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WATER WOES worsen in CHT

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 drinking water.

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.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

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

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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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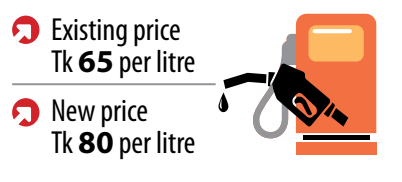
Diesel, kerosene prices 23pc up

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 (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

AFP, Abu Dhabi

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VACCINE PURCHASE Bangladesh to get \$500m from AIIB

REJAUUL 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 union.


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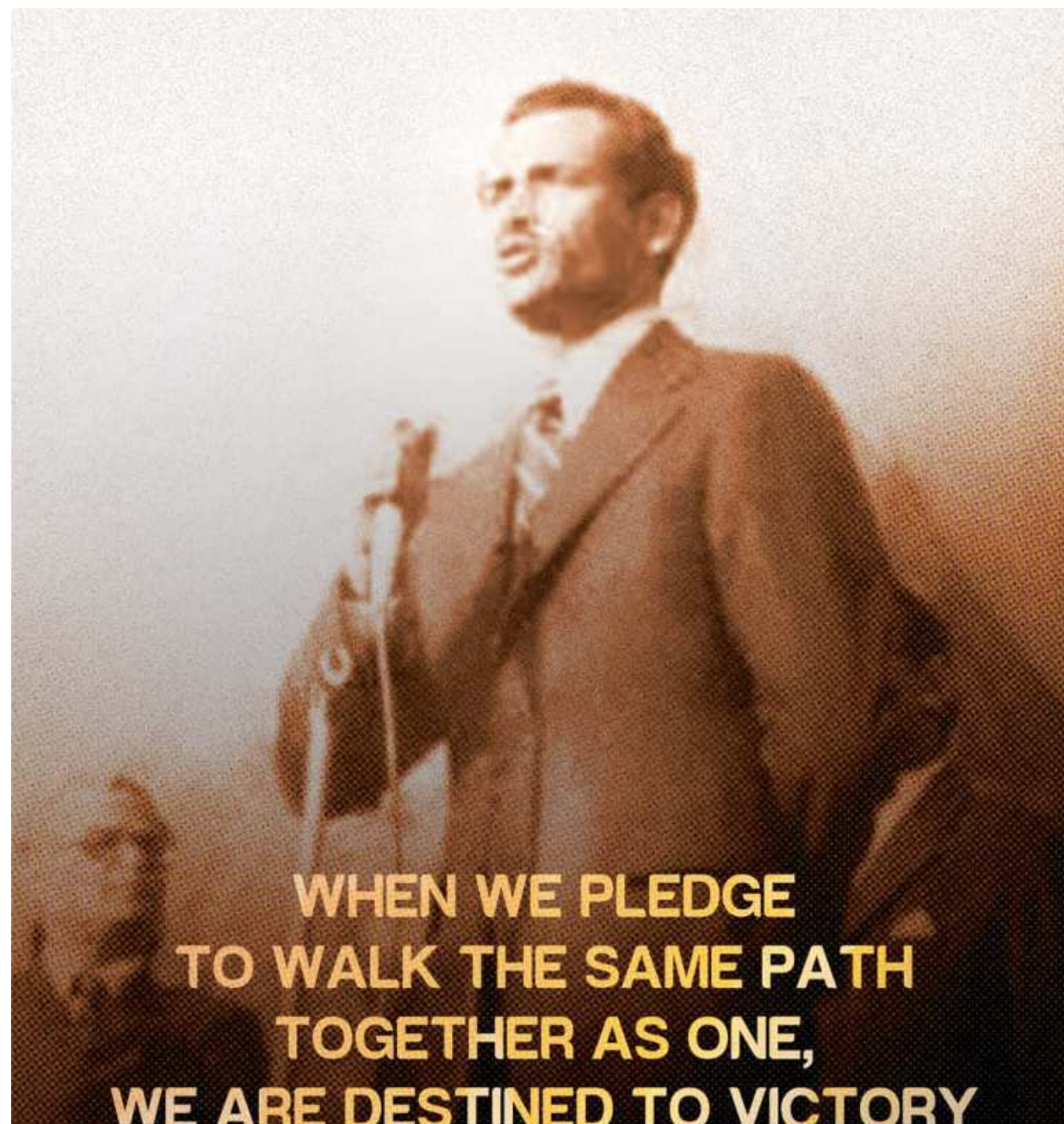
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MORE NEWS

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.

