed Farooq-ur Rahman, Sultan Shahrar Rashid Khan, Bazul Huda and AKM Mohiuddin Ahmed - were executed in the Bangabandhu murder case in 2010.

The following year, the SC exempted the four from the charges of killing the national leaders as they were executed.

Earlier in August 2008, the High Court had upheld the capital punishment to Muslemuddin and acquitted Marfat, Hashem, Farooq, Shahriar, Mohiuddin and Bazul Huda in the jail killing case.

Barrister Abdullah Al Mamun, the state defence lawyer appointed by the SC for Marfat and Hashem, told this correspondent on October 29 that he did not know the whereabouts of the two convicts.

"Marfat Ali Shah, Abdul Hashem Mridha or their relatives have never communicated with me."

Tinnitus

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depression and sleeplessness.

There is no absolute cure for this but the condition can be managed through various conventional and unconventional methods. A combination of techniques might have to be tried to find out what works for one.

The approaches which were found to be most effective are behavioral strategies and sound-generating devices, often used in combination, according to an article of Harvard Health Publishing.

The following methods are suggested by experts:

COGNITIVE BEHAVIORAL THERAPY (CBT)

CBT uses techniques such as cognitive restructuring and relaxation to change the way patients think about and respond to tinnitus. Therapy is generally short-term.

TINNITUS RETRAINING THERAPY (TRT)

This technique is based on the assumption that tinnitus results from abnormal neuronal activity. The aim is to habituate the auditory system to the tinnitus signals. The main components of TRT are individual counseling - how the auditory system works, how tinnitus develops, how TRT can help, and sound therapy.

MASKING
Masking devices, worn like hearing aids, generate low-level white noise (a high-pitched hiss, for example) that can reduce the perception of tinnitus and sometimes also produce residual inhibition (less noticeable tinnitus for a short time after the masker is turned off.)

A specialised device isn't necessary for masking. Most of the time, playing music or having a radio, fan, or any machine on in the background is enough.

BIOFEEDBACK AND STRESS MANAGEMENT

Tinnitus is stressful, and stress can worsen tinnitus. Biofeedback is a relaxation technique that helps control stress by changing bodily responses. Electrodes attached to the skin feed information about physiological processes into a computer, which displays the output on a monitor.

Patients learn how to alter these processes and reduce the body's stress response by changing their thoughts and feelings. Mindfulness-based stress reduction techniques may also help.

WEST BENGAL ASSEMBLY BYPOLL

TMC wins all four seats

BJP wins all seats in Assam, Manipur, Mizoram and Meghalaya

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

West Bengal's ruling Trinamool Congress yesterday swept all the four bypolls in assembly seats in the state wrestling two of them from Bharatiya Janata Party which also suffered setbacks in bye-elections in two northern Indian states of Himachal Pradesh and Haryana.

The saffron party and its allies swept all the bypolls in Assam, Manipur, Mizoram and Meghalaya.

The biggest boost to main opposition Congress came in BJP-ruled Himachal Pradesh where the Sonia Gandhi-led party swept all the four bypolls including one for Lok Sabha and three assembly seats.

Congress, which rules Rajasthan, also retained two assemblies in the desert state where the saffron party is hoping to return to power.

But in Meghalaya, Congress was jolted when BJP ally National People's Party bagged all three assembly seats, wresting Rajabala and Mawryngkneng seats from Congress.

Yesterday's bypoll results must have put BJP in a spot of bother as they came months before the next round of assembly elections in five states including the most populous Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat and Punjab.

Tigers out

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Bangladesh with two wickets for 18 runs.

It was a dreadful batting display from the Bangladesh team after they were sent in to bat, with two changes made to the side - young Shamim Hossain making his World Cup debut in place of injured Shakib Al Hasan and left-arm spinner Nasum Ahmed replacing out-of-sorts Mustafizur Rahman.

Mahedi Hasan's 27 in the latter stage of the innings helped Bangladesh avoid extreme humiliation while Liton Das' 24 and Shamim's 11 were the other notable contributions with the bat.

Bangladesh's top order failings were brutally exposed again as they scored 28 runs losing three wickets in the Powerplay.

The eventual total of 84 was Bangladesh's sixth lowest in T20Is with only three batsmen reaching the double-figure mark.

Bangladesh's lack of skill facing quality seamers was on full display as the likes of Mohammad Naim (9), Soumya Sarkar (0) and Mushfiqur Rahim (0) had no clue to Proteas' speedster Kagiso Rabada.

Bangladesh kept losing wickets at regular intervals and at one point were reeling at 45 for six, from where there was no way back for the Tigers.

DHAKA CIRCULAR RAIL WORTH THE INVESTMENT?

South Korean consortium starts study to decide on funding

TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

A South Korean consortium has started its study to assess whether it would invest on a project for building a circular railway around the capital, under a public private partnership (PPP) initiative.

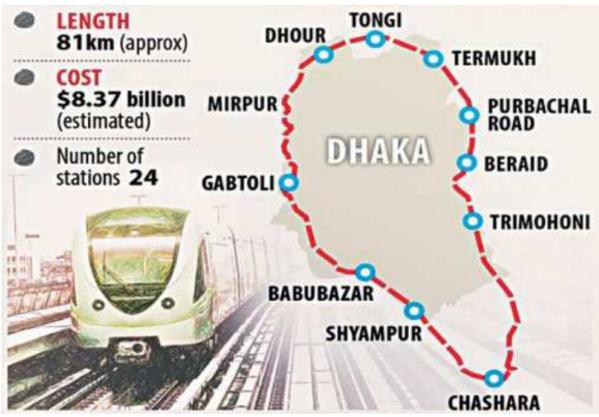
Apart from technical and financial feasibility studies, it would also prepare a step-by-step plan on how to progress with the project and which portion of the railway should be prioritised, officials said.

Operations of the study started in October and will take nine months to complete, they added.

Representatives of the consortium took part in a meeting with Bangladesh Railway (BR) officials on Monday and shared different aspects of the project.

The development came after BR completed a feasibility study for building the circular railway to ease traffic congestion on city roads.

The project, which the railway study



says will take six years to complete and is estimated to cost USD 8.37 billion, is likely to provide more efficient commutes both for people in the capital and those from surrounding districts coming into the city. However, some transport experts found the project highly ambitious, saying that its effectiveness depends SEE PAGE 4 COL 4



Over the years, Chattogram's Ananda Bazar has become a hub for discarded plastic products. Gathered from all across the city, they are processed and exported to countries like China and Turkey, for reuse and recycling. Amidst the looming threat of the climate crisis, this is a step towards addressing environmental concerns, which also creates an alternative way to earn foreign currencies along the way. This photo was taken on Sunday. PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

1,603 incidents of sexual violence in October alone

Says BMP report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 1,603 reports of torture and sexual violence against women and girls were recorded in October, according to Bangladesh Mahila Parishad (BMP).

A total of 101 rape incidents were reported in this period; in 41 of these incidents, the victims were girl children. Three girls were gang-raped, and four were murdered after the rape, according to a press release issued by Mahila Parishad.

The organisation compiled the data from 13 national dailies in the country -- The Daily Star, The Independent, New Age, The Daily Observer, The Daily Prothom Alo, The Daily Kaler Kontho, The Daily Ittefaq, Sangbad, The Daily Janakantha, Bhorer Kagoj, Samakal, Jugantar and Bangladesh Pratidin.

Seven women, including two girls, faced rape attempts while nine women and girls were subjected to sexual harassment.

A total of 1,257 girls were married off last month while only seven child marriage incidents were prevented.

According to the rights organisation's report, 51 women were murdered in October alone, including 12 girls, while 16 faced attempts to murder. Twenty three women,

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Preventing the next outbreak

Experts weigh in on tackling zoonotic diseases

MOUJUD AHMED SUJAN

After the avian influenza virus, popularly known as bird flu, first broke out from Biman Poultry Complex in Dhaka's Savar on March 15, 2007, over 16 lakh chickens, raised in commercial farms across the country, died during the following year.

Due to the virus's spread, hundreds of poultry farms in 47 districts were shut down, causing unemployment and losses of around Tk 4,500 crore, according to different estimates.

The disease is one of 41 prioritised emerging and re-emerging zoonotic diseases in the country, according to 2018 data of the US Center for Disease Control.

Zoonotic diseases are naturally transmissible from vertebrate animals to humans. They are caused by harmful germs like viruses, bacteria, parasites, and fungi.

The zoonotic diseases that have been detected in the country so far include dengue, chikungunya, Zika, Nipah, swine flu, anthrax, rabies, HIV, and Covid-19, the latest example of a global public health emergency.

"Although zoonotic diseases do not cause problems frequently, they can cause epidemics. So there is no alternative to surveillance," said Dr Sukanta

ONE HEALTH APPROACH

- » An approach to designing, implementing events, policies, legislation, research via collaboration
- » Tackles issues like zoonotic, vector-borne, chronic diseases, antibiotic resistance, food safety, mental health
- » One Health activities started in country in 2008
- » 12 research labs brought under surveillance
- » More integrated surveillance, monitoring of infectious diseases needed
- » Lack of infrastructure, skilled human resources key challenges

Chowdhury, associate scientist of emerging infections at icddr, b's Infectious Diseases Division.

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Money laundering must not be taken lightly, says SC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday observed that money laundering is a serious financial offence nowadays, and therefore, it cannot be taken lightly.

With this observation, the apex court scrapped the High Court orders that granted bail to Joy Gopal Sarkar, general secretary of Dhaka Wanderers Club, in four money laundering cases. He allegedly had links to illegal casino business.

The Appellate Division of the SC also directed the trial courts concerned to finish the cases' trial proceedings in the next one year.

A five-member full bench of the Appellate Division headed by Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain passed the orders following four petitions filed by the state, challenging the HC's bail orders.

Additional Attorney General Sk Md Morshed represented the state while lawyer Momtaz Uddin Fakir appeared for Joy Gopal during virtual hearing on the petitions.

Following the petitions filed Joy Gopal, the HC on August 19 granted bail to him.

Joy Gopal was arrested on July 14 last year in connection with five money laundering cases filed with different police stations, on various dates in 2019 and 2020. Later, another case was filed against him on August 31 last year.



As the surge in food prices continues, the slump in demand has started to hit sellers of all kinds -- from wholesalers to the street-side vendor. One such seller, who buys leftover vegetables from Karwan Bazar's wholesalers and sells them at half price by the streets of Tejgaon, was found taking a nap in the middle of the day. With customers few and far between, what else could she even do? This photo was taken yesterday. PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

We're embarrassed

Says CEC on violence centring UP elections

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission (EC) is embarrassed about the violence that took place during the Union Parishad elections, said Chief Election Commissioner KM Nurul Huda yesterday.

He said the EC will provide directions to field-level workers, after consultation with election commissioners to prevent further violence.

"We are embarrassed that many [violent] incidents took place. We are also concerned," said Nurul Huda at his office in the capital's Agargaon, while responding to a reporter's query.

He, however, said that they have control over the situation on the ground.

"Whenever we get complaints, we take action. Even then, criminal activities occur. These events are not premeditated; they happen suddenly," he added.

Regarding the allegation that candidature of several people were accepted in Shariatpur, even though signatures were forged, Nurul Huda said an inquiry committee, headed by a joint secretary of

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'True democracy can protect journalists'

Speakers on ending violence against journos

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Pointing out that true democracy paves the way for objective journalism and ensures security, speakers at a discussion yesterday said journalists need to work together to establish true democracy in the country.

They opined that good journalism is the only way to counter violence and crimes against journalists.

They said this at a discussion titled "Countering Threats of Violence and Crimes against Journalists" organised by the EMK Center in the capital.

The discussion was held to mark "International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists".

Shafiqul Alam, bureau chief at AFP, said law cannot protect a journalist. "For instance, if I formulate a law to protect journalists, someone will also formulate another law to counter it," he said.

Besides, when the implementing agency becomes politically motivated, law does not work, he observed.

"That's why true democracy is necessary. If we can reach a situation where true democracy prevails, we'll be protected," said Shafiqul.

Journalist Ariful Islam Regan gave a description of brutal assault on him by former deputy commissioner of Kurigram Sultana Pervin and three of her colleagues.

"They broke into my house and took me away at midnight. I was undressed and beaten at the DC's office... I was threatened of cross-fire," he said.

"My children and I are still reeling from trauma whereas the government

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8 killed in road crashes

STAR REPORT

Seven people were killed and three others injured in road accidents in three districts during the last two days, according to reports from our correspondents.

In Cumilla, a newspaper-carrying microbus driver was killed as an unidentified vehicle from behind hit the microbus that eventually rammed a covered van ahead of it on Dhaka-Chattogram highway in Paduarbazar area yesterday, said police.

Liton (55) from Dubachail village in Nabinagar upazila succumbed to his injuries at a hospital, Brahmanbaria, said Mainamati Highway Police Station Sub-inspector Khorshed Alam.

In another incident, a CNG-run auto-rickshaw passenger and a couple were killed when a bus hit the vehicle on Cumilla-Noakhali regional highway at Bipulashar in Manoharganj yesterday morning.

The deceased were identified as Saima Muntaha (22), Ruhul Amin (65), and his wife Sefali Akhter (55), said Laksham Highway Police Station Officer-in-Charge Maqsood Ahmed.

In Patuakhali, a teenager was killed and three others were injured after their two motorcycles collided head-on on Payra Bridge in Lebukhali area on Monday, said

police. Raihan (15), son of Lutfar Rahman Shahriar and an eighth-grader of Patuakhali Government Jubilee High School, died on the way to Dhaka for better treatment from Patuakhali at night, said Patuakhali Police Station OC Moniruzzaman.

The injured were taken to Patuakhali Medical College Hospital.

In Myemensingh, two brothers including a university student were killed when a Mymensingh-bound covered-van knocked their motorbike from behind on Dhaka-Mymensingh highway at Kazir Shimla in Trishal upazila yesterday morning.

