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# WATER WOE worsen in Ci

Trigger internal displacement; climate change, deforestation, stone extraction wreak havoc on ecosystem



PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE and MOSTAFA YOUSUF

The wars of the 21st century will be fought over water, the former World Bank Vice-President Ismail Serageldin had predicted in 1995. And a recent visit to the Chattogram Hill Tracts suggests the region is inching that way.

People are migrating internally to various locations due to the water crisis in the region thanks to a combination of climate change and capitalism -- a development that may invite conflict in the region, according to local representatives and non-governmental organisations.

Take the case of Piyanmoi Pankhuya, a dweller of Maini of Longodu area in Rangamati, where he moved his family from his ancestral village of Zandimon in Bilaichhari upazila of Rangamati last year for lack of

Each morning, for about a decade, the 45-year-old would travel five kilometres through the rugged steep hills with a 5-litre jerry can in tow to fetch drinking water from a stream for his four-member household.

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Retail traders and small-time shoemakers dump and burn leather wastes without caring about the damage they are causing to the environment in the capital's Hazaribagh area. Locals thought they would be spared the scourge of pollution when the tanneries finally relocated to Savar in 2016, but that apparently is not to be.

## Hasina among 5 influential dealmakers

BBC reports on COP26

STAR REPORT

The outcomes of the COP26 Summit depend on Bangladeshi Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and four other such influential



dealmakers, who have been tasked with committing the 197 countries to the changes, according to a BBC report. While Sir David Attenborough, Greta

Thunberg, and other popular world leaders gain traction at COP26, the diplomacy and negotiations fall to these diplomats and ministers.

According to the BBC report, the four others are China's climate negotiator Xie Zhenhua, Saudi Arabia's Ayman Shasly, UK minister Alok Sharma and Spain's minister for ecological transition Teresa Ribera.

The success or failure of the summit SEE PAGE 2 COL 3

Execution of 2 Convicts

## A curious cause list, a claim and talk afterwards

STAR REPORT

Abdul Mokim and Golam Rasul Jharu were executed at the Jashore Central Jail on November 16, 2017.

They were hanged after then chief justice Surendra Kumar Sinha, Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain and Justice Mirza Hussain Haider of the Supreme Court's Appellate Division upheld a High Court judgment on November 15, 2016.

In the judgment, the HC had handed death penalty to Mokim and Jharu for

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# Diesel, kerosene prices 23pc up

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Diesel and kerosene are 23 percent costlier at Tk 80 per litre from today as the government moved to recover the losses of the state-run Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation

Tk **80** per litre

**5** Existing price

New price

Tk 65 per litre

(BPC) from the surging global energy prices.

In the July-September period, the average price of oil shot up about 71 percent to \$73 per barrel, according to the World Bank's commodities price data. Then in October, it hit \$83.7 a barrel.

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## India stay alive with big win

**A**FP, Abu Dhabi

Opening batsman Rohit Sharma hit a blistering 74 to set up India's first win at the Twenty20 World Cup with a 66-run drubbing of Afghanistan on Wednesday as Virat Kohli's team avoided a shock early exit.

The Indian batting finally fired with Sharma and KL Rahul, who made 69, putting on 140 for the opening wicket to guide India to 210 for two in their must-win Super 12 game in Abu Dhabi.

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## VACCINE PURCHASE

## Bangladesh to get \$500m from AIIB

REJAUL KARIM BYRON and DWAIPAYAN BARUA

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) is set to provide \$750 million for vaccine purchase and to help the economy to recover from the fallout of the global coronavirus pandemic.

Of the \$750 million, the Beijing-based multilateral lender would most likely be providing \$500 million for vaccine procurement under the 'Bangladesh Responsive Covid-19 Vaccines for Recovery Project'.

The loan, which will be approved by the AIIB by December, will serve as additional financing to the Asian Development Bank's vaccine procurement programme for Bangladesh.

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## 'ARSA leader' found dead at Rohingya camp

UNB, Cox's Bazar

An alleged Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army leader has been found dead at Whykong Rohingya refugee camp in Cox's Bazar's Teknaf upazila.

The victim is Mohammad Hashim, 32, son of late Nurul Amin of Camp No 22 of Unchiprang in Whykong

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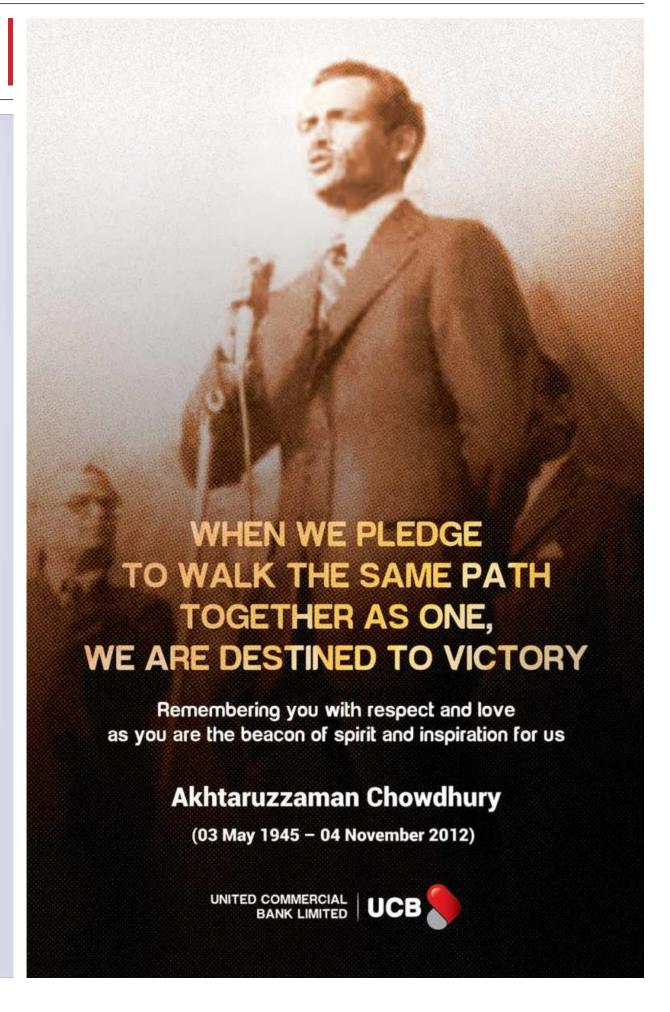
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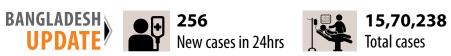
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# Effective climate plans not possible without funds: Hasina

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said effective action plans are not possible without adequate, sustained, and flexible climate finance.

"It's sad and disappointing that, till now, the major greenhouse gasemitting countries have failed to deliver their promised annual amount of 100 billion dollars," she said while presiding over Climate Vulnerable Forum Leaders' Dialogue: Forging a CVF-COP26 Climate Emergency Pact at the COP26 venue on Tuesday.

United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and Thematic Ambassador of the Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF) Saima Wazed Hossain, among others, spoke at the event.

"Faced with the existential threat of climate change, we, the CVF members, at this COP, demand that developed countries provide a Delivery Plan of a total of 500 billion dollars for each of the entire 5-year period from 2020 to 2024, with a 50:50 ratio between adaptation and mitigation," Hasina

She said the CVF members are among the countries worst affected by the adverse impacts of climate change despite having no historical role or responsibility in this crisis.

'At the same time, we, the most vulnerable countries, do not have either sufficient capability or capacity to overcome these challenges. This unfortunate dilemma is that, for survival, we've been swayed to adopt measures on our own to face the devastating consequences of climate

PM Hasina, also the CVF chair, said the forum has come up with a "Climate Emergency Pact", which addresses the climate finance Delivery Plan and requests raising ambition at every single COP, especially from

major pollution-emitting nations.
"This will ensure continuous progress so that the temperature rise s contained within 1.5 degree Celsius. We call upon the presidency of COP26, and all members of the UNFCCC, to adopt the climate emergency pact as a part of the COP26 declaration."

# Bangladesh to get

In October, the finance ministry released \$741 million of the \$940 million pledged by the Manila-based multilateral lender to buy 10.5 crore doses of Covid vaccines from two Chinese drug makers.

Of the doses, about 7.5 crore shots will be procured from Beijing-based biopharmaceutical company Sinovac and the rest from Sinopharm, a Chinese state-owned company, finance ministry

The government has planned to spend an estimated Tk 17,000 crore this fiscal year to procure Covid-19 vaccines, Tk 3,200 crore more than in fiscal 2020-

Meanwhile, on Tuesday, the government signed a loan agreement worth \$250 million with the AIIB to implement policy reforms to accelerate economic recovery from the pandemic.

The loan would be used for enhancing: (i) fiscal space through improved public financial management for revenue and public expenditure, and (ii) enabling environment to foster the growth of cottage, micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (CMSMEs) with initiatives of country's Eighth Five

Under the programme, a digital system for tax payment and submission of income tax returns would be introduced, said a finance ministry

The programme is also aimed at providing loans among the CMSMEs as well as introducing a digitised system to properly disburse the loan and ensure

It would also progressively digitalise the disbursement of social protection benefits and close down 25 loss-making jute mills, he said.

Steps would be taken for approving, restructuring, closing or privatising loss-making sugar mills under the Bangladesh Sugar and Food Industries Corporation.

The \$700 million project of the Bangladesh government has the ADB as the lead financier.

Last month, the ADB has approved its loan of \$250 million, while the Export-Import Bank of Korea and OPEC will provide \$100 million each for the programme.

The repayment period of the loan from AIIB is 20 years including three and associated employment, in line years of grace period, according to a press release from the finance ministry.

## A curious cause

murdering a former union parishad socioeconomic backgrounds, and member of Chuadanga's Alamdanga, running a legal battle at the Appellate on June 28 1994. The two convicts appealed against the HC decision, but the highest court of the country rejected their appeal, paving way for the execution.

All of a sudden, their appeals against the death sentence appeared on yesterday's cause list of the Appellate Division for a hearing, leaving everybody perplexed: Had the state executed two men even before their appeals were heard?

Deputy Attorney General Bishwajit Debnath said it could not be understood without examining all the relevant files and documents.

Humayun Kabir, the stateappointed counsel for the two men, said he learned only a few days ago that his clients were executed. Their appeal was filed in 2013, it has been eight years since then.

The lawyer told The Daily Star that right before the hearing, he got in touch with the families and learnt that Mokim and Jharu were hanged in 2017.

Asked why they did not launch a legal battle after Jashore jail authorities executed the two when their petitions were still pending with the SC, the lawyer said they were not approached by the families of the two.

As his attention was drawn to the matter, eminent jurist Dr Shahdeen Malik said, "Most of the death-row convicts have to depend on the state-appointed lawyers to fight their

battles because they come from poor Division is very expensive. Also, they have to wait for years for the disposal of their appeals.

Mokim's brother-in-law Sofeluddin told this correspondent that they were not even told that he was about to be executed.

"The Jashore jail authorities called my sister and told her to go and visit her husband. She visited him along with her son, but they were not told Mokim would soon be executed," he

"The next day, the Gangni police and a union parishad member went to their house and told them that Mokim has been executed and that they have to make arrangements for his burial."

Mokim was an agricultural daylabourer. Iharu's family could not be contacted at the time when this report

Sofeluddin said their lawyers would appeal to the Appellate Division seeking a judicial inquiry into the execution of Mokim and Jharu to find out the truth.

Sagir Miah, deputy inspector general of prisons (Khulna Division), however, said, "I went through the relevant files and found that all formalities were properly followed before the executions. A petition against the death sentence was rejected on November 15, 2016. The two convicts then begged for presidential clemency. This prayer was declined on October 22, 2017.

## US SC to hear high-stakes gun rights case

conservative-majority Supreme Court is to hear a gun rights case yesterday that could lead to looser restrictions on carrying firearms in public.

At issue is a challenge backed by the gun lobby to a New York law that regulates the carrying of guns outside the home.

It will be the first major case involving the Second Amendment constitutional right to bear arms heard by the nation's highest court in more than a decade.

The high-stakes case will be argued before a Supreme Court with a 6-3 conservative majority following the nomination of three justices by former president Donald Trump.

The court had previously declined to take up several Second Amendment cases, but it underwent a shift to the right under Trump and the three justices he named have been historically sympathetic to the arguments of gun owners.

This has raised fears among gun control advocates that local restrictions such as the New York law could be in jeopardy.

In a landmark 2008 case, the Supreme Court ruled the Second Amendment ensured a right to gun ownership, but left it up to cities and states to set their own rules on carrying weapons outside the home.

This has led to a patchwork of regulations across the country.



Climate activists march through the streets of Glasgow, Scotland yesterday, on the sidelines of the COP26 Climate Conference. Focus at the COP26 summit turned to how the world will pay for its ambitions to quit fossil fuels and help vulnerable nations survive climate change, as campaigners yesterday urged caution over promises of billions from financiers and governments .

## Water woes worsen in CHT

Then last year, he noticed the water in the stream was dwindling fast -- so much that he could not fill his

"As long as there was water, I did not mind taking such a long journey. But I saw the stream drying up in front of my eyes. You can endure many difficulties but you can't live without water. So, I decided to relocate my family elsewhere," Pankhuya told The Daily Star.

An official figure on internal displacements such as Pankhuya's family is hard to come by, but on The Daily Star's visit to six remote areas of the Hill Tracts, at least 50 families were found who had shifted in pursuit of safe drinking water.

"The water crisis is the biggest concern in the remote areas now," said Apu Chowdhury, chairman of Khagrachari District Council. Several hundred streams and

springs in Rangamati, Khagrachhari and Bandarban districts that the locals relied on for water are no longer flowing like before. The crisis emerged due to climate

change coupled with deforestation, stone extraction from streambeds used to provide hilly people with water, Chowdhury said. "In the dry season, the situation

turns the worst. We distributed water in various areas by trucks," he said, adding that the Khagrachari District Council has taken up an awareness campaign on forest conservation in 65 areas.

The natural ecosystem in CHT

depends on these five negotiators,

who have a major influence on the

not only have varying national

priorities, but nations forge alliances

with each other and form negotiating

blocs even within the dialogue. Hence,

countries can be part of different

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina

represents the Climate Vulnerable

Forum, a group of 48 countries who

would be the worst sufferers of climate

experience climate change firsthand to

the COP. Last year, about one-fourth

of Bangladesh was hit by floods,

leaving millions inundated, the BBC

Hasina put a human face on climate

change and can help world leaders

understand what climate change

already looks like," Dr Jen Allan, an

expert in international relations from

the Climate Vulnerable Forum and

the Least Developed Countries group

When it comes to negotiations,

Cardiff University, told BBC.

"People like Prime Minister

She is the mouthpiece of those who

negotiating groups simultaneously.

This is mainly because the countries

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outcome.

has been disturbed, said Kamal Hossen, a professor at the Institute of Environmental Science of Chattogram University.

About 80,000 hectares of forest land have been lost to deforestation in the last five years, according to Hossen.

With the damage to the ecosystem, the watershed -- an area of land that drains all the streams and rainfall to a common outlet -- of the hilly region has disappeared, drying up streams and springs, he added.

And due to global warming, the pattern of rainfall in CHT has changed from unimodal to bimodal.

A unimodal wet season is one in which there is only one rainfall peak (i.e., no alternation of humid and dry months within the wet season). A wet season with two rainfall peaks, separated by at least one dry month, is bimodal.

At the beginning of the monsoon, the rainfall lasts a few days with a long pause in the middle of the season. The penultimate day in the season sees precipitation.

Kazi Humayun Rashid, an assistant meteorologist and the in-charge of the Rangamati Meteorology Office, said the rainfall pattern changed to the extent that it sometimes contradicts their forecast.

"There was an abnormal downpour in 2017 when 343 millimetres of rainfall were recorded in 24 hours triggering a massive landslide across the region. But the following year the rainfall was less than it was

Hasina among 5 influential dealmakers

not being so economically well-off.

Dr Allan.

she added.

clear set of goals.

"These countries punch above their

"Because they are a strong moral

economic weight, so to speak," said

voice, and because decisions are

taken by consensus, they have been

able to get a good deal of progressive

decisions through the UN machinery,"

Chowdhury, who belongs to Sheikh

Hasina's negotiation team, when

talking to BBC, said the vulnerable

nations are coming to Glasgow with a

now on the hook of adverse climate

impacts," he told BBC. "We want to

get them off the hook by getting the

richest countries to steeply cut back

emissions, to fix the outstanding Paris

rules, to ramp up climate finance and

Xie Zhenhua had a close working

partnership with the US climate

ambassador Senator John Kerry. Their

relationship was crucial in building

the 2015 Paris agreement, which

made countries commit to reduce

China's veteran climate negotiator

to address loss and damage."

"There are over one billion people

Bangladeshi negotiator Quamrul

have had a strong track record, despite emissions

rainless days is increasing, Rashid said, adding that the pattern was bimodal during 2019 and 2020.

Munsi Rashid Ahmed, chief scientific officer of Hill Agriculture Research Centre, said he has been observing a change in weather patterns since his joining in 2016.

"When there is a change in the pattern, the hardest hit will be the agriculture in a region where 90 percent of the population make a living on agriculture.'

Agriculture in the hilly region is solely dependent on a steady downpour, he said, adding that steps have been taken for storing rainwater for the dry season.

"But more focus is required to address the crisis. Or else, time will danger," he said, adding that the

To mitigate the crisis, the United Nations Development Programme in cooperation with the Danish International Development Agency took up a project in 2018 titled "CHT Climate Resilience Project".

The project has been using multiple technologies -- the gravity flow system, the infiltration gallery system, water lifting through solar energy and community water supply by solar power -- to support a total of 107 villages under 10 upazilas of Rangamati, Khagrachhari and

In the rainy season, the number of

run out soon to stave off the looming natural coverage of forests and the streams and springs of the hills have reduced to an alarming extent.

Bandarban, according to its officials.

China's importance lies in its size,

being the world's biggest emitter of

carbon dioxide -- and at COP26 it is

developing nations follow the lead of

Saudi Arabia. A successful outcome

will not be possible in the COP26,

without their agreement. Formerly

an employee of state oil company

Saudi Aramco, in the last decade,

Saudi Arabia's Ayman Shasly has been

chairman of the Arab group of climate

the COP26 talks to a successful

conclusion is British minister Alok

Sharma. Serving as President for

COP26, his words and actions would

Spain's minister for the ecological

been involved in the UN climate

she has helped oversee Spain's

transition away from coal, which has

been hailed as a model for countries

to make the move to renewables

'Our losses will come down

following the increase," he added.

without eliminating jobs.

During her time in the government,

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be subject to intense scrutiny.

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negotiations process for decades.

The man tasked with bringing

Many Arab

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Jabs for Schoolchildren

## Govt plans to expand it to 6

MOHIUDDIN ALAMGIR

The government is planning to expand the vaccination programme for schoolchildren aged between 12 and 17 to six more divisional cities and 14 districts.

The six divisional cities are Chattogram, Rajshahi, Barishal, Sylhet, Rangpur and Mymensingh, and the 14 districts are Jhalakathi, Bhola, Cumilla, Noakhali, Chandpur, Laxmipur, Narsingdi, Gazipur, Narayanganj, Tangail, Jashore, Satkhira, Habiganj and Sunamganj, said top officials of the Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education (DSHE).

Monday, the government launched the launched the campaign for schoolchildren in Dhaka city. Then it was expanded to Manikganj and Kishoreganj the next day.

"We have planned to expand vaccination programme schoolchildren across the country. And we already have started it in several districts and will increase the number of districts soon," Prof Shahedul Khabir Chowdhury, DSHE director (administration), told The Daily Star yesterday.

Prof Shahedul said on the first day, round 2,000 students were vaccinated, around 16,000 on the second day and around 18,000 on the third day (vesterday).

Speaking at the inauguration of the campaign, Health Minister Zahid Maleque on Monday said the government would expand the student vaccination programme to 21 other districts.

We are also considering rolling out the campaign to all districts and, i possible, to the upazila level. No child will be left out. **SMOOTH VACCINATION** 

Visiting two vaccination centres yesterday, this correspondent found that schoolchildren were getting the jabs smoothly. Some of the guardians called for setting up more booths at the centres so that their children do not need to wait in lines for long. On Scholastica school and Dhaka

Commerce College campuses in Mirpur, schoolchildren were seen entering their campuses and lining up in front of the vaccine booths. The Scholastica school authorities

could maintain social distancing properly, but that of Dhaka Commerce College sometime failed to do so. authorities of the

educational institutions said 2,000 students of different schools yesterday received vaccines from each centre. Farah S Ahmed, principal of Scholastica school's Uttara branch, who was present at the Mirpur branch yesterday, said there are 11 booths at the Mirpur branch, while

been set up at the college centre. However, the authorities of both educational institutions said they have

Prof Abu Masud, principal of Dhaka

Commerce College, said 10 booths have

the capacity to set up 25 booths each. Nurul Haque, guardian of a student at Mirpur Bangla High School, said the government earlier said there would be 25 booths at each centre for

accinations. "If they can set up 25 booths in place of 10-11, the vaccination programme will be smoother and students will not

need to stand in queues." Before starting the vaccination programme, Shamsul Haque, director of the Directorate General of Health Services, said 25 booths would be set up in each centre and there would be eight vaccination centres, one in each of the eight educational institutions, for

students in Dhaka. These eight centres altogether were supposed to inoculate 40,000 children in Dhaka a day, meaning each school was supposed to administer at least 5,000 doses a day.

"We will increase the number of booths gradually. We are going slow so that no chaos can take place. This is a matter of vaccinating the children," Dhaka Civil Surgeon Abu Hussain Md Moinul Ahsan told this newspaper yesterday.

## India stay alive

The tournament's highest total proved too much for Afghanistan who finished on 144-7 in 20 overs.

They still remain in the hunt for the emifinals along with New Zealand and India. Pakistan have already secured their place in the last-four from the

Returning off spinner Ravichandran Ashwin returned figures of 2-14 in his irst white-ball international since 2017.

