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# FICTITIOUS and fishy

**ACC finds out PK Halder's shady transactions, made-up companies; chargesheet ready**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Investigators have found Proshanta Kumar Halder alias PK Halder's involvement in fishy transactions worth about Tk 6,080 crore with different bank accounts of the country.



During the investigation of a case, the Anti-Corruption Commission found that Halder laundered about Tk 80 crore to Canada and amassed about Tk 426 crore beyond the known sources of income.

On January 8 this year, the anti-graft body filed the case against Halder on charges of illegally amassing wealth.

Thirteen other people including Lilaboti Halder, Abantika Baral, Shankha Bepari, Sukumar Mridha, Anindita Mridha, Purnima Rani Halder, Uttam Kumar Mistri, Amitav Adhikari, Pritish Kumar Halder, Rajib Som, Subrata Das, Ananga Mohon Roy and Swapan Kumar Mistri stand accused in the case.

The ACC will file the chargesheet in the case soon, said ACC Secretary Anwar Hossain Howlader at a press briefing yesterday.

The investigation officer has submitted their findings and the Commission has approved the chargesheet, he said.

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**Ansar members coming out of Faridpur's Naragkanda Upazila Parishad premises with ballot boxes and other voting materials yesterday. They were carrying those to polling centres set up for today's elections to 835 Union Parishads in different districts.**

PHOTO: SUZIT KUMAR DAS

# Students to get Covid doses at schools

MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA

Students would soon be able to get Covid-19 jabs at their own school premises as the government looks to fix the chaotic situation that prevails each day at the eight vaccination centres to inoculate 12-17-year olds.

Once the education ministry sends the list of schools to the Directorate General of Health Services, health professionals go to each premise and inoculate the students, Health Minister Zahid Maleque told The Daily Star yesterday.

The decision was taken to ease the vaccination process and the new process is likely to start within seven days, he said.

"We are ready to inoculate in the schools from tomorrow but the education ministry has to send the list," Maleque added.

At present, the government has converted eight schools in Dhaka into vaccination centres, where the schools' students as well as those in the surrounding areas can come to get the vaccine developed by Pfizer-BioNTech.

The eight schools are Ideal School and College in Motijheel, Hurdo International School at Bashundhara, Southpoint School and College at Malibagh, Chittagong Grammar School in Gulshan, Dhaka Commerce College in Mirpur, Kakoli High School and College in Dhanmondi, South Breeze School in Uttara and Scholastica School in Mirpur.

The government had planned to vaccinate 40,000 12-to-17-year-olds each day from November 1 but the long queues,

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# No reason to put blame on court

**Says CJ as SC dismisses appeals of 2 hanged convicts**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain has said they have seen blame put on the Supreme Court although its judges think over and over again before handing down death sentence to any person.

Such a situation is very embarrassing for this court and its judges, he said while presiding over a five-member bench of the SC's Appellate Division yesterday.

The bench was holding a hearing on appeals filed by two Chaudanga men challenging a High Court verdict that had sentenced them to death for the murder of one Manwar Hossain in 1994.

The two men -- Abdul Mokim and Golam Rasul Jharu -- were executed in 2017.

However, everybody was left perplexed after the appeals filed by the two appeared on the SC cause list recently for hearing.

The SC bench yesterday dismissed the appeals and said those (filed through lawyers) became ineffective as the jail appeals (filed through jail the authorities) had been rejected by the court earlier.

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

# Bangladesh govt will take back all refugees

NOVEMBER 11, 1971

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

### BRANDT WANTS POLITICAL SOLUTION

West German chancellor Willy Brandt today said a political solution of the East Pakistan problem must be found.

Speaking at a dinner hosted by Indian prime minister Indira Gandhi in Bonn at the conclusion of two-day talks between the two leaders, Brandt said his government "is convinced that for the sake of maintaining peace and stability in the region, a political solution of the problem of East Pakistan must be found that will eliminate the existing situation of strife and ultimately enable the refugees to return home". "In spite of the grave tensions it will be possible to avoid a military confrontation," he hoped.