Firoz Morshed (35), a ceramic factory worker in Gazipur, and his younger brother Towhidul Islam (24), a masters student at Chattogram University, from Kharkharia village in Nandina, Jamalpur, died on the spot, said Trishal Police Station OC Mohammad Mainuddin. Police detained the covered-van driver. A case was lodged with the police station.

In Faridpur, Nosimon driver Murad Biswas (23) died instantly as his potato-laden vehicle overturned on a road at Hamidi in Boalkhali yesterday.

Police said the vehicle's axle suddenly broke down around 11am, causing the accident.

Boy dies as double-decker hits him in Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A 12-year-old boy was killed after a double-decker bus ran him over as he was helping his father to pull a van in Dhaka's Mohakhali area yesterday morning.

The deceased -- Md Roni, a madrasa student -- used to live at Sat Tola slum in the area.

As the boy was pushing the van from behind, under the Mohakhali flyover, a double-decker BRTC bus hit the van around 11:30am -- causing Roni to fall on the ground.

The double-decker later ran him over, said Waliullah, Roni's father, who survived with minor injuries.

Roni was rushed to

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As the shopping malls in the capital's Elephant Road area are closed on Tuesdays, a number of sellers open "shop" on their stairways. They sell everything from trousers to jackets, collected from various shops and factories, at a cheaper price, always attracting a good crowd. This photo was taken yesterday. PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Theft attempt at Ctg bank

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A theft attempt took place at Trust Bank Limited's Halishahar branch in Chattogram early yesterday.

After unidentified thieves failed to break into its vault, they set documents and vouchers on fire, police said.

"Masked thieves entered the office from the back by cutting window grilles," said OC Mustafizur Rahman of Halishahar Police Station.

The incidence took place between 2:30am and 5:30am. The police official said two on-duty night guards were asleep during the theft attempt.

Later in the morning, bank officials entered the premises and discovered it engulfed in smoke.

A case was lodged. This correspondent could not reach officials of Trust Bank for comments.



Sylhet Agricultural University marked its 15th founding anniversary in festive fashion yesterday, with the slogan "Agriculture is culture, agriculture is prosperity". As part of the celebration, traditional performances like stick fights and puppet shows were staged.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

Preventing the next outbreak

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To tackle this, public health experts recommended prompt implementation of the "One Health" approach -- which recognises that human health is closely connected to the health of animals and the shared environment.

According to the World Health Organization, One Health is an approach to designing and implementing programmes, policies, legislation and research in a manner in which multiple sectors communicate and work together to achieve better public health outcomes.

"A disease prevalent in animals today can transfer to humans tomorrow. So, health management must be arranged under the One Health approach," Prof Dr Nitish Chandra Debnath, national coordinator of One Health Secretariat in Bangladesh, told The Daily Star.

Prof Debnath, also one of the 26 members of One Health High Level Expert Panel, said the massive increase in population, super-fast urbanisation and climate change are causing the emergence of new and old diseases that can be transmitted between animals and humans.

The panel was launched by the Food and Agriculture Organization, the World Organisation for Animal Health, the United Nations Environment Programme and WHO. **ONE HEALTH APPROACH: THE WAY OUT** The One Health approach can not only help tackle zoonotic diseases, but different kinds of public health threats, including antibiotic resistance, vector-borne diseases, food safety and security, chronic diseases, and mental health issues as well, according to experts.

Describing the approach's significance, Prof Debnath said, "One Health is not a new concept, but it has become more important in recent years, because many factors have changed interactions between people, animals, and our

environment."

"Due to our huge population, the approach has a special significance for Bangladesh," he added.

In 2008, One Health activities started in Bangladesh, with a goal to effectively coordinate among all government, private, and international stakeholders.

The One Health Secretariat is located at the Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research in Dhaka. It has been operating as per the Strategic Framework and Action Plan for the Application of a One Health Approach in Bangladesh (2017 - 2021).

Through its operations, around 12 research laboratories have been brought under a surveillance network.

COORDINATION A BIG CHALLENGE Despite Bangladesh being among the few countries that started One Health activities in the early days, there is a long way to go, officials said.

They said more integrated surveillance infrastructure and monitoring of infectious diseases in both humans and animals are urgent matters to address to detect new infectious agents.

"It is a challenging task, because we all have a habit of staying within our own silos. It has been practised for decades that different sectors -- health, animal, environment and others -- will work separately. Collaboration is a big challenge," Prof Debnath said.

According to him, there are other issues too, which include the lack of infrastructure and skilled human resources.

1,603 incidents of sexual

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including six girls, also faced physical violence during this period.

Twenty eight women and girls died mysteriously, while 19 were pushed to the point of suicide.

Six women suffered torture from husbands and in-laws for dowry over the month, of whom two were killed.

Two girls were victims of cybercrime, six were subjected to stalking while three faced acid attacks. There were also 18 incidents of abduction and 29 instances of human trafficking.

Prof Imran Rahman new VC of ULAB

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2016) and

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2012).

Prior to joining

ULAB, he

served IBA, Dhaka

University for

28 years, as a

finance faculty,

chair of the

BBA programme

and chair of

the Computer

Center.

He co-founded

and led a

merchant bank

in the 1990s

for six years.

He studied in

Manchester

Business School,

Dhaka

University and

the London

School of

Economics.

Worth the investment?

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on many factors -- including proper integration with other transport modes, and effective operation.

The circular rail will run along the existing inner ring road of the capital and a part of Narayanganj, and will be 80.89km long.

The proposed route is Bishwa Itema Ground-Uttara-Dhaka Zoo-Gabtol-Mohammadpur-Sadarghat-Postagola-Fatullah-Chashara-Adamjee-Demra-Trimohoni-Purbachal-Tongi.

The rail network will have 24 stations -- 11 of which will have interchange facilities with the metro rail, dedicated bus services, and Sadarghat launch terminal.

Around 10km of the rail track will be underground, while the rest will be elevated; three of the stations will be underground, and the remaining 21 elevated.

In the first Bangladesh-South Korea joint PPP meeting in July 2019, the government placed the project and proposed its implementation under a government-to-government partnership with South Korea.

Then a consortium of three Korean companies -- SK Ecoplant, GS E&C, and Korea National Railway -- was selected to be a possible investor in January 2020.

WHAT THE INVESTOR SAYS

As per meeting documents, the possible investor hired renowned Korean companies, including Dohwa Engineering Company Ltd, for carrying out the technical

and financial assessment.

BR had planned to complete the work in two phases, prioritising the Termukh-Demra route, which will run for 59km and have 20 stations. But the investor considered dividing the project into four phases, prioritising the 22.3km Termukh-Gabtol route, which will have 8 stations.

As per the BR study, the depot would be established at Demra with a stabling yard at Termukh. But the investor is considering building the depot at Termukh. "They have started their study to assess whether they would invest in the project under PPP," a top BR official told The Daily Star yesterday.

If everything goes in line with both parties, a contract will be signed to start the construction work. This will take some more time, the official said.

Railway DG Dharendra Nath Mazumder said the Korean side has expressed interest to invest in the project, but many things need to be done before starting construction. "So, it is not possible to say when physical work will start," he told this newspaper yesterday.

Transport expert Prof Shamsul Hoque said the government is planning to build a circular road on same corridor selected for building circular railway. Besides, the government is building several metro rail lines, which would connect the city's peripheries.

"Have the authorities considered the circular rail's actual utility, taking all these factors in mind?" he questioned.

True democracy can protect

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let go of the accused with light punishment," he said.

Fakhruddin Mufassir, brother of slain journalist Borhan Uddin Muzakkar, claimed that his brother was killed in a planned way.

Borhan Uddin Muzakkar, correspondent of local online portal Barta Bazar, was killed during a clash between two factions of ruling Awami League over establishing supremacy in Companiganj upazila of Noakhali on February 19.

Mufassir mentioned that the Police Bureau of Investigation (PBI) assured him of justice.

Mubashar Hasan Caesar, an adjunct fellow at the Humanitarian and Development Research Initiative, University of Western Sydney, said impunity for crimes

against journalists is not a stray incident in the country.

"When no punishment is ensured for violence and killing of citizens of the country, impunity for crimes against journalists does not seem unusual," he said.

He said journalists themselves create various narratives after an attack or violence on journalists.

Such narratives weaken the call for justice, he added.

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 cases. Victim families had to wait for 16 to 20 years to get justice and at least three cases were dismissed for various reasons.

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CID picks up RMCH contractor for questioning

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Criminal Investigation Department (CID) on Monday night picked up a contractor of Rajshahi Medical College Hospital for interrogation over 17 files missing from the health ministry.

Nasimul Islam Goni alias Toton was picked up from his Rajpara residence in Rajshahi city.

"We did not arrest him. He was sent to Dhaka for interrogation in this connection," said Abdul Jalil, special superintendent of CID in Rajshahi.

"He needs to be questioned as one of the missing files involves Rajshahi Medical College," he said.

The CID officials also searched his office but did not find any such file.

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FROM PAGE 3 the commission, has been constituted. Once the committee submits its report, action will be taken. He made the comments, after over a dozen of people were killed across the country centring UP polls.

In the second phase of elections, 846 UPs will go to the polls on November 11. Elections to 1,007 UPs will be held on November 28, in the third phase.

In the first phase, elections were held in 204 UPs on June 21 and 160 UPs on September 20.

Boy dies

FROM PAGE 3 Dhaka Medical College Hospital where doctors declared him dead around 12:45pm, said Bachchu Mia, in-charge of DMCH police outpost.

Police seized the bus and detained its driver Sohel Rana, said Mukhlesur Rahman, a sub-inspector of Banani Police Station.

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As their plea went unheard, the villagers of Mir Deohata village in Tangail's Mirzapur upazila decided to build a concrete bridge on Louhajang river on their own initiative.

PHOTO: STAR

Villagers building bridge on their own

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

People of Mir Deohata village in Mirzapur upazila are constructing a bridge on Louhajang river on their own to ease their longstanding woes.

The villagers have been carrying out the construction works for the last two years voluntarily with their own funds. About forty per cent works of the bridge have already been completed. However, the work now remains stalled as their fund has been exhausted.

The movement of the people of the village and at least ten other adjacent villages to Dhaka and Tangail through Deohata will be easier after the completion of the construction work, locals said.

Mir Deohata village under Gorai union is divided by the Louhajang river. The people of the southern end of the river are to cross the river by boats to go to the upazila headquarters and other places

including Dhaka and Tangail through Deohata Bazar. On the other hand, people of the other side are to carry their agricultural products after crossing the river by boats.

Several villagers said they have been urging the local public representatives for a long period that a concrete bridge be constructed on the river in Mollabari Ghat area for easing their long-standing woes.

As none felt their sufferings and their demand was not met 50 years into the independence, the villagers decided to change their lot on their own, they said.

"We had to pay money and paddy to the boatmen to cross the river over the years. Moreover, the boats were not always available" said Abdul Jalil of the village.

"In this situation, about two years ago, we took a plan to construct a concrete bridge on the

As their demand was not met 50 years into the independence, villagers decided to change their lot on their own.

river and collected money from the villagers for it. The local brick kiln owners donated a truck of bricks for the initiative," he said.

Trader Sohail Rana, also one of the villagers, said after the completion of the construction work, people of Mir Deohata, Araipara, Mondirapara, Budhirpara, Paharpur and Bhaora villages will be able to move to Dhaka and Tangail through Deohata Bazar.

Eight concrete pillars have been erected so far spending around

Tk 20 lakh. The bridge will be 160-foot-long and 11-foot-wide, he said.

"We have done as much as we can but now we need the support of the local lawmaker and upazila parishad chairman to complete the rest of the work," said Mohammad Ali, a member of Gorai Union Parishad (UP) and also one of the main organisers of the bridge construction initiative.

Asked about the matter, Arifur Rahman, engineer of Local Government and Engineering Department (LGED) in Mirzapur, said his office knows nothing about the bridge construction.

Mir Enayet Hossain Montu, chairman of Mirzapur Upazila Parishad, said that he was aware of the villagers' initiative.

"Financial support will be provided from the upazila parishad to make the initiative a success," he added.

HC enquires about it all

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Our Dinajpur correspondent reports that police took control of the area using rubber bullets and teargas canisters. The incident left 20 people, including five policemen, injured.

Abu Maruf Hossain, deputy commissioner (crime) of Rangpur Metropolitan Police, said they filed two cases -- one over seizure of drugs and the other over attacks on

their properties and obstruction of police duty.

Meanwhile, the victim's brother, Mortaza Rahman, filed an unnatural death case with Haragach Police Station early yesterday.

A police team raided Dalalhaat area on Monday evening and detained Tajul on charge of possession of heroin, said his younger brother Lotus Mia, adding

that police tortured his brother.

The family members later learnt that Tajul was dead.

Shawkat Ali Sarkar, officer-in-charge of the police station, said Tajul fell sick soon after police arrested and handcuffed him. The officers then left the spot leaving him. Police later came to know about his death.

He added that Tajul was not tortured.

Sit-in before Pak High Commission

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Mukti Bahini today disconnected the telecommunications between Charkai and Ghoragat in Rangpur district. In another operation, freedom fighters ambushed Pak troops and irregular forces near Daoodpur area and killed seven Pak soldiers and five irregulars. In this operation a freedom fighter lost his life.

ON THE WAR FRONT

Mukti Bahini today disrupted electricity supply in Moulvi Bazar town by destroying electric supply line.

One army truck was blown up by Mukti Bahini today on Bakshiganj-Kamalpur road of Mymensingh district. Nine enemy soldiers were

killed in the operation.

The naval commandos of Mukti Bahini sank an oil tanker carrying 1000 tons kerosene oil and approximately 30 tons of gasoline in Chittagong Port today. There were explosions leading to fire in the engine room which engulfed the ship. The tanker was completely sank in the harbor.

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CJ questions anticipatory bail orders

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bench of the SC's Appellate Division for hearing and disposing of the cases yesterday morning.

Lawyer Ruhul Quddus requested the apex court to withdraw an order passed by its chamber judge that stayed the HC bail order in a case.

The SC refused to interfere in the chamber judge's stay order.