But Sharma remained the star with his 47-ball knock that deflated the opposition bowling after Afghanistan elected to field first.

Wicketkeeper-batsman Rishabh Pant and Hardik Pandya rode the momentum set by Sharma and Rahul, putting on an unbeaten partnership of 63.

Pandya, who hit 35, and the lefthanded Pant, who made 27, hit five sixes between them. India's new-ball bowlers Mohammed

Shami and Jasprit Bumrah took out the Afghanistan openers early in the innings. Rahmanullah Gurbaz hit back with two fours and two sixes off Shami's third over but soon fell to Ravindra

adeja after his 10-ball 19. Ashwin, who came in to the XI in place of Varun Chakravarthy, got down to business as he trapped Gulbadin Naib lbw for 18 and bowled Najibullah Zadran

to put Afghanistan in trouble at 69-5. Never in the chase, Nabi and Janat, who made an unbeaten 42 off 22 balls, put on 57 runs for the sixth wicket to

#### Diesel, kerosene prices 23pc up 1 lakh tonnes of kerosene mainly for April 24, 2018, it was brought down by 4.4 percent to Tk 65 a litre, said a cooking, lighting and aviation fuel. senior BPC official.

report said.

Subsequently, many countries, including neighbouring India, are adjusting the prices of the two fuels at regular intervals, said the energy ministry in a statement yesterday following the price hike.

For instance, on November 1, the

price of diesel in India was Rs 101.56, which is about Tk 124.41, whereas it was Tk 65 in Bangladesh. Considering the current purchase price, the BPC is losing about Tk 20 crore per day: it is selling each litre

of diesel at Tk 13.01 lower than the

purchase price and furnace oil Tk 6.21

Subsequently, in October, the BPC logged in losses of Tk 726.7 crore, the statement said, adding that the government agency has been racking up losses of about Tk 20 crore a day.

Bangladesh consumes 40 lakh tonnes of diesel -- 76 percent of which is by the transport sector and 20 percent by the farmers during the boro harvesting season -- and about

So their price increase is bound to fan the flames of inflation.

In September, inflation rose for the third consecutive month to 5.59 The ultimate effect of the increased

prices of kerosene and diesel will fall on the users of public transport, said Khondaker Golam Moazzem, research director of the Centre for Policy Dialogue.

"This will stoke inflation further and increase the cost of living, which is not desirable at this time," he said, adding that the government could have provided a subsidy to the BPC instead of raising the prices. Besides, the government did not

locally after oil prices plunged internationally for the pandemic. "At that time, BPC made a tidy profit," he added. The government last hiked the

bring down the prices of petroleum

price of diesel in 2013, and then on

ARSA leader.

Hafizur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Teknaf Police Station, said Hashim's body was sent to Cox's Bazar Sadar Hospital morgue for an autopsy.

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ARSA leader

Mahabubur Rahman, sub-inspector of Whykong police outpost, said Hashim was probably beaten to death by a mob. "However, the exact cause of his death will be clear after postmortem," he said. According to police sources,

Muslims, identifying himself as an Hashim was one of the masterminds behind the recent assassination of top Rohingya leader Mohib Ullah,

Hashim used to assault Rohingya

the sources said, not ruling out his involvement in the madrasa attack.

reduce their margin of loss.

## Jail Killing Day observed

AGENCIES

The nation solemnly commemorated the 46th anniversary of the killing of four national leaders inside the old Dhaka Central Jail yesterday.

At the same time, call for executing the convicted killers and unmasking the perpetrators behind the gruesome murders continue to grow louder.

The four Liberation War heroes Syed Nazrul Islam, acting president of Bangladesh government in exile in 1971; Tajuddin Ahmad, prime minister of the same government; Capt M Mansur Ali, finance minister; and AHM Quamruzzaman, minister for home affairs, relief and rehabilitation, were killed inside the jail on November 3, 1975 by some army officers.

To mark the day, President Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Tuesday issued separate messages, reports

The president urged all to work from their respective positions to complete the unfinished works of Bangabandhu "to build a happy and prosperous Sonar Bangla". SEE PAGE 4 COL 1



Barishal city's Maha Shamshan played host to the Dipabali ceremony yesterday. With special prayers before and on the night of Kali Puja, relatives seek blessings for the departed souls of near and dear ones on the occasion. PHOTO: TITU DAS

Persons with Disabilities

# Still hoping for proper care

Eighty percent of respondents of a recent study, which interviewed persons with disabilities and their caregivers, believe that there is a serious lack of specially trained doctors and nurses who can provide services to those with disabilities.

When asked about the quality of health services for Covid, 90 percent of respondents with disabilities termed the services they received as

Covid patients "very bad".

The study, titled "Healthcare for Persons with Disability in the Time of Corona" and conducted by Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS), also found that 94.6 percent of respondents said lack of education and income make patients with disabilities more vulnerable.

In addition, 84.6 percent of respondents said the already present problems of patients with disabilities were aggravated after getting Covid, more than that of general patients.

Dr Anwara Begum, senior research fellow at BIDS, shared the findings at a seminar organised at BIDS in Dhaka yesterday.

The study was conducted by taking in-depth interviews of 15 caregivers from Dhaka, Chattogram and Rajshahi, and 50 persons with

disabilities living in remote areas of Bagerhat, Barguna and Sathkhira, most of whom are not well off.

Men, women and children with disabilities often face social stigma, are financially and socially dependent, and require caregivers, sighted guides and interpreters. Even during the pandemic, physical distancing is not possible for people with disabilities, she said.

Moreover, travel and moving patients in wheelchairs require more resources, workforce and structural designing -- not to mention empathy, especially when it comes to nursing and caregiving, which is in short supply.

The study also found that there is a dearth of nurses and doctors capable of managing such people, while nurses accepted that their syllabus and training was not designed for supervising such patients.

According to the WHO standard, Bangladesh has a staggering shortage of over 90,000 doctors; 2,73,000 nurses and 4,55,000 technologists. There are less than 0.4 nurses per 1,000 people, one of the worst ratios in the world, she said.

The study recommended that special training should be provided for administrators, caregivers, policymakers, and ease of access to services for persons with disabilities SEE PAGE 4 COL 3

## MORE NEWS

#### Symbolic protest to save century-old tree in Sylhet



Our Correspondent, Sylhet

"Oh wayfarer, an attempt to kill me is in progress. I save you by supplying oxygen; save me"-- read a banner on a hundred-year-old tree in Chowhatta area of Sylhet that was attempted to be felled by Sylhet City Corporation but was eventually saved by green activists. Bapa and Bhoomishontan Bangladesh organised this symbolic protest to condemn SCC's indiscriminate felling of trees. They also announced a public hearing on November 13 at Sylhet Saheed Minar.

#### **Encroachers** beware, warns Taposh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

**Dhaka South City Corporation** (DSCC) Mayor Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh yesterday said they will evict all the encroachers gradually to make the city liveable. He made the comment while inaugurating Kalabagan playground and its adjoining Shaheed Sheikh Russel Children Park

#### 10.76pc pass DU 'Ka' unit entry exam

DU CORRESPONDENT

The admission test results of "Ka" unit, under science faculty of Dhaka University, for 2020-21 session was published yesterday with a pass rate of 10.76 percent. As many as 10,165 examinees, out of a total 94,509, passed the test -- for 1,815 seats. The results can be seen on the university website -admission.eis.du.ac.bd -- or via SMS.

# Bhairab in peril

DIPANKAR ROY, Khulna

river-grabbing Rampant influential persons mixed reluctance on the authorities' side to take steps against them, squeezed into a corner, the Bhairab river stands as a major waterbody being completely given to grabbing and pollution. When this correspondent visited

both sides of the river recently, he saw at least 300 business establishments -- including factories, warehouses, and some high-rise structures -- at Jailkhana ghat, Rupsha ghat, Delta ghat, Khalishpur Burma Eastern Digholia, Shiromoni and Phultala ghat areas.

As an added woe, nearly 500 shops from the neighbouring Baro Bazar, and some factories and mills throw their waste straight into the

Abdul Mazed Mollah, a resident of the city's Kalibari area, told The Daily Star, "The river has become like an 'orphan', with no authority doing anything to free it from the indiscriminate pollution and

"I've never seen any integrated work to save the river," he added. "Without a free-flowing Bhairab, Khulna city would be inundated by



Banks of the Bhairab is ravaged by a combination of organic waste, industrial chemicals, and encroachment. An additional pressure comes from the nearby Barobazar, as traders of the kitchen market use the river as a free dumping ground.



waterlogging," he warned.

There are many government and private institutions that depend on the Bhairab for their shipments. Khulna Shipyard, BNS Titumir (Bangladesh Navy), BIWTA ghat, Forest ghat, Khulna Newsprint Mills, Khulna Hardboard Mills, nine stateowned jute mills, four power plants, three state-owned oil depots, and over 200 private jute mills were built on the banks of Bhairab.

"If the river lost its navigability, these establishments will be affected and might even be forced to shift to other places," said Paritosh Karmokar, a Baro Bazarbased business owner.

Every day, over 300 cargo vessels

carry goods and oil from Noyapara of Jashore to different parts of the country along the river. On their way, they pollute the river by dumping

waste and discharging chemicals,

said locals and green activists.

In addition, at least 20 large drains of Khulna City Corporation (KCC) directly discharge waste into the river, and so do the jute mills.

Contacted, KCC Conservancy Officer Md Abdul Aziz said, "We have attached nets to the openings of the drains, so waste does not go into the river. Furthermore, we have plans to process the drain water to remove pollutants before letting it enter the river."

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## Ending Deforestation by 2030 TIB concerned over govt unwillingness to respond to pledge

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Transparency International Bangladesh yesterday called upon the government to immediately express solidarity with the global pledge -- made during the Conference of the Parties (Cop-26) in Glasgow -- to stop and reverse deforestation by 2030.

Issuing a press statement, the anti-graft watchdog further urged the government to take specific measures in line with the pledge to stop and reverse deforestation n the county, expressing concern over the contrary.

"Although Brazil and many African countries have joined the pledge, Bangladesh's unwillingness to respond [to the pledge], despite being a most vulnerable country, is unbelievable," said TIB Executive Director Iftekharuzzaman.

He termed Bangladesh's position to SEE PAGE 4 COL 2

## **Baghdad Group** MD held in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police yesterday arrested Baghdad Group Managing Director Ferdous Khan Alamgir from Chattogram in connection with several cases filed by different banks over

"Ferdous Khan Alamgir has been arrested in a case filed for defaulting Tk 17 crore from City Bank's Khatunganj branch," said OC Nazam Uddin of Kotwali Police Station.

Mohammad Naim Bhuiyan, panel lawyer for the bank, said the bank filed the case with the Money Loan Court in 2012. He said a warrant was issued against him on August 10. According to court sources, the group's bad loans amounted to Tk 300 crore with 12 banks and financial

In August 2019, Alamgir's wife Meherun Nesa (50), chairperson of the group, was arrested by immigration police at Dhaka airport after she arrived from Canada.

# EU to remain 'steadfast partner' of Bangladesh

Says envoy on Rohingya issue UNB, Dhaka

Head of Delegation of the European (EU) to Bangladesh ador Charles Whiteley Union Ambassador has said they will continue to be a "steadfast partner" of Bangladesh in meeting the needs of the Rohingya and host community with continued pressure on Myanmar for their safe return to their place of origin in Rakhine State.



"Clearly, I think, the majority of the Rohingya do want to go back to home," he told UNB in an interview mentioning that everyone, including the government of Bangladesh, underlined that any return has to be "voluntary and safe" for the refugees. Responding to a question on the EU's business link with

Myanmar, the EU envoy said they are very careful when it comes to the economy as some people say why the EU does not suspend the Everything But Arms (EBA) scheme. Myanmar has been a member of the World Trade

Organization (WTO) since 1995 and as a least developed country, benefits from the EBA scheme, which grants unilateral duty- and quota-free access for all exports, except arms and ammunition, to the EU.

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## Former bKash territory officer arrested over fraud: CID

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Criminal Investigation Department has arrested a former territory officer of bKash on charge of providing agents' and customers' information to fraud gangs, helping them swindle money.

The arrestee, Tanvir Siraji alias Siraj (38), was sacked from the mobile financial service in September upon receiving complaints against him.

A team of CID arrested him from Tongi area in Gazipur around 2:30pm on Tuesday, Saidur Rahman Khan, special superintendent (Serious Crime Division) of CID told a press briefing at its headquarters yesterday.

The arrest came as three accused in a case filed with Sakhipur Police Station in Tangail in March, in their confessional statements

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# Not one event in 15 years

Lying idle, Segunbagicha Multipurpose Complex loses all lustre; still no gas, electricity supply

DIPAN NANDY

It's been 15 years since the Segunbagicha Multipurpose Complex was completed. On the third floor of the five-storey building, it hosts the ward councillor's office, while the first two are used as a kitchen market.

However, though constructed mainly as a community centre, the establishment is yet to see any light to this end.

Even after 15 years, the premises still doesn't have gas connection, nor electricity. The councillor's office runs on power supply from a nearby kitchen market. More importantly, there has not been a single programme on the venue during all this time.

Contacted, city corporation officials told this newspaper that the scenario may change soon, assuring that renovation works could begin from

"Works for the community centre was wrapped up way back in 2006," said Saiful Islam, additional caretaker of the community centre, "But it's yet to host a single programme." "The reasons? There's no elevator, no airconditioning, not even gas supply. Who would

want to rent this space?" he asked. Dhaka South City Corporation's website cites the lack of a gas supply as the main issue,

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15 years of neglect has left the community centre inside Segunbagicha Multipurpose Complex in a shambles. The centre-stage has broken down, floor tiles are starting to wear out, and the elevator door -- with no elevator inside -- has caught rust. The photos were taken yesterday.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two more dengue patients died while at least 177 were hospitalised in the last 24 hours till 8am yesterday. Of them 46 are from outside Dhaka, according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

With the new cases, the total number of dengue cases crossed the 24,000 mark. A total of 465 patients were diagnosed during the running month out of total 24,120 infected

Ninety-four people died of dengue in the country this year. Twelve died in July while 34 in August, 23 in September, 22 in October and three in November so far.

Among the deaths, 86 died in Dhaka, two in Chattogram, two each in Khulna and Mymensingh, and one each in Rajshahi and Barishal. This is the second highest number of dengue deaths in the country since the first outbreak in 2000. The highest 179 died in 2019 and 93 in 2000.



2nd Edition

Working at scary heights without adequate safety gears is a recurring problem of the construction sector. It's all the more dangerous when a worker is sent out to repair the arched top of a foot overbridge with no safety precautions. This photo was taken yesterday from the capital's Paribagh area. PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

## Jail Killing Day

"This should be our promise on Jail Killing Day," the president said.

In her message, the prime minister urged people of the country to build a poverty-free, happy and peaceful Bangladesh as dreamt by Bangabandhu.

Meanwhile, Awami League and its associate bodies as well as different organisations observed the day in a befitting manner through daylong programmes, reports

In the morning, AL senior leaders placed wreaths at the portrait of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Dhanmondi-32 and at the graves of the four leaders.

Later, a discussion was held at AL central office on Bangabandhu Avenue.



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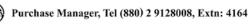
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## TIB concerned over

not take part in the pledge made by 124 countries "frustrating".

He said as per the forest department's estimate, about 2.87 lakh acres of forest lands, including 1.38 lakh acres of reserve forests, have been grabbed. Even the he added. Iftekharuzzaman also said Sundarbans, which is known as a "natural protector", is under threat due to various livelihood of about 1.9 million in danger.

reckless government and private initiatives. "We expect Bangladesh will strengthen efforts to ensure sufficient and timely financing in conserving and reclaiming forestlands by 2030, including stopping use of coal to reduce carbon emission," deforestation in Bangladesh will put

## EU to remain steadfast

Whiteley said Myanmar military does not have any interest in garment factories in Myanmar and the women and garment workers benefit from the industry a bit like Bangladesh. "So, what we don't want to do is to impose measures that punish the innocent people of Myanmar who already suffered a great deal as a result of recent events in Myanmar," he said.

The envoy made it clear that any step to address the economic and financial ties has to take into account the human cost.

Appreciating Bangladesh's generosity in hosting over 1.1 million Rohingyas, the Ambassador said the whole world was moved when Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said they are feeding over 160 million people of Bangladesh and they can also feed the Rohingyas. "It's very moving and humane statement."

The envoy said they are doing all they can

in the EU to put pressure on Myanmar but the situation in Myanmar is very difficult which is evolving all the time as they no longer have a civilian in the government.

He said they have put three rounds of sanctions on Myanmar targeting dozens of individuals and economic entities. Accountability is the key issue as crimes against humanity have taken place and they are putting a lot of support to that end.

Last week, European Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management Janez Lenarcic visited Bangladesh and shed light on the Rohingya crisis and the prospect of their return to Myanmar.

Lenarcic said the EU will do its part and has decided to increase their humanitarian assistance by additional 12 million euro of which 10 million euro for the Rohingyas and host community in Bangladesh while 2 million Euros will go to Myanmar for displaced people in Rakhine State.

# Bhairab in peril

Water Development Board (WDB), an integrated flood protection influential people have built several project was started in Khulna city in 1993-94, with the financial assistance of Asian Development Bank (ADB).

The project included a 3.5 km alternative embankment along Jailkhana ghat, Roosevelt Jetty ghat, Sadar Hospital ghat, and Ansar Flour Mill. But due to the ceaseless grabbing of Bhairab, the entire embankment is left in a vulnerable state.

Mahfuzur Rahman Mukul, Khulna divisional coordinator of Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association, said, "WDB, Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority [BIWTA], KCC, district administration, and police [Khulna Metropolitan Police and Khulna district police] need to work together to save the river from grabbers and polluters."

Contacted, Abdur Razzaque, deputy director of BIWIA Khulna, said, "Some establishments, including concrete structures, occupying both sides of the rivers from Labonchhara to BIWTA ghat."

"We've already identified 1,274 structures," he added. "We will soon start a drive to demolish them, with the assistance of the district administration.

"The district administration will file a case against these grabbers first, after which we will get down to work," he added.

Contacted, Saifur Rahman Khan, director of Khulna's Department of Environment (DoE), said, "DoE is firmly determined to take action against the polluters. We've already conducted many drives and investigated the allegations against them. We've sent our findings to the higher authorities for enforcement.

but visiting the premises, this correspondent saw worse. Lying unused for a decade-and-a-half, everything, from its fans to bathroom-ware, is worn-out and beyond

Not one event

The centre stage has broken down, while the floor tiles have also started to come off.

Far from the polish and shine of a pristine community centre, the entire complex feels damp and dirty.

It used to be worse, but is now perhaps in a slightly better condition after being allocated as a player's camp ahead of the Mayor Cup Football Tournament last year. Today, its only use is as a sleeping ground for two ianitors.

When this correspondent visited the building yesterday, he was greeted with the smell and humdrum of the kitchen market. Entering the premises, one can see its elevator doors in shambles, with no elevator inside.

The third floor is faring a little better, thanks to the ward councillor's office being used as a mass vaccination programme centre.

Unsurprisingly, locals aren't exactly aware that the community centre even exists.

Talking to The Daily Star, local Sultan M Salahuddin said, "All I know is that the building has a kitchen market and the councillor's office. To be honest, I'm only getting to know of the community centre from you."

"Shegunbagicha is home to a lot of people. Due to the lack of a community centre, we spend Tk 1-1.5 lakh to hold programmes outside the area. If we had our own community space, we could do so for much cheaper," he

Asked, ward councillor Farid Uddin Ahmed Ratan, who took office back in 2015, said, "We've sent letter after letter [to the authorities concerned], but to no avail. We're told renovation works will start soon every time, but it still

"Since this community centre wasn't operational, we took up plans for a new one. We even got budget allocations, but couldn't see it through due to not finding suitable land."

Talking to The Daily Star, DSCC Social Welfare and Slum Development Officer Akand Mohammad Faisal Uddin said, "After a long 15 years' closure, we're moving plans to get it off the ground soon."

"We couldn't launch it without a gas supply and elevator. But now that our engineering department has taken up renovation plans, we're hoping works can start from next week," he said.

### Project to preserve SM Sultan's artworks

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

A cultural preservation project on SM Sultan's artworks was inaugurated at the capital's Bengal Shilpalay at Dhanmondi on Tuesday.

US Ambassador Earl Miller and Director General of Bangla Academy Mohammad Nurul Huda inaugurated the three-year initiative, funded through the US government's Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation (AFCP), according to a US Embassy statement.

It will support study, analysis, and restoration of the largest collection of paintings by one of Bangladesh's most celebrated artists. It will also train young Bangladeshi conservation professionals on sustainable conservation techniques.

Miller also presented a ceremonial plaque to Bengal Foundation Director General Luva Nahid Chowdhury.

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### Former bKash

FROM PAGE 3 before magistrates, mentioned that Tanvir was their associate in the crimes. In association with Tanvir, the fraud gang swindled Tk 4.48 lakh from two bKash agents including complainant Rasel, said the case statement.

Tanvir joined bKash as territory officer in 2012. He used to provide agents' and customers' information to

the fraud gang, CID said. Meanwhile, bKash in a statement said accused Tanvir Siraji was no more with them. "Tanvir Siraji has been terminated on disciplinary ground in September 2021,"

mentioned the statement. "bKash has been cooperating with law enforcers," it added.

## Still hoping

FROM PAGE 3 should be prioritised. It recommended increasing efforts to address specific needs of persons with disabilities through targeted allocation of resources, such as training more doctors and nurses and setting up washbasins for those in wheelchairs.

BIDS director-general Dr Binayak Sen moderated the event.



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Kalapara Buddhist Temple

# Endowed property 'sold' by custodian!

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A petition was filed on Sunday with the commissioner of Patuakhali, seeking protection and recovery of endowed property of a century-old Buddhist temple, belonging to the Rakhine community in Kalapara upazila

The petition was co-signed by Luma Magni, a Rakhine rights movement leader and president of Kuakata Rakhine Market, and Uchachi Master (Madbar), a resident of Keranipara in Kuakata.

