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## COP26 CLIMATE DEAL

# Global powers urged to go further

### China rebuffs UK criticism over coal move

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UN climate change summit host Boris Johnson, on Sunday hailed a last-ditch agreement to tackle global warming but said he was disappointed it did not go further on tackling use of high-polluting coal.

Nearly 200 countries on Saturday pledged to speed up the fight against rising temperatures, after two weeks of non-stop negotiations.

British Prime Minister Johnson called the 11th-hour deal "truly historic" and said it signalled "the beginning of the end for coal power".

But he said his "delight at this progress" was "tinged with disappointment" because of a failure to secure agreement of all countries to keep coal in the ground. India and China weakened the language of the final text, forcing tears and an exasperated apology from Britain's COP26 president, Alok Sharma.

He later said the Asian giants needed to explain themselves to those countries facing an existential threat from rising seas, drought and wildfires.

An upbeat Johnson on Sunday told a news conference that most countries were willing to have "a high level of ambition".

But without naming India and China, he said: "That

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A priest, or "Khamal" of the Garo tribe, conducting the Wangala puja, a thanksgiving festival for harvest, at a temple in Sreemangal's Moulvibazar yesterday afternoon. Music, dance and spiritual offerings were performed in the puja in the presence of around 1,000 people.

PHOTO:  
MINTU DESHWARA

## Getting GSP Plus won't be a picnic

EU envoy warns

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The GSP Plus, a trade privilege that Bangladesh can access once the country graduates from the LDC status, will be a challenging task, said Charles

Whiteley, European Union Ambassador to Bangladesh.

"This will not be a 'picnic'," he said while exchanging views with members of the Diplomatic Correspondents' Association, Bangladesh at the DCAB Talk held at a city hotel in the capital yesterday.

DCAB President Pantho Rahman and General Secretary AKM Moinuddin also spoke at the event.

Whiteley said Bangladesh's aspiration for the GSP Plus facilities in the EU market involves a number of difficult tasks that include complying to regulations on human, environmental and labour rights.

Bangladesh annually exports nearly US\$19 billion, the largest amount

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## UK expects inclusive, transparent national polls

Says Lord Tariq

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The EU says it will closely observe the next national elections due in 2023 while the UK expects an inclusive and transparent polls, saying that the country has shown sustainability of democracy, but there is an opportunity to go even further.

"As Bangladesh approaches its next election period, the constitution emphasises on both transparency and due process..." UK minister Lord Tariq Ahmad hopes at a talk on "Bangladesh-UK: Partners in Progress" at the Foreign Service Academy yesterday.

Lord Tariq, who arrived in Dhaka yesterday on a three-day visit to attend the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) ministerial meeting on November 17, spoke elaborately on the solid relationships between the two countries and the growing importance of Bangladesh in the region and on the global stage.

He lauded Bangladesh's socio-

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

### Bangladesh issue may be solved in a month or two: Indira

NOVEMBER 16, 1971

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

#### INDIRA'S LETTER TO NIXON

Indian prime minister Indira Gandhi, in a letter dated November 16, 1971, urged US president Nixon to "use the vast prestige of the United States and its wisdom" to find a political solution acceptable to the elected representatives of East Bengal and their leader Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

"On my part I shall make every effort to urge patience from our people. However, I would be less than honest if I were not to repeat that the situation in which we find ourselves has long been an unbearable one," she added.

Expressing her reservation about holding debates in the Security Council on Bangladesh issue, Indira said, "However well-intentioned these may be, I have little doubt that any public debate at this stage will lead to a hardening of attitudes, which would make the task of reconciliation an extremely difficult one."

"Such a move," continued Indira, "would obstruct the path of the solutions which we jointly seek. In India it will create the impression that the participants are interested not so much in a lasting solution as in side-tracking the main issue, namely, the revolt of the people of East Bengal against the tyranny of the

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## ANSAR AL ISLAM 'Major online campaigner of militancy' held in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime (CTTC) unit yesterday claimed to have arrested one of the three key Ansar al Islam operatives responsible for spreading extremism through online platforms.

Acting on a tip-off, a CTTC team raided the capital's Uttara area and arrested Hasibur Rahman alias Azzam Al Galib, 21, on Sunday. CTTC chief Md Asaduzzaman, an additional commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP), told a press briefing at the DMP media centre in the capital.

He said Galib is the chief of dawah (invitation) wing of the Ansar al Islam and that the banned militant outfit's online presence

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## Engineers make 'soft' robots that go inside people



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Scientists have found a way to make 'soft robots' using balloons that change shape when inflated with air.

This new technology has been used to create a robot with a gripping hand, a flapping fish tail, and a moving coil that can be used to retrieve a ball.

In contrast to conventional rigid robots, these

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## Teen held captive for 80 days, raped

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

A teenage girl of Noakhali's Begumganj upazila yesterday filed a gang rape case against four youths who had abducted her for more than 80 days and violated her.

In her case statement, the victim said she was continuously gang raped throughout her abduction by the four accused: Abdullah Al Mamun, 28,

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### PRAYER TIMING NOVEMBER 16

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha  
AZAN 5:05 12:45 3:45 5:21 7:00  
JAMAAT 5:40 1:15 4:00 5:24 7:30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

## Star HEALTHLINE

### HOW DO COVID PILLS WORK?

STAR HEALTH DESK

The first oral anti-Covid drug Molnupiravir has been brought to Bangladesh by Eskayef Pharmaceuticals.

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Nari Mukti Kendra, a women's rights organisation, held a protest rally in front of the Lady Justice sculpture of the High Court yesterday, demanding the quashing of sections 155(4) and 146(3) of the Evidence Act, which question the character of litigants in rape cases.

PHOTO:  
PRABIR DAS

## EC asks Pabna MP to leave Bera

Serves notice on lawmaker whose son is running for mayor

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

The Election Commission has issued a notice to Pabna-1 lawmaker Shamsul Haque Tuku requesting him to leave the electoral area (Bera upazila) ahead of November 28 Bera municipality polls for the sake of maintaining electoral code of conduct.

The Awami League MP received the notice, but he was staying in the area till last afternoon citing personal

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استغفر الله

We deeply mourn the loss of our beloved Saana Rezwan Selim. Although she is no longer among us, her presence will never be forgotten by her family and friends. May the Almighty grant eternal peace to her departed soul.

You are humbly requested to attend the Dua and Kulkhani for the departed at the Azad Mosque in Gulshan 2, Dhaka after Asr prayers on  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

From Rezwan, Shumi & Raeesa