Ruhul Quddus said a lawyer has to work very hard for getting an order of anticipatory bail from the HC, but the state moves petition before the SC for its stay.

He also urged the apex court to change the Appellate Division Rules (regarding the powers of the full bench and chamber judge over staying the HC orders).

"When we came to practise [law], we didn't see the state approaching to the Appellate Division for staying the ad-interim orders of the High Court Division," the lawyer said.

The chief justice said the HC in the first order of a case has allowed the borrower to return the bank concerned only the borrowed money in 20 years without any interest on loan.

Three HC benches have passed such type of orders, he said, adding that the full court meeting (of the SC) has discussed these matters, but passing such orders by the HC have not been stopped yet.

"Have you seen earlier that the High Court grants anticipatory bail

in so many cases? Anticipatory bail is granted by every [HC] bench concerned," he said.

Ruhul Quddus said a case is very easily disposed of at the Appellate Division though a lawyer has to sweat blood to secure bail from the HC.

Justice Muhammad Imman Ali, a senior judge of the Appellate Division, asked lawyer Ruhul Quddus whether he considers unjustified the apex court orders that stayed the HC bail in rape and murder cases.

"The High Court is granting bail in murder cases. Will not the state move to the Appellate Division against those orders of bail?" he asked.

Six temples vandalised in Naogaon

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Gaziur Rahman, additional superintendent of police in the district, said they got some clues which would help them arrest the criminals soon.

Quoting locals, Upazila Nirbahi Officer Md Nazmul Hamid Reza said the criminals came from outside and fled after committing the vandalism

in the dark of the night.

Some 100 Hindu Saha and Burman families have been living peacefully with Muslims in the two villages for more than 50 years, he said.

Local Hindu families said a sense of panic gripped them after the incident.

The local administration, however, assured them of providing security, they said.

Meanwhile, a court in Feni yesterday granted police one day to grill four accused in a case filed over vandalising and looting Hindu temples and houses in the town on October 16.

6 of a family

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I heard a big bang and the door of the toilet was blown off," said Limon Sheikh, one of Sajida's sons.

Following the huge blast, the main door of the flat, F-2, was blown off. Mattresses of two bedrooms were burnt. On the stairs, victims' burnt clothes were found while visiting the spot.

The eight-member family rented the flat at "Moriun Villa" on Community Centre Road of Colonel Jones four months ago for Tk 9,000, Limon said.

After moving into the flat they learnt of the gas accident on November 8 last year. "My father wanted to move out right away but the landlord insisted we stay," he said.

A six-member probe committee formed following last year's incident found the explosion was caused by gas leakage. And yet, the landowner took no steps to arrest gas leakages.

The ventilation system of the flat is very poor and due to the windows staying shut, gas accumulated and triggered the explosion, said Anupam Datta, deputy general manager of Karnaphuli Gas Distribution's engineering department.

Police took in landlord Mamta Mia, also the owner of Hotel Saimun in Alongkar Moor area, for interrogation.

Good mosquitoes

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affect them".

Since 2017, a joint study conducted by WMP at Australia's Monash University and Indonesia's Gadjah Mada University has been releasing lab-bred Wolbachia mosquitoes across a few dengue fever 'red zones' in the Indonesian city of Yogyakarta.

The trial results, published by the New England Journal of Medicine in June, showed that deploying mosquitoes with Wolbachia reduced dengue cases by as much as 77% and hospitalisations by up to 86%.

Blasts, gunfire

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second, larger explosion, he said.

He said it was unclear whether the blasts and the gunfire were inside the sprawling hospital complex.

Islamic State, which has carried out a series of attacks on mosques and other targets since the Taliban's seizure of Kabul in August, mounted a complex attack on the hospital in 2017, killing more than 30 people.

Ridding croplands of rat menace

Jaypurhat man exterminating rats for over two decades in different districts of Rajshahi division

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Various chemical or organic pesticides are readily available in markets for controlling different insect pests in crop fields. But the solutions available for controlling animal pests such as rats are not as effective.

Seeing the helplessness of farmers in their fight against the rodents, Jaypurhat's Anwar Hossain took on the challenge of killing rats professionally in 1995.

The 55-year-old man, from Bhottapalashi (Tilakpur) village in Akkelpur upazila, has earned quite a reputation over the years across Rajshahi division as a rat exterminator.

Anwar claimed that he earned as many as 30 local and national awards for killing more than 2.5 lakh rats from croplands in different districts of the division in the last 26 years.

All these years, he continues to use different innovative traps to catch and kill rats from croplands or homes in exchange for the same payment -- half a kilogram of rice for each kill.

The livelihood earned from the odd trade has been sufficient enough for Anwar to support his family and raise his two children. His son is now a job holder and his daughter has been married off.

He said the idea of being a rat exterminator came to his mind when he used to herd livestock for others during his young age, when some impoverished people used to extract rice from rat holes

in rice fields.

Seeing them making a living out of sale of the unhusked rice, which they had collected from rat holes, Anwar started doing the same.

But later on, after realising that a huge amount of grains and other crops, including potato, are being destroyed by the pest, he decided to start exterminating it instead. "I used to get a huge amount of rice from rat holes in rice fields," said Anwar, who also runs a small grocery shop in his village now.

Local farmer Shafiqul Islam said rat is a destructive pest that ruins rice, potato and many winter crops, especially from September till May; but thanks to Anwar, farmers in the village have a solution to the problem.

Hearing about Anwar's skills, the Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE) contacted him and teamed up with him to control the menace.

Starting in 2000, they have been paying him Tk 1,500 for every 5,000 kills, Anwar said, adding that he also trained rat extermination techniques to 57 people so far.

According to data from DAE in Jaypurhat, around 90,000 tonnes of crops were saved across the country by exterminating 1.20 crores of rats.

Anwar is a great help in saving crops from the menacing rodents, said Bablu Kumar Sutradhar, deputy director (acting) of DAE in Jaypurhat.



Rat exterminator Anwar Hossain, from Jaypurhat's Akkelpur upazila, displays several of his kills along with a few of the 30 crests and awards. He said he earned the awards for helping farmers save crops from rats in over two decades' time.

PHOTO: STAR

PBI asked to submit

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to submit the investigation report yesterday -- the scheduled date, court sources said.

The Bashundhara MD was made the prime accused for allegedly murdering the victim after raping her, while chairman of the group, Ahmed Akbar Sobhan, and six others were accused of assisting Anvir in committing the offence.

The six other accused are: Ahmed Akbar's wife Afroza Begum, Anvir's wife Sabrina Sayem, model Faria Mahub Piyasha, Saifa Rahman Mim, the flat's landlord Ibrahim Ahmed Ripon and his wife Sharmim.

On September 29, the High Court refused to grant anticipatory bail to Anvir in the case. After police recovered the body of the 21-year-old college student from the flat in

the capital's Gulshan on April 26, her elder sister lodged a case with Gulshan Police Station against Anvir on charges of abetting her suicide.

On July 19, Abul Hasan, investigation officer of that case and also Gulshan Police Station office-in-charge, submitted the final report to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court of Dhaka.

A Dhaka court accepted the final report and relieved Anvir from the case on August 18.

However, the victim's sister on September 6 filed another case with the Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal-8 of Dhaka against Anvir over the rape and murder of the victim and seven others over assisting the Bashundhara MD in committing the crime.

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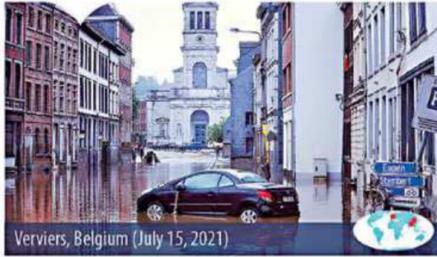
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NATURAL DISASTERS LINKED TO CLIMATE CHANGE

COP26

A selection of events since 2017

Floodings
In Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands. Also observed in China (2021), devastating monsoon in Bangladesh (2017) made up 9 times more likely



Wildfires in California
Also observed in Australia (2019-2020), in Siberia (2020, 2021) and in the Mediterranean basin (2021) devastating wildfire seasons in Australia are at least 30% more likely than in 1900, prolonged heat in Siberia, which contributes to fires, is made 600 times more likely



"Heatdome"
In Canada and US west
Made at least 150 times more likely to happen



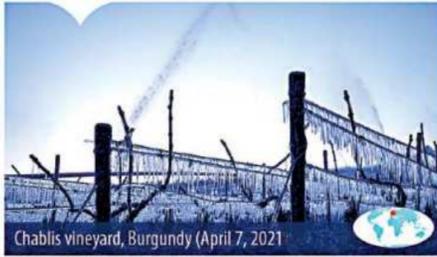
Heatwaves
In western Europe and Scandinavia
The period separating two heatwaves has been reduced by up to 100 times



Water scarcity
South Africa
Probability of a water crisis in Cape Town has tripled



Frost
In France, Germany, Netherlands, Britain
Climate change makes frost in budding season 60% more likely



Hurricane
Harvey (2017), Ida (2021)
Climate change potentially increases their intensity



SOURCE: WORLD WEATHER ATTRIBUTION (WWA)

World to slash methane emissions

Nearly 90 countries join pact to cut 30pc of the gas by 2030

REUTERS, Glasgow

Nearly 90 countries have joined a US and EU-led effort to slash emissions of the potent greenhouse gas methane 30% by 2030 from 2020 levels, a pact aimed at tackling one of the main causes of climate change, a senior Biden administration official said.



The partnership will be formally launched later yesterday. Methane is the main greenhouse gas after carbon dioxide. It has a higher heat-trapping potential than CO2 but breaks down in the atmosphere faster - meaning that cutting methane emissions can have a rapid impact on reining in global warming. The Global Methane Pledge, which was first announced in September, now includes half of the top 30

methane emitters accounting for two-thirds of the global economy, according to the Biden administration official. Among the new signatories that will be announced later yesterday is Brazil - one of the world's five biggest emitters of methane. China, Russia and India, also top-five methane emitters, have not signed on to the pledge. Those countries were

all included on a list identified as targets to join the pledge, previously reported by Reuters. Since it was first announced in September with a handful of signatories, the United States and European Union have worked to get the world's biggest methane emitters to join the partnership. There were roughly 60 countries signed up only last week, after a final diplomatic push from the United States and EU ahead of the COP26 summit. While it is not part of the formal UN negotiations, the methane pledge could rank among the most significant outcomes from the COP26 conference, given its potential impact in holding off disastrous climate change.

115 Yemen rebels killed around Marib

AFP, Riyadh

The Saudi-led military coalition backing the government in Yemen yesterday said that 115 Huthi rebels were killed in air strikes around the strategic city of Marib. The strikes were carried out in the past 24 hours in Al-Jawba, about 50 kilometres south of Marib, and Al-Kassara, 30 kilometres northwest. The coalition has since October 11 issued near-daily reports of bombing around Marib, saying it has since then killed around 2,300 insurgents. The Huthis began a major push to seize the city in February and, after a lull, they renewed their offensive in recent weeks. A Huthi spokesman yesterday said the rebels were on the outskirts of Marib on several fronts.

Zuckerberg should quit

Says Facebook whistleblower Frances Haugen

REUTERS, Lisbon

In her first public address since she leaked a trove of damaging documents about Facebook's inner workings, whistleblower Frances Haugen urged her former boss, Mark Zuckerberg, to step down and allow change rather than devoting resources to a rebrand. "I think it is unlikely the company will change if [Mark Zuckerberg] remains the CEO," Haugen told a packed arena on Monday at the opening night of the Web Summit, a tech fest drawing dozens of thousands to the Portuguese capital, Lisbon. The former Facebook product manager replied in the positive to the question of whether Zuckerberg should resign, and added: "Maybe it's a chance for someone else to take the reins... Facebook would be stronger with someone who was willing to focus on safety." The social network, with nearly 3 billion users, changed its name to Meta last week, in a rebrand that focuses on building the "metaverse," a shared virtual environment that it bets will be the successor to the mobile internet.



But early adopters of the virtual worlds known as the metaverse blasted Facebook's rebranding as an attempt to capitalise on growing buzz over a concept it did not create to deflect from recent negative attention. Commenting on the rebranding, Haugen said it made no sense given the security issues that have yet to be tackled. Facebook's announcement came amid strong criticism from lawmakers and regulators over the corporation's business practices - particularly its enormous market power, algorithmic decisions and the policing of abuses on its services. The social media network, which operates a dual class share structure through which Zuckerberg and a small group of investors control the company, has hit back saying the documents leaked by Haugen were being used to paint a "false picture." Haugen told British and American lawmakers last month that Facebook would fuel more violent unrest worldwide unless it curbed its algorithms which push extreme, divisive content and prey on vulnerable demographics to keep them scrolling.

Deliver on promises

Developing countries demand overdue climate financing from rich countries

REUTERS, Glasgow

A crucial UN conference heard calls on its first day for the world's major economies to keep their promises of financial help to address the climate crisis.

The task facing negotiators at the start of the two-week COP26 summit in the Scottish city of Glasgow was made even more daunting by the failure of the Group of 20 major industrial nations to agree ambitious new commitments at the weekend.

"The animals are disappearing, the rivers are drying and our plants don't flower like they did before. The Earth is speaking. She tells us that we have no more time," Txai Surui, a 24-year-old indigenous youth leader from the Amazon rain forest, told the opening ceremony in Glasgow. COP26 aims to keep alive a target of capping global warming at 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels.

To do that, it needs to secure more ambitious pledges to reduce emissions, lock in billions in climate financing for developing countries, and finish the rules for implementing the 2015 Paris Agreement, which was signed by nearly 200

countries. The pledges made so far would allow the planet's average surface temperature to rise 2.7C this century, which the United Nations says would supercharge the destruction that climate change is already causing.

In 2009, the developed countries most responsible for global warming pledged to provide \$100 billion per year by 2020 to help developing nations deal with its consequences. Developed nations confirmed last week they would be three years late in meeting the \$100 billion climate finance pledge - which many poor countries and activists say is insufficient anyway.