According to the petition, several of the people who are entrusted with the safekeeping of the property, with the connivance of a few members of the Rakhine community, have forged land documents for transferring a part of the land to influential individuals.

The entire property, 99 decimals total, had been recorded correctly in the name of Furuchai Mog under JL No 34 and Daag No 5334/5481, 5335/5493 of SA Khatian No 659 under Latachapali Mouza of Kalapara upazila. According to the land records, the Buddhist temple is on 35 percent of the land while a graveyard for the Buddhist community and residential facilities for priests of the temple are on 64 percent of the land.

There is a Buddha statue inside the temple that was established by the Rakhine community about 120 years ago.

But recently, Emang Talukder, chairman of the temple's management committee, with the help of a secretly reformed committee, unlawfully forged land documents and collected advance payments from an influential quarter in exchange for 25 decimals of the endowed land.

As a result, the claimants were making attempts to build structures on the piece of land, the petitioners said.

Asked, Emang Talukder claimed that the temple management committee, upon obtaining consent of the local Rakhine community, approved the sale of 25 percent of the endowed land to create fund for maintenance and renovation of the temple, and hence, the advance payment was registered accordingly.

Patuakhali Contacted, Commissioner Kamal Hossain said they would take necessary steps in this regard following due investigation.

## Youth takes own life

Our Correspondent, Pirojpur

A youth, accused in several criminal cases including for murder, allegedly took his own life in Jhalakathi's Rajapur upazila.

The deceased, Hawlader, 26, was son of Ratan Hawlader of Nalbuniya village in the upazila.

Local police said an unnatural death (UD) case was filed in this regard on Tuesday night.

Locals found Sagar's body on a cot inside his room and informed the police, who recovered the body and sent it to hospital for autopsy.

Quoting the villagers, police said Sagar might have committed suicide at the empty house as he had a bitter relation with almost all his neighbours for long due to his involvement in various criminal activities.

Officer in Charge (OC) of Rajapur Police Station Shahidul Islam said Sagar was accused in at least six cases, including for murder, stabbing policeman and drug peddling.



People of Sabullah Shikdar Dangipara area in Harirampur union of Faridpur's Charvadrason upazila came under

# Eroding Sugandha, Padma devouring fresh areas

Houses, croplands, a mosque and several establishments have disappeared due to sudden erosion of Sugandha river near Rahamatpur area under Babuganj upazila in Barishal in the last one week.

More than 50 houses, croplands and several establishments are under the threat of erosion. In this circumstance, many people are relocating their houses and cutting down trees.

Locals and experts said climate change, incessant rain, cutting soil for brick kilns and unplanned river governance are responsible for the river erosion.

In the meantime, Sabullah Shikdar Dangipara area of Harirampur union in Faridpur's Charvadrason upazila has fallen under the onslaught of the erosion of the Padma river.

Sabullah Shikdar Dangi Govt Primary School is under the threat of erosion.

Houses of Idris Ali Bepari, Babul Hawladar and Omar Ali have been devoured by the river erosion at Paschim Khudrakhati village under Rahamatpur union of Babuganj. Besides, the Paschim Khudrakathi Mosque, 50 decimals croplands and a hundred-vear-old Eidgah field were wiped from the map.

The victims alleged that the local administration did not take any visible steps to curb the river erosion. 100 metres away from the Sugandha

"Suddenly, the erosion started. I could relocate some of my valuables and in the meantime, my house disappeared in the river," he said. Earlier on September 21, seven

houses, a mosque and several establishments disappeared in the massive erosion in Arial Kha river at Mirganj area. Md Bacchu Miah of Rahamatpur

area said river erosion is a common phenomenon for Babuganj residents. People surrounded by the three rivers---Sondha, Sugandha and Arial Kha---are facing constant erosion.

Hundreds of families have become destitute but the erosion could not be stopped. Local people said more and more people will be destitute if steps are not taken immediately.

Erosion started at Sabullah Shikdar Dangi area of Harairampur union under Charvadrason upazila in Faridpur. The Padma river was 60 metres away from the Sabullah Shikdar Govt Primary School two months ago but due to the erosion, the school is now just 14 metres away from the Padma.

Dr Muhammed Forrug Rahman, manager-research and advocate of Network of Climate Change, Idris Ali said his house was some Bangladesh said, riverbank erosion is a natural disaster but it has become an issue of major concern due to the rapid climate change phenomenon and the impacts of climate change on bank erosion in different parts of Bangladesh are more obvious in Bangladesh.

He added that "We need to raise voice nationally as well as globally to cope up with the multifaceted loss and damage from bank erosion due to climate change."

Dipak Ranjan Das, chief engineer of the Water Development Board in Barishal, said they have done emergency work at the upazila to stop the erosion.

"However, to curb the erosion in the upazila's Mirganj, Northern part of Barishal Airport and Birshrestho Captain Mohiuddin Jahangir village, we have already submitted a project and are hoping that the project will be passed soon," he said.

Faridpur Water Development Board's Chief Engineer Partha Pratim Saha said they too have submitted a project regarding the prevention of erosion. They will go for the implementation work once the project is approved.

## Poverty, blind faith at play

(JMB), Hizb ut Tahrir (HuT), Ansarullah Bangla Team (ABT), Ansar Al Islam, Allahr Dal, Neo-JMB and other outfits, said the report. The Daily Star has obtained a copy of it.

"The key reasons behind the involvement of such a big number of people from the northern region in militancy is that they are lagging behind economically compared to people living in other parts of the country," said the study.

Extremism flourished in the North due to religious bigotry derived from blind religious faith, presence of many madrasas run by followers of Ahale Hadith and emergence of JMB in the char areas of the Jamuna river in different districts, it added.

"Farmers and people from different professions like honey traders, small book shop owners, masons, carpenters and paddy harvesting labourers were motivated to join militancy through misinterpreting religion, taking the opportunity of their poverty and convincing them that they should take revenge for the torture on Muslims across the world," the study said.

Omar Faruk, professor at the Department of Criminology and Police Science at Mawlana Bhashani Science and Technology University, said the country's northern region is a "breeding ground" for militants due to its socioeconomic, and geographic conditions and religious beliefs of locals.

"The patrons of militancy invest in needy people of the region and their religious spirits are lifted to the highest level negatively so that they can act as militants against the state," he told The Daily Star.

As many people from the area have strong attachment to religion, it is easy to lead them astray, Faruk said.

"They are getting financial support for their families and also feeling satisfied that they are doing it for earthly life as well as for the afterlife. So, they are taking the risk," he said.

ATU Superintendent of Police (media and awareness) Mohammad Aslam Khan said they carried out the study as there is no comprehensive research on militancy in Bangladesh.

"A complete knowledge on militants will help us combat militancy more effectively. Besides, it will help the government take up necessary anti-militancy measures, he told The Daily Star on October 25.

The ATU report said a total of 1,945 cases were filed against 9,172 militants during the 20 years. Of them, 38 percent are JMB members, 23 percent Neo-JMB, 16 percent HuT, and five percent each Huji and ABT

It said 301 people were killed and 1,431 wounded in 180 violence, and attacks by militants and drives by law enforcers during the same period.

The research found that among the 1,217 accused militants studied, 81 percent were from Rajshahi and Rangpur divisions followed by 12 percent from Mymensingh and Sylhet divisions. The rest seven percent were from Dhaka, Chattogram, Khulna and Barishal divisions.

militants belong to low income Having inadequate families. education, many of them joined

of religion, the report said.

Involvement of people from high- and middle income families in militancy are also evident since the Holey Artisan terrorist attack in 2016, it added.

The report stated that 45 percent of the militants came from low income families, 23 percent from lower middle income, 28 percent from middle income, two percent from higher middle income and one percent from higher income families.

The study said the highest number of people were drawn into militancy through misinterpretation of religion by extremists while the second highest number through online.

It found that 17 percent militants were farmers, 14 percent small traders, 13 percent labourers, 12 percent students, two percent imam or muezzin, four percent teachers and three percent madrasa teachers. RISE, SPREAD OF MILITANCY

Militant activities first started in Bangladesh in the 1990s with the founding of Huji-B in 1992 by returnees from Afghan war against the then Soviet Union through a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club, said the ATU report.

spotlight through an attempted bomb and views-exchange meetings of attack at a rally venue of the then intelligence agencies and other prime minister Sheikh Hasina in stakeholders, develop a comprehensive Tungipara in 2000 and carrying out database on militants, destroy the the attack at Ramna Batamul in 2001 militants' financing network and step that killed at least 10 people.

The report said though militant activities in Bangladesh was begun by Huji, it was intensified by Jagrata Muslim Janata Bangladesh (JMJB), later renamed JMB.

Under the leadership of Shaikh Abdur Rahman, JMJB/ JMB started to emerge in the char areas of the Jamuna river in the districts of Jamalpur (birthplace of JMB supremo Shaikh Abdur Rahman), Bogura (birthplace of JMB second-in-command Siddiqul Islam alias Bangla Bhai) and Gaibandha with the participation of some ideologues of Ahale Hadith in

The activities then spread to almost all northern districts, including Chapainawabganj, Natore, Naogaon, Rajshahi, Pabna, Joypurhat, Dinajpur, Rangpur, Kurigram and Panchagarh. Later, along with JMB, activities of

other militant outfits like Neo JMB, Huji,B, ABT and Allahr Dal spread in the areas, the report said.

The JMB grabbed the spotlight through countrywide bombing in 2005 and carrying out attacks on cinemas and judges. Some 230 cases were filed and 1,438 JMB operatives were arrested following the nearsimultaneous bombing in 63 districts on August 17 that year.

The report further said in 2010 the activities of HuT increased while Qawmi madrasa teachers and students got organised under the banner of Hefajat-e-Islami to resist Shahbaghbased Online Activists' Forum in 2013. The ABT then started killing bloggers one after another.

In 2015, a section of JMB leaders Nearly half (45 percent) of the and operatives broke away from the outfit and formed Neo-JMB which drew global attention in 2016 by carrying out deadly attacks, including militancy to earn a livelihood after at Holey Artisan Bakery, Sholakia

being influenced by misinterpretation Eidgah and on foreign nationals. Its activities are still going on, the report

> In 2017, the JMB, Neo-JMB and ABT were active in targeted killings, it

The following year, the visible activities of JMB and other militant outfits reduced due to a tough stance by law enforcers, but they continued their activities secretly and on online platforms from underground, the report said.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The ATU made 15 recommendations on tackling militancy. It suggested stepping up watch on fugitives and militants gone into hiding after securing bail from courts and bringing them to book, keeping constant watch on militants now on bail and also on those behind bars.

The report recommended keeping a constant watch on the activities of militants hiding abroad as they are continuing their activities using fake Facebook IDs. Besides, measures should be taken and cyber intelligence should be enhanced so that Islamic preachers cannot spread extremism through online and different YouTube channels.

It said the authorities concerned The militant outfit grabbed the should hold regular coordination up vigilance on Rohingyas.

The study further suggested strengthening counter radicalisation de-radicalisation activities, ensuring assistance and security of militants trying to get back to normal life, keeping a watch on people who travel to or stay in the Middle East, particularly in IS infested areas.

It said the authorities should organise regular sermons by imams about the difference between Jihad and extremism, create awareness against militancy among students through holding seminars, debate programmes and distributing leaflets schools, colleges, universities and madrasas, carry out publicity campaigns about Islam as a religion of peace and publish anti-militancy posts on social media.

# Honeybees applies

study, from the UCL Centre for Biodiversity & Environment Research, said: "Here we have provided the first evidence that honeybees modify their social interactions and how they move around their hive in response to a common parasite.

Honeybees are a social animal, as they benefit from dividing up responsibilities and interactions such as mutual grooming, but when those social activities can increase the risk of infection, the bees appear to have evolved to balance the risks and benefits by adopting social distancing."

Bees are not the first animal to be observed practising social distancing: baboons are less likely to clean individuals with gastrointestinal infections, and ants infected with a pathogenic fungus relegate themselves to the suburbs of anthill society.

## DU's current

FROM PAGE 12 qualifications.

The court also directed the DU authorities to promote Ayesha to the post of associate professor and provide her the relevant financial benefits. They were aiso directed to submit a compilance

report to the court in two months. The Appellate Division on April 8, 2010, modified the HC verdict and allowed the DU authorities to keep Afroza Hossain, Kamal Uddin and Mehjabin Hoque in the service.

The apex court, however, ordered the DU authorities to give seniority and relevant financial benefits to Ayesha

The university then gave the seniority and benefits to Kamal Uddin instead of Ayesha, in violation of the SC directives, which is a contempt of court, Asrarul

## Myanmar defies international pressure, rejects Suu Kyi visit

REUTERS

Myanmar's ruling military yesterday stood by its decision to deny a Southeast Asian envoy access to detained former leader Aung San Suu Kyi, resisting growing international pressure to comply with a regional peace plan agreed in April.

Vice-Senior General Soe Win, the second in command of the junta that seized power from Suu Kyi's elected government in February, said allowing a foreigner access to someone charged with crimes was against domestic law.

## Mamunul faces trial

framed charges on the basis of the Hefajat men unleashed violence charge sheet, said Asaduzzaman, inspector of the court police.

jail yesterday morning and sent back to the prison after the court proceedings, he further said, adding that the plaintiff was not present in the courtroom.

On April 3, some Awami League men kept Mamunul confined in a hotel room where he went with a woman. As the chaos was going on Mamunul claimed that the woman was his second wife.

As the news of Mamunul's

confinement spread, several hundred there and took him away.

A total of five cases were filed Mamunul was brought to the court against Mamunul and other Hefajat in Narayanganj from Kashimpur men in connection with the violence. On April 30, the woman, whom

Mamunul claimed as his second wife,

filed a rape case against him with Sonargaon Police Station. In the case statement, the woman alleged that Mamunul raped her multiple times over the last two years

luring her with marriage. Police arrested Mamunul on April 18 from Jamia Rahmania Arabia Madrasa in the capital's Mohammadpur area.

# HC asks Rangpur cops

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citing the statement.

On Tuesday, the HC bench wanted to know about the alleged custodial death, the subsequent attack on law enforcers by a mob, and the government steps taken over the The bench set November 15 for

passing further orders on the matter. Mehedul Karim, additional commissioner of Rangpur police, was made the head of the probe committee, reported our Dinajpur quoting correspondent, Hossain, additional deputy commissioner (DB and media) of Rangpur Metropolitan Police.

The other members of the committee are Kazi Muttaki Ibn Minan, deputy commissioner (DB), Abu Bakkar, deputy commissioner (CTTB), and Kazi Arifuzzaman, assistant commissioner (Poshuram zone).

tortured to death in police custody in Rangpur's Kaunia on Monday. The bench passed the order after Supreme Court lawyer Jyotirmoy Barua placed a Prothom Alo report

on the incident and appealed to the

Tajul Islam was reportedly

court to pass necessary directives on the issue. After the news spread that a man was tortured to death by police, a mob reportedly threw brickbats at Haragach Police Station and

vandalised a few police vehicles on Monday evening. Police said they had not tortured

anvone. On the other hand, Mortaza Rahman, brother of the victim, has filed an unnatural death case with Haragach Police Station early

## Indira, Nixon confer

willingness to undertake some pullback unilaterally. If India now believed, Nixon continued, that such a step would not contribute to lessening of tensions, it would be necessary for the US to reconsider its efforts to effect such a pullback by Pakistani forces. PN Haksar, Indira's principal secretary, shared the difficulties for India posed by the displacement of Indian forces. NAZRUL APPEALS FOR U THANT'S INTERVENTION

The acting president of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Syed Nazrul Islam, made an appeal today to the UN secretary-general U Thant to urgently intervene in saving the life of Hussain Ali and his family, who had

been beaten and kept captive in the 21 rifles in Chandpur area today. In Pakistan High Commission in New Delhi.

In a telegram sent to the UN secretary-general, the acting president called upon the world body to condemn the Pakistan government for the violence that they let loose on Bangladesh nationals which had of late been extended from the occupied area of Bangladesh to the precincts of diplomatic missions in the foreign

ON THE WAR FRONT

Mukti Bahini today brought Barni and Dakterbari of Sylhet district under their control after killing 23 regular Pakistani soldiers. The freedom fighters captured nine Razakars with sajen1986@gmail.com

another operation, Mukti Bahini raided Pakistani troops position at Hugli tea garden. In this action, four enemy soldiers were killed and six wounded.

Mukti Bahini today captured Barhatta Police Station and Tantar areas of Mymensingh district after clearing West Pakistani policemen and Razakars. They held the officerin-charge of the police station and 105 Razakars. They also seized an LMG and 80 rifles from the police station. From Tantar, the freedom fighters captured 12 bombs and a few mortars.

Shamsuddoza Sajen is a journalist and researcher. He can be contacted at

## Court rejects PBI's final report On May 16 this year, PBI submitted

set yesterday to deliver orders on Babul's plea and acceptance of PBI's report. "As the court rejected PBI's

report, Babul's petition has also been

scrapped," said lawyer Iftekhar. He said, "During the hearing, we informed the court that Babul Akter filed a case with Panchlaish Police Station in 2016, but a new case was filed just hours after the PBI submitted its final report, raising questions."

the final report in Mitu murder case filed by SP Babul, terming him the

"mastermind". Later in the day, Babul was shown arrested in another murder case filed by Mitu's father Mosharraf Hossain

with Panchlaish Police Station. On June 5, 2016, Mitu was stabbed and shot dead while she was taking her son Mahir to his school bus at the port city's GEC intersection.

After the incident, Babul lodged a case against three unidentified men with the Panchlaish Police Station. Later, the case was taken over by PBI

from DB of Chattogram Metropolitan On May 11 this year, Chattogram

PBI summoned Babul to its office for interrogation. He failed to give satisfactory answers to the detectives and was taken into PBI custody, said PBI officials.

### **MORE NEWS**

#### Nuke talks would fail without guarantees: Iran

Negotiations to revive Iran's 2015 nuclear agreement with world powers will fail unless US President Joe Biden can guarantee that Washington will not again abandon the pact, the head of Iran's Supreme National Security Council said yesterday. "The US President, lacking authority, is not ready to give guarantees. If the current status quo continues, the result of negotiations is clear," Ali Shamkhani said in a tweet. Iran is expected to give an exact date this week for the resumption of talks with the powers, scheduled for end of November according to Iranian top nuclear

#### Bus crash kills 20 in POK

negotiator Ali Bagheri-Kani.

At least 20 people including children were killed yesterday when a bus plunged into a ravine in Pakistan-administered Kashmir, officials said. "The bus carrying up to 40 passengers was going to Rawalpindi when it plunged into a deep ravine while negotiating a sharp turn," local disaster management authority official Raja Moazzam told AFP. He blamed speeding for the accident. The accident took place in the remote area some 160 kilometres (95 miles) east of Muzaffarabad, the capital of Pakistanadministered Kashmir.



#### Minneapolis votes 'no' on replacing police dept

Voters in Minneapolis, where the murder of George Floyd last year sparked worldwide protests, on Tuesday rejected the idea of replacing the city's troubled police force. Over 56 percent voted against amending the Minneapolis City Charter to create the new department, which would provide "public safety functions through a comprehensive public health approach," according to official election results. The May 2020 murder of Floyd, a 46-year-old Black man, by a white police officer sparked protests against police brutality in Minneapolis and other US cities and calls in some progressive Democratic quarters to "defund the police." The former police officer, Derek Chauvin, was convicted of murder and manslaughter for Floyd's death and sentenced to 22 1/2 years in prison.

#### NYT reports a million subscribers abroad

The New York Times has crossed the threshold of one million digital subscribers abroad, the American newspaper announced yesterday. The publication was an early adopter of using a pay wall for its website and has bet on digital subscriptions in an industry where print papers have been

decimated by shrinking ad revenue. The newspaper said it had a net gain of 455,000 digital subscribers overall between July and September and now has 8.38 million paid subscribers, 90 percent of whom are online only. The New York Times has seen its subscriber base grow by 21 percent compared to last year, and is closing in on its goal of 10 million by 2025. p accelerating digital.

SOURCE: AFP, REUTERS

# Climate financing takes centre stage

Russia, China hit back after Biden says countries failed to lead at COP26

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Attention yesterday turned to how the world will pay for its plan to decarbonise and help vulnerable nations survive climate change, after a world leaders' summit at COP26 that yielded a landmark methane slashing deal.

But a simmering diplomatic spat between the United States, China and Russia over the other's climate ambition showed the fragile nature of talks aimed at averting disastrous global warming.

Negotiators are in Glasgow to try to keep the Paris Agreement temperature goal of 1.5C within reach.

Finance is a crucial part of the picture, with vulnerable nations demanding that rich emitters make good on a decade-old promise to provide \$100 billion annually

#### COP26 CLIMATE SUMMIT

UK PM 'cautiously optimistic' about climate deal

US climate envoy Kerry sees 60pc chance of capping global temp at 1.5C

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson said he was "cautiously optimistic" after the summit in Glasgow adopted new promises on deforestation, methane emissions and cash for poorer countries to avert the worst of global warming.

British Chancellor Rishi Sunak yesterday said that COP26 would finally deliver the funds.

"We know that you've been devastated



Demonstrators protest during the UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow, Scotland, Britain, yesterday.

climate change," he told national

representatives at the conference. "That's why we're going to meet the target of providing \$100 billion of

climate finance to developing nations." Sunak, COP26 President Alok Sharma and US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen all yesterday stressed the role that private investors will play in the climate funding

The Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero (GFANZ), made up of more than 450 banks and asset managers, says it represents assets totalling \$130 trillion.

Yet campaigners raised concerns over how private finance is accounted in the international, UN-led climate process, pointing out that investors are still free to fund fossil fuel projects.