Bus crash kills 20 in POK

At least 20 people including children were killed yesterday when a bus plunged into a ravine in Pakistan-administered Kashmir, officials said.

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.

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.

Climate financing takes centre stage

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

AGENCIES

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 to help.

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 by the double tragedies of Covid and



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 plans.

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 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 nations.

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 recover.

Delegations will spend the next 12

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-to-date 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 Glasgow.

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 disagree" with Biden's assessment.

Quotes of the day



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JOE BIDEN ON XI JINPING'S ABSENCE FROM COP26



The Tigray conflict has been marked by extreme brutality. The gravity and seriousness of the violations and abuses we have documented underscore the need to hold perpetrators accountable on all sides.

THE UN RIGHTS CHIEF MICHELLE BACHETE AS FIGHTING ESCALATES IN ETHIOPIA



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.

Beijing also claims ownership of Arunachal Pradesh -- which it refers to as South Tibet -- and briefly occupied most of the territory, three years after the Buddhist leader's flight, in a short but bloody war.

Tensions have flared again since mid-2020 when troops from both nations fought a hand-to-hand battle further west along their shared frontier in Ladakh, leaving at least 20 Indian and four Chinese soldiers dead. Each side routinely sends patrols into 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.

Army engineers are building a huge road tunnel at 4,000 meters above sea level, expected to open next year, to link the area to arterial routes further south and expand the reach of soldiers.

"These tunnels... will mean all-weather connectivity for locals and security forces deployed in Tawang," said Colonel Parikshit Mehra, the project's director.

A similar project is under way in Ladakh beneath the rocky terrain of the Zojila mountain pass -- 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 18 and above.

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 meant 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.

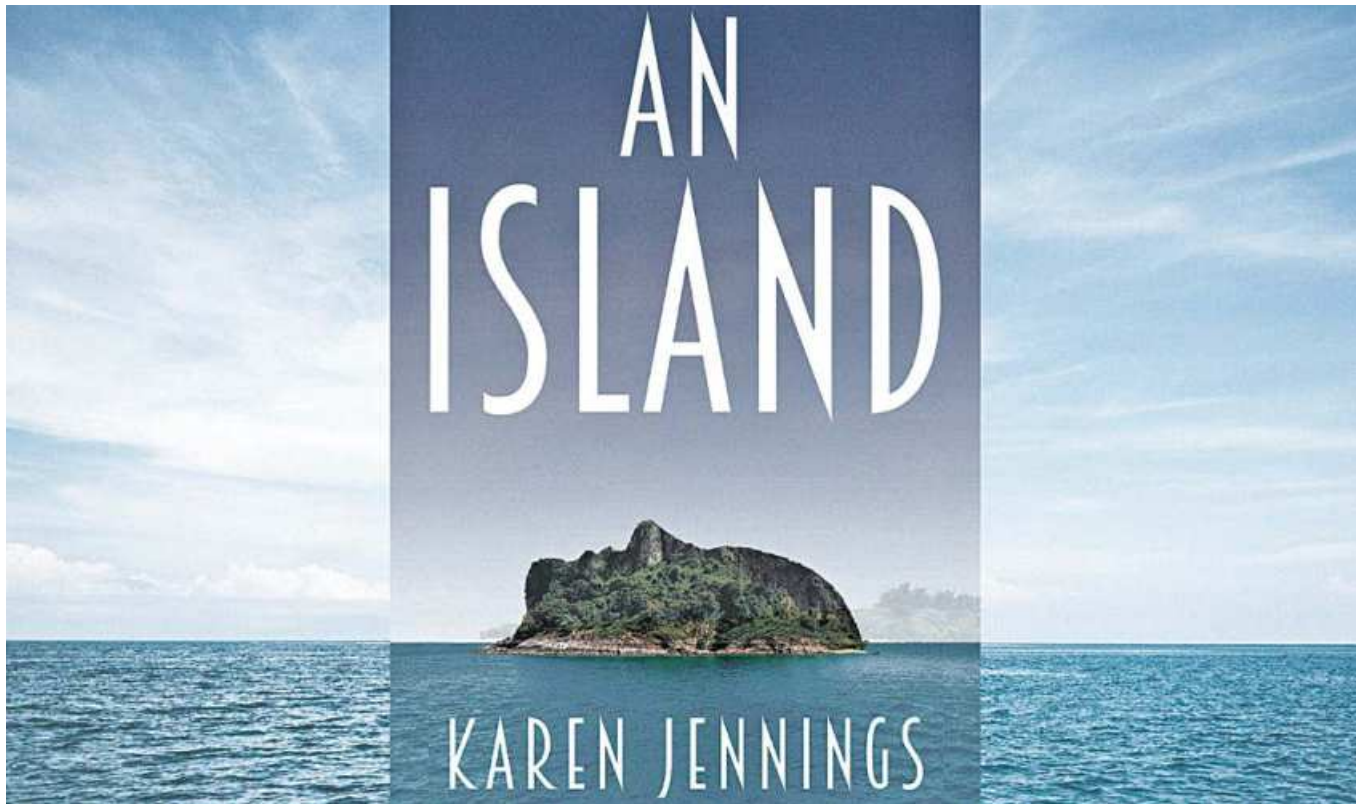
The government was well ahead of the decision, procuring enough doses for the children in the 5-11 age group and beginning to ship them across the country.