Leaders of countries such as Kenya, Bangladesh, Barbados and Malawi called rich nations to task for failing to deliver.

Barbados Prime Minister Mia Mottley compared the vast sums pumped into the global economy by rich countries' central banks in recent years with those spent on climate help.

"Can there be peace and prosperity if one-third of the world lives in prosperity and two-thirds lives under seas and face calamitous threats to our wellbeing?" she said.

Quote of the day



"It is the hope of many that the legacy of this summit - written in history books yet to be printed - will describe you as the leaders who did not pass up the opportunity; and that you answered the call of those future generations. ... But we are doing this not for ourselves but for our children and our children's children."

BRITAIN'S QUEEN ELIZABETH TOLD THE COP26 CLIMATE CHANGE SUMMIT

France backs off

Postpones fishing row sanctions on Britain

REUTERS, London

French President Emmanuel Macron has said he was postponing planned trade sanctions on Britain so that negotiators from both sides could work on new proposals to defuse their dispute over post-Brexit fishing rights.

France had earlier said that, starting from 2300 GMT on Monday, it would restrict cross-Channel trade, threatening to turn bickering over fish into a wider trade dispute between two of Europe's biggest economies.

But Macron, who earlier on Monday met British Prime Minister Boris Johnson on the sidelines of the United Nations climate conference in Glasgow, told reporters the French plan was on hold pending the outcome of renewed talks.

"Since this afternoon, discussions have resumed on the basis of a proposal I made to Prime Minister (Boris) Johnson. The talks need to continue," Macron told reporters.

"We welcome France's acknowledgement that in-depth discussions are needed to resolve the range of difficulties in the UK/EU relationship," a UK government spokesperson said in a statement.

Earlier on Monday, Britain gave France 48 hours to back down from the threat of sanctions or face legal action under the Brexit trade deal.

The measures threatened by France include increased border and sanitary checks on goods from Britain and banning British vessels from some French ports, steps that have the potential to snarl cross-Channel trade.

Britain and France have squabbled for decades over access to the rich fishing grounds around their Channel coasts.

The fishing issue dogged the negotiations that led to Britain's exit from the European Union, not because of its economic importance - it is scant - but rather its political significance. Re-asserting Britain's control over its fishing grounds was a central plank of the case for Brexit that Johnson presented to British voters. Macron, meanwhile, faces re-election next year and needs to be seen standing up for his nation's trawler crews, a vocal political constituency.



COP26 CLIMATE SUMMIT

99pc banks committed to cutting coal investment

Nearly all internationally available development financing is now committed to reducing or ending investment in coal-fired power after moves by China and the G20 to stop supporting new projects overseas, new research showed yesterday. According to new research from Boston University's Global Development Policy Center, the G20 pledge means that 99% of all development finance institutions are committed to cutting coal investment and raising support for renewables.

Nordic, UK pension funds commit \$130b

Nordic and British pension funds yesterday committed to invest \$130 billion by 2030 to fight climate change, and report annually on the progress of their green investments. Denmark said \$75 billion of the funds were new commitments. The pledge, launched at the COP26 climate summit in Glasgow, Scotland, included asset owners in Sweden, Norway, Finland, Denmark, Iceland, the Faroe Islands and the United Kingdom, plus a fund from Greenland. Analysts at Bernstein estimate that \$2-4 trillion must be invested each year to reach net zero CO2 emissions by 2050 and limit global warming to 1.5C above preindustrial levels.

Climate change main cause of fires in US west: study

Climate change caused overwhelmingly by human activity is the primary source of the unprecedented forest fires regularly ravaging the western United States, according to a study published Monday. Fires destroyed an average of 13,500 square kilometers per year in the American west between 2001 and 2018 - twice as much as between 1984-2000. A team of American researchers analyzed various factors at work in the "vapor pressure deficit" (VPD), which indicates how dry the air is. Scientists have determined that the increase in wildfires in the western United States is closely linked to this deficit during the warm season.

SOURCE: AFP, REUTERS

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Music means the world to me:

Runa Laila

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Melody queen Runa Laila has garnered her career with numerous hits throughout decades. In a candid chat with *The Daily Star*, the legendary singer talks about her illustrious career and what music truly means to her.

"I am really thankful to the Almighty and to my family for always encouraging me to follow my dreams. My achievements would have been incomplete without the love and support of the audience too," says Runa Laila. The prolific singer is a household name in the Indian subcontinent, for her versatility and songs of different languages.

"My first priority is singing songs in Bangla. Other languages come second. People know me as Bangladesh's Runa Laila and I want to represent my country through my music," adds the singer.

In spite of her incredible achievements and overarching stardom, Runa Laila always embraces humility. "I have a lot of plans regarding singing as I want to concentrate highly on my music. Music means

the world to me, and I want to live with it forever," shares Runa Laila.

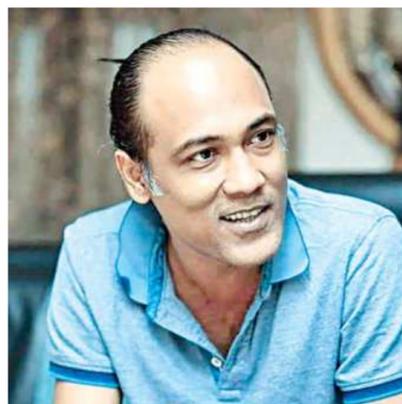
The "Priya Tumi Shukhi Hou" singer also feels that artistes have a responsibility towards society.

"Audiences always follow the words of an artiste. For instance, when the vaccine drive started in our country, I took the shot and posted about it on Facebook so that everybody would be aware about the effectiveness of vaccination. It is our responsibility to promote such matters," says the singer.

Furthermore, the renowned singer is quite hopeful about the young talents in the arena of music.

"The newcomers are doing quite well but I would advise them to do more original songs as people are attracted towards originality," she concludes.

PHOTO: STAR



Sumon Anwar PHOTOS: COLLECTED

Behind Sumon Anwar's multifaceted performances

ASHLEY SHOPFORSHI SAMADDAR

Filmmaker, scriptwriter, and actor Sumon Anwar always stands out from the crowd, be it with his unusually calm yet enigmatic role in Robiul Alam Robi's anthology series "Unoloukik", or his gruesome dialogues in Raihan Rafi's political thriller "Khachar Bhitore Ochin Pakhi".

On the other hand, his directorial releases like the Chorki original fiction "Joar Bhata" and Bioscope's "Mood Swing", turns the spotlight on feminism in the media. In a candid chat with the *Daily Star*, the polymath talks about his recent ventures, and more.

You have carved a space for yourself as an actor and a director, especially on OTT platforms. How is being in front of the camera different from being behind it? Each form of art has its unique kind of expression, and as an artiste, it is my duty to present that meaningfully. I rely on what each story demands from my characters.

However, while I am behind the camera, my priority is to ensure the comfort of my time. Crowd, chaos or conflict only lead to disrupted minds, and creativity can never thrive in such atmospheres.

You usually play antagonistic roles that are strong willed and gruesome, but in your directorial ventures, you always highlight strength and resilience of women. What is your intention behind this?

I always intend to vocalise the thoughts and struggles of women in our society. I also look to only present them as faces that we often come across in our rural areas, as I hope to empower and inspire such women, while making them aware of their own capabilities.

Your recent performances is being widely appreciated by the audience. How do such responses effect you?

The overall preference has changed, and the emergence of OTT platforms is managing to ensure viewership while maintaining the quality of work. Our work is reaching audiences all over the globe through social media, where we directly get to interact with them, which is fantastic.

However, I don't believe that criticism should become a tool when it comes to limiting your thoughts as a performer.

What are your upcoming projects?

I plan to work on the second season of "Sadorghater Tiger". I also have a few upcoming films, including Mezbaur Rahman Sumon's "Hawa", alongside OTT projects.

Fantasy shows to get excited for

SHANIZ CHOWDHURY

Fantasy movies and shows are growing popular by the day because they allow us to escape into a world not bound by the laws of reality, with larger-than-life narratives of enemies to lovers, unlikely heroes, chosen ones and heroic quests, among other things.

Conventional wisdom long held that there could not be a faithful adaptation of Frank Herbert's "Dune" novels. But the 2021 adaptation, starring an impressive ensemble cast and directed by the leading sci-fi director of our generation Denis Villeneuve, was a remarkable success. It was brimming with character drama, intrigue, unforgettable scenes and suspense – enough to leave even non sci-fi and fantasy fans in awe.



"House of the Dragon" features a stellar cast.

The beloved classic "Lord of the Rings" is being remade into a series by Amazon Prime. The first season will likely feature a young Aragorn, Celebrimbor, Galadriel, Elrond, and Sauron. Nowhere is better than New Zealand to capture the splendor of Númenor, Misty Mountains, and the elf-capital of Lindon. The series is expected to release next year.

Netflix's highly anticipated series "Shadow and Bone" took the world by storm. An adaptation of Leigh Bardugo's Grishaverse novels, the first season traverses through the life of the mapmaker with a rare power, Alina Starkov, as she gets ensnared by a megalomaniac and a trio of alluring characters from Bardugo's "Six of Crows"



A second season of "Shadow and Bone" is in the works.

duology. Bardugo is currently working on the next installment of "Shadow and Bone" as well as the "Six of Crows" spinoff series.

Neil Gaiman's "Sandman" comic book series is finally being adapted starring Tom Sturridge as Morpheus and Gwendoline Christie as Lucifer. If the poster and trailer are anything to go by, we will be reeled into a captivating tale of The Lord of Dreams who breaks free from the hold of a malevolent sorcerer.

After the controversial finale of "Game of Thrones", HBO decided to renew the magnificent world of George R.R. Martin. The upcoming 10 episodes of "House of the Dragon" will be based on "Fire & Blood," which chronicles the House of Targaryen's rule as well as House of Hightowers and House Velaryon, prior to the events of "Game of Thrones".

Meanwhile, Amazon Prime is adapting Robert Jordan's "The Wheel of Time" series, which spans across 14 books. The trailer gives us a glimpse of Moiraine's first arrival in the Two Rivers, the city of Aes Sedai and an island fortress. We follow different character arcs and adventures as The Chosen One myth takes action. It is indeed an exciting time for fans of the fantasy genre.

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"The Wheel of Time" is set to release this month.

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Watching myself on screen often bores me:

Siam

SHARMIN JOYA

Over the years, celebrated actor Siam Ahmed has garnered his career with a multitude of hit films. In a short span of time, his unparalleled performances and charm won over audiences. In a recent conversation, Siam gets candid about his expectations, upcoming releases, and more.

"Bishwoshundori" was widely appreciated, with 115 days of screening during the pandemic. Did you expect such a response?

Absolutely not! We are grateful to the audience for it, especially at a time when people were not confident about going out to theatres for watching movies with their families and loved ones.

You are starring in 6 of the many big-budget films that are up for release. Are you expecting a tough fight from your competitors at the box office?

Not really. We are all colleagues. I am as excited for their films as I am for my own. I believe that if we support each other, the audience will support our good work and industry. I have wrapped up the dubbing for "Ontorjaal" and "Mridha Bonam Mridha". Rest of the films, "Operation Sundarban", "Adventure of Sundarban", "Shaan", "Paap Punno", are on the waiting list. Some of the post production are yet to be finished. We have our fingers crossed for the audience's response.

You made your OTT debut with "Morichika". How was the experience?

OTT platforms are a dynamic zone, where we have much more to offer to the audience. Yet, I believe the big screen experience will always stand out. Although my schedules are booked until March, I look forward to challenging stories on OTT platforms.

How would you critique yourself as an actor?

Watching myself on screen often bores me. Usually, I feel that I should have put in a bit more effort, or convinced the director to let me do a scene in a different way. My best is yet to come!

Recently, Shapla Media's owner Selim Khan called you a 'superstar' and said that your future is bright. Any comments on that?

Well, I think I do not deserve such a huge title yet! However, if he really meant it and watched my work, I am grateful. That being said, I don't want to be in any sort of controversy, where my senior colleagues will be disrespected. I request everyone to keep this in mind.

You are starring in Raihan Rafi's film "Rasta" where you were given a remuneration of BDT 1001. We want to know the story behind this.

It is just an auspicious beginning. I have worked in two back to back films with Rafi. He is more than a brother to me. In fact, I am excited to work with the team once again. It is about a current issue, with a heavy, drama-based plot. We are still working on the script. We hope to begin the shoot from January.



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Where's the justice for murdered journalists?

Authorities must do more to end the culture of impunity surrounding crimes against journalists

YESTERDAY, as we marked the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists, the International Press Institute, in a statement, drew attention to the fact that the global conviction rate for violent crimes against journalists is abysmally low—in at least nine out of 10 cases, the killers go unpunished. This is all too true in the case of Bangladesh.

According to a report by this daily, in the last two and a half decades, cases filed over the murders of at least 13 journalists have been characterised by never-ending probes, their investigations failing to navigate the messy judicial system, and traceless culprits, all with the same end result: a lack of justice, and impunity for the killers. Since 1992, at least 23 journalists have been killed in Bangladesh, and verdicts have been delivered in only a few of the cases.

In the ones that are still in limbo, it seems that only the families of the deceased are concerned with justice being served. Some of these journalists were murdered over a decade ago, yet their cases have not even reached the courtrooms yet. The aggrieved family members have spoken to the media about investigators failing to submit probe reports, or failing to conduct investigations at all. These cases have dragged on for so long, stuck in the legal quagmire of our justice system, that in one case, even the prosecuting lawyer had no idea of its status. In some instances, the cases have simply been thrown out of court, or the accused have been acquitted. Even in the few where verdicts have been reached, it has taken more than a decade to do so.

This culture of impunity and lethargic attitude towards dispensing justice is a serious threat to the ability of journalists to do their jobs without fear of serious (even fatal) repercussions. If forces with vested interests are able to silence independent journalism with violence, and face almost no consequences for doing so, what does it say about the state of press freedom in a country? Given that journalists in Bangladesh are already operating in increasingly policed spaces, with the threat of the draconian Digital Security Act (DSA) hanging over their heads, such a state of affairs only adds to the environment of fear that they are currently working in.