"More than \$130 trillion and not a by the double tragedies of Covid and single rule to prevent even one dollar

from being invested in the expansion of the fossil fuel sector," said Lucie Pinson, executive director of the Reclaim Finance initiative "It's worth asking if the GFANZ and

its members are actually ready to lead the charge against climate change, given that they are actually slowing down the green energy revolution by keeping afloat the polluting fossil fuel industry. Finance is fundamental for developing

countries, who say they cannot afford the green transition taking place in richer Countries that have already suffered

economic losses from supercharged storms or crop failures due to climate change are also desperate for separate "loss and damage" cash to help them

Delegations will spend the next 12 disagree" with Biden's assessment.

days thrashing out details of the Paris Agreement rulebook, including rules governing carbon markets and a unified 'stock take" on emissions cutting plans.

Although organisers say they want COP26 to keep the 1.5C heating limit within reach, the UN says the most up-todate climate pledges put Earth on course to warm 2.7C.

On Tuesday leaders committed to lower their emissions of methane -- a potent greenhouse gas -- by at least 30 percent this decade. Experts said the pledge could have a significant impact on short-term global heating.

US climate envoy John Kerry yesterday said that current commitments on cutting carbon emissions meant the world had a 60 percent chance of capping a rise in the average temperature at 1.5 degrees Celsius

But a two-day world leaders summit ended with barbed comments from the two largest emitters, the United States

and China. US President Joe Biden criticised counterpart Xi Jinping for skipping the Glasgow summit, after China declined to sign the methane pledge.

"It just is a gigantic issue and they walked away. How do you do that and claim to be able to have any leadership?" Biden told journalists before flying out of

He said the same was true of Russian President Vladimir Putin, who is also

missing the talks. China hit back yesterday, with a foreign ministry spokesman saying:

"Actions speak louder than words". A Kremlin spokesperson said "we The Tigray conflict has

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> THE UN RIGHTS CHIEF **MICHELLE BACHELET** AS FIGHTING ESCALATES IN



The truth is we are not equal in the face of the climate crisis. Poor and marginalised people ... are hit hardest. It is an unjust birthright of the rich and privileged to be protected from many of the effects of climate change."

> **MARY ROBINSON**, FORMER IRISH PRESIDENT AND FORMER UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSIONER

## **DEADLY CLASHES WITH CHINA ALONG HIMALAYAN BORDER**

# India ramps up defences

AFP, Tawang Town

On the winding road up to India's Himalayan frontier is a postcard view of gushing streams and tranquil lakes -- punctuated occasionally by the sight of artillery barrels and military bunkers. A year after deadly high-altitude clashes with

Chinese soldiers, India is ramping up its border defences along a treacherous

mountain range that has long been a flashpoint between the two countries.

Arunachal Pradesh straddles the other side of the Himalayas from Tibet and shares a common Buddhist cultural heritage with its northern neighbour.

claims Beijing also ownership of Arunachal

Pradesh -- which it refers to as South Tibet -- and at 4,000 meters above sea level, expected to open briefly occupied most of the territory, three years next year, to link the area to arterial routes further after the Buddhist leader's flight, in a short but south and expand the reach of soldiers.

troops from both nations fought a hand-to-hand in Tawang," said Colonel Parikshit Mehra, the battle further west along their shared frontier in project's director. Ladakh, leaving at least 20 Indian and four Chinese soldiers dead. Each side routinely sends patrols into the rocky terrain of the Zojila mountain pass -areas claimed or controlled by the other, and India has also accused China of establishing permanent settlements near the border.

"We have observed some infrastructure development on the Chinese side," Lieutenant General Manoj Pande told journalists during a rare press tour through the region last month.

"That has led to (a higher) number of troops that are now located or placed there."

New Delhi has responded by scaling up its defences in Arunachal Pradesh, deploying cruise missiles, howitzers, US-made

> Chinook transport choppers and drones built in Israel. Officers in the region say last year's clash highlighted the urgent need to fortify the

military's frontier presence, after fruitless talks with Beijing to ease the border build-up on both sides. engineers

building a huge road tunnel

"These tunnels... will mean all-weather Tensions have flared again since mid-2020 when connectivity for locals and security forces deployed

A similar project is under way in Ladakh beneath otherwise impassable during winter months -- that would help troops quickly mobilise at the border from India's huge garrison in Kashmir.

## India's homegrown shot gets WHO nod US okays vaccination for kids 5-11

REUTERS

The World Health Organization (WHO) yesterday said it had approved Indian drugmaker Bharat Biotech's Covid-19 vaccine for emergency use, paving the way for the homegrown shot to be accepted as a valid vaccine in many poor countries. "The Technical Advisory Group has determined that the

Covaxin vaccine meets WHO standards for protection against Covid-19, that the benefit of the vaccine far outweighs risks and the vaccine can be used," WHO said in a tweet. Covaxin was reviewed by WHO's Strategic Advisory Group

of Experts on Immunization, which recommended its use in two doses, with an interval of four weeks, in all age groups The emergency use listing would allow Bharat to ship the vaccine to countries that rely on WHO guidance for their

regulatory decisions. The nod also mean that the shot may be accepted as a valid vaccine for millions of Indians who have received it and want to travel outside the country. Meanwhile, the United States can now start giving children aged 5-11 the Pfizer-BioNtech Covid vaccine, US

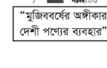
health authorities said Tuesday as they gave final approval to this new phase of fighting the pandemic. Days after gaining authorization from the Food and Drug Administration, the vaccine was endorsed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, clearing the way for the

vaccination of up to 28 million children. The government was well ahead of the decision, procuring enough doses for the children in the 5-11 age group and beginning to ship them across the country.

#### 'My name is Cleo' Four-year-old Australian girl found alive after 18-day hunt বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক হিউম্যান রিসোর্সেস ডিপার্টমেন্ট-১ (রিক্রুটমেন্ট এন্ড আউটসোর্সিং উইং) AFP, Perth প্রধান কার্যালয়

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- পরীক্ষার জন্য আগত প্রার্থীদেরকে স্বাস্থ্য মন্ত্রণালয় কর্তৃক নির্দেশিত কোভিড-১৯ সংক্রোন্ত স্বাস্থ্যবিধি মেনে চলতে
- পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণের জন্য প্রার্থীদেরকে কোনরূপ টিএ/ডিএ দেয়া হবে না।

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ব্যাংকিং ও আর্থিক সেবা পেতে হয়রানির শিকার হলে কিংবা কোনো অভিযোগ থাকলে ১৬২৩৬ নম্বরে ফোন করুন।

স্বাক্ষরিত/-মোঃ গোলাম মোস্তফা মহাব্যবস্থাপক



তারিখঃ ১৭ কার্তিক ১৪২৮ 
০২ নভেম্বর ২০২১

a campsite 18 days ago was discovered "alive and well" during a raid on a locked house vesterday, telling her shocked and elated rescuers: "My name is Cleo." Cleo Smith disappeared from her family's

tent in remote Western Australia last month, sparking a frantic air, sea and ground search involving 100 officers and scores of volunteers. Many feared the search would end in

A four-year-old Australian girl abducted from

tragedy, but after a night raid on a home in the coastal town of Carnarvon -- just a short drive from where she disappeared -- police announced the little girl had been found alone, but alive. Detective Cameron Blaine said that after the

initial shock he asked the little girl her name three times before receiving her electrifying response: "My name is Cleo.

Police admitted "seasoned detectives" were



"openly crying with relief" at the discovery and when Cleo was reunited with her parents at a hospital a short time later.

Her mother Ellie took to social media to

express her relief. "Our family is whole again," she posted on Instagram under a photo of

Police later released an image of the beaming youngster on a hospital bed holding an ice pop, waving and smiling.

Officers said she was in good spirits and bouncing around like "a little energizer bunny." Police last month had offered Aus\$1 million (US\$750,000) reward for information leading to Cleo's recovery after she was feared abducted from the remote Blowholes campsite -- about 1,000 kilometres north of Perth -- on October 16.

A 36-year-old local man has been detained and is said to be assisting with enquiries. He is expected to be charged later Wednesday.

It is believed the abduction was unplanned and "opportunistic". The suspect was not on a local list of sex offenders and only became a person of interest a day ago.



**NOVEMBER 04** 

**1942** - British troops

defeated the Germans

under General Erwin

Rommel at El Alamein

in Egypt after a 12-day

battle during World Warll.

1979 - Iranian militants

seized the US embassy in

Tehran and captured 90

hostages; 52 were held

captive for 444 days.

1995 - Israeli Prime

Minister Yitzhak Rabin

was assassinated as he

left a peace rally in Tel

Aviv.

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## যশোর বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় যশোর ৭৪০৮, বাংলাদেশ

স্মারক ন.–যবিপ্রবি/রেজি./একা./১৪৭২/গুচ্ছ পদ্ধতিতে ভর্তি পরীক্ষা (২০২০-২০২১)/২০২০-২৮৪১

তারিখ: ০৩/১১/২০২১ খ্রি.

২০২০-২০২১ শিক্ষাবর্ষে স্লাতক ১ম বর্ষে ভর্তি বিজ্ঞপ্তি

GST গুচ্ছভুক্ত ভর্তি পরীক্ষা ২০২০-এ ফলাফলপ্রাপ্ত শিক্ষার্থীরা https://admission.just.edu.bd লিংকে প্রদত্ত নির্দেশনা অনুযায়ী আবেদন করতে পারবেন। তবে, ফিজিক্যাল এডুকেশন অ্যান্ড স্পোর্টস সায়েল বিভাগ GST গুচ্ছভুক্ত নয় বিধায় এ বিভাগের ক্ষেত্রে উপর্যুক্ত ওয়েবসাইটে প্রকাশিত পৃথক বিজ্ঞপ্তি অনুযায়ী আবেদন ও ভর্তি

- ১। আবেদনের সময়সীমা: ১০/১১/২০২১ খ্রি. তারিখ দুপুর ১২:০০টা হতে ২৮/১১/২০২১ খ্রি. তারিখ রাত ১১:৫৯টা পর্যন্ত।
- ২। বিভিন্ন বিষয়ে স্লাতক প্রোগ্রামের মেয়াদ
- (ক) ০৪ (চার) বছর মেয়াদি স্লাতক (ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং/সম্মান)
- ৩। আবেদন করার সাধারণ যোগ্যতা ও শর্তাবলী
- (খ) GST গুচ্ছভুক্ত ভর্তি পরীক্ষা ২০২০-এর \Lambda ইউনিটে ফলাফলপ্রাপ্তরা প্রকৌশল ও প্রযুক্তি, জীববিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি, ফলিত বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি, বিজ্ঞান এবং স্বাস্থ্য বিজ্ঞান
- অনুষদভুক্ত বিভাগে ভর্তির জন্য আবেদন করতে পারবেন। তবে, যেকোনো ইউনিটে ফলাফলপ্রাপ্ত শিক্ষার্থীগণ কলা ও সামাজিক বিজ্ঞান এবং ব্যবসায় শিক্ষা অনুষদভুক্ত বিভাগে ভর্তির জন্য আবেদন করতে পারবেন। (গ) আবেদনকারীদের GST গুচ্ছভুক্ত ভর্তি পরীক্ষায় প্রাপ্ত নম্বর, এসএসসি/সমমান ও এইচএসসি/সমমান পরীক্ষায় প্রাপ্ত জিপিএ এবং বিভাগসমূহের নির্ধারিত শর্তসমূহের
- ভিত্তিতে চূড়ান্ত মেধা তালিকা প্রস্তুত ও প্রকাশ করা হবে।
- (WQ) সংরক্ষিত থাকবে।
- (ঙ) আবেদনের বিস্তারিত যোগ্যতা ও শর্তাবলী <u>www.just.edu.bd</u> থেকে জানা যাবে।



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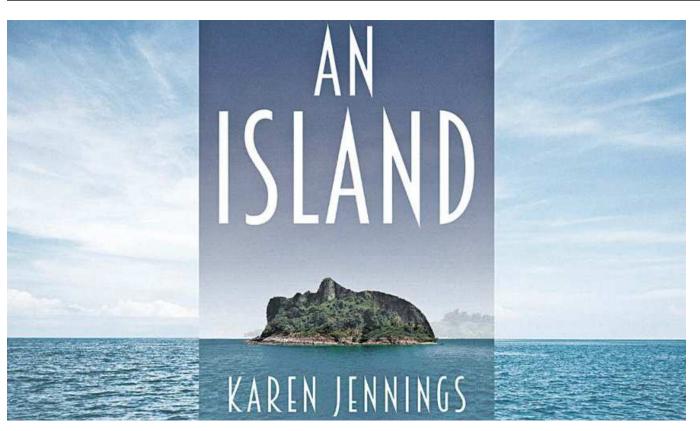
(খ) ০৫ (পাঁচ) বছর মেয়াদি বি. ফার্ম (প্রফেশনাল) ও ফিজিওথেরাপি অ্যান্ড রিহ্যাবিলিটেশন (প্রফেশনাল)

(ক) প্রার্থীকে বাংলাদেশের স্থায়ী নাগরিক হতে হবে। তবে বিদেশি নাগরিকদেরকে এ বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের ইন্টারন্যাশনাল সার্ভিস সেন্টারের (ISC) মাধ্যমে আবেদন করতে

(ঘ) প্রত্যেক অনুষদের জন্য নির্ধারিত ফি ৬৫০.০০ টাকা। সর্বমোট ৯৬০টি আসন ছাড়াও মুক্তিযোদ্ধা (FFQ), ক্ষুদ্র নৃ-গোষ্ঠী (EMQ), প্রতিবন্ধী (DQ) ও পোষ্য কোটা

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যশোর বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়



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## **BOOK REVIEW: FICTION**

# An island of one's own

#### SHAH TAZRIAN ASHRAFI

When one begins reading Karen Jennings' An Island (Picador India, 2021), one might find it hard to believe that an atmospheric novel with such fluid prose initially struggled to find a publisher. Even when it did manage to grab the attention of Holland House, a small independent press, only 500 copies were printed owing to the pandemic. The book could not take flight as no one championed it via endorsement blurbs. But this—the publishing industry's unforgiving landscape—is a topic for

We meet Samuel as he discovers an oil drum and a seemingly dead man on the pebbly shore thrumming with the sounds of gulls. In the 23 years that he has been a lighthouse keeper on the uninhabited, unnamed island, such an incident is common. Until now, he has buried 32 bodies that have washed ashore. This particular man, however, is not dead. Samuel soon discovers that he is a lucky refugee who has managed to survive a boat capsize. His arrival lands a deafening blow on Samuel's undisturbed solitude. He simply cannot wrap his head around the fact that he is to share the island with another human being. "Was it to be this? This breath, this pulse, this youth, this life, taking over the small cottage, seeping into the floor and the walls."

The man becomes the ultimate moral dilemma for Samuel as he vacillates between accepting him and turning him over to the country's authority, which the man seems to fear the most. Should

Samuel be a selfish human being and preserve the fact of his solitary condition on the island? Or should he accept the new reality of co-inhabiting? We wait until the last page to find out.

The discovery of an answer to these questions is what forms the skeleton of Jennings's story, longlisted for this year's Booker Prize nominations. From a distance, it might seem like such a light premise—yet heavy in its character's ethical considerations—cannot become a novel. A novella, perhaps. But because of Jennings' attention to detail and memory, the story is sustained through 182 suspenseful pages.

Samuel is a complex character. Sometimes, he is likeable, for his habit of carefully burying the dead and keeping them protected with stones and boulders so that hungry gulls cannot gnaw at their bodies. Other times, one cannot stop looking down on him for rejecting chances of redemption, for being a part of communal tension, for being a selfish revolutionary blinded by utopian zeal, among other things. Initially, he is polite with the refugee, despite speaking in feeble signs due to their language barrier. As the story threads on, tension descends upon the island because of a series of dangerous miscommunications among them, and with each passing second, Samuel is made more aware of the walls of his solitude cracking. "Inside him something small and folded began to shift. It opened outwards, growing ever larger.....Until he was brittle and creaking with it."

The most brilliant aspect of this novel is how, through his regular interactions with the man, Samuel's past life bursts forth from the depths of his memory, triggered by windows, keys, doors, the man's behaviour, and so on. In the process, we get to see a version of Samuel who has had to deal with harsh circumstances that have turned him so resolutely towards solitude.

Also through those circumstances, an unnamed African country stretches before us, one that first overflowed with hope when independence arrived and eventually became muddied with the rise of dictatorship and deviant nationalism. The ghostly shadows of colonialism, inequality, poverty, heady optimism, and hard realities echo from Samuel's past. This bears a dynamic impact on one's reading experience—I felt calm while reading the passages set on the island, and I felt suffocated (though not in a bad way) with despair while coursing through Samuel's past marked by lots of begging and torture in prison cells, among other things. The result: not one page is likely to stall you with boredom and dullness.

Haunting in a way that a fable does, The Island reveals, through clever pieces of symbolism, the prejudices that govern migrants' lives, the dangers of solitude, and the vicious cycle and forceful inheritance of violence.

Shah Tazrian Ashrafi is a contributor.

## **BOOK NEWS**

# Mayurpankhi participates at Frankfurter Buchmesse 2021

#### MAISHA ISLAM MONAMEE

Mayurpankhi, a children's book publishing house based in Bangladesh, was invited as a guest this year at the Frankfurter Buchmesse (Frankfurt Book Fair), one of the largest and most important international events in the publishing industry. It serves as a place for thousands of publishing industry professionals to come together and share their ideas, negotiate international book rights, and discuss new trade innovations.

The 73rd edition of the fair took place from October 19 to October 23 and the physical fair was supplemented by a number of digital events, along with several programmes in the city of Frankfurt, Germany. "This initiative was funded by the German foreign office and the program culminates with the Frankfurt book

featured on the stand this year. Other preparations included organising meetings with scouts, translation agents, and foreign publishers, in order to pitch their books and discuss opportunities for collaboration.

Unlike Ekushey Boi Mela, the Frankfurt Buchmesse is a trade fair where publishers can meet agencies and find the right books to publish. Representatives from book publishing and media companies attend the fair to negotiate rights and licensing fees. "While our Boi Mela is completely dedicated to physical bookselling, this fair allows publishing professionals to interact with publishers from around the world and print books in many different languages," Osman shared.



fair. This is fantastic news for our team as this is an additional testimony to the fact that we are a very serious consideration when it comes to international book business," Mitia Osman, CEO of Mayurpankhi, told The Daily Star.

Mitia started the publishing house in an attempt to create colourful and captivating books for children reading in Bangla and English. With publications like Reesham Shahab Tirtho's Babuibela series, Rickshaw Konna, and their other wide spectrum of picture books, nonfiction books, and notebooks and exercise books, Osman's publishing house has been redefining the quality of production and aesthetics in Bangladeshi children's books.

They displayed their products at a colourful stall in Hall 4.1, Booth H89, at the Frankfurt Book Fair. The books on display included a range of fiction titles, as well as some non-fiction picture and illustrated books.

"Our schedule was packed with 30-minute appointments, throughout the entire day. Publishers can decide who they want to meet and have to mail these details at an earliest," Osman said.

Decorating the stand is another important aspect of the fair and Sabyasachi Mistry deserves a shoutout for doing some of the illustrations

This year's event was focused on children's books and Mayurpankhi was one of the 17 global children's publishers. Over the course of their stay, these publication professionals learnt about each other's markets and gained from an exchange of their respective experiences.

"By the end of the fair, we made new connections, reconnected with our old friends, and came across opportunities for our books to gain a wider readership. It felt great to display our new publications, receive feedback and discuss exciting new ideas," she explained. As of now, Mayurpankhi is shifting its focus

to picture books. "My biggest challenge as a publisher is to get parents, teachers, children in Bangladesh to embrace the idea that picture books can be read by older children as well", the publisher shared. "In Frankfurt, I came across a picture book manifesto created by a group, and dedicated to the picture book publisher from Spain. This manifesto embodies everything I believe in and it can be applied universally." Osman said.

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## **READ ONLINE**

# The Booker Prize winner 2021

STAR BOOKS REPORT

The six shortlisted titles for this year's Booker Prize included Somali-born British novelist Nadifa Mohamed's historical-thriller, The Fortune Men (Viking, 2021), as well as American poet and essayist Patricia Lockwood's debut novel, No One Is Talking About This (Bloomsbury Publishing, 2021). The only writer of Asian origin, Sri Lankan author Anuk Arudpragasam, with his second novel A Passage North (Granta Books, 2021) made the cut, along with Great Circle (Transworld, 2021) by Maggie Shipstead, Richard Powers' Bewilderment (Heinemann, 2021) and South African writer and three-time Booker Prize-nominee, Damon Galgut's The Promise (Jonathan Cape, 2021).

With six brilliant and individualistic stories, Gaby Wood, director of the prize, suggests that "[readers] might avoid the temptation of creating an overarching narrative from the shortlist and instead simply recognise six outstanding individual titles." And it stands to reason that the authors of this year's shortlist come from across borders, and paint a vivid portrait of originality and cultural diversity through their narratives.

Read about this year's Booker Prize winner,

announced last night, on The Daily Star's website and on **Daily Star** Books on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn.



## FROM PAGES TO PIXELS

# How Caroline Kepnes has you rooting for a sociopath

SHARFIN ISLAM

I had heard about You from the moment I stepped into the world of bookstagramming. I'm ashamed to say, though, that I didn't pick it up before watching the first season of the chilling yet hilarious (in my humble opinion) show, despite my friends raving about it.

With the third season of the Netflix special officially out, I thought it was high time I shared my thoughts on the first book. Fair warning, though: this might feel like a book versus screen breakdown, but I promise there will be no

You (Atria/Emily Bestler Books, 2014), by Caroline Kepnes, is a thriller following a charming stalker, Joe Goldberg, as he lies, manipulates, and charms his way into Guinevere Beck's heart. An unreliable narrator that is obvious from the very first chapters, it's difficult to stay unfazed by Joe's ramblings as he obsesses over Beck.