### KAMARUZZAMAN'S PRESS CONFERENCE

The Bangladesh government will take back all refugees irrespective of their caste or creed and rehabilitate them honourably once the country is freed, AHM Kamaruzzaman, home minister of the Bangladesh government-in-exile announced at a press conference today. The same announcement was made by Mizanur Rahman Choudhury, organising secretary of the Awami League, before a large gathering of refugees at the Salt Lake camp in Kolkata.

The home minister made it clear that the Bangladesh government would not discriminate between the refugees who crossed over to India after the Pak army crackdown and those who

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# Arrested, then found dead, handcuffed

**Family alleges he was beaten to death**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

The body of a youth in handcuffs was found floating in the Haridooa river of Narsingdi Sadar upazila on Tuesday, hours after his arrest.

His family alleged that he was beaten to death and thrown into the river.

The deceased, Sujan Saha, 27, of Hajipur Daspara area, used to work in a clothing store in Shekherchar area of Narsingdi.

Sujan's sister Pinky Saha said police arrested her brother from Brahmanbaria area of the district town early Tuesday and took him to Hajipur area. There, police asked the workers of a factory to beat him and then police threw him into the river, she alleged.

Locals found his body around 9:00am.

Saheb Ali Pathan,

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# Apple's original computer fetches \$400k at auction



AFP, Los Angeles

An original Apple computer, hand-built by company founders Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak 45 years ago, sold for \$400,000 at auction in the United States on Tuesday.

The functioning Apple-1, the great-great-grandfather of today's sleek chrome-and-glass Macbooks, had been expected to fetch up to \$600,000 when it went under the hammer in California.

The so-called "Chaffey College" Apple-1 is one of only 200 made by Jobs and Wozniak at the very start of the company's odyssey from garage start-up to megalth worth \$2 trillion.

What makes it even rarer is the fact the

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### PRAYER TIMING NOVEMBER 11

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha  
AZAN 5:00 12:45 3:45 5:22 7:00  
JAMAAT 5:35 1:15 4:00 5:25 7:30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

# Heavy rains in Lanka, India kill 25

REUTERS, Colombo

Heavy rains on Sri Lanka's coast and in the south Indian state of Tamil Nadu have killed at least 25 people, destroyed thousands of homes and snarled traffic, authorities said.

In Sri Lanka, 20 people have died in recent days, most from drowning, while five were hurt in landslides, officials said yesterday.

"Given the prevalence of Covid-19, the government has encouraged over a thousand families to move in with relatives to reduce the strain on government-run centres," said Sudantha Ranasinghe, head of Sri Lanka's Disaster Management Centre.

The low pressure depression behind the rains was expected to move towards Tamil Nadu this evening, Sri Lanka's weather office said. Five people have already died in the state whose capital Chennai is India's automobile manufacturing centre.

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**CHARMS OF CHILDHOOD... Two little boys, their joy unbound, play on a swing hanging from a tree branch, while another watches with glee. The photo was taken at the capital's Baunia yesterday.**

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

# Speed up

**COP26 draft urges boost to emissions cutting goals by 2022; negotiators attempting to agree final text by tomorrow**

REUTERS, Glasgow

The British hosts of the UN climate conference have called on countries to raise their ambitions to cut greenhouse gas emissions by next year, acknowledging that current pledges fall short of what is needed to avert climate catastrophe.

The first draft of the conference conclusion, which must now be negotiated by the almost 200 countries present in Glasgow and agreed by the close of the two-week talks on Friday, was released yesterday.

It asks countries to "revisit and strengthen the 2030 targets in their nationally determined contributions, as necessary to align with the Paris Agreement temperature goal by the end of 2022".

In the landmark Paris accord, countries agreed in 2015 to limit global warming to well below 2.0 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, and try to cap it at 1.5C.

Since then, scientific evidence has grown that crossing the 1.5C threshold would unleash significantly worse sea level rises, floods, droughts, wildfires and storms than those already occurring, and make some impacts potentially irreversible.

Britain has said the aim of the COP26 conference is to "keep alive" the 1.5C goal.

"It is time for nations to put aside differences and come together for our planet and our people," Prime Minister Boris Johnson said in a statement before leaving London for Glasgow yesterday.

"We need to pull out all the stops if we're going to keep 1.5C within our grasp."

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