We demand that the journalists who have been murdered in Bangladesh receive justice without any further delay, and we urge the government to create a safe and enabling environment for media workers in the country. If impunity for committing crimes against journalists is allowed to continue, it will only accelerate such attacks and undermine the future of independent and critical journalism. Ultimately, this is not only an attack on press freedom, but on democracy itself.

Illegal arms trade must be dealt with urgently

What are these heavy weapons being used for, and by whom?

WE are deeply concerned by the influx of illegal firearms and ammunition through our borders, as it poses a serious threat to our national security on varying levels. In the most recent instance, as reported by this daily, officials of the DMP's Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime (CTTC) unit arrested four individuals with five firearms and 301 rounds of bullets, including bullets for an AK-47 rifle, from Dhaka's Jatrabari area. One of these four arrested is Md Hossain, a legal arms dealer who used his licence to smuggle in illegal arms and ammunition from neighbouring India and Myanmar, and sold them to criminal groups in Dhaka, Chattogram and Cox's Bazar.

But Hossain did not operate alone—he had a syndicate of smugglers assisting him to collect unused licences, acquire weapons using them, and resell them to criminal groups after removing their barcodes. The fact that he did so while himself being a legal arms trader is alarming, to say the least. Is the country's mechanism for legal firearm ownership not strong enough to have prevented this from happening? Hossain has reportedly been imprisoned before for the same. Why was he not monitored by our law enforcers, given his apparent notoriety as an illegal arms dealer?

Not only could such illegal trade of weapons benefit small-time criminals, but the rise of more deadly criminal gangs in Cox's Bazar's Rohingya camps and elsewhere might also be a cause for concern in this regard. Six people were killed in a madrasa in one of the camps on October 22 when at least 50 individuals stormed in with sharp weapons, and even firearms. Be it the Arakan Rohingya Solidarity Army (ARSA), as locals suspect, or some other malicious group—it is worth investigating if they are benefiting from such illegal import of high-powered weapons.

We hope the police will not only be diligent about going after those dealers and buyers who have been identified, but will also use this momentum to crack down on the illegal arms trade happening along our borders for so long. Their suspicion that criminal groups are trying to acquire heavier firearms such as AK-47s must be looked into with utmost seriousness, if any future national calamities are to be avoided.

We also urge the authorities to identify loopholes in the legal ownership mechanism for firearms, so that others like Hossain cannot take wrongful advantage of their licences. Most importantly, the government must strengthen our border security and clamp down on all avenues that allow such easy illegal trading of firearms and ammunition.

Where to draw the line between free speech and hate speech?



A CLOSER LOOK

TASNEEM TAYEB

ON a cold winter day in February 2020, BJP leader and turncoat politician Kapil Mishra tweeted a video, asking his followers to "prevent another Shaheen Bagh," referring to the anti-Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 demonstrations that were being held in Shaheen Bagh of Delhi since December 15, 2019. Prior to this, Mishra threatened the protesters during a rally near Jaffrabad metro station, saying that he would take matters into his own hands if the police failed to disperse them. What followed was one of the bloodiest chapters of modern-day Indian politics: the 2020 Delhi riots, which led to the

in violence globally—often communal and political—incited by vested quarters through social media. Even in Bangladesh, during the recent Durga Puja celebrations—one of the biggest religious festivals in the country—communal violence erupted after vested quarters posted false, staged, misleading and provocative content on social media. The attacks continued for days, spanning the length and breadth of the country.

The initial incident took place in Cumilla, where a man made a Facebook live post, accusing the Hindu community of desecrating the Quran at a puja mandap. Early on the morning of October 13, police received a call from Ekram Hossain regarding the alleged defamation of the Quran. After police arrived at the spot—Nanua Dighir Par puja mandap—around 7:30am, a man named Foyez Ahmed started making a Facebook live video, showing the OC, Anwarul Azim, and urging people to rise

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The proper use of social media not only requires responsible regulation on the government's part, but responsible usage on the people's part as well. PHOTO: AFP

killing of more than 40 people, mostly Muslims.

Earlier in January this year, Twitter and Facebook had to ban the account of Donald Trump after his provocative social media posts further fuelled the attack on the US Capitol, which initially started as a result of Trump's instigating speech towards his predominantly white supremacist followers after losing the US presidential election to Joe Biden. In a statement, Twitter said, "After assessing the language in these Tweets against our Glorification of Violence policy, we have determined that these Tweets are in violation of the Glorification of Violence Policy and the user @realDonaldTrump should be immediately permanently suspended from the service."

Twitter also banned the accounts of former Trump associates Sidney Powell and Michael Flynn for promoting far-right conspiracy theories.

In recent days, we have seen a surge

up against the defamatory act.

The video started gaining traction with increased views and shares, and by 8am there was a throng of people at the spot. By 9am, there were even more people. They all sought revenge. The police and local administration could not do much to contain the swelling crowd. What followed was a brutal onslaught on the Hindu community.

While the government now needs to take a hard look at the context of the attacks, the factors that enabled it, and the reasons why the government and its intelligence agencies failed to take preventive measures, or even why the curative actions took so long to quell the violence, it also needs to look at how social media is being misused by vested quarters to stoke communal violence in the country.

An investigative report published by *The Daily Star* on October 22 revealed that, as of the publication of the report,

over 300 provocative videos were available on various YouTube channels—most of them uploaded within hours of the October 13 attacks. And all of these videos feature highly loaded and divisive messages. They are filled with hate speech, aimed at instigating the viewers—by appealing to their religious sentiments—to act against the Hindu community. Facebook was also found to be filled with inflammatory content against the minority community.

While the government should not resort to an overall internet blackout or indiscriminate banning of social media platforms, it needs to work on formulating a comprehensive social media policy that can tackle their unchecked misuse, while ensuring people's fundamental right to freedom of speech at the same time.

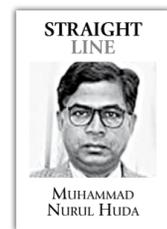
The government currently has the Digital Security Act (DSA) in place, but the DSA or similar draconian laws cannot be a solution to this problem. These are highly controversial laws that verge on the suppression of freedom of speech, and more than helping curb the ever-spreading infodemic, these laws are rather used selectively and to serve the interests of powerful quarters.

What we need right now is a holistic policy and an environment that takes into account fact-checking, social media platform verification and authentication, and social media usage literacy and etiquettes, among other mechanisms, to counter the spread of disinformation, fake news and loaded content.

In a country like Bangladesh where people with limited literacy on safe internet usage have easy access to the internet, the users need to be adequately educated so that they can use social media platforms in a responsible manner.

The government should also scrutinise the social media accounts and

It's time to look into the well-being of the policemen



STRAIGHT LINE

MUHAMMAD NURUL HUDA

MORE than not, the word "police" in our parlance gets adverse attention—and for understandable reasons. For policing, an admittedly thankless occupation in the subcontinent, at least, the bouquets are few while the brickbats are aplenty. Most police personnel have reconciled with the reality—perhaps grudgingly—that the sweet taste of appreciation is indeed rarer than the bitterness of the complaint. It is not uncommon to see our police personnel be constantly vulnerable to criticism for the manner in which they choose to exercise their discretion. Police are subject to both ridicule for not exercising discretion, and condemnation for making discretionary judgement—they are damned either way.

In such an environment, the recognition of the stress that police members have to endure, by the cerebral media—for instance, a report published in this daily on October 26—as well as the psychosocial impact of such stress should be welcome news. This is because there is hardly anyone who will take up their cause. Some may sympathise with them, but the sad reality is that publicly espousing a policeman's cause would be something that no activist could take on—even for a friend. In my experience, some policemen, while confronting a law and order situation, have often wondered that if self-expression in this country means destroying public property and causing physical injury to others, then who are they to step in? Law enforcers, in such a scenario, feel a deep sense of shame and can hardly be assuaged by the self-justification of a stressful profession.

We need to understand the reasons behind public apathy towards police. This deficit may have stemmed from the inherent inability of the policemen to

project themselves as who they are, and the dominant public perception is that our policemen have little intelligence and even less resources. As a result, there is little public appreciation for the kind of pressure our police force faces now. With conspicuous consumption, fanaticism and militancy emerging as new threats, the pressure on the law enforcement authorities has increased manifold.

An average policeman, particularly in a metropolis, has a range of duties:

justify such expectations. The question that remains unasked is whether the public needs to meet the police halfway in expressing appreciation when deserved. Since that is not the case, and as the police fail to meet public expectations, the public takes the law into its own hands and wreaks its vengeance on uniformed heads as well as public properties with deplorable callousness. The stress in such a situation is not something to be brushed aside.



Without a sound mental health and efficient stress management at their disposal, our policemen cannot perform their duty as we expect them to. FILE PHOTO: STAR

attending courts, mitigating marital strife, controlling mobs, chasing criminals, conducting rescue operations, providing VIP security, and tracking down absconding people, to name a few. An average working day for a policeman stretches between 12 and 16 hours, leaving little time for family, friends or recreation. An emerging exhibitionist culture, fuelled by the desire for the quick buck from the *nouveau riche*, has further complicated the status syndrome.

Many policemen are of the opinion that the public expect them to be fully devoted to work, and that the public has the right to set high standards—though the reality of life around us does not

A policeman, having faced the fire of public discontent, has to pass the litmus test every time. For him, it is not sufficient to face the enemy—he has to additionally justify his actions in retrospect. For every adverse action, a policeman becomes accountable to his direct bosses, the government, the media, pressure groups, and several levels of the judiciary. It is doubtful whether any other public servant has to face such a degree of public scrutiny and officialdom. Working under divergent sources of stress and strain has a telling effect on the police personnel. The overstretched members often commit fatal mistakes.

There is no denying the fact that

platforms that are spreading harmful and divisive content, understand if these are premeditated and synchronised, identify the actors behind them, and take appropriate action to neutralise them. The accounts that have intentionally inflamed violence in the past should also be banned, and the perpetrators should be held accountable for their deeds.

The social media platforms also need to be much more proactive in screening the content that they allow to circulate on their sites. Facebook has recently come under fire after internal documents and reports revealed that the company failed to curb divisive, hate-filled content directed at the Muslim community in India. And the build-up of such content, it has been reported, might have played a role in inflaming the 2020 Delhi riots.

With regard to these allegations, in a statement to the Associated Press, Facebook said the platform had "invested significantly in technology to find hate speech in various languages, including Hindi and Bengali," which, in 2021, reduced "the amount of hate speech that people see by half." However, more needs to be done to ensure that provocative content are screened, flagged and removed on time, along with close monitoring of groups and platforms that have a tendency to promote fake information and disinformation.

Similarly, people in general need to be more aware of the facts and be responsible in consuming, engaging with and sharing such content on social media. Rather than blindly believing every bit of information that is out there on social media, people should check for content validated by the news media.

And the government should encourage and promote press freedom in order to be able to tackle the problem of disinformation. Unless there is a free flow of credible information from the press, the risk of people resorting to social media to quench their thirst for news and information will remain. Stringent government regulation on social media platforms, which can at times infringe on people's right to free speech, is a highly undesirable scenario, and everyone, including the social media users, must do their part to avoid such a situation.

While the government needs to create an ecosystem that promotes healthy usage of social media, the platforms themselves must focus on greater vigilance with regard to what messages are being circulated on their sites. And people should look to the news media as a source of information, rather than dubious social media content. To ensure productive social media engagement, the responsibility falls on all of us, on what we choose to consume, and on where we draw the line.

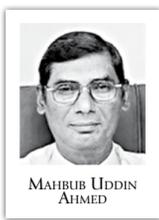
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JAIL KILLING DAY

How the horrors of November 3 transpired

A first-hand account of what happened inside Dhaka Central Jail on this day 46 years ago



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It was in the early hours of November 3 when a warning bell went off inside the central jail in the heart of Dhaka city. As dawn approached, a sense of deepening fear engulfed the indoors of the new jail. It was home to the most important political figures of Bangladesh at that time: Syed Nazrul Islam, acting president of Bangladesh during the Liberation War and later the industries minister in Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's cabinet; Tajuddin Ahmed, former prime minister of Bangladesh; Captain (ret'd) M Mansur Ali, prime minister of the country following the formation of Baksal, and AHM Qamaruzzaman, president of the Awami League under Baksal. They were accompanied by a large number of political prisoners too—around 50. They were all housed in one building consisting of three large rooms known as the new jail. In the first room lived Tajuddin and Syed Nazrul, with others. In the middle room was Qamaruzzaman, and in the third one lived Mansur Ali. I was arrested and placed in the new jail, but in a different building. It was a newly constructed building called the "Ninety Cells," purported to accommodate important prisoners. Only the ground floor of the building had been completed. I was put in room number one of