Interestingly, it is written from a second-person point of view, as hinted by the title. Though not the first of its kind, it is certainly one of the rare ones to become such a hit on mainstream media. The show did decide to bring that in, but it came nowhere close to making me feel as involved as it did in the book.

The first major difference between the show and the book is the tone. Without Penn Badgley's stunning face and sharp jawline distracting me from Joe Goldberg's creepiness, I realized just how unnerving his thoughts are. His charms aren't as easy to pick up off-screen and the mood is far darker than in the show. His jibes at modernisation and his frequent anger towards Beck feel far less amusing and it gives us a glimpse of Joe's instability and borderline misanthropic

What I hadn't expected, however, was to find out just how flawed a character Beck was, too, and how cleverly Kepnes conveyed that detail to the

readers, despite Joe's incessant affirmations of her perfect persona. The subtext was so subtle, in fact, that I don't think I would have been able to pick it up on my first read of the book if I hadn't watched the show first.

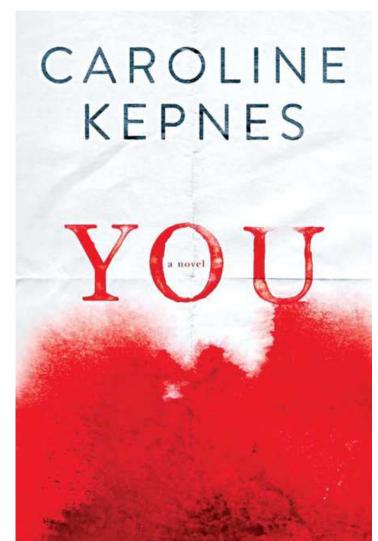
That, of course, is not to say that she deserved being stalked and manipulated, but it definitely added more depth to a character who could have easily been left bland and uninteresting, so loud was Joe's presence in the story.

To put it frankly, You, the book, is a thriller and *You*, the show is a drama. What you experience with one will not be the same with the other, though both are absolutely brilliant in their own rights—where the book gives us an exclusive look into the layers of Joe's insanity, the show adapts it with a dark, humorous tone to keep the audience hooked throughout the episodes.

I did find it quite unsettling that viewers and/ or readers were fangirling over the protagonist, be it the one from the show or the book. I mean, I did too, but for very different reasons. Kepnes captured the essence of a narcissistic egomaniac who could make up scenarios in an instant to justify their actions. His personality is so vivid with his flaws and hatred, and I love a morally grey character. If you are fooled into unwittingly rooting for Joe Goldberg, then Caroline Kepnes deserves all the awards.

So, for those of you who are unsure of whether to give the book a try, I suggest that you do. In the meantime, I will be cozying up in bed and bingewatching season 3, swooning over Penn Badgley and Victoria Pedretti's beautiful faces.

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# Just a pledge to end deforestation isn't enough

The world must make a clear and comprehensive commitment to tackling the climate crisis

HE pledge by world leaders at COP26 to end deforestation by 2030 has been met with scepticism by environmental groups across the world, with Greenpeace describing it as a green light for "another decade of deforestation." Given that the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report said, in unequivocal terms, that human-induced climate change had reached unprecedented levels and has already had impacts that are "irreversible" for centuries, and that the UN chief has called this situation a "code red for humanity," it would not be amiss to suggest that far more urgent actions are required.

While it is a step in the right direction that countries like Brazil and Russia, who have been singled out for accelerating deforestation in their territories, have agreed to sign this pledge, environmentalists argue that the world simply does not have the time to wait and see if these countries will stick to their promises. In fact, a similar declaration had already been issued once at a UN climate gathering in New York in 2014, where it was promised that the rate of deforestation would be halved by 2020, and it would end by 2030. However, the grim reality is that no such thing has happened; in fact, deforestation surged in Brazil in 2020, leading to a 9.5 percent increase in its emissions.

In Bangladesh, the situation is no less dire. In March this year, the Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) cited UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) data in a report, which revealed that the annual deforestation rate in Bangladesh was almost double the global average of 2.6 percent. In the last 17 years, about 66 square-kilometres of tropical rainforests have been destroyed in Bangladesh, and 287,453 acres of forest land has been occupied all over the country. According to the TIB, the misuse of power by the Forest Department and the collusion and incompetence of a section of officials in forest-centric corruption is one of the major obstacles to stopping deforestation and protecting biodiversity in Bangladesh.

We, like every other country in the world, cannot be lax about taking strong and immediate action to end deforestation. Unplanned development activities on forest land, construction of coal-fired power plants near reserved forests, allotment of land around forests for construction of public and private industries and establishments, and corruption and encroachment of forest land are all issues that we need to resolve urgently.

But we cannot do it alone. Almost a quarter of all man-made emissions of carbon dioxide can be attributed to land use activity such as logging, deforestation, and farming, and a majority of this occurs in the developed world, while countries like Bangladesh feel its impacts. We urge world leaders to put forward a comprehensive plan towards ending deforestation, as well as commit to providing loss and damage funding to countries that have felt the worst repercussions of mass deforestation and human-induced climate change.

# Dhaka circular rail could be a game-changer

Authorities should consider making it a fast-tracked project

T is encouraging to note that a South Korean consortium has started its study to assess whether it would invest in the development of a circular railway around Dhaka, under a public-private partnership (PPP) initiative. Apart from technical and financial feasibility studies, the consortium would prepare a step-by-step plan on how to progress with the project, and which portion of the railway should be prioritised.

According to a previous feasibility study carried out by the Bangladesh Railway (BR), the project will take six years to complete and is estimated to cost USD 8.37 billion (more than Tk 70,000 crore). Meanwhile, it is expected that the circular rail network will greatly reduce traffic congestion in Dhaka, which causes an annual estimated loss of between Tk 20,000 crore and Tk 55,000 crore to the economy. However, according to experts, the effectiveness of the project will depend on many other factors, including integrated services, and without proper coordination between the different agencies involved, such an ambitious project would likely face serious problems.

Given the enormity of the plan, the BR study had suggested breaking down the project into two phases. However, the South Korean consortium has proposed an even more conservative approach, breaking it down into four separate phases. What this suggests is that the project will require significant and careful planning—something we have a rather poor track record of. Arranging the required funds could also prove to be a big challenge, which can also be solved through proper planning. Another major concern is the poor track records of the agencies involved in the project. Therefore, although we would like this project to be fast-tracked, given all these concerns, it is certainly worth asking whether that will be viable.

Nevertheless, the project could potentially make a huge difference to people's mobility in and around Dhaka. By allowing workers and traders from neighbouring districts like Gazipur, Manikganj, Munshiganj, Narayanganj, Narsingdi and Tangail to go from one end of the capital to another without having to enter the city, it could potentially be a game-changer in terms of saving people's time and lowering travel costs. Thus, the authorities should look to proceed with the project as soon as possible—having done the necessary work with due diligence.

# For effective town planning, we must learn from past mistakes



Nawshad Ahm

planning is both a science and an art of designing and developing urban areas. The job of town planners is to make a city both aesthetically attractive and optimally

functional. A planned city can attract private investment and ensure a higher rate of employment and growth. However, a well-thought-out plan requires a multidisciplinary approach and contributions from a variety of experts, including urban and regional planners, architects, civil engineers, environmentalists, geographers, transport engineers, hydrologists, surveyors, economists, water and sanitation engineers, and even agriculturists. Again, an effective plan needs thorough research to understand the trends of city growth, surrounding environment, transportation network, urban management system, and financing mechanism. The planning has to be a participatory process, so it should take inputs from the landowners, businessmen, public officials, local government representatives, working people, politicians, and professionals.

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processes could go wrong—and that's what is happening in Bangladesh. There has been plenty of criticism for our failure in formulating good town plans and ending up with poor physical environments. If we look back, we can see that our master planning methods and

processes have not been appropriate, and as a result failed to produce the desired

It is important to note that out of several hundred cities and towns of various sizes in the country, only the four largest ones have undergone full-scale master planning exercises followed by their implementations: Dhaka, Chattogram, Rajshahi, and Khulna. The master plans of many other cities have been prepared in recent years, but their

(1958-1978) was implemented to some extent, establishing several housings, businesses and industrial zones like Tejgaon industrial estate, but the successive plans failed to keep pace with the fast population growth, and the demand for serviced land far exceeded the supply. Higher population density in the core areas of the city produced conditions unfavourable to rebuilding and renovation, and unfortunately, failure to come up with a good plan since 1978



Urban area planning is a participatory process, and therefore should include all the stakeholders: from landowners, businesses and local representatives to the working people and professionals.

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use is still very limited. A master plan lays out the uses of the land—such as housing, offices, businesses, industries, administrative areas, schools, hospitals, roads and streets, open spaces, etc—keeping the future projected development pattern of a city in mind.

Planning is an essential prerequisite for the orderly development of a city. A set of planning standards are followed in formulating a master plan. In Bangladesh, the town planning processes have been unnecessarily long. The physical feature surveys and preparation for detailed landuse plans take an inordinate amount of time to complete and get approved by the government. After the first master plans of Dhaka and Chattogram cities were prepared in 1959, followed by the Khulna city master plan in 1961, the decision to develop the second set of plans came after a long time—in the early 1990s. The Rajshahi city master plan, which was prepared in 1968 and then updated in 1984 and again 20 years later, in 2004, were somewhat better implemented due to the cooperation between the Rajshahi City Corporation and the Rajshahi Development Authority.

The first master plan of Dhaka city

caused a great setback for the city's proper growth. Even the current Dhaka Structure Plan (2016-2035) has not considered the issues of water-logging and traffic congestion properly.

Interestingly, the town plans have a long-term span of 20 years without having medium-term plans corresponding to the national five-year plans. During this long period of time, the urban scenario changes, and the plans become obsolete. The plans are static and, although Section 74 (2) of the Town Improvement Act, 1953 allows to amend the plans when required, there is no mechanism to constantly review and update them based on the realities on the ground.

While the problems of urban living are dynamic in nature, the urban planning concept adopted by the city development authorities has been static, which is not appropriate to tackle the everyday challenges of our cities. The most critical challenge posed by the master plans is related to the forecasted population of the cities and their infrastructural needs. The actual population growth far outpaced the projected growth of the cities and upset the development proposals in the master plans. Although

this was discussed among the planning professionals and policymakers during the 1980s, the subsequent plans did not become dynamic in approach and failed to address the ever-widening challenges posed by rapid urbanisation.

Again, not many consultations were held with the key stakeholders during the planning process, so the master plans turned out to be a top-down exercise. The master plans were also not followed up with development and investment plans. Adequate public control over future development has not been built into the plans, and thus private interests ultimately dictated the horizontal and vertical growth of the cities. This ultimately caused a significant deviation from the plans, but most of it went undetected because of the lack of an effective monitoring mechanism. One major reason for this is also the non-involvement of the private sector in the planning process and securing their buy-in for development of an aesthetically attractive city when the state's control in managing the urban space declines.

The town plans also don't accommodate the needs of people of all social strata, particularly the poor. Consequently, a large number of poor families live in slums in terrible conditions. These people and many lower middle-income families mainly live in the outskirts of the cities. Due to linear development of the cities, rather than a multi-modal mixed pattern of development, they require long-distance travels on a daily basis to the inner city for the purpose of work, causing tremendous traffic congestions.

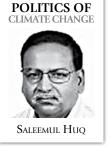
There is also the issue of ignorance regarding the master plan on the people's part. The city residents don't have much idea about the designated residential areas, reserved open spaces, and land proposed for acquisition for creation of industrial zones, parks, schools, hospitals, offices, etc. Until recently, there was no online and standard building plan application system to make the process easy and quick. Now that it has been introduced, we need to wait and see if the online system works.

The resources estimated in the plans are found to be unrealistic—the actual outlays far exceed the suggested cost of infrastructure and services. One of the fallouts of this weakness in the plan is delay in implementation of major roads and infrastructure, and even housing projects, such as Purbachal and Uttara residential areas in Dhaka.

The town plans need to be formulated on time, be realistic, take care of critical urban issues, and be updated as per requirement. The plans must be adhered to and funded adequately.

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# Get the ball rolling to implement effective climate action



last few days here in Glasgow, Scotland, over a hundred world leaders have arrived for the leaders' summit at the 26th Conference of Parties (COP26) of the United Nations

Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), to give speeches, hold meetings with UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson, and also have some bilateral meetings among themselves. They are not here at the conference to negotiate anything with each other, but to kick off the negotiations that will continue for two more weeks.

Nevertheless, their presence in Glasgow is important. Many of the leaders, during their speeches, announced new and better actions going forward. That was, indeed, a positive outcome of these discussions.

There are a few statements made by some leaders in Glasgow that stand out. The first, and by far the most important, was of course by US President Joe Biden, who brought his country back to joining the Paris Agreement, four years after his predecessor Donald Trump withdrew the US out of the agreement. This is the first COP for Biden after he assumed the US presidency, and he made some good statements about actions at home as well as enhanced funding for developing countries, especially to support adaptation activities in the most vulnerable countries.

The second important leader's statement came from Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi as, until now, India has refused to set a date for achieving net zero emissions. In Glasgow, he finally announced that India would, indeed, achieve net zero emissions by 2070. This is longer than most countries, most of which aim to go net zero by 2050; nevertheless, it is an important commitment from an important country.

Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh

Hasina is also here, but this year, she is not speaking just for Bangladesh, but for 48 most vulnerable developing countries, who are members of the Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF), which she currently chairs.

She also chaired a high-level meeting of the leaders from the CVF countries who are currently in Glasgow, and they released the "Dhaka-Glasgow Declaration," which was prepared under Bangladesh's leadership and agreed

developed countries provide a plan to deliver USD 500 billion over five years—from 2020 to 2024. This will be in the agenda of active negotiations over the next two weeks in Glasgow. They also demand that half the funds go for adaptation in the most vulnerable developing countries—an improvement of the current situation as only 20 percent of climate-related finance has gone into adaptation activities so far.

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As far as the Bangladesh delegation in Glasgow is concerned, we have a big and very effective set of negotiators with vast experience in such dealings, so I am confident that Bangladesh will be wellengaged in all the issues under discussion.

Finally, when it comes to the issue of climate change and the annual climate conference, Bangladesh has already earned a significant positive reputation as a proactive country that is tackling climate



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina presides over a meeting titled 'Forging a CVF COP26 Climate Emerging Pact' in Glasgow, Scotland, on November 2, 2021.

upon by everyone. The declaration points out the need to keep the global temperature rise to stay below 1.5 degrees Celsius, which has yet to happen. The second demand is for the rich countries to provide USD 100 billion annually from 2020 onwards—a promise the rich countries made back in 2015, under the Paris Agreement. The developed countries failed to deliver the USD 100 billion in 2020, and again in 2021, and are now formulating a "plan" to deliver it in 2023.

The CVF's demand is that the

therefore needs to be addressed in a more holistic way and at a higher political level, and not just at the technical level which is where it is currently being discussed.

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There are also many other agenda items up for discussion, which are relevant to making the Paris Agreement more effective, including the rule book as well as Article 6, which is on the role of private sector involvement in tackling change, and other countries—both from the South and the North—are keen to learn from Bangladesh.

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COP26, thus, offers an excellent opportunity for all the different stakeholders from Bangladesh who are here to demonstrate the whole-of-society approach that we are taking to tackle the global emergency of climate change.

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# Bangladesh's geopolitical position provides for unique opportunities



Born during the the Cold War. Bangladesh is a nation state that is uniquely embroiled in the machinations of geopolitics. There seems to

have never been a point of time where Bangladesh hasn't been caught between the rivalries of powerful states—whether it be the rivalry between India and Pakistan, the Cold War rivalry between the US and the former Soviet Union, and now the rivalry between China and the Western world.

However, the Bangladesh of today is a different state from the one that was so violently birthed in 1971. Once branded as a "bottomless basket," Bangladesh is now hailed as a "South Asian miracle." While economic growth comes with its own challengesparticularly in relation to the huge wealth inequality—the country's general economic development remains positive. Fifty years after its independence, the country is firmly graduating from the category of Least Developed Countries (LDCs), and is projected to become one of the 25 largest economies in the world by 2035. As its economy booms and the balance

is a natural link between South Asia and Southeast Asia. Therefore, any regional coordination between the giant trade blocs of the Association of the Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) and the South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation (Saarc) has to include Bangladesh. The country is also a vital geopolitical ally to India, in that it has the potential to facilitate greater integration between Northeast India and Central India.

Bangladesh is uniquely suited in this regard to play a vital role in furthering regional integration, and allowing all neighbouring regions to prosper together.

It is also due to this unique geography that Bangladesh is being approached by China. Bangladesh is a prime candidate to partner with China in the hypothesised "String of Pearls" strategy and the formation of the "Maritime Silk Road." China's Western rivals, along with India, are quite aware of this possibility, and have already initiated steps towards building greater ties with Bangladesh. It is also this possibility that has changed Bangladesh's status from decades of geopolitical irrelevance to a key player in shaping the future of Asia. However, to maintain this geopolitical value, Bangladesh needs to play an intricate, diplomatic balancing act. It needs to maintain favourable and balanced

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of world power moves eastward, our role on the world stage becomes more and more prominent every day.

The key factor in Bangladesh's geopolitical play is its geography. The country shares land borders with Myanmar and India. Towards the sea, Bangladesh maintains three-Chattogram, Mongla and Payra—out of the 12 ports in the Bay of Bengal. India, an economically emerging state, spans three sides of the border with Bangladesh and, now more than ever, has a keen eye for Bangladesh's strategies and policies. Due to its geographical position, Bangladesh

bilateral relations between two major parties—one being China, and the other being the Quad nations, namely India, Japan, Australia, and the US.

The diplomatic ties between Bangladesh and India are historical. Since the Awami League came to power in 2009, bilateral relations have peaked between the two countries. But some unsettled issues still remain, such as water disputes, border killings, religious tension, and maritime border disputes. Since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, we have seen high-level talks between the top leaders of the two countries. India has played "vaccine

diplomacy" to gain the trust of its allies. Part of this policy was to send vaccines to Bangladesh as a top priority. However, when the second wave of Covid hit India, they decided to defer the supply. Seeing this sudden pause by the Indian government, China became preferential in delivering vaccine doses to Bangladesh. A significant amount of the delivered vaccine doses were gifts, while the rest were commercial

not consider Bangladesh an actor in enforcing Western dominance in the Indian Ocean. This is both good and bad—bad in the sense that this indicates the US tendency to look at Bangladesh from the Indian perspective, and good because the US attitude has allowed Bangladesh to look to China to update its naval capacity. The ongoing arms race between the navies of Myanmar and Bangladesh



In its foreign policy, Bangladesh must maintain a middle-ground approach instead of leaning towards anyone too much. PHOTO: COLLECTED

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There is no doubt that the Sino-Indian rivalry has placed Bangladesh in an advantageous position, allowing such kinds of diplomatic plays. But Bangladesh must read the situation carefully to understand the intention of both these countries while utilising an opportunity. It should not walk into the "Chinese Debt Trap" on the one hand, while on the other hand, it should constantly remain alert of India's "Big Brother Attitude.'

The unpredictable foreign policy of Donald Trump created a vacuum in the relationship between Bangladesh and the US. During the Trump era, the presence of the US in the South Asian region was not sufficiently visible. However, the Biden administration already appears to have been rearranging and re-engaging with the Asian nations to uphold their influence in the Asia Pacific region. In such circumstances, it would be imperative for Bangladesh to observe the US motive, and avail any opportunity of enhancing diplomatic ties and acquiring a more active role in the Indo-Pacific theatre. Currently, the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (QUAD) does

will prove crucial in maintaining regional stability in the days to come, and both India and China stand to profit greatly from the sales. It should be noted that even though Bangladesh has bought submarines from China, it is also actively participating in joint naval exercises with India—just another example of the diplomatic balancing act in play.

Another major diplomatic hurdle for Bangladesh is the ongoing Rohingya refugee crisis. The country currently hosts more than a million displaced Rohingyas from neighbouring Myanmar. Since the inception of the crisis, efforts made by the Bangladesh government for Rohingya repatriation have been inadequate. Decisive diplomatic actions must be there to accelerate the repatriation process. The willingness of the Myanmar government to provide repatriation seems uncertain, while the United Nations and other international humanitarian agencies don't appear to be proactive enough. Although some Western countries have been delivering relief funds, this can't be a permanent solution. Due to the pandemic, Bangladesh has already fallen behind in terms of its

socioeconomic progress. This refugee crisis needs to be solved post-haste. The recent military coup in Myanmar and the assassination of Rohingya leader Mohib Ullah make the situation more complicated. It is high time for Bangladesh to tighten its relationship with the Western states and urge proactive initiatives in the negotiation process for Rohingya repatriation.

Bangladesh maintains a historical relationship with the UK as a Commonwealth nation. Since independence, the UK has been a significant development partner of Bangladesh. The UK appeared to be one of the major countries that condemned the Rohingya genocide and continued with its Myanmar sanctions. Bangladesh will require solid political support from the UK to take the Rohingya issue to the international

The European Union (EU) is Bangladesh's largest trade partner. The EU's aid to Bangladesh also accounts for 40 percent of the total aid that the country receives from the rest of the world. Although the EU-Bangladesh relationship seems aid-centric, there are other areas to work on to realise this relationship's full potential. Since the Biden administration took office, the US' position in Europe has changed. Most recently, the introduction of AUKUS has created havoc in the region. In addition, the Angela Markel era has come to a close. The introduction of new leadership in Germany will undoubtedly reshape the political stance of the EU in the world order. Geopolitical shifts such as these might give Bangladesh a chance to work closely with the EU in the new format.

The three thematic areas where Bangladesh might approach the EU could be: a) Seeking support for a sustainable Rohingya repatriation; b) Access to Covid-19 vaccines; and c) Managing GSP+ status to enjoy zero duties on export products.