Advertisement for Bangladesh Bank recruitment. Includes logo, text in Bengali, and a table of recruitment details.

Advertisement for Cleo, a four-year-old Australian girl found after an 18-day hunt. Includes a photo of Cleo and text in Bengali.

Advertisement for 'THIS DAY IN HISTORY' featuring the date November 04, 1942.

Advertisement for the University of Chittagong, featuring the text 'যশোর বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়' and 'যশোর ৭৪০৮, বাংলাদেশ'.



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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 another day.

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 capsizing. 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 muddled 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.



PHOTO: MAYURPANKHI

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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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 spoilers.

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 mindset.

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.

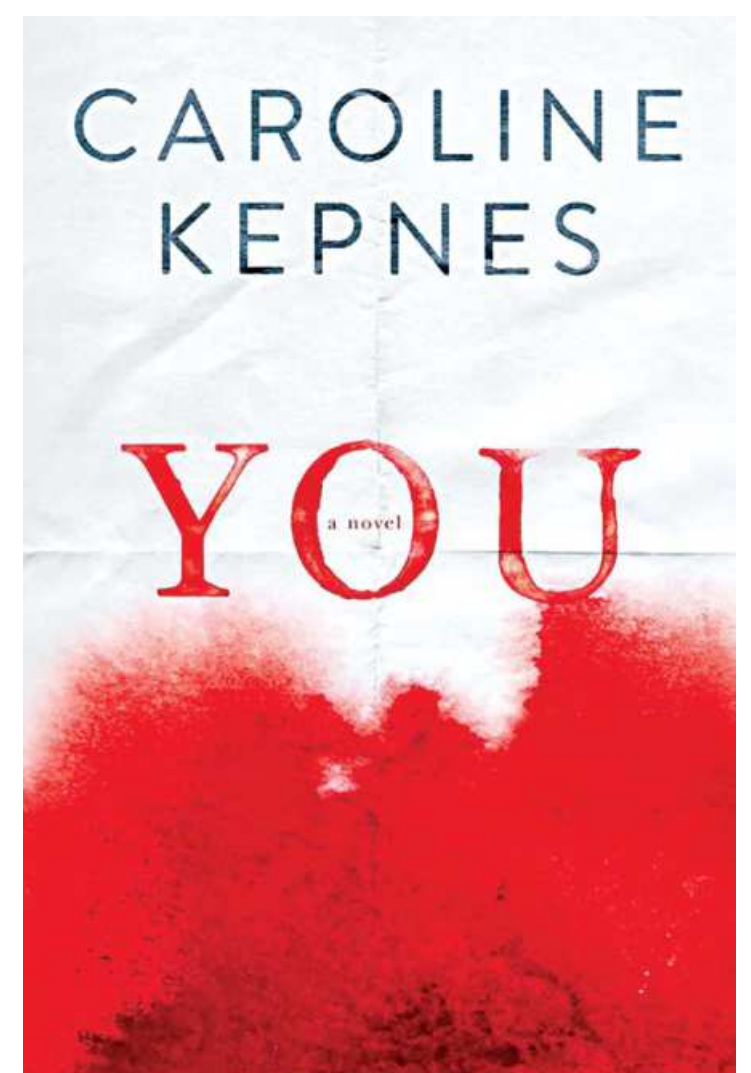
That, of course, is not to say that she deserved being stalked and manipulated, but it definitely added more depth to a character who could have easily been left bland and uninteresting, so loud was Joe's presence in the story.