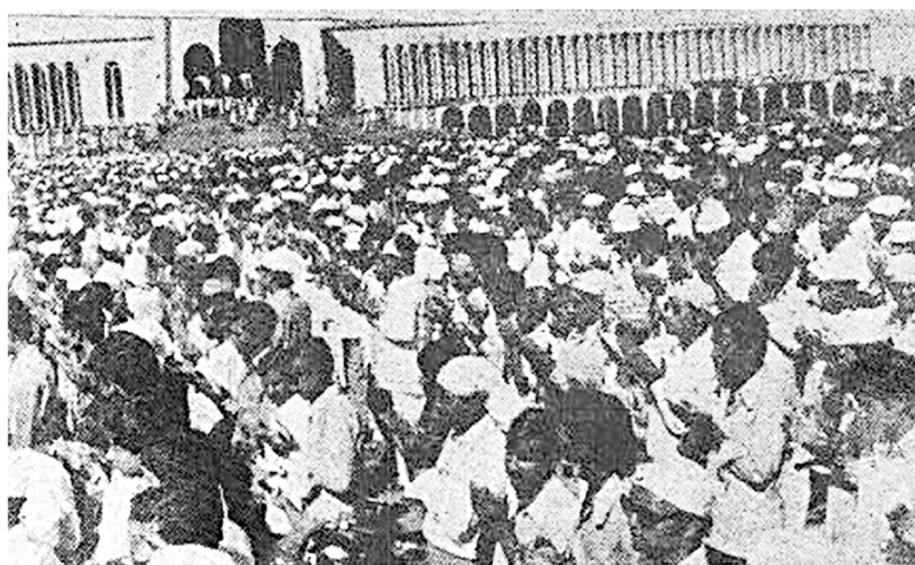
the so-called "Ninety Cells." In the room to my left, Sergeant Kibria and Dulu were placed. Only a five-inch wall separated us, but the veranda allowed us space to move about during the daytime. However, after the dusk shutdown and lock-up, we could communicate as everyone was within a hearing distance. My room was exactly on the opposite side of room number one in the main building. The wall-to-wall distance could not have been more than 10 feet, with a small road in between the buildings. The front of the main building faced the back of ours, so we were well within the hearing range. Moreover, there was a hole on the wall in our toilet; with a bit of manoeuvring, we could take a peek outside. At around 3am, the awful "dong-dong" of the warning bell shattered the night silence, much to the consternation and bafflement of the prisoners. We didn't yet know that an incomprehensibly brutal act of violence—the staging of a reprehensible savagery that was beyond anyone's wildest imagination—was about to transpire at the most secure place in the city. We heard the sound of a large gathering of people outside. The voice of the jailer, Aminur Rahman, was clear; he appeared to be directing everyone to open the gates. We could hear a lot of movement and people discussing moving the inmates from different rooms. Aminur Rahman himself guided the inmates of room number one to the next room, leaving behind Syed Nazrul and Tajuddin. He also collected

Qamaruzzaman from the second room, and Mansur Ali from the third room. The two rooms were locked again, but the first room was left open. To keep their peace of mind, the jailer informed the four leaders that some important representatives of the Mostaq government were going to visit them to discuss political issues, and that they were expected to arrive any moment.

entered the jail premises stealthily and hid in the shadows. In the meantime, after the rearrangement of inmates among the rooms had been done, Aminur Rahman and his large team left. Soon afterwards, I heard the loud sound of a group of people doing a double march. They entered the open veranda of room number one, where the four leaders were waiting, and opened

moments, I remained frozen, afraid to make the slightest of noise, lest the killers heard and came back to kill us. But we had not seen the last of this inhuman savagery yet. Hearing the groaning cry for help and water, one of the prison guards ran to the jail gate and informed the killers that some of the leaders were still alive. Upon hearing this, the brutal band of rogues returned in double march,

afternoon, one of my brothers came to visit me at the jail gate. My relatives and siblings had been informed that I had been killed in jail as well, and he came to the jail to verify that information, managing permission from EA Chowdhury, the then DIG of Special Branch. On his arrival, I was escorted to the gate by Motaleb. After speaking to my brother, on my way back to my room, I went straight to the dead bodies of our leaders. They were lying in utter disrespect. Offering a silent prayer, I went to one of the other rooms, where other leaders like Maya and Amu Bhai were waiting. Seeing them, I burst into tears, and so did they; separated by the bars, we could not comfort each other. Around 11am the next day, Additional SP Abdus Salam came to the jail for post-mortem supervision. He was followed by ADC Dhaka Akmal Hussain. He was my batch mate from our Dhaka University days. He was also the private secretary to Captain Mansur Ali during the latter's stint as home minister. When he appeared in front of my room, we shook hands, then started crying. We could not embrace each other as the prison bars separated us. After a long exchange of words of comfort and deliberation, he left to attend his call of duty. After the autopsies and other formalities, the dead bodies were taken out of jail after sunset and subsequently buried. By now it is well-known that the assassinations of Bangabandhu and his family members and the four national leaders, as well as the killings of patriotic armed personnel like Brig Khaled Mosharraf, Bir Uttom, Col Nazmul Huda, Bir Bikram, and Major Haider, Bir Uttom, were all deeply connected to the losing side of the Liberation War. The entire gamut of conspiracies was hatched by the anti-liberation forces. They were afraid of Sheikh Mujib, who succeeded in liberating Bangladesh in spite of the deployment of all imperialist forces against him. In the initial killing spree, the conspirators thought they had succeeded, but time has proven that they failed.



A "gayebi janaza"—special prayer—is offered for the departed souls of four national leaders at the Baitul Mukarram mosque premises in Dhaka on November 5, 1975. SOURCE: DAINIK BANGLA, NOVEMBER 6, 1975

In the meantime, the killers had already reached the jail gate, had a heated exchange with the jail authority, including the DIG prisons, over permission to enter the jail at that time. The killers were told that entering the jail at odd hours was prohibited, so they sought the intervention of Khondaker Mostaq Ahmad, who had positioned himself as the president of the country. Mostaq directed the jail authority to allow the killers to enter the jail and do their job. While this exchange of words was taking place, the officials of the jail were abused. With the permission of the president himself, the contingent of killers, clad in black uniforms,

fire at point blank range. The bullets hit them straight, some ricocheting, missing the targets and hitting the walls. I heard Tajuddin exclaim, "Hey! What are you doing?" That was the last words I heard from him before he was shot, falling on his side on the cot. Syed Nazrul, already shot, fell on his front, while Mansur dived under the cot to save himself. He survived the attack, and as soon as the killers left, we heard him crying for help. "Pani, pani!" he asked for water. The killings were done with automatic machine guns, within minutes. I recognised the weapons because I had used them in the battlefield against the Pakistan Army during the war. For a few long

this time with bayonets fitted to their weapons, entered the room, and bayoneted them all. The gruesome sounds of bayonets slicing through their bodies were gut-wrenching. Ensuring the physical elimination of the leaders of the country's struggle for independence, the rogues returned in a double march towards the gate. While leaving, I heard one of the killers say, "Hamid, be quick." In the meantime, one of the prison guards, most probably Motaleb, came to my cell and said, "Sir, all four are finished." As far as I can recall, Motaleb was the guard who ran to the killers to inform them that the leaders were not all dead yet. Later in the day, around mid-

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PROJECT SYNDICATE

The test of pandemic preparedness



JOSÉ MANUEL BARROSO

THE Covid-19 pandemic has instilled many harsh lessons for the world. But the most important one is that infectious-disease outbreaks pose a risk not just to public health, but also to global security. Like nuclear proliferation, terrorism, and climate change, Covid-19 has shown that pandemics can rapidly undermine social stability and economic well-being. This point may seem obvious now. But before the Covid-19 crisis, infectious diseases barely registered on the global security agenda. If efforts to change that by establishing new funding and monitoring mechanisms for pandemic preparedness are to succeed, half measures won't cut it. To avoid a repeat of history, our preparations must reflect the true extent of the challenge. We must recognise that pandemics now represent one of the biggest—and most likely—threats to global security.

government can provide on its own. An infectious disease cannot be fought with traditional security countermeasures, such as economic sanctions, bilateral diplomacy, deterrence or military posturing. Rather, it calls for scientific collaboration, resilient healthcare systems, and long-term investments in global health networks. Shows of force and unilateral acts of

for people in the poorest countries, COVAX is not only saving millions of lives and protecting hundreds of millions more, but it is also offering the best path to recovery. Even from a strictly economic standpoint, COVAX is far more cost-effective than any form of fiscal or monetary stimulus. There are now more than 1.5 billion vaccine doses being produced in the world each month—an

failure will not be corrected until governments start acting globally. Although more than 190 countries support COVAX, many governments are struggling to balance between protecting their own populations and acting in ways that serve everyone's interest in global health and economic recovery. Mustering a genuinely global response is necessary both to end this crisis and to avert the next one. It is not just individuals' health that is at stake. As Covid-19 has shown, pandemics can push millions of people into poverty and place

unprecedented restrictions on their mobility. Such conditions can subvert even traditionally stable countries, by increasing the threat of political polarisation, civil unrest, and violence. The longer the crisis continues, the greater that threat. Globalised crises require that we globalise critical resources—in today's case, vaccines. The G20 governments have the power to lead the way by ending the vaccine-hoarding and export bans that have impeded supplies, and by donating more doses to COVAX. But as urgent as such measures are, they are mostly

band-aids—solutions to a crisis within a crisis. To avoid a repeat of Covid-19, we need more expansive pandemic preparedness mechanisms built around the model of globalised resources that COVAX pioneered. We cannot wait until the next outbreak has already become a global security threat. By that time, it will be too late. José Manuel Barroso, a former president of the European Commission and former prime minister of Portugal, is the chair of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. Copyright: Project Syndicate, 2021 www.project-syndicate.org (Exclusive to The Daily Star)



Mustering a genuinely global response is necessary both to end the ongoing pandemic crisis and to avert the next one. PHOTO: REUTERS

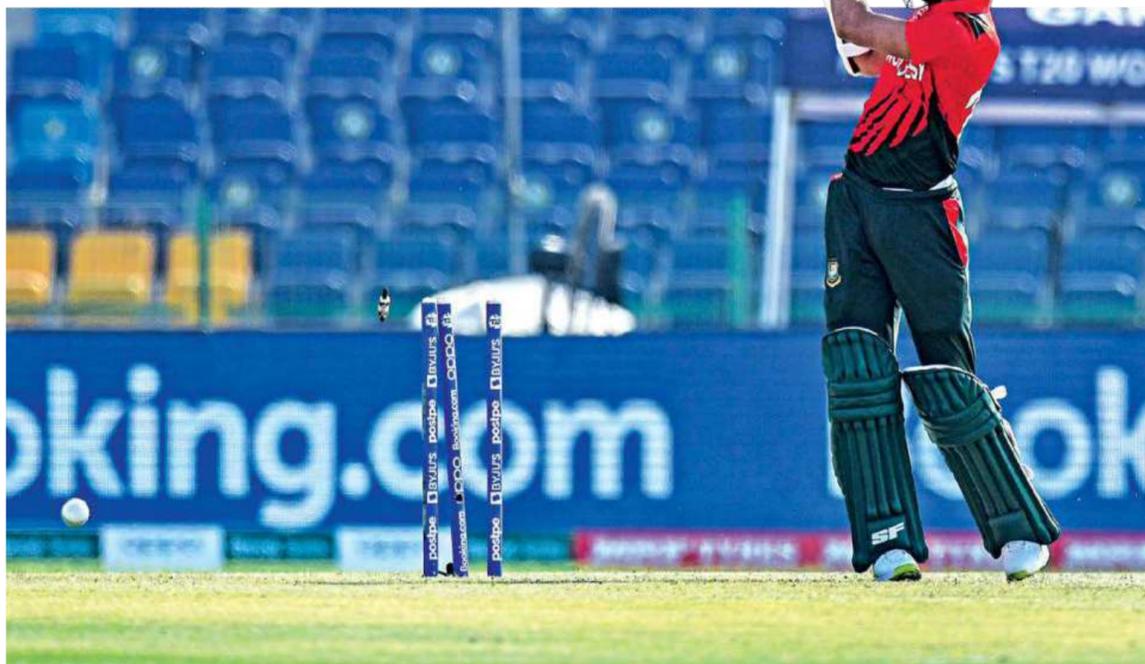
national self-preservation are useless; global collaboration, strategic multilateralism, and transnational compassion are the only way out of this kind of disaster. Judging by the current global distribution of Covid-19 vaccines, we have yet to muster the necessary response. The coronavirus is still winning, and a lack of global coordination is the principal reason why. Instead of finding ways to work together towards common solutions in the face of an unprecedented crisis, key governments are still putting their national interests first, at the expense of the global response we need. The global solution to the vaccine distribution problem is the Covid-19 Vaccine Global Access (COVAX) facility established last year. By ensuring equitable access to vaccines

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Tigers' batting brings back memories of early 2000s

NABID YEASIN

From 22 for no loss to getting bundled out for a meagre 84 in 18.2 overs -- the entire scenario brought back memories of the regular batting woes of Bangladesh in the early 2000s. This happened in Abu Dhabi yesterday in a game that the Tigers lost to South Africa by six wickets, officially ending Bangladesh's bid for their maiden T20 World Cup semifinal quest with still a game remaining.

Unlike most of the matches of the tournament, yesterday's pitch provided ample help to seamers with a lot of bounce, carry and elements for swing off the pitch. That saw the Proteas quicks -- Kagiso Rabada, Anrich Nortje and Dwaine Pretorius -- corner the Tigers to a place from where bouncing back to the game seemed improbable, just like in the early days of Bangladesh cricket.

When one falls, the others follow -- it was a common saying surrounding the Tigers back in the days. The adage rang true yesterday when Bangladesh batters, especially the top order, had no answers to South Africa's pace prowess as most of the batters surrendered meekly.

It started with Mohammad Naim, who

himself was to be blamed for his downfall as his attempted slog across the line only gave an easy catch to Reeza Hendricks at midwicket.

Soumya Sarkar followed suit in the very next delivery. An inswinging fuller-length delivery from Rabada caught the left-hander by surprise, having him trapped in front in the very first ball.

Nortje and Rabada then kept on piling up the pressure, with deliveries aimed at the body of the batters. That attacking strategy got the better

of Mushfiqur Rahim and skipper Mahmudullah Riyad, both undone by bouncers cramping them up for room and forcing edges off the bat which were taken at gully and point. It was as if the haunting days when Bangladesh batters struggled to find answers to deliveries clocked at 140kmph or above were back.

If the wickets of Mahmudullah and Mushfiqur were not enough to send the fans down the aching memory lane, Afif Hossain's poor judgement at a precarious situation probably did the trick. One would think Bangladesh being in the international cricket arena for over 20 years would have injected some sense into the players and the cricketers would know better than to charge down the track and lose the stumps trying to play a wayward shot across the line.

However, Afif proved it wrong and departed in this exact fashion leaving the Tigers five down and on the brink of humiliation.

Can Bangladesh play out the 20 overs in its entirety? Just like the old times, this was the question that probably was lingering in the minds of the fans. And as it often happened back in the days, Bangladesh failed in that regard and were bundled out even before the overs could be completed.