Bangladesh has so far been practising a balanced foreign policy strategy. It must maintain a middle-ground approach instead of leaning towards anyone too much. Tectonic shifts in geopolitics are happening even as you read this. Every day comes with new opportunities, while every year comes with new challenges. By analysing the present geostrategic reality, Bangladesh needs to find justification for its current status in the global political realm. Exploring new opportunities in this new geopolitical pendulum is crucial to surviving the challenges that lie ahead.

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# What future do we have to offer our youth?



past few generations, the world has changed extremely rapidly—and it is likely to continue to do so.

Artificial intelligence threatens many of our existing jobs and even raises the question as to what need there will be for human workers in the future. The shift to the gig economy—where many people carry out freelance work for Uber, Pathao, Foodpanda and the like, rather than hold conventional jobs—means that people's livelihoods are increasingly unstable. The global population continues to grow fast, despite the world being overpopulated already, leading to increasing environmental devastation and the growing threat (and reality) of pandemics. There is a sea of misinformation and distraction on various online platforms that overshadow the better—and more credible—information available in print periodicals and books. And, of course, there's the climate emergency.

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It would be wise to consider how well we are preparing our youth to face these threats and challenges. From what I know of the Bangladeshi educational system, I would say, not very well. In a rapidly changing, dynamic world, it is crucial to have the ability to think on one's feet, to respond with flexibility and creativity to new situations, and to utilise logic rather than fall victim to conspiracy theories. And yet, rote

learning—and not encouragement of creativity and logic—remains the norm. The high-pressure environment with omnipresent exams means that the youth have less time and opportunity to engage in extracurricular activities that might expose them to different kinds of people and ways of thinking. In the little free time that they have, rather than spending time outdoors as the

extremely uncertain and frightening times with very little preparation. Many are blindly focused on exams and on their future careers, blithely believing that their lives will resemble those of the previous generations, even though they should be aware of the dramatic changes that take place every few years. When it comes to the climate crisis, many believe what they have



It is our responsibility to equip our youth with proper tools to face the challenges waiting for them in an increasingly difficult world.

previous generations did, they are likely isolated with a digital device, absorbed in the endless fascination of the internet

I was singularly fortunate in my education. Although I studied hard, I always had time to be outdoors. I also had ample opportunities to interact with various adults who gave me different perspectives. I developed a deep and lasting love for reading. I was encouraged to be creative and to master logical thinking. As a result, I have been able to change my career path repeatedly, and without having to acquire new academic degrees along the way.

My work at the Institute of Wellbeing allows me to work closely with young people—mostly university students. I love the time we spend together, but I am also concerned about them. A few are aware that they are entering

been told: plant a few trees, throw your rubbish in the garbage bin,

perhaps eventually switch to cleaner energy, and all will be well. Not to be a doomsayer—and I am no expert on issues such as the threat of artificial intelligence to

humanity—but all is not going to be well if we continue blindly on this consumption-oriented path. Youth have the right to know that the destruction we have wreaked on our planet is serious, and not something that's just going to go away with a few minor technical fixes. They should be angry at the situation they have inherited and the expectation that they will learn to cope or be clever enough to fix it—despite being given almost none of the tools that they need to do either.

May I gently suggest that we all take a few moments to reflect on these issues? What kind of a world are we leaving to our youth, and how well are we preparing them to cope with the multiple crises that are already reshaping our existence? It's about time that we changed not just the content of the curriculum, but our entire approach to education, to

focus more on logic and creativity, on problem-solving, and on learning to value what truly matters—a living planet—rather than endless consumption and economic growth. None of this will be easy, but we have only two choices:

make substantial changes now, or leave our youth to inherit an even grimmer future.

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চি. তারিখ	৬.	যা সরবরাহের জন্য দরপত্র আহবান করা হয়েছে	আউটসোর্সিং পদ্ধতিতে জনবল সরবরাহ।
চিন্তুল দরপত্র পদ্ধতি     তিনুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি     বাজেট ও অর্থের উৎস     পরিচালন বাজেট (জিওবি)।  ১১. প্রস্তাবিত দরপত্রের প্যাকেজ নং ও নাম     জিওপি৫০ ও আউটসোর্সিং।  ১২. জনবলের বিবরণ     দরপত্রে বিজ্ঞারিত উল্লেখ আছে।  ১১. শিক্ষাখত যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতা     দরপত্রে বিজ্ঞারিত উল্লেখ আছে।  ১৪. কাজের বিবরণ     দরপত্র প্রাপ্তির স্থান ও সময়  ১৫. দরপত্র প্রাপ্তির স্থান ও সময়  ১৬. দরপত্র বিজ্ঞারের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়  ১২,১/২০২১খিঃ বিকাল ৫.০০ ঘটিকা।  ১৭. দরপত্র দাখিলের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়  ১২,১/২০২১খিঃ ব্লুপুর ১.০০ ঘটিকা।  কক্ষ নং-৫০০ (হেম তল্লা), জাতীয় জনসংখ্যা গবেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টিটিউট (নিপোর্ট), আজিমপুর, চিক্  ১৯. দরপত্র দাখিলের স্থান  ১৯. দরপত্র দাখিলের স্থান  ১৯. দরপত্র উন্যুক্তকরণ্ডের তারিখ ও সময়  ২২/১১/২০২১খিঃ দুপুর ১.০০ ঘটিকা।  কক্ষ নং-৫০০ (হেম তল্লা), জিপপরিচালক (প্রশাসন), জাতীয় জনসংখ্যা গবেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টি  ১৯. দরপত্র উন্যুক্তকরণ্ডের ছান  ২২/১১/২০২১খিঃ দুপুর ১.৩০ ঘটিকা।  ১২০. দরপত্র উন্যুক্তকরণ্ডের স্থান  ১২০০ (বেম ত্রাজার টাকা) মাত্র (স্বেহ্মণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টিটিউট (নিপোর্ট), আজিমপুর, ঢাকা-১২০৫।  ২১. প্রতি সেট দরপত্রের মূল্য  ১০০০/- (এক হাজার টাকা) মাত্র (স্বেহ্মবত্রশোগ্য)।  ২২. দরপত্র জামানতের মূল্য  ৬০,০০০/- (যাট হাজার টাকা) মাত্র (স্বেহ্মবত্রশোগ্য): পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক জ্রাফটের মাধ্যমে মহাপরিচালক, নিপে  ক) সরকারি স্বীকৃতি প্রাপ্ত আউন্যোগির্চি মান্তব্র।  হম. জনবল সরবরাহের সময়  (নার্টিচিক্রেশন অঞ্চ এওয়ার্ড (NOA) প্রদানের ০৭ (সাত) দিনের মধ্যে।  উপপরিচালক (প্রশাসন), জাতীয় জনসংখ্যা গ্রেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টিটিউট (নিপোর্ট), আজিমপুর, ঢাক  ১৮৬১৭৩১৩	٩.	দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নম্বর	8%5-2,000,002,22,263
বাজেট ও অর্থের উৎস     পরিচালন বাজেট (জিওবি)।      পরিচালন বাজেট (জিওবি)।      পরিচালন বাজেট (জিওবি)।      পরিচালন বাজেট (জিওবি)।      জনবলের বিবরণ     সরপরে বিস্তারিত উল্লেখ আছে।      সরপরে বিস্তারিত উল্লেখ আছে।      সরপরে বিস্তারিত উল্লেখ আছে।      সরপরে বিস্তারিত উল্লেখ আছে।      সরপরে রাজির স্থান ও সময়      মরপরে বিস্তারিত উল্লেখ আছে।      সরপরে রাজির স্থান ও সময়      মরপরে বিস্তারের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়      ১৬. দরপর বিক্রেরে শেষ তারিখ ও সময়      ১২০, দরপর দাখিলের স্থান      সরপরে দাখিলের স্থান      সরপরে দাখিলের স্থান      সরপরে বিন্তারের মুন্ন      সরপরের নিম্মর তারিখ ও সময়      ২২/১১/২০২১খিঃ দুপুর ১.০০ ঘটিকা।      কফ নং-৫০০ (থম তলা), উপপরিচালক (প্রশাসন), জাতীয় জনসংখ্যা গবেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টি      সরপরে উন্লুক্তকরণের তারিখ ও সময়      ২২/১১/২০২১খিঃ দুপুর ১.৩০ ঘটিকা।      সরপরে উন্লুক্তকরণের তারিখ ও সময়      ২২/১১/২০২১খিঃ দুপুর ১.০০ ঘটিকা।      সরপরে উন্লুক্তকরণের স্থান      সরেলন কক্ষ, জাতীয় জনসংখ্যা গবেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টিটিউট (নিপোর্ট), আজিমপুর, ঢাকা-১২০৫।      ২১. প্রতি সেট দরপরের মূল্য      ২০০০/- (এক হাজার টাকা) মারে (স্বেহ্ববোগ্য)) পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফটের মাধ্যমে মহাপরিচালক, নিপে      সরপরলাতার যোগ্যতা      সরপরদাতার বোগ্যতা      সরপরবাহের সময়      ব্যাসিক যোগ্যতা জনপরের উল্লেখ জাকবে।      উপপরিচালক (প্রশাসন), জাতীয় জনসংখ্যা গবেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টিটিউট (নিপোর্ট), আজিমপুর, ঢাক      ব্যান্ট্যক্রনেশন অফ এওয়ার্ড (NOA) প্রদানের ০৭ (সাত) দিনের মধ্যে।      উপপরিচালক (প্রশাসন), জাতীয় জনসংখ্যা গবেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টিটিউট (নিপোর্ট), আজিমপুর, ঢাক      বদ্ধেন করের প্রস্তার করেবা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টিটিউট (নিপোর্ট), আজিমপুর, ঢাক      বদ্ধিন্ত বাঙ্ক করেবা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টিটিউট (নিপোর্ট), আজিমপুর, ঢাক      সরপরি স্বিক্ত বাঙ্ক বাজিক বা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ও প্রশিক্ষণ উনস্টিউটট (নিপোর্ট), আজিমপুর, ঢাক      প্রস্তার করেবা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টিটিউট (নিপোর্ট), আজিমপুর, ঢাক      স্বেন্টার করেবা ও প্রশাসন বিস্তার বিশ্ববা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টিটিউট (নিপোর্ট), আজিমপুর, ঢাক      স্বেন্টার করেবা করেবা করেবা      স্বেন্টার করেবা      স্বেন্টার করেবা      স্বেন্টার করেবা      স্বেন্টার করেবা      স্কের্টার করেবা      স	ъ.	তারিখ	০২/১১/২০২১খ্রিঃ।
প্রথাবিত দরপরের প্যাকেজ নং ও নাম  জিওপি৫০ ও আউটসোর্সিং।  সরপরে বিস্তরণ  সরপরে বিস্তরিত উল্লেখ আছে।  সরপরে বিস্তরণ  সরপরে বিস্তরণ  সরপরে বিস্তরণ  সরপরে বিস্তরণ  সরপরে বিস্তরণ  সরপরে বির্বিত উল্লেখ আছে।  সরপরে বির্বিত সময়  নিপোর্ট ইসাব শাখা (৩য় তলা), জাতীয় জনসংখ্যা গবেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টিটিউট (নিপোর্ট), আজিমপুর, ছ  ১৬. সরপরে বিরুবে শেষ তারিখ ও সময়  ১২/১১/২০২১খিঃ বিকাল ৫,০০ ঘটিকা।  কক্ষ নং-৫০৩ (৫ম তলা), উপপরিচালক (প্রশাসন), জাতীয় জনসংখ্যা গবেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টি  আজিমপুর, ঢাকা-১২০৫।  ১৯. সরপরে উনুক্তকরণের তারিখ ও সময়  ২২/১১/২০২১খিঃ দুপুর ১,০০ ঘটিকা।  কক্ষ নং-৫০৩ (৫ম তলা), উপপরিচালক (প্রশাসন), জাতীয় জনসংখ্যা গবেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টি  উল্লেখ কিলের স্থান  মেখলন কক্ষ, জাতীয় জনসংখ্যা গবেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টিটিউট (নিপোর্ট), আজিমপুর, ঢাকা-১২০৫।  ২১. প্রতি সেট সরপরের মূল্য  ২০০০/- (এক হাজার টাকা) মার্র (ফেরেবযোগ্য)।  ২২. সরপর জামানতের মূল্য  ১০০০/- (ঝিক হাজার টাকা) মার্র (ফেরেবযোগ্য): পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফটের মাধ্যমে মহাপরিচালক, নিপে  ক্য সরকারি স্বীকৃতি প্রাপ্ত আউটসোর্সিং সার্ভিসে জনবল সরবরাহকারী হিসাবে দরপত্রদাতা প্রতিষ্ঠানের লাইসে  অন্যান্য প্রাসন্ধিক যোগ্যতা দরপত্রে উল্লেখ থাকবে।  উপপরিচালক (প্রশাসন), জাতীয় জনসংখ্যা গবেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টিটিউট (নিপোর্ট), আজিমপুর, ঢাক	৯.	দরপত্র সংগ্রহ পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (OTM)
১২. জনবলের বিবরণ দরপত্রে বিস্তাবিত উল্লেখ আছে। ১১০. শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতা দরপত্রে বিস্তাবিত উল্লেখ আছে। ১৪. কাজের বিবরণ দরপত্রে বিস্তাবিত উল্লেখ আছে। ১৪. কাজের বিবরণ দরপত্র বিস্তাবিত উল্লেখ আছে। ১৫. দরপত্র ব্যক্তির স্থান ও সময় নিপোর্ট ইসাব শাখা (৩য় তলা), জাতীয় জনসংখ্যা গবেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টিটিউট (নিপোর্ট), আজিমপুর, চ ব্রুপ কর্মের শেষ তারিখ ও সময় ২২/১১/২০২১খ্রিঃ দুপুর ১.০০ ঘটিকা। ১৫. দরপত্র দাখিলের স্থান কক্ষ লং-৫০৩ (৫ম তলা), উপপরিচালক (প্রশাসন), জাতীয় জনসংখ্যা গবেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টি ১৯. দরপত্র উন্লুক্তকরণের তারিখ ও সময় ২২/১১/২০২১খ্রিঃ দুপুর ১.০০ ঘটিকা। ১৯. দরপত্র উন্লুক্তকরণের তারিখ ও সময় ২২/১১/২০২১খ্রিঃ দুপুর ১.০০ ঘটিকা। ১৫. দরপত্র উন্লুক্তকরণের স্থান ২২০১ বিজ্ঞান কক্ষ, জাতীয় জনসংখ্যা গবেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টিটিউট (নিপোর্ট), আজিমপুর, ঢাকা-১২০৫। ১২. প্রতি সেট দরপত্রের মূল্য ২০০০/- (এক হাজার টাকা) মাত্র (ফেরতযোগ্য)। ১২. দরপত্র জামানতের মূল্য ২০০০/- (ঝাট হাজার টাকা) মাত্র (ফেরতযোগ্য): পে-অর্জার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফটের মাধ্যমে মহাপরিচালক, নিপে ১২০. দরপত্র জামানতের মূল্য ২০০০/- (ঝাট হাজার টাকা) মাত্র (ফেরতযোগ্য): পে-অর্জার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফটের মাধ্যমে মহাপরিচালক, নিপে ১২. জনবল সরবরাহের সময় (নার্টিফলেশন অফ এওয়ার্ড (NOA) প্রদানের ০৭ (সাত) দিনের মধ্যে। ১২০. করপত্র আহ্বানাকারী কর্মকর্তার ঠিকানা উপপরিচালক (প্রশাসন), জাতীয় জনসংখ্যা গ্রেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টিটিউট (নিপোর্ট), আজিমপুর, ঢাক	٥٠.	বাজেট ও অর্থের উৎস	পরিচালন বাজেট (জিওবি)।
১৩. শিক্ষাণত যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতা দরপত্রে বিব্যারিত উল্লেখ আছে। ১৪. কাজের বিবরণ দরপত্রে বিব্যারিত উল্লেখ আছে। ১৫. দরপত্র প্রান্তির স্থান ও সময় নিপোর্ট হিসাব শাখা (৩য় তলা), জাতীয় জনসংখ্যা গবেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টিটিউট (নিপোর্ট), আজিমপুর, চ ১০. দরপত্র বাজিব লেষ তারিখ ও সময় ২১/১১/২০২১খিঃ বিকাল ৫.০০ ঘটিকা। ১৭. দরপত্র দাখিলের শেষ তারিখ ও সময় ২২/১১/২০২১খিঃ দুপুর ১.০০ ঘটিকা। ১৮. দরপত্র দাখিলের স্থান কক্ষ নং-৫০৩ (৫ম তলা), উপপরিচালক (প্রশাসন), জাতীয় জনসংখ্যা গবেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টি ১৯. দরপত্র উন্যুক্তকরণ্যের তারিখ ও সময় ২২/১১/২০২১খিঃ দুপুর ১.৩০ ঘটিকা। ১৪. দরপত্র উন্যুক্তকরণ্যের তারিখ ও সময় ২২/১১/২০২১খিঃ দুপুর ১.৩০ ঘটিকা। ১২. দরপত্র উন্যুক্তকরণ্যের স্থান ২২/১১/২০২১খিঃ দুপুর ১.৩০ ঘটিকা। ১২. পরপত্র উন্যুক্তকরণ্যের স্থান সমেদান কক্ষ, জাতীয় জনসংখ্যা গবেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টিটিউট (নিপোর্ট), আজিমপুর, ঢাকা-১২০৫। ১২. প্রতি সেট দরপত্রের মূল্য ২.০০০/- (এক হাজার টাকা) মাত্র (অফেরতযোগ্য)। ১২. দরপত্র জামানতের মূল্য ৬০,০০০/- (ঝাই হাজার টাকা) মাত্র (ফেরতযোগ্য); পে-অর্জার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফটের মাধ্যমে মহাপরিচালক, নিপে ১০. দরপত্রলাতার যোগ্যতা কুর্বতর প্রাপ্ত আঙাউলেন্যির্গি স্থালার উল্লিখ খাকবে কর্তন্তর খাক্রের বিশাবে দরপত্রদাতা প্রতিষ্ঠানের লাইতে অন্যান্য প্রাসন্থিক যোগ্যতা দরপত্রে উল্লেখ খাকবে বিশাবে দরপত্রদাতা প্রতিষ্ঠানির লাইতে অন্যান্য প্রাসন্থিক যোগ্যতা দরপত্রে উল্লেখ খাকবে বিশাবে দরপত্রদাতা প্রতিষ্ঠিটিট (নিপোর্ট), আজিমপুর, ঢাক ১২৫. দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্মকর্তার ঠিকানা উপপরিচালক (প্রশাসন), জাতীয় জনসংখ্যা গবেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টিটিউট (নিপোর্ট), আজিমপুর, ঢাক ১৮৬১৭৩১৩	۵۵.	প্রস্তাবিত দরপত্রের প্যাকেজ নং ও নাম	জিওপি৫০ ও আউটসোর্সিং।
১৪. কাজের বিবরণ দরপরে বিস্তারিত উল্লেখ আছে। ১৫. দরপর প্রান্তির স্থান ও সময় নিপোর্ট হিসাব শাখা (৩য় তলা), জাতীয় জনসংখ্যা গবেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টিটিউট (নিপোর্ট), আজিমপুর, ছ ১৬. দরপর বিক্ররের শেষ তারিখ ও সময় ২১/১১/২০২১খ্রিঃ বিকাল ৫.০০ ঘটিকা। ১৭. দরপর দাখিলের শেষ তারিখ ও সময় ২২/১১/২০২১খ্রিঃ দুপুর ১.০০ ঘটিকা। ১৮. দরপর দাখিলের স্থান কক্ষ নং-৫০৩ (৫ম তলা), উপপরিচালক (প্রশাসন), জাতীয় জনসংখ্যা গবেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টি ১৯. দরপর উন্মুক্তকরণের তারিখ ও সময় ২২/১১/২০২১খ্রিঃ দুপুর ১.০০ ঘটিকা। ১৯. দরপর উন্মুক্তকরণের তারিখ ও সময় ২২/১১/২০২১খ্রিঃ দুপুর ১.৩০ ঘটিকা। ১২. দরপর উন্মুক্তকরণের হাল সংম্যেলন কক্ষ, জাতীয় জনসংখ্যা গবেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টিটিউট (নিপোর্ট), আজিমপুর, ঢাকা-১২০৫। ২১. প্রতি সেট দরপরের মূল্য ২০০০/- (এক হাজার টাকা) মাত্র (ফেরতযোগ্য)। ২২. দরপর জামানতের মূল্য ৬০,০০০/- (যাট হাজার টাকা) মাত্র (ফেরতযোগ্য): পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফটের মাধ্যমে মহাপরিচালক, নিপে ২০. দরপর্বাদাতার যোগ্যতা ক্র সর্বার স্বীকৃতি প্রাপ্ত আউটসোর্সিং সার্ভিসে জনবল সরবরাহকারী হিসাবে দরপ্রদাতা প্রতিষ্ঠানের লাইসে অন্যান্য প্রাপদিক যোগ্যতা দরপত্রে উল্লেখ থাকবে। ২৪. জনবল সরবরাহের সময় নোর্টিফিকেশন অফ এওয়ার্ড (NOA) প্রদানের ০৭ (সাত) দিনের মধ্যে। উপপরিচালক (প্রশাসন), জাতীয় জনসংখ্যা গবেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টিটিউট (নিপোর্ট), আজিমপুর, ঢাক ৫৮৬১৭৩১৩	ડેર.	জনবলের বিবরণ	দরপত্রে বিস্তারিত উল্লেখ আছে।
১৫. দরপত্র প্রাণ্ডির স্থান ও সময় নিপোর্ট হিসাব শাখা (৩য় তলা), জাতীয় জনসংখ্যা গবেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টিটিউট (নিপোর্ট), আজিমপুর, চ ১৬. দরপত্র বিক্ররের শেষ তারিখ ও সময় ১৬. দরপত্র দাখিলের শেষ তারিখ ও সময় ১৮. দরপত্র দাখিলের স্থান ১৮. দরপত্র দাখিলের স্থান ১৮. দরপত্র দাখিলের স্থান ১৮. দরপত্র উন্মুক্তকরণের তারিখ ও সময় ১২/১১/২০২১খ্রিঃ দুপুর ১.০০ ঘটিকা। ১৯. দরপত্র উন্মুক্তকরণের তারিখ ও সময় ১২/১১/২০২১খ্রিঃ দুপুর ১.৩০ ঘটিকা। ১০. দরপত্র উন্মুক্তকরণের তারিখ ও সময় ১২/১১/২০২১খ্রিঃ দুপুর ১.৩০ ঘটিকা। ১০. দরপত্র উন্মুক্তকরণের স্থান ১০. দরপত্র উন্মুক্তকরণের স্থান ১০. দরপত্র উন্মুক্তকরণের স্থান ১০. পরপত্র উন্মুক্তকরণের স্থান ১০. দরপত্র জানানতের মূল্য ১০০০/- (একি হাজার টাকা) মাত্র (ফেরক্তরোগ্য)। ১২. দরপত্র জানানতের মূল্য ৬০,০০০/- (যাই হাজার টাকা) মাত্র (ফেরক্তযোগ্য): পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক জ্রাফটের মাধ্যমে মহাপরিচালক, নিপে ১০. দরপত্রদাতার যোগ্যতা ১০. ক্রান্তি কিলিল কিলিল কিলিলের স্থিক্তি প্রাপ্ত আউটনোর্সিং সার্ডিসে জনবল সরবরাহকারী হিসাবে দরপত্রদাতা প্রতিষ্ঠানের লাইনে অন্যান্য প্রাপদ্দিক যোগ্যতা দরপত্রে উল্লেখ থাকবে। ১৪. জনবল সরবরাহের সময় নাটিফিকেশন অফ এওয়ার্ড (NOA) প্রশানের ০৭ (সাত) দিনের মধ্যে। ১৯ প্রক্রপত্র আইবনকারী কর্মকর্তার ঠিকানা ১৯ প্রপরিচালক (প্রশাসন), জাতীয় জনসংখ্যা গবেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টিটিউট (নিপোর্ট), আজিমপুর, ঢাক ১৮১৭৩১৩	১৩.	শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতা	দরপত্রে বিস্তারিত উল্লেখ আছে।
১৬. দরপত্র বিক্ররের শেষ তারিখ ও সময় ১১/১/২০২১খিঃ বিকাল ৫,০০ ঘটিকা। ১৭. দরপত্র দাখিলের শেষ তারিখ ও সময় ২২/১১/২০২১খিঃ দুপুর ১,০০ ঘটিকা। কক্ষ নং-৫০৩ (৫ম তলা), উপপরিচালক (প্রশাসন), জাতীয় জনসংখ্যা গবেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টি ১৮. দরপত্র উন্মুক্তকরণের ছান ১৯. দরপত্র উন্মুক্তকরণের ভারিখ ও সময় ২২/১১/২০২১খিঃ দুপুর ১,৩০ ঘটিকা। ১০. দরপত্র উন্মুক্তকরণের ছান ২২/১১/২০২১খিঃ দুপুর ১,৩০ ঘটিকা। ১০. দরপত্র উন্মুক্তকরণের ছান সমেলন কক্ষ্, জাতীয় জনসংখ্যা গবেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টিটিউট (নিপোর্ট), আজিমপুর, ঢাকা-১২০৫। ২১. প্রতি সেট দরপত্রের মূল্য ১,০০০/- (এক হাজার টাকা) মাত্র (ফেরতযোগ্য)। ২২. দরপত্র জানানতের মূল্য ৬০,০০০/- (যাট হাজার টাকা) মাত্র (ফেরতযোগ্য): পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক জ্রাফটের মাধ্যমে মহাপরিচালক, নিপে ক) সররার বীকৃতি প্রাপ্ত আউটনোর্সিং সার্ভিসে জনবল সরবরাহকারী হিসাবে দরপত্রদাতা প্রতিষ্ঠানের লাইনে অন্যান্য প্রাপদ্দিক যোগ্যতা দরপত্রে উল্লেখ থাকবে। ২৪. জনবল সরবরাহের সময় নোর্টিফিকেশন অফ এওয়ার্ড (NOA) প্রদানের ০৭ (সাত) দিনের মধ্যে। উপপরিচালক (প্রশাসন), জাতীয় জনসংখ্যা গবেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টিটিউট (নিপোর্ট), আজিমপুর, ঢাক ৫৮৬১৭৩১৩	8.	কাজের বিবরণ	দরপত্রে বিস্তারিত উল্লেখ আছে।
১২. দরপত্র দাখিলের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়  ২২/১১/২০২১খিঃ দুপুর ১.০০ ঘটিকা।  কক্ষ নং-৫০০ (৫ম তলা), উপপরিচালক (প্রশাসন), জাতীয় জনসংখ্যা গবেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টি  ১৯. দরপত্র দাখিলের স্থান  ২০. দরপত্র উন্মুক্তকরণের তারিখ ও সময়  ২২/১১/২০২১খিঃ দুপুর ১.৩০ ঘটিকা।  ২০. দরপত্র উন্মুক্তকরণের স্থান  সম্মেলন কক্ষ, জাতীয় জনসংখ্যা গবেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টিটিউট (নিপোর্ট), আজিমপুর, ঢাকা-১২০৫।  ২১. প্রতি সেট দরপত্রের মূল্য  ২০. দরপত্র জামানতের মূল্য  ২০. দরপত্র জামানতের মূল্য  ৬০,০০০/- (ঝাঁট হাজার টাকা) মাত্র (অফেরতযোগ্য)।  ২২. দরপত্র জামানতের মূল্য  ৬০,০০০/- (ঝাঁট হাজার টাকা) মাত্র (কেরতযোগ্য): পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফটের মাধ্যমে মহাপরিচালক, নিপে  ক) দরপত্র লাখানতের মূল্য  ক) সরকারি স্বীকৃতি প্রাপ্ত আউটনসাহিস্টি কাকবে।  হ৪. জনবল সরবরাহের সময়  নোর্টিফিকেশন অফ এওয়ার্ড (NOA) প্রশানের ০৭ (সাত) দিনের মধ্যে।  উপপরিচালক (প্রশাসন), জাতীয় জনসংখ্যা গবেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টিটিউট (নিপোর্ট), আজিমপুর, ঢাক  ৫৮৬১৭৩১৩	<b>۵</b> ৫.	দরপত্র প্রাপ্তির স্থান ও সময়	নিপোর্ট হিসাব শাখা (৩য় তলা), জাতীয় জনসংখ্যা গবেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টিটিউট (নিপোর্ট), আজিমপুর, ঢাকা-১২০০
১৮. দরপত্র দাখিলের স্থান কক্ষ নং-৫০০ (৫ম তলা), উপপরিচালক (প্রশাসন), জাতীয় জনসংখ্যা গবেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টি আজিমপুর, ঢাকা-১২০৫। ১৯. দরপত্র উনুক্তকরণের তারিখ ও সময় ২২/১১/২০২১খ্রিঃ দুপুর ১.৩০ ঘটিকা। ২০. দরপত্র উনুক্তকরণের স্থান ১৯. প্রতি সৌ দরপত্রর মূল্য ১,০০০/- (এক হাজার টাকা) মাত্র (প্রফেবতযোগ্য)। ২২. দরপত্র জামানতের মূল্য ৬০,০০০/- (ঝি হাজার টাকা) মাত্র (প্রফেবতযোগ্য)। ২২. দরপত্র জামানতের মূল্য ৬০,০০০/- (ঝি হাজার টাকা) মাত্র (প্রফেবতযোগ্য)। ২০. দরপত্র জামানতের মূল্য ৩০,০০০/- (ঝি হাজার টাকা) মাত্র (প্রেরতযোগ্য)। পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফটের মাধ্যমে মহাপরিচালক, নিপে ক) সরকারি স্বীকৃতি প্রাপ্ত আউটোস্যি সার্ভিবে জনবল সরবরাহকারী হিসাবে দরপত্রদাতা প্রতিষ্ঠানের লাইহে অন্যান্য প্রাসন্ধিক যোগ্যতা দরপত্রে উল্লেখ থাকবে। ২৪. জনবল সরবরাহের সময় বাটিককেশন অফ এওয়ার্ড (NOA) প্রদানের ০৭ (সাত) দিনের মধ্যে। উপপরিচালক (প্রশাসন), জাতীয় জনসংখ্যা গবেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টিটিউট (নিপোর্ট), আজিমপুর, ঢাক ৫৮৬১৭৩১৩	১৬.	দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	২১/১১/২০২১খ্রিঃ বিকাল ৫.০০ ঘটিকা।
আজিমপুর, ঢাকা-১২০৫।  ১৯. দরপত্র উন্মুক্তকরণের তারিখ ও সময়  ২২/১১/২০২১খিঃ দুপুর ১.৩০ ঘটিকা।  ২০. দরপত্র উন্মুক্তকরণের স্থান  সমেলন কক্ষ, জাতীয় জনসংখ্যা গবেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টিটিউট (নিপোর্ট), আজিমপুর, ঢাকা-১২০৫।  ২১. প্রতি সেট দরপত্রের মূল্য  ১,০০০/- (এক হাজার টাকা) মাত্র (অফেরতযোগ্য)।  ২২. দরপত্র জামানতের মূল্য  ৬০,০০০/- (যাঁচ হাজার টাকা) মাত্র (ফেরতযোগ্য): পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফটের মাধ্যমে মহাপরিচালক, নিপে  ক) সরকারি স্বীকৃতি প্রাপ্ত আউটোসেগি সার্ভিদে জনবল সরবরাহকারী হিসাবে দরপত্রদাতা প্রতিষ্ঠানের লাইসে  অন্যান্য প্রাসন্ধিক যোগ্যতা দরপত্রে উল্লেখ থাকবে।  ২৪. জনবল সরবরাহের সময়  নোর্টিফকেশন অফ এওয়ার্ড (NOA) প্রদানের ০৭ (সাত) দিনের মধ্যে।  উপপরিচালক (প্রশাসন), জাতীয় জনসংখ্যা গবেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টিটিউট (নিপোর্ট), আজিমপুর, ঢাক  ৫৮৬১৭৩১৩	١٩.	দরপত্র দাখিলের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	২২/১১/২০২১খ্রিঃ দুপুর ১.০০ ঘটিকা।
১৯. দরপত্র উনুক্তকরণের ভারিখ ও সময়  ২২/১১/২০২১খিঃ দুপুর ১.৩০ ঘটিকা।  সমেলন কক্ষ, জাতীয় জনসংখ্যা গবেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টিটিউট (নিপোর্ট), আজিমপুর, ঢাকা-১২০৫।  ২১. প্রতি সেট দরপত্রের মূল্য  ১,০০০/- (এক হাজার টাকা) মাত্র (অফেরতযোগ্য)।  ২২. দরপত্র জামানতের মূল্য  ৬০,০০০/- (খাট হাজার টাকা) মাত্র (ফেরতযোগ্য); পে-অর্ভার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফটের মাধ্যমে মহাপরিচালক, নিপে  ক্ সরকারি স্বীকৃতি প্রাপ্ত আপ্ত আউট্টেমার্সিং মার্ভিসে জনবল সরবরাহকারী হিসাবে দরপত্রদাতা প্রতিষ্ঠানের লাইসে  কান্যান্য প্রাসন্দিক যোগ্যতা দরপত্রে উল্লেখ থাকবে।  ২৪. জনবল সরবরাহের সময়  (নার্টিফকেশন অফ এওয়ার্ড (NOA) প্রদানের ০৭ (সাত) দিনের মধ্যে।  উপপরিচালক (প্রশাসন), জাতীয় জনসংখ্যা গবেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টিটিউট (নিপোর্ট), আজিমপুর, ঢাক  ৫৮৬১৭৩১৩	۵b.	দরপত্র দাখিলের স্থান	কক্ষ নং-৫০৩ (৫ম তলা), উপপরিচালক (প্রশাসন), জাতীয় জনসংখ্যা গবেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টিটিউট (নি
২০. দরপত্র উন্যুক্তকরণের স্থান সমেলন কক, জাতীয় জনসংখ্যা গবেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইন্স্টিটিউট (নিপোর্ট), আজিমপুর, ঢাকা-১২০৫। ২১. প্রতি সেট দরপত্রের মূল্য ১,০০০/- (এক হাজার টাকা) মাত্র (অফেরতযোগ্য)। ২২. দরপত্র জামানতের মূল্য ৬০,০০০/- (ঝাঁহ হাজার টাকা) মাত্র (ফেরতযোগ্য); পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফটের মাধ্যমে মহাপরিচালক, নিপে ২০. দরপত্রনাতার যোগ্যতা ক সরকারি স্বীকৃতি প্রাপ্ত আউট্টেসার্সিং মার্ডিসে জনবল সরবরাহকারী হিসাবে দরপত্রদাতা প্রতিষ্ঠানের লাইসে অন্যান্য প্রাপদিক যোগ্যতা দরপত্রে উল্লেখ থাকবে। ২৪. জনবল সরবরাহের সময় নোর্টিফকদা অফ এওয়ার্ড (NOA) প্রদানের ০৭ (সাত) দিনের মধ্যে। উপপরিচালক (প্রশাসন), জাতীয় জনসংখ্যা গবেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টিটিউট (নিপোর্ট), আজিমপুর, ঢাক ৫৮৬১৭৩১৩			আজিমপুর, ঢাকা-১২০৫।
২১. প্রতি সেট দরপত্রের মূল্য ১,০০০/- (এক হাজার টাকা) মাত্র (অফেরতযোগ্য)। ২২. দরপত্র জামানতের মূল্য ৬০,০০০/- (খাট হাজার টাকা) মাত্র (ফেরতযোগ্য): পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফটের মাধ্যমে মহাপরিচালক, নিপে ২৩. দরপত্রদাতার যোগ্যতা ক) সরকারি স্বীকৃতি প্রাপ্ত আউটসোর্সিং সার্ভিসে জনবল সরবরাহকারী হিসাবে দরপত্রদাতা প্রতিষ্ঠানের লাইসে অন্যান্য প্রাসন্ধিক যোগ্যতা দরপত্রে উল্লেখ থাকবে। ২৪. জনবল সরবরাহের সময় নোর্টিফিকেশন অফ এওয়ার্ড (NOA) প্রদানের ০৭ (সাত) দিনের মধ্যে। ২৫. দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্মকর্তার ঠিকানা উপপরিচালক (প্রশাসন), জাতীয় জনসংখ্যা গবেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টিটিউট (নিপোর্ট), আজিমপুর, ঢাক ৫৮৬১৭৩১৩	১৯.	দরপত্র উন্মুক্তকরণের তারিখ ও সময়	২২/১১/২০২১খ্রিঃ দুপুর ১.৩০ ঘটিকা।
২২. দরপত্র জামানতের মূল্য ৬০,০০০/- (ষাঁট হাজার টালা) মাত্র (ফেরতযোগ্য); পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফটের মাধ্যমে মহাপরিচালক, নিপে  ২০. দরপত্রদাতার যোগ্যতা ক) সরকারি স্বীকৃতি প্রাপ্ত আউট্যসোর্সিং সার্ভিসে জনবল সরবরাহকারী হিসাবে দরপত্রদাতা প্রতিষ্ঠানের লাইসে  অন্যান্য প্রাসন্ধিক যোগ্যতা দরপত্রে উল্লেখ থাকবে।  ২৪. জনবল সরবরাহের সময় নোটিফিকেশন অফ এওয়ার্ড (NOA) প্রদানের ০৭ (সাত) দিনের মধ্যে।  ২৫. দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার ঠিকানা উপপরিচালক (প্রশাসন), জাতীয় জনসংখ্যা গবেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টিটিউট (নিপোর্ট), আজিমপুর, ঢাক  ৫৮৬১৭৩১৩	રે૦.	দরপত্র উন্মুক্তকরণের স্থান	সম্মেলন কক্ষ, জাতীয় জনসংখ্যা গবেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টিটিউট (নিপোর্ট), আজিমপুর, ঢাকা-১২০৫।
২০. দরপত্রদাতার যোগ্যতা ক) সরকারি স্বীকৃতি প্রাপ্ত আউটমোর্সিং সার্ভিসে জনবল সরবরাহকারী হিসাবে দরপত্রদাতা প্রতিষ্ঠানের লাইসে অন্যান্য প্রাসঙ্গিক যোগ্যতা দরপত্রে উল্লেখ থাকবে।  ২৪. জনবল সরবরাহের সময় নোর্টিফিকেশন অফ এওয়ার্ড (NOA) প্রদানের ০৭ (সাত) দিনের মধ্যে।  ২৫. দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্মকর্তার ঠিকানা উপপরিচালক (প্রশাসন), জাতীয় জনসংখ্যা গবেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টিটিউট (নিপোর্ট), আজিমপুর, ঢাক ৫৮৬১৭৩১৩	২১.	প্রতি সেট দরপত্রের মূল্য	
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#### Dravid named India's new head coach