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 binge-watching season 3, swooning over Penn Badgley and Victoria Pedretti's beautiful faces.

Sharfin Islam, alias *A Tiny Reader*, is an admirer of art and a devourer of fiction. A feminist and an ambivert, she loves to share her little world on her little blog on Instagram.



SPORT



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 Ravichandran Ashwin returned figures of 2-14 in

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 player-of-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 two losses.

Sharma remained the star with his 47-ball 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.

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'HISTORIC' SERIES WIN a distant memory

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 the ongoing ICC T20 World Cup. But 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 archivals 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 to sword by Jos Buttler but they will be expected to return to their efficient ways against 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?

With England 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.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Australia Vs Bangladesh
4pm (BST)

West Indies Vs Sri Lanka
8pm (BST)

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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; Boulton 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 Wednesday.

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."

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 by sporting tracks at the event, leaving Bangladesh still searching for a first win in the Super 12 stage ahead of their fifth and final game against Australia in 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. While Bangladesh's hopes

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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 tailor-made Mirpur pitches.

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

What to WATCH

T SPORTS & GTV

ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021
Bangladesh vs Australia
Live from 04:00 pm
Sri Lanka vs West Indies
Live from 08:00 pm

TEN 1

UEFA Europa League
Monaco vs PSV
Live from 11:45 pm
Leicester City vs
Spartak Moskva

Live from 02:00 am

(Friday)

TEN 2

UEFA Europa League
Genk vs West Ham
Live from 11:45 pm

SONY SIX

UEFA Europa League
Legia vs Napoli
Live from 11:45 pm
Olympique Marseille vs Lazio
Live from 02:00 am (Friday)



Lewandowski hits 100

AFF, Paris

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 side, who were again without Romelu Lukaku, need one more point to be certain of advancing.

Fati dedicates goal to Agüero

Ansu Fati said his goal and Barcelona's victory were for the absent Sergio Agüero 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 (Agüero). 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'

AGENCIES



Cristiano Ronaldo 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 in 11 outings for the club this season.

His outstanding finishing secured a vital point for United, who were minutes away from slipping to third 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 Champions League.

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

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

West Indies aim for survival

AGENCIES



Defending champions West Indies will be desperate to address their batting woes and keep their slim semi-final 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 fivers 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 first-class circuit behind spinner Abdur Razzak, who ended his first-class career with 634 wickets in 137 outings.

The left-arm 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 first-class 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 first-class 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 Mythukur Rahman at the



top saw Rangpur chase down the 140-run 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 six-

wicket 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 first-class 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

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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.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

MITU MURDER

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

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chattogram court 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 Iftakhar 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

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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 directives.

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
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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

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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



INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

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 suo moto 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, Narayanganj

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

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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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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.

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