'Exploiting home conditions won't give a long-term benefit'

MAZHAR UDDIN from Abu Dhabi

Bangladesh's poor performances in the ongoing ICC T20 World Cup have raised many questions about the methods that the team management employed to improve in the shortest format of the game.

Many opined that preparing slow and low pitches at home had an adverse effect on the Tigers' game while others blamed a lack of skills and a poor approach from the players for continual disappointment.

Bangladesh were totally outplayed once again as they crashed to a fourth consecutive loss in the Super 12 stage, this time being bundled out for just 84 runs by South Africa en route a six-wicket defeat.

South Africa pace-bowling legend Dale Steyn, who closely monitored yesterday's game from the commentary box, opined that Bangladesh needed to play more matches away from home to improve in the shortest format of the game.

"Look I can't remember the last time Bangladesh played T20s against South Africa away from home. If you want to improve as a team in this format or any format, you have to play more matches away from your home," Steyn told The Daily Star after the game yesterday.

"If you keep playing in the comforts of home and exploiting home conditions, it won't give you a long-term benefit. When Bangladesh play outside their comfort zone, they will gain more experience and exposure and will realise what to do in such situations."

The 38-year-old also believes Bangladesh have the potential to become a better unit.

"Bangladesh are a very good side no doubt, but things are not going their way this tournament. Obviously, it's a huge disappointment for the fans. You have got some very good players and I believe Bangladesh can be a better T20 team in the coming days."



Pakistan ease into semis

AFP, Abu Dhabi

Pakistan became the first team to reach the Twenty20 World Cup semi-finals after beating Namibia by 45 runs, with brilliant half centuries from Mohammad Rizwan and skipper Babar Azam in Abu Dhabi on Tuesday.

Rizwan finished with a slow-to-fast 50-ball 79 not out while Babar notched his 23rd Twenty20 international fifty with a 49-ball 70 to lift Pakistan -- who won the toss and batted -- to 189-2 in their 20 overs. Namibia tried their best to match their opponents with David Wiese notching 43 not out and Craig Williams scoring 40 but Pakistani bowlers never allowed them a free hand as they managed 144-5 in 20

overs. With four wins in as many games, Pakistan became the first side to reach the last four from Group 2. This will be their fifth semi-final in Twenty20 World Cup history -- the most by any team.

Williams knocked five boundaries and a six before he holed out to spinner Shadab Khan while Wiese smashed two sixes and three boundaries in his 31-ball knock.

Opener Stephan Baard scored 29. But Rizwan and Babar were the stars once again, like they were in Pakistan's win over arch-rivals India, which gave them a kick-start to the event. The pair added 113 for the first wicket after Pakistan were slow out of the blocks, scoring just 59 in the first ten overs but ended with a flurry in the next ten, taking 130 runs.

Veteran Mohammad Hafeez scored a brisk 16-ball 32 not out with five boundaries. Pakistan's total is the second-highest in this tournament, behind Afghanistan's 190-4 against Scotland in Sharjah. Babar hit seven boundaries before he holed out to David Wiese in the 15th over while Fakhar Zaman was smartly caught by keeper Zane Green for five.

Rizwan reached his tenth half century with a pulled six off Wiese in the 19th over before hitting four boundaries and a six to take 22 off JJ Smit's final over.

Rizwan's knock included eight fours and four sixes. Pakistan next face Scotland in their last match in Sharjah on Sunday. Namibia will meet New Zealand, also in Sharjah two days earlier.



SCORES IN BRIEF

PAKISTAN

189 for 2 in 20 overs (Rizwan 79 not out, Babar 70, Hafeez 32 not out; Wiese 1-30)

NAMIBIA

144 for 5 in 20 overs (Williams 40, Wiese 43 not out; Imad 1-13, Hasan 1-22)

RESULT

Pakistan won by 45 runs
PLAYER-OF-THE-MATCH
Mohammad Rizwan

'Hopeful of better wickets in future'

SPORTS REPORTER from Abu Dhabi



The result was familiar and so was the post-match press conference as a sorry looking Taskin Ahmed walked in with a tense face to address the media after the Tigers crashed to their fourth consecutive defeat in the Super 12 stage of the ICC T20 World Cup in Abu Dhabi yesterday.

There was once again a plethora of ifs and buts from the losing party and Taskin tried his best to remain calm and answer the barrage of questions that were being flung his way.

Regret of not putting enough runs on the board from the batters was a factor after Bangladesh were bundled out for just 84 runs -- their sixth-lowest total in T20s -- before South Africa got home with six wickets to spare.

"It could have been a different story if we made even 120 or 125. I think today's [Tuesday's] wicket was different. The ball was seaming. There was off-the-pitch movement in both innings. They took nearly 14 overs to score 85 runs so it suggests the pitch was good for seamers," Taskin told the media.

Despite posting a small total, Bangladesh did manage to show some fight and had reduced the Proteas to 33 for three in the

Powerplay. Taskin was probably the only positive for the Bangladesh team yesterday, picking up two wickets and exploiting the seam-friendly Abu Dhabi track.

"We started well but a score like 84 is never good enough against this batting line-up. It is the same for most teams, so we have to bat better. We encountered sporting wickets in the World Cup, much different from Mirpur. We are hopeful of better wickets in the future. It will improve our bowling and batting. Regardless of the result, it will help us ahead of big tournaments," he said.

With one game left in the Super 12 stage against Australia on November 4, Taskin pleaded for blessings from the media and fans so that the Tigers could take something and end the disastrous campaign on a positive note.

With the morale in freefall following a string of defeats, Taskin was even asked whether it was tougher to play in the middle or face the media.

"When you don't perform well as a team, everything becomes difficult as a player. It is obvious that when you don't play well, there will be a lot of talk. Players are under pressure. We didn't play well overall, but we are hoping things will improve in the future," said a dejected Taskin, who appeared to breathe a sigh of relief as he walked out of the press conference area.

'We feel betrayed'

MAZHAR UDDIN from Abu Dhabi

A seemingly landslide turnover by the Bangladeshi supporters in the Tigers' first three games of the Super 12 stage saw a significant dip when it came to the fourth and penultimate game against South Africa at the Sheikh Zayed Stadium in Abu Dhabi yesterday.

Prior to the South Africa game, the Bangladeshi expats in the UAE had arrived buzzing in numbers and played the role of the twelfth man with their signature-style unconditional support despite having been on the receiving end of disappointments, one after the other.

During the second Super 12 game against England, the majority of the twenty-thousand seats of the Sheikh Zayed Stadium were occupied by the ever-enthusiastic Bangladeshi supporters, who, however, had struggled to keep their heads high throughout the game and returned home with an embarrassing eight-wicket thrashing.

Inevitably or otherwise, the script had flipped yesterday, as not even 30 percent of the stadium was occupied by the Bangladeshi fans. This came as quite a shock to many, including the ICC volunteers who were assigned on the ground.

Even the small number of Bangladeshi crowd who made it to the game yesterday had struggled, like finding a needle in a haystack, to find something to cheer for their beloved team as the Tigers continued their lacklustre display in the ongoing mega event and were bundled out for a meagre 84 runs in 18.2 overs in the process.

Not only the latest batting disaster ended up becoming the sixth lowest-ever total in T20s for



Bangladesh but it manifested at a time and at a stage where even the hardcore Tigers' loyalists still had some residual hope left to witness an act of resurgence, or some form of fighting spirit, from their team when all eyes were upon them.

"To be honest, we feel betrayed. We still had high hopes from our team even after losing the first three games, in which two of those against Sri Lanka and West Indies came as a huge shock to us," said Rashidul Hasan, who travelled all the way from Dubai to watch the game with his friends, told The Daily Star yesterday.

"Despite the fact that we are virtually out from the contention for the semi-final spot, we wanted to support our team. But the manner in which our players played today [yesterday] was disappointing," he added.

While the string of poor performances remained as one of the biggest reasons for the decline in numbers of the Bangladeshi fans in the stadium, the controversial statements from the cricketers at the post-match press conferences following defeats had added insult to the fans' injury. "Look, win and loss are part of sports, but the manner in which the Bangladeshi team are losing isn't acceptable. You can sense from the body language of the players that they are not giving their best," said Mamunul Islam, who works as mechanic in Dubai.

"And on top of poor performances, some of the senior players, including Mushfiqur Rahim, did not shy away to answer the critics in an unprofessional manner, which is even more disappointing," he added.

"Being a Bangladeshi, we will support our team in both good and bad times but it's just not fair on us if the players don't feel our pain."

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ICC Men's T20I World Cup 2021
New Zealand vs Scotland
Live from 04:00 pm
Afghanistan vs India
Live from 08:00 pm

TEN 1

UEFA Champions League
RB Leipzig vs PSG
Live from 02:00 am (Thursday)

TEN 2

UEFA Champions League

Real Madrid vs Shakhtar
Live from 11:45 pm
Liverpool vs Atletico Madrid
Live from 02:00 am (Thursday)

TEN 3

UEFA Champions League

Borussia Dortmund vs Ajax
Live from 02:00 am (Thursday)

SONY SIX

UEFA Champions League
Milan vs Porto
Live from 11:45 pm

Manchester City vs Club Brugge
Live from 02:00 am (Thursday)

DAY'S EVENT

NCL (DAY-4)

Dhaka vs Khulna, Sics Academy
Rangpur vs Sylhet, SICS

Chattogram vs Dhaka Metro, BKSP

Rajshahi vs Barishal, Cox's Bazar



Survival at stake as India face Afghanistan

AGENCIES



India are in dire straits heading into their third match of the T20 World Cup against a feisty Afghanistan in Abu Dhabi today. The pre-tournament favourites have lost their first two matches - a 10-wicket defeat against Pakistan and an eight-wicket defeat against New Zealand - and head into their clash with Afghanistan knowing only a win can keep their World Cup dream alive. They have put in is not worthy of a semi-final spot even though mathematics keeps their hopes alive.

Afghanistan, by contrast, have won two of their three opening matches, defeating Scotland by 130 runs and Namibia by 62 runs either side of an agonising five-wicket defeat against Pakistan. Mohammad Nabi's side are sitting pretty in second place and have a net run rate of +3.097, which stands them in good stead heading into the business end of the Super 12s.

India and Afghanistan have met just twice in T20Is, with India winning both encounters. However, their most recent

meeting was back in September 2012.

Senior off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin's inexplicable absence from the playing XI is in focus as India skipper Virat Kohli tries to figure the combination that can bring his team's floundering campaign back on track.

Mohammed Nabi and Rashid Khan, however, would like to use all their might and T20 freelancing experience to add insult to the Indian injury and prolong the nightmare that started on October 24.

For Kohli, in probably his last three matches as T20 captain of India, one would expect some prudent team selections and it starts with the question of repeatedly ignoring a player of Ashwin's calibre.

India's batting hasn't done well in this tournament so far. However, they will expect KL Rahul to fire at the top. If Ishan Kishan plays, he is likely to move to the middle order and Rohit Sharma back in the opening slot. It will be interesting to see if Suryakumar Yadav will be back in the playing XI and for whom.

Afghanistan's new ball bowlers -- the experienced Hamid Hasan and young Naveen ul Haq -- are certainly good but on their day, KL Rahul and Rohit could just send them on a leather-hunt.

After two bad games, that's exactly what they would want at a new venue.

Against Afghanistan, the middle-overs, during which the peerless Rashid Khan operates, will be crucial.

If Mujeeb Ur Rahman is fit to play, Afghanistan will play three high-quality spin bowlers. Rashid Khan is in a great rhythm and will be a threat for the Indian batters.

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Shadman, Forhad and Amit steal spotlight

SPORTS REPORTER

Batters dominated on the third day of the third round of the 23rd National Cricket League, with Dhaka Metro's Shadman Islam, Rajshahi Division's Forhad Hossain and Sylhet Division's Amit Hasan each scoring centuries.

Dhaka Metro skipper Shadman, resuming on 66, carried on his good form with the bat and scored 132 against Chattogram Division at BKSP. His strung a 67-run and a 47-run partnership with lower-order batsmen Rakibul Hasan and Munim Shahriar respectively before falling prey to Hasan Murad.

However, there was a late resistance as Munim (59) and Md Sharifullah (75) put up an 83-run partnership before tail-enders Sharifullah and Aminul Islam Biplob (50 not out) added another stubborn 79-run stand.

That saw Dhaka Metro amass 407 for eight, but they still trail Chattogram by 38 runs ahead of the last day.

In an encounter between Barishal



and Rajshahi at the Cox's Bazar Academy Ground, Rajshahi's middle-order batsman Farhad Hossain, resuming on 26, went on to score an unbeaten 108 that featured seven boundaries and a maximum. He also stitched together a 119-run partnership with Sunzamul Islam as his side piled on 441 runs in their first innings despite Barishal spinner Monir Hossain grabbing a fiver.

In reply, Barishal scored 82 runs for the loss of two wickets in their second innings, ending the third day with a 45-run lead.

At the Sylhet International Cricket Stadium, Sylhet's Amit Hasan, who resumed on 28, batted out the entirety of the third day, scoring 147 runs with 16 boundaries. However, his teammates failed to maintain that tempo and Sylhet were left on 258 for seven at the end of the day, giving them a 105-run lead ahead of the final day.

Mukidul Islam Mugdho and Robiul Hogue plucked three wickets each for Rangpur.

Meanwhile at the Sylhet Academy Ground, Dhaka resumed on 86 without loss before a batting collapse saw them fold for 231. Khulna's Md Raihan Uddin scalped six wickets as Dhaka were forced to follow-on. They reached 46 for one at the end of the day, trailing by a further 142 runs.

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U-23s end campaign with defeat

SPORTS REPORTER



Bangladesh completed their AFC U-23 Asian Cup Qualifiers campaign with a third loss in three matches following a 3-0 defeat against Saudi Arabia at the Bunyodkor Stadium in Tashkent yesterday.

Although Bangladesh had set their sights on the 16-team final round, they ended up conceding 10 goals without scoring a single goal. Kuwait qualified for the final round as Group D champions despite a 5-1 defeat against hosts Uzbekistan yesterday.