Former captain Rahul Dravid was appointed head coach of the Indian men's cricket team on Wednesday, replacing the highly successful Ravi Shastri, the BCCI national cricket board said. "Rahul has had an illustrious playing career and is one of the greats of the game... I am hopeful that his new stint will take Indian cricket to new heights," Sourav Ganguly, president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, said in a statement announcing the appointment. Dravid, 48, will take charge from the upcoming home series against New Zealand later this month.

# 'I had to play a bit differently'

AFP, Abu Dhabi



Opening batsman Rohit Sharma hit a blistering 74 to set up India's first win at the Twenty20 World Cup with a 66-run drubbing of Afghanistan on Wednesday

as Virat Kohli's team avoided a shock early exit. The Indian batting finally fired with Sharma and KL Rahul, who made 69, putting on 140 for the opening wicket to guide India to 210 for two in their must-win Super 12 game in Abu Dhabi.

The tournament's highest total proved too much for Afghanistan who finished on 144-7 in 20 overs. They still remain in the hunt for the semi-finals along with New Zealand and India. Pakistan have already secured their place in the last-four from the group. "It was a much better wicket today, to be fair," said India skipper Kohli.

"We back the guys because they're so skillful, and sometimes it comes off like today. To give credit to the oppositions, they bowled really well in the first two matches and didn't let us get away.'

India, who came in as hot favourites but crashed to two straight losses, needed to win their remaining three games and depend on others for their entry in the semis. Returning off spinner



his first white-ball international since 2017.

"We were looking to field first, but it was a good pitch to bat on. A good start and a respectable total were very important from our side. We knew run rate could come into play and we wanted to win by a good margin, glad that we did that," said playerof-the-match Sharma.

"Whatever the team requires, I'll try to do that. Today the need was for a quick start, normally I try to assess early on but today I had to play a bit differently," he added. Afghanistan, who usually bat first, decided to put India in but that plan spectacularly backfired. "We wanted to bat second because of the dew, and the wicket looked really good for batting," said captain Mohammad Nabi whose team now have two wins and

Sharma remained the star with his 47ball knock that deflated the opposition bowling after Afghanistan elected to field first. Sharma took five balls to get going with a boundary off skipper Mohammad Nabi, who opened the attack with his off spin, and then tore into the bowling attack.



# 'HISTORIC' SERIES WIN a distant memory

**TODAY'S MATCHES** 

4pm (BST)

**West Indies Vs Sri Lanka** 

8pm (BST)

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh created history when they clinched their first-ever series win over Australia last August at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur.

That 'historic' T20 series win could have been a great inspiration for the Tigers in their search for positives from

unfortunately, there was hardly anyone in the team who would dare to seek inspiration from that success when their 'winning tonic', alchemised on questionable pitches, backfired.

With four losses in as many games in the Super 12 stage of the T20 World Cup, Bangladesh are not only out of the tournament but their confidence has also hit a nadir. It will not be an easy task for the Tigers to sign off on their forlorn journey with a win today when they take on a full-strength Australia as opposed to the opponents they had faced in Mirpur.

Australia spinner Ashton Agar also made that clear at the pre-match press conference yesterday. "We have a very different looking side [to the one played in Bangladesh], and the wickets certainly aren't playing like those pitches that we played on over there," Agar said.

"To be fair, Bangladesh played in those conditions incredibly well and we weren't surprised. But it is very different now. We have a very different-looking side and the wickets certainly aren't playing like those conditions that we played over there."

The Aaron Finch-led side were looking a formidable unit until England

blew the archrivals away, exposing their vulnerabilities.

Australia, who have never won the T20 World Cup, have so far defeated South Africa by five wickets and Sri Lanka by seven wickets.

Their high-profile pace attack comprising Pat Cummins, Josh Hazlewood and Mitchell Starc was put the ongoing ICC T20 World Cup. But to sword by Jos Buttler but they will

be expected to return to their efficient ways against Bangladesh. Australia Vs Bangladesh

The big question is whether a demoralised Bangladesh batting line-up can handle this top-class bowling unit when their batting has let them down throughout the tournament?

England With effectively assured of their semifinal place with four wins from four games in Group 1, Australia and South Africa are scrambling over the last spot.

At the moment, the Proteas have six points from four games while Australia are on four points from three

matches. However, after an eight-wicket mauling by England in their last match after being dismissed for 125, Aaron Finch's team took a hit on their run-rate which will be the tiebreaker should they finish level on points with South Africa.

So Australia will look to even up their points and runs when they face a hapless Bangladesh side. "We go into every game thinking that you have to win. It's something that helps you move on from the England game," said Agar. Without doubt, Bangladesh need to make sure they go out all-guns-blazing if they want to prove Agar's observations regarding their Mirpur success wrong and spoil their party.



