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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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PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

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

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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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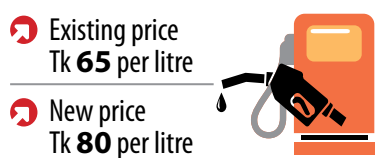
Diesel, kerosene prices 23pc up

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

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 union.

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