Smarting from a morale shattering 6-0 defeat against Uzbekistan in their previous

match, Bangladesh started the match on the backfoot, conceding the lead in the 14th minute when Soud Abdullah Abdulhamid nodded a Aiman Yahya Ahmed cross from close range.

Saudi Arabia's lead was doubled five minute later, thanks to a poor effort from goalkeeper Mitul Marma who tried to fist a low free-kick from Aiman and the ball fell to Ziyad Mubarak Al Johoni, who fired home at near post.

After the break, Bangladesh played comparatively better but Saudi Arabia made it 3-0 in the 70th minute when Hamad Turki raced into the box from the right flank and teed up a powerful cutback for Aiman, who flicked home to complete the rout.

No Messi for PSG's Leipzig clash

AGENCIES



Lionel Messi was not included in the Paris St Germain squad that will face RB Leipzig in the Champions League on Wednesday but forward Kylian Mbappe made the team.

Messi had limped off during their 2-1 win over Lille in Ligue 1 on Friday and was not included in the 21-member squad named on Tuesday for their Champions League Group A game in Germany.

The Argentine had been replaced by Mauro Icardi in Friday's match after having missed training a day



Club Brugge are on four while Leipzig have yet to earn a point after losing all three games so far.

Liverpool prepare again for Atletico Jurgen Klopp wants to say the right things when it comes to Atletico Madrid and Diego Simeone but there is always an itch he ends up scratching.

Liverpool play Atletico again tonight in a game that this time carries more significance for the Spaniards than the Reds.

Klopp's team are already five points clear at the top of a group that looked awkward when the draw came out in August.

Atletico are in a scrap, level on four points with Porto, whom they still have to play in Lisbon in the final round.

In theory, the pressure on Liverpool should be reduced and yet this fixture keeps finding a way to irritate the German, to push his buttons and draw reactions he later has to rephrase or retract.

This will be the fourth meeting between the sides in the past 18 months. Atletico claimed victory in a thrilling knock-out tie last year after

winning 1-0 at home, and 3-2 after extra-time away.

Liverpool then won by the same scoreline in Madrid last month, capitalising on a red card for Antoine Griezmann and a penalty, scored by the blistering Mohamed Salah.

Can Shakhtar dent Real optimism? Karim Benzema's added-time finish in his side's 5-0 win at Shakhtar on Matchday 3, followed by a Clasico triumph over Barcelona means confidence is high at Real Madrid.

However, Carlo Ancelotti will be wary of any distractions ahead of a potentially crucial encounter -- the visitors won 3-2 at the Santiago Bernabeu last season and are seeking their first goal in the current campaign.

Despite a first setback in their 3-1 defeat at Inter last time out, dangerous newcomers Sheriff remain top of Group C courtesy of their shock win in Madrid on Matchday 2. Even if the Nerazzurri prevail when the teams meet again in Italy, the entertainers from Moldova can keep control of their fate when they attempt to repeat their most famous victory so far on Matchday 5.



earlier with a muscle problem.

Teammate Mbappe, however, who had to sit out the Lille game with an infection, was included.

The French club are top of Group A with seven points from three games, with Manchester City second on six.

Ruthless Kiwis aim to strengthen semifinal chances

AGENCIES

A ruthless New Zealand will be eyeing to strengthen their semifinal chances with a solid knockout punch on an already struggling Scotland in a Group 2 Super 12 match of the ICC T20 World Cup in Dubai today.

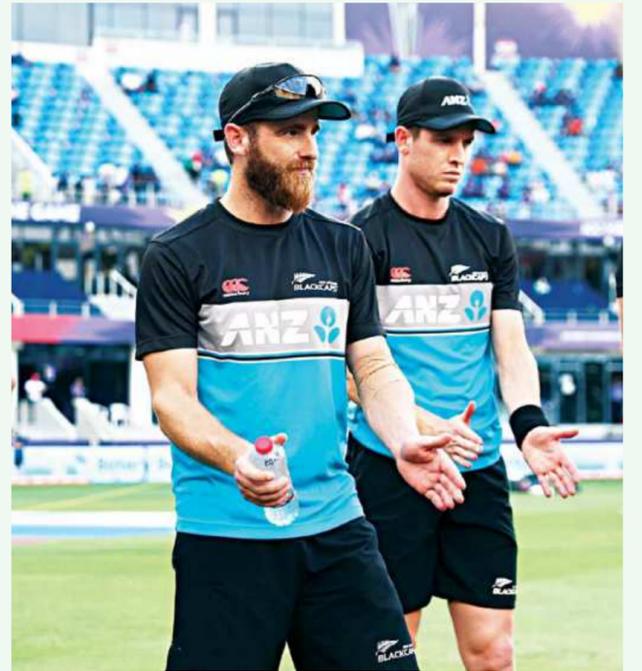
The Kiwis have a potent bowling attack and in both the games, they have showed why their bowlers are rated so highly. Spinners Ish Sodhi and Mitchell Santner were sensational against India while the pacers, led by star seamer Trent Boult, too contributed handsomely.

In the batting department, Daryl Mitchell has embraced his role as an opener. Along with veteran Martin Guptill, the two make a formidable pair. After the failure in the tournament opener, the unit was not tested much against India.

The biggest worry, however, remains Williamson's fitness. He is still not

hundred per cent and continues to play with an elbow injury. But resting the skipper, a pillar of the New Zealand side, from either of the two games would be a risk the Kiwis may not be willing to take.

New Zealand need to win their remaining three matches to make the last four, so the Black Caps can ill afford to slip up. They will also be eyeing dominant wins to improve their net run rate which could come into play later on. Having already played Pakistan and India, they're expected to breeze past Scotland and Namibia while the clash against Afghanistan could be tricky. Scotland, on the other hand, entered the Super 12s stage high on confidence, having beaten all their opponents in the qualifiers but things have gone awry for the Scots as they slumped to back-to-back defeats at the hands of Namibia and Afghanistan.





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ATTACK ON KABUL MILITARY HOSPITAL Blasts, gunfire kill at least 25

REUTERS, Kabul

At least 25 people were killed and more than 50 wounded yesterday in an attack on Afghanistan's biggest military hospital which saw two heavy blasts followed up by gunmen assaulting the site in central Kabul, officials said.

The explosions took place at the entrance of the 400-bed Sardar Mohammad Daud Khan hospital and were followed immediately with an assault by a group of gunmen, Taliban spokesman Bilal Karimi said.

Four of the attackers were killed by Taliban security forces and a fifth was captured, he said.

The blasts add to a growing list of attacks and killings since the Taliban completed their victory over the Western-backed government in August, undermining their claim to have restored security to Afghanistan after decades of war.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility but the operation was typical of the complex attacks mounted by Islamic State. It follows a string of bombings by the group which has emerged as the biggest threat to Taliban control of Afghanistan.

A Taliban security official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said at least 25 people had been killed and more than 50 wounded in the assault but there was no officially confirmed casualty toll.

Photographs shared by residents showed a plume of smoke over the area of the blasts near the former diplomatic zone in the Wazir Akbar Khan area of the city and witnesses said at least two helicopters flew over the area as the assault went on.

A health worker at the hospital, who managed to escape, said he heard a large explosion followed by a couple of minutes of gunfire. About ten minutes later, there was a

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A side of the Karnapara canal in Savar is grabbed by a vested quarter while another is clogged by garbage. Such a condition left the canal almost dead, making locals suffer immensely. The photo was taken from Bank Town area yesterday.

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GAS EXPLOSION 6 of a family suffer burns

3 killed in same building in similar incident last year

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A gas explosion took place on Monday night in a residential six-storey building in Chattogram where an identical explosion took place last year killing three.

This time, six people, all tenants of the building in Uttar Kattali ward, suffered serious cases of burns and are now fighting for their lives at the Chattogram Medical College Hospital, drawing attention to the sheer negligence of the landowner.

The injured are Sajida, 40, wife of Jamal Sheikh, and their daughter Mahia, 9, three sons Sunny, 24, Jibon, 15, Shadin, 15, and daughter-in-law Dilruba, 19.

The explosion happened when Mahia pressed the button on the handle of the mosquito racket at around 10:30 pm, said fire service, police and experts.

"I was in the toilet when

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'CUSTODIAL DEATH' IN RANGPUR HC enquires about it all

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday wanted to know about an alleged custodial death of a man in Rangpur, the subsequent attack on law enforcers by a mob, and the government steps taken over the issues.

Citing locals, it was reported in the media that a man named Tajul Islam was tortured to death under police custody in Rangpur's Kaunia on Monday.

The bench of Justice Mamnoon Rahman and Justice Khandaker Diliruzzaman asked Deputy Attorney General Amit Das Gupta to enquire about the incident and to inform the court today.

The court will give an order on the issue today.

The bench passed the order after Supreme Court lawyer Jyotirmoy Barua placed a Prothom Alo report on the incident and appealed to the court to pass necessary directives on the issue.

Amit told The Daily Star that he would talk to the Rangpur metropolitan police commissioner to know about the incident.

After the news spread that a man was tortured to death by police, a mob reportedly threw brick chips at Haragach Police Station and vandalised a few police vehicles on Monday evening.

Police said they had not tortured anyone.

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ROAD TO FREEDOM
THIS DAY IN BANGLADESH LIBERATION WAR HISTORY

Sit-in before Pak High Commission

NOVEMBER 3, 1971
SHAMSUDDOZZA SAJEN

KISSINGER'S MEMORANDUM
The US President's Assistant for National Security Affairs Henry Kissinger, in a memorandum sent today, informed President Nixon that Pakistani President Yahya Khan was willing to pull some units back from the border on the basis of Indira Gandhi's oral assurance to Nixon that she would take a reciprocal step. He further reported that Indira Gandhi in her meeting with British Prime Minister Heath voiced reservations about the pullback idea. Kissinger, however, advised Nixon to pursue Indira Gandhi to accept this plan during their meeting next day.

INDIA SAYS TROOPS MAY NOT CROSS LINE
A Government spokesman said today that Indian troops had "strict orders" not to cross the border in their confrontation with Pakistani troops. The Indian spokesman, at a news briefing in New Delhi, said he was making this "clarification" to correct newspaper reports suggesting that Indian troops might have crossed the border last weekend in a counteraction against Pakistani shelling of Kamalpur, a border town in Northeastern India.

He further said that four Pakistani jet fighters intruded into Indian airspace yesterday over Punjab and that Indian planes had chased them away.

SIT-IN CONTINUES BEFORE PAK HC
The Bengali employees who had fought their way out of the Pakistani High Commission in New Delhi yesterday continued their round the clock sit-in in front of the High Commission today demanding immediate release of Hossain Ali and his family now

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SERIOUS OFFENCES CJ questions anticipatory bail orders

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain yesterday questioned High Court orders granting anticipatory bail in the cases of serious offences, including murder and rape.

"If the High Court grants anticipatory bail even in murder, rape and heroin related cases, then what should we [Appellate Division] do? Will not we stay those orders? We must protect the country."

"Around 1,000 bail orders are passed by the High Court in a week. But the state moves appeals before the Appellate Division against only 50 to 100 High Court orders of bail," he said.

The chief justice said this in response to a prayer moved by Supreme Court Bar Association Secretary Ruhul Quddus Kazal while presiding over a full

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'Good' mosquitoes to combat dengue



REUTERS, Yogyakarta

Researchers in Indonesia have found a way to fight disease-bearing mosquitoes by breeding a species of the insect which carries a kind of bacteria that prevents viruses like dengue from growing inside them.

Wolbachia is a common bacteria that occurs naturally in 60% of insect species, including some mosquitoes, fruit flies, moths, dragonflies and butterflies. It is not, however, found in dengue-carrying Aedes aegypti mosquitoes, according to non-profit World Mosquito Program (WMP), which initiated the research.

"In principle we are breeding the 'good' mosquitoes," said Purwanti, a WMP community cadre. "The mosquitoes carrying dengue will mate with mosquitoes carrying Wolbachia, which will produce Wolbachia mosquitoes - the 'good' mosquitoes. So even if they bite people, it won't

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CASE AGAINST ANVIR PBI asked to submit probe report by Nov 21

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday asked the Police Bureau of Investigation to submit by November 21 the probe report in a case filed against Bashundhara Group Managing Director Sayem Sobhan Anvir and seven others over the rape and murder of a college student in a Gulshan flat.

Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Begum Yasmin Ara passed the order after investigation officer Golam Moktar Ashrafuddin, also an inspector of PBI, failed

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PRAYER TIMING NOVEMBER 3
Fajr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 4-55 12-45 4-00 5-30 7-15
JAMAAT 5-30 1-15 4-15 5-34 7-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Six temples vandalised in Naogaon

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Unidentified criminals vandalised 11 idols at six Hindu temples in Naogaon's Porsha upazila early yesterday.

The vandalism took place around the same time in two neighbouring villages of Bhabanipur and Soriala when the villagers were asleep, said police and local administration officials.

In Bhabanipur village, seven idols were vandalised at four temples. Of them, three were of a Kali temple, one of a Shiv temple, two of a Sannyasa temple and the other an under-construction idol of a Kali temple.

In Soriala village, three idols of Laxmi temple and one idol of a Monosha temple were damaged.

Locals came to know about the vandalism after they woke up yesterday, said Sudeb Saha, president of the upazila unit of Hindu Bouddha Christian Oikya Parishad.

Visiting the spots,

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A street in Khulna's Dumuria upazila town has been covered with electoral posters and banners ahead of the upcoming union parishad polls. The photo was captured in the town's Rangpur Kalitala intersection yesterday.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

Star HEALTHLINE

TINNITUS That annoying ringing in the ear

STAR HEALTH DESK

Tinnitus is the high-pitched ringing in your ear that others cannot hear. The condition usually does not indicate any serious health issue. Nevertheless, it can be very annoying.

Repeated exposure to loud noises is one of the most prominent reasons for the condition. That is why, more and more Bangladeshis are suffering from it due to increasing sound pollution.

Associated problems of tinnitus can be many, including

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