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#### **SCORES IN BRIEF**

#### **NEW ZEALAND** 172 for 5 in 20 overs

(Guptill 93, Phillips 33; Wheal 2-40, Sharif 2-28) **SCOTLAND** 

## 156 for 5 in 20 overs

(Leask 42, Cross 27; Boult 2-29, Sodhi 2-42)

#### **RESULT** New Zealand won by 16

runs

## Player-of-the-match:

Martin Guptill

#### INDIA

210 for 2 in 20 overs (Rahul 69, Sharma 74, Pant 27 not out, Pandya 35 not out; Naib 1-39, Janat 1-7)

### **AFGHANISTAN**

144 for 7 in 20 overs (Nabi 35, Janat 42 not out; Shami 3-32, Ashwin 2-14)

#### **RESULT**

India won by 66 runs. Player-of-the-match:

Rohit Sharma.

# 'Cooked' Guptill leads NZ to victory over Scotland

AFP, Dubai

Martin Guptill hit 93 and became only the second man to pass 3,000 Twenty20 International runs as New Zealand defeated Scotland by 16 runs at the World Cup on New Zealand made 172-5 before

Scotland battled to a respectable 156-5 off their 20 overs. The Kiwis' second win in three matches in the Super 12 stage kept them on course for the semi-finals. Put into bat, 35-year-old opener Guptill

put on 105 for the fourth wicket with Glenn Phillips. Guptill made his runs off 56 balls with six fours and seven sixes. His first six off Alasdair Evans in the sixth over allowed him to pass 3,000 runs

in the format, second only to India captain

Virat Kohli. "I was pretty cooked. We've got a day off so I won't be doing much tomorrow," said Guptill after batting almost the entire innings in blistering heat. "We didn't have

a great start, losing three wickets in the powerplay. Glenn and I had to assess the situation and get a partnership together. We created a bit of momentum.

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Phillips made a steady 33 off 37 balls before he was dismissed by Brad Wheal.

The Scottish bowler also accounted for a weary Guptill off the next ball of the 19th over as the opener attempted to cart him over long on. Guptill now has 3,069 runs in T20 Internationals while Kohli leads the way on 3,225. Despite taking two wickets in two balls, Wheal conceded 40 runs off his four overs. New Zealand hit 35 from the first four overs, 24 of those off Wheal.

But Safyaan Sharif then sent back Daryl Mitchell for 13 and, four balls later, claimed the key wicket of skipper Kane Williamson for nought. At the midway point, the Black Caps were 70-3 before Guptill completed his 18th T20 half century off 35 balls with another six, his 150th in the format.



# 'We're looking to have good pitches back home'

SPORTS REPORTER from Dubai

The ploy of gathering winning momentum by exploiting home conditions ahead of the T20 World Cup was exposed brutally sporting tracks at the event, leaving Bangladesh searching for a first win

in the Super 12 stage ahead of their fifth and final game against Australia Dubai today. Initially, the

team management and players seemed assured of the tonic that winning series against Australia and New Zealand before the mega event would provide. But following a disastrous campaign, at least one of the members of the Bangladesh team management agreed that the Tigers needed a level playing field for batters and the bowlers. Sri Lanka spin legend

Rangana Herath, currently the Tigers' spin coach, realises that Bangladesh need sporting pitches in upcoming home series, starting in the Pakistan series after the T20 World Cup.

"It all depends where we are going to play. I am sure we need to expect good pitches, which give chances to batters and bowlers. We are looking to have good pitches back home," Herath said ahead of the game against Australia yesterday.

Bangladesh's hopes









of reaching the semifinals were extinguished, Herath was eyeing a positive finish against an Australian side the Tigers defeated 4-1 prior to the World Cup. However, it will be a different ball game against the Aussies on the sporting tracks of the UAE, where spinners will not get the support they received on tailormade Mirpur pitches.

"As professionals, we need to come back strongly. We have another game to go. We need to maintain that winning mindset and

build winning confidence. We have to think about Bangladesh cricket's way forward. We have another chance to win against Australia tomorrow (Thursday). The guys will analyse what they have done, and what they have to do. I am sure they will come back strongly," he

The 43-year-old, who was part of Sri Lanka's golden generation which won the 2014 ICC T20 World Cup in Bangladesh, opined that the players needed challenge to themselves.

"Playing country is a matter of pride and responsibility. We should all understand the responsibilities and roles whether you play for Sri Lanka or Bangladesh. You have to identify that role and then improve day by day. A cricketer has to realise that if they want to be a good or great cricketer. You need to be more professional, work harder and challenge

yourself. In that way you can improve individually and as a team," said Herath.

There were questions regarding not keeping leg-spinner Aminul Islam as a backup following Shakib Al Hasan's departure due to injury as leggies have had a huge impact in the mega event and Herath, perhaps having realised that, informed that Aminul would be included for the Tigers' next assignments at home



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## Lewandowski hits 100

**UEFA Europa League** 

Robert Lewandowski marked reaching the milestone of 100 Champions League appearances with a hat-trick on Tuesday as Bayern Munich punched their ticket for the last 16 with a 5-2 home win over Benfica.

Lewandowski, Serge Gnabry and Leroy Sane scored for Bayern at the Allianz Arena while Benfica's Morato and Darwin Nunez netted for the visitors.

Lewandowski, who also had a penalty saved, has now chalked up 81 Champions League goals and 100 appearances since his competition debut for ex-club Dortmund a decade ago.

"I never thought I would have so many games with so many goals," Lewandowski told Amazon.

"In the first 20 minutes I hardly got the ball, which makes it hard for a striker to stay patient.

"After the first goal, it always goes a bit easier."

Bayern's fourth straight win in Europe guarantees them a last 16 place with two group games left as they hold a six-point lead at the top of Group E.



## Dybala scores twice for perfect Juventus

Captain Paulo Dybala's brace helped Juventus to a 4-2 win over Zenit Saint Petersburg on Tuesday as the Turin side secured their place in the last 16 of this season's Champions League with two group games to spare.

Juve kept up their 100 percent record in Group H, which they top by three points from European champions Chelsea, who were 1-0 winners at Malmo in Sweden earlier. Massimiliano Allegri's side are also nine points clear of third-placed Zenit, meaning their place in the knockout phase is secured.

Juve are three points clear of reigning European champions Chelsea, who beat Malmo 1-0 in Sweden with a second-half Hakim Ziyech goal. Thomas Tuchel's sdie, who were again without Romelu Lukaku, need one more point to be certain of advancing.

## Fati dedicates goal to Aguero

Ansu Fati said his goal and Barcelona's victory were for the absent Sergio Aguero as Tuesday's 1-0 win at Dynamo Kiev sent the Catalans up to second in Group E of the Champions League. Barca's maiden away success of the season in all competitions allowed them to move above Benfica, after their 5-2 loss at Bayern Munich, who qualified for the last 16. "The goal is for Kun (Aguero). This victory is for him. Hence my dedication," Fati told Movistar. "We are going to fight. We depend on ourselves and we are going to go with everything. We knew it was an important week," he added ahead of Saturday's La Liga trip to Celta Vigo.

# 'Ronaldo for Man Utd is like Jordan for Chicago Bulls'

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Ronaldo Cristiano scored two, including a stoppage-time equaliser, as Manchester United came from behind twice to earn a 2-2 draw away to Atalanta in

the Champions League on Tuesday. The 36-year-old Ronaldo has now scored five goals in four games for United

in this Champions League campaign and has nine

> outstanding finishing secured vital point for United, who were minutes from away slipping to third

in 11 outings for the

club this season.

in the group but instead find themselves top on seven points.

"We never give up, we believe until the end, it is a good result for us," said Ronaldo.

"The beginning was tough, we knew Atalanta would do a lot of pressure, they have a fantastic coach, when I played at Juventus they were always difficult to play against. We were a little bit lucky in the end but that is football," he added.

"We have to still improve, we have

different players, different system, we have to adapt with each other, but it will take time. We have time to improve and be better."

Manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer said Ronaldo gave Manchester United the same kind of edge NBA great Michael Jordan gave the Chicago Bulls.

Ronaldo's first brought United level on the stroke of half-time on Tuesday before he fired a stoppage-time equaliser to send United joint top of Group F with Villarreal.

The 36-year-old also scored in comeback victories at home against Villarreal and Atalanta, prompting Solskjaer to compare his impact to that of six-time NBA champion Jordan.

"We all have our roles and responsibilities," Solskjaer told reporters. "Of course, Cristiano is a leader in the group but that's what he does, he scores goals.

'We're not happy conceding two goals But he (Ronaldo) does provide those moments and I'm sure the Chicago Bulls didn't mind having Michael Jordan either.

"Sometimes teams have the players they have and that's why they are Man United, that's why they are champions at the Chicago Bulls. You just come up with those moments.

Ronaldo, who returned to the club in the summer, has scored nine goals in all competitions this season, five of those in the

"For me, Cristiano is getting better and better for us. He's feeling better," Solskjaer

"You know he's not had a proper preseason, now he is getting better and better and he's feeling up to speed now."

# West Indies aim for survival



Defending champions West Indies will be desperate to address their batting woes and keep their slim semifinal hopes alive when they take on Sri Lanka in the T20 World Cup in Abu Dhabi today. West Indies managed to revive their campaign with

a scrappy three-run win over Bangladesh after consecutive defeats against England and South Africa. The two-time champions' chances of reaching the semi-finals look

very slim but they aren't out of the race just yet. They not only need to win their last two fixtures to stay in the mix for the semis but also require dominant victories to improve their net

run rate, which is the worst in the group. The wins will not only improve West Indies chances but will also hurt fellow contenders Australia's chances of progressing and if South Africa lose against England, who are already through, then all three sides could finish on six points which will bring the net run rate into

the equation. The two teams have faced each other on 14 occasions in T20Is. And notably, both the sides have won seven games each. On the other hand they have met seven times in the ICC T20 World Cup and Lankans have dominated the show in terms of wins (5-2).

Sri Lanka slumped to their third consecutive defeat after a dominant victory in their campaign opener. With just one match to go in their Super 12 campaign, Sri Lanka can finish on a maximum of four points

which will not be enough to help them progress. The West Indies bowling unit has shown they are capable of defending decent totals but they urgently need to address their batting frailties. The side, known for its flamboyant style of play, has failed miserably with the bat.



# Enamul enters 500-wicket club

SPORTS REPORTER



The final day of the third round of the ongoing 23rd National Cricket League (NCL)

saw spinners dominate terms, with national Test cricketers Mehedi Hasan Miraz and Taijul Islam scalping fifers and veteran left-arm spinner Enamul Haque Junior reaching the 500-wicket milestone in first-class career.

Enamul, playing for Sylhet Division against Rangpur Division, became only the second player to reach the 500-wicket club in the country's firstclass circuit behind spinner Abdur Razzak, who ended his first-class career with 634 wickets in 137 outings.

The left-armer achieved the feat when he induced an edge off Rangpur's Jahid Javed and had him caught behind in the very beginning of their innings at the Sylhet International Cricket Stadium yesterday.

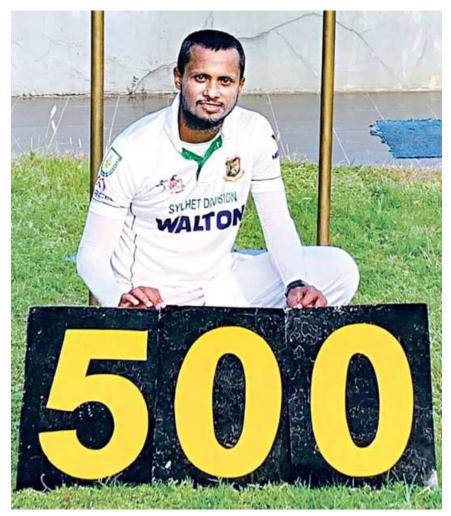
"This achievement has years of hard work behind it," Enamul told The Daily Star after the game.

"It felt great, mainly because it shows my dedication towards my firstclass career. We senior cricketers always remain very dedicated to our first-class careers and hence this achievement was possible," added the experienced campaigner who has been playing in the domestic circuit for about two decades.

Enamul, who took another wicket on the day, now has 501 scalps in 136 firstclass games and is hopeful of breaking Razzak's record in the coming two years.

However, the 34-year-old could not cap off his achievement with a win as his side lost their match against Rangpur by six wickets. Resuming the day on 258 for seven with Amite Hasan unbeaten on 147, Sylhet could only survive 21.2 overs on the day and were bundled out for 292. Amite remained unbeaten on 170 but the right-hander did not receive enough support from the other end.

In reply, Naeem Islam's unbeaten fifty and 31 from Myshukur Rahaman at the



top saw Rangpur chase down the 140run target with ease.

Meanwhile, in the other game in Sylhet, Miraz shone with the ball for Khulna Division as his six for 41 in 42.5 overs, including 22 maidens, helped his side thump Dhaka Division by an innings and 27 runs. Dhaka, who were following on, resumed the day on 46 for one but Miraz ran through their middle order to bundle them out for a meagre 161, still way short of Khulna's first

innings total of 419. In Cox's Bazar, Taijul bagged a sixwicket haul. But although Taijul's six for 95 in 42 overs helped Rajshahi Division bundle out Barishal Division for 295 in their second innings, the game ended in a stalemate. However, it was still a fruitful outing for Taijul as he ended with his sixth 10-wicket haul in firstclass cricket after having picked up four in the first innings.

The other game between Chattogram Division and Dhaka Metropolis at BKSP 3 also ended in an expected draw with Chattogram scoring 228 for five in their second innings before stumps.



## 'Fans deserve a team with will to fight'

REUTERS

New Tottenham Hotspur manager Antonio Conte has promised fans a team with the "will to fight" for the shirt as he sets about reversing a slump in fortunes for the London club.

Former Juventus, Italy and Chelsea manager Conte was sought by Tottenham in the summer as a replacement for Jose Mourinho but for one reason and another a deal was not struck and Spurs hired Nuno Espirito Santo instead. That appointment ended abruptly on Monday when the Portuguese was sacked after only 10 Premier League games.

"It's an honour and a pleasure and for now I want to repay this trust," the Italian said in his first interview posted on the club's Twitter feed.

"My philosophy is very simple. To play attractive football and good football for the fans, to have a stable team, not up and down. I think the fans deserve to have a competitive team with a will to fight. "We will do everything to deserve their support."



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MILITANCY IN TWO DECADES

# Poverty, blind faith at play

Anti-Terrorism Unit finds most religious extremists from north due to socioeconomic condition

SHARIFUL ISLAM

Eight out of every 10 militants, arrested in about the last two decades, were from the northern districts and dragged into militancy by their poor socioeconomic status and religious bigotry, reveals a police study.

The report, prepared by Anti-Terrorism Unit (ATU), a police unit dedicated to combat militancy, finds that 80 percent of militants are from general education background while the rest from madrasas

The study, first of its kind in Bangladesh, has detailed information on the rise and spread of militancy, age of militants, their income group and how they got into militancy. It has also made some observations and recommendations

According to the study, the highest number of militants are from the age group of 31-40. Militant outfits recruit a significant number of their operatives by "misinterpreting religion" and using online platforms.

Formed in 2017 as the lead coordinating, operating and investigating body to fight extremism, ATU prepared the report analysing data on 1,217 militants, arrested in connection with terrorism related cases filed between 2001 and 2020 in three metropolitan cities and eight divisions.

They are members of Harkat-ul-Jihad Al Islami Bangladesh (Huji-B), Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh SEE PAGE 5 COL 1



At least six children sit huddled together on the bow of a speedboat, dangerously close to the water, while guardians stand nonchalantly behind them. Such carelessness by parents could result in tragic accidents. The photo taken on the capital's Gabtoli bridge over the Turag.

### MITU MURDER Court rejects PBI's final report against ex-SP Babul

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chattogram yesterday rejected the final report in Mahmuda Khanam Mitu murder case submitted by the Police Bureau of

Investigation. In the report, her husband former SP Babul Akter, who filed the case, was implicated.

The Court of Metropolitan Magistrate Mehnaz Rahman also asked for further probe into the case, said his lawyer Iftekhar Saimul Chowdhury.

He told The Daily Star, "But the court did not say which agency will investigate the murder case further.

On September 27, Babul filed a no-confidence petition on the PBI's final report implicating him in the case. The court later

## DU's current, ex-VCs face contempt rule

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a contempt of court rule against Dhaka University's Vice Chancellor Prof Md Akhtaruzzaman, its former VC Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique, and two others on charges of violating the Supreme Court directives over giving seniority and financial benefit to a teacher.

The two other respondents are DU's acting registrar Prabir Kumar Sarkar and former registrar Md Rezaur Rahman.

In the rule, the HC asked the four to explain in four weeks as to why contempt of court proceedings should not be brought against them for violating the

The HC bench of Justice Mamnoon Rahman and Justice Khandaker Diliruzzaman came up with the rule, following a petition filed by Professor Ayesha Mahmuda, a teacher of Dhaka

University's psychology department. Ayesha's lawyer Md Asrarul Hoque told The Daily Star that the HC on August 11, 2009, following a writ petition, had cancelled the appointments of three associate professors -- Afroza Hossain, Kamal Uddin and Mehjabin Hoque - as they did not have the required

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## ROAD TO FREEDOM THIS DAY IN BANGLADESH LIBERATION WAR HISTORY

## Indira, Nixon confer

**NOVEMBER 4, 1971** SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

INDIRA MEETS NIXON Indian prime minister Indira Gandhi called on US president Nixon today at the White House. The two-hour talk covered the Bangladesh issue in substantial detail.

Indira described the atrocities which were occurring in Bangladesh. She pointed out that despite oppressive measures, the Pakistani military had been unable to establish control in the area. She further noted that India had been accused of supporting guerrilla activity but that the situation was not that clear. She drew a parallel to the problems the US government had when Cuban refugees based in Florida launched forays against the Cuban mainland. She added that realities were that it was no longer realistic to expect East and West Pakistan to remain together.

The Indian premier then turned to the great numbers of refugees who continued to stream across the border from East Pakistan. "I come here in search of some wise impulse that has sometimes worked to save humanity from despair," she declared

President Nixon stated that US efforts with respect to Pakistan were designed to alleviate the situation along constructive lines. The restrictions the US had placed on military assistance to East Pakistan had been undertaken with the relationships with India clearly in mind, added Nixon.

Indira replied that the crucial issue remained the future of Mujib who was a symbol of the imperative for autonomy. Nixon further noted that president Yahya had indicated a SEE PAGE 5 COL 4

## 2 Bangladeshis shot dead 'by BSF'

Our Correspondent, Sylhet

Two Bangladeshis were shot dead by Indian **Border Security Force** in Dona border area of Kanaighat upazila yesterday, police said quoting locals.

The identities of the deceased could not be confirmed till filing of this report last night.

Mohammad Tajul Islam, officer-in-charge of Kanaighat Police Station, said the duo was shot on the "no man's land" along the Dona border early yesterday. Locals saw the bodies around noon.

Police went to the spot, but could not recover the bodies as those were lying on "no man's land", he added.

A BGB-BSF flag meeting is needed in this regard, the OC said.

This correspondent could not reach the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) official concerned over the phone for comments.

## Parasite Threat to Hive Honeybees applies socially distancing



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Honeybees use social distancing when their hive comes under threat from parasites, researchers have discovered.

A study, led by an international team involving ethologists from UCL, found that honeybee colonies respond to an infestation from a harmful mite by modifying the use of space and the interactions between nestmates to increase the social distance between young and old bees.

Researchers said they believed the bees had evolved to socially distance to reduce the risk of infection spreading within their colony. Dr Alessandro Cini, co-author of the

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### 'Custodial Death' HC asks Rangpur cops to submit probe report

STAR REPORT

The High Court yesterday sought a probe report, an autopsy report and a copy of the case filed over the death of Tajul Islam in the custody of Rangpur police.

The bench of Justice Mamnoon Rahman and Justice Khandaker Diliruzzaman made Rangpur police a respondent to the rule and asked it to submit the report by November 11.

The bench passed the order on a suomuto move after Deputy Attorney General Amit Das Gupta submitted a statement of police on the incident before it, following the court's directives.

Rangpur police formed a four-member committee, headed by an additional police commissioner, to investigate the incident, DAG Amit Das Gupta said

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## Mamunul faces trial for rape

Court frames charges against Hefajat leader

OUR CORRESPONDENT, A Narayanganj

court framed

charges against Hefajat-e-Islam's former joint secretary general Mamunul Haque in a rape case yesterday.

Narayanganj District and Sessions Judge Anisur Rahman framed the charges and fixed November 14 for the hearing from the witnesses.

The case was sent to the court as the Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal was sick, said Moniruzzaman Bulbul, the public prosecutor of the court. On September 10, Shafiqul Islam, the investigation officer of the

case, submitted a charge sheet before the court. Mamunul was made the sole accused in the case. The court yesterday



A child, wide-eyed with eagerness, waits for his cotton candy at a vendor's stand in the capital's Hazaribagh area. As locals there are mostly poor, vendors usually use toxic colours to make cheap, low-quality cotton candy, which can be harmful for one's health. The photo was taken yesterday.

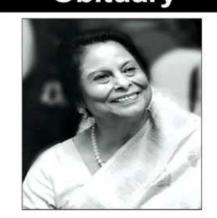
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# **PRAYER**



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## **Obituary**



Halima Kabir, popularly known as Rekha Kabir, passed away in London on the 1st of November after a long battle with a chronic illness. She was formerly the Principal of Dhaka English Preparatory School, which became Udayan School after the independence of Bangladesh. She was the daughter of the Late Mr. Nurul Amin and the Late Mrs. Ayesha Khatun, and widow of the Late Mr. Nurul Kabir of Ghorasal. An alumna of Holy Cross College, she was a teacher and an artist. She is survived by her son Junaed Kabir, daughter Nadia Kabir Barb, daughter-in-law Ann Kabir, son-in-law Roger Barb, 6 grandchildren, two brothers, 5 sisters and many friends, former students and well-wishers. She was laid to rest at the Mill Hill Cemetery after funeral prayers at Hendon Mosque on Wednesday November 3rd. The family have requested all to pray for the departed soul.