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37 Bangladeshi migrants rescued in Mexico

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Thirty-seven Bangladeshis were among 600 migrants rescued in Mexico after they were crammed into two tractor-trailers, AFP reported quoting Mexico's National Migration Institute.

The institute yesterday said that of the rescued individuals, 145 were women and 455 men.

They were found in the southeastern state of Veracruz, the institute said in a statement.

Reuters reported that 401 of the rescued people were from Guatemala, 53 from Honduras, 40 from the Dominican Republic, 37 from Bangladesh, 27 from Nicaragua, 18 from El Salvador and eight from Cuba.

There were also six men from Ghana, four people from Venezuela, four men from Ecuador, one man from India and one man from Cameroon.

The migrants were traveling "crammed" into the trailers of two trucks, Tonatiuh Hernandez, the local head of the Human Rights Commission, told AFP.

"There are children, minors, I saw pregnant women, sick people," said Hernandez, adding that he had never seen "so many" migrants traveling together in such conditions.

AFP reported that a video obtained by it showed several hundred migrants, looking sullen and tired, crowded in a courtyard of the National Migration Institute as police in riot gear stood guard nearby.

After their names were read out by officials, migrants boarded a bus to be transported for further processing.

Child protections services have also been notified regarding families with children or minors traveling alone, according to Hernandez.

As the corridor between central America and the United States, Mexico has seen vast numbers of migrants flow through its territory, AFP reports.



The roof of Banga Bazar market in the capital turns colourful as Indian saris and other clothes kept there for drying in the sun. Traders import the clothes from India and then wash and "polish" before putting them up for sale in the market.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

QUESTION PAPER LEAK Buet removes chairman of department

Forms probe body
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Buet Prof Nikhil Ranjan Dhar, who is allegedly involved in question leak of a bank recruitment exam, has been relieved from his chairman post of the industrial and production engineering department and exam-related duties.

A five-member body, comprised of senior teachers, was also formed yesterday to investigate the incident and asked to submit its report in five-working days, Prof Satya Prasad Majumder, vice-chancellor of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, told The Daily Star.

"Due to the seriousness of allegation against him [Prof Nikhil] in the mainstream media, he



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MONEY LAUNDERING ACC can do little with clipped wings

Says its commissioner Jahurul

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Because of legal bindings, the Anti-Corruption Commission could not play an effective role in preventing money laundering, ACC Commissioner Jahurul Haque said yesterday.

Saying that some people are involved in massive money laundering, he said, "Not thousands, crores of taka are being laundered. But what can we do? We've nothing to do."

"The government has taken away the jurisdiction of money laundering from us by formulating an act," said Jahurul, adding that the commission can now only probe laundering offences related to corruption and bribery.

"We cannot go beyond our jurisdiction. We don't want to take that blame."

Jahurul was addressing a view-exchange meeting at ACC's Segunbagicha Headquarters organised to observe the anti-graft body's 17th founding anniversary.

In 2019, the government formulated the Money Laundering Prevention Rules.

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THIS DAY IN BANGLADESH LIBERATION WAR HISTORY

Kissinger's plan for isolating India

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US RESPONSE TO INDIAN OFFENSIVE

Henry Kissinger, the US President's assistant for National Security Affairs, called the US President Nixon today at 12:45pm and said, "There is no doubt there is a large encroachment taking place and it is heavily backed by the Indians." In a memo later that day, Kissinger relayed Pakistani radio broadcasts of an Indian offensive and added, "We have no independent evidence but it seems apparent that there has been a major incident."

Kissinger still hoped that war could be averted, despite the "naked case of Indian aggression", but the threshold had been crossed. As an overall strategy, Kissinger endorsed the idea of coordinated action with China in the UN Security Council. Kissinger suggested, "We ought to talk to the Chinese to find out what they'll do at the Security Council...We don't have to go as far as the Chinese, but I would lean..." Nixon interrupted, "I want to go damn near as far. Now, understand, I don't like the Indians." Nixon repeated his theme, "Let's remember the Pakistanis have been our friends...and the damn Indians have not been." Kissinger hoped to coordinate with the Chinese and other powers in order to diplomatically isolate India and its Soviet Bloc supporters.

YAHYA VISITS BORDER AREA

Pakistan President Yahya Khan today visited border areas in the Sialkot sector. He was accompanied by the Pakistan Army Chief General Abdul Hamid Khan, according to Pakistan Radio. Yahya

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Man caught while burying murdered rape victim

STAR REPORT

A man digging a hole in his backyard to bury a six-year-old girl he raped and killed was caught by villagers in Jashore on Saturday.

The villagers handed Nazmul Haque, 32, of Thakurkathi village in Bagherpara upazila, over to police.

The victim's family members said she went missing on Saturday morning and they looked for her until evening, when they saw Nazmul digging a hole near his house.

Seeing the victim's family members, Nazmul tried to flee the scene but locals caught him and he told them the child's body was in a sack under his bed.

Police recovered the body and arrested Nazmul around 9:30pm, said Firoz Uddin, officer-in-charge of Bagherpara Police Station.

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Nasa seeks ideas for a nuclear reactor on moon



AP, Boise

If anyone has a good idea on how to put a nuclear fission power plant on the moon, the US government wants to hear about it.

Nasa and the nation's top federal nuclear research lab on Friday put out a request for proposals for a fission surface power system.

Nasa is collaborating with the US Department of Energy's Idaho National Laboratory to establish a sun-independent power source for missions to the moon by the end of the decade.

"Providing a reliable, high-power system on the moon is a vital next step in human space exploration, and achieving it is within our grasp," Sebastian Corbisiero, the Fission Surface Power

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RECOGNITION EVER-ELUSIVE FOR MARTYRED HARIJANS

During the Liberation War, a dedicated group of Harijan community members based in the capital's Aga Sadek Lane helped out freedom fighters in any way possible -- from providing them with food to carrying firearms. For the Pakistan occupation forces, this was a grave crime. On this day in 1971, at least 10 of them were picked up. They never returned.

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Sudan military reinstates PM after deal

Under the agreement, Hamdok will lead a civilian govt for a transitional period

REUTERS, Khartoum

Sudan's military reinstated Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok yesterday and announced the release of all political detainees after weeks of deadly unrest triggered by a coup.

Under an agreement signed with military leader General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, Hamdok will lead a civilian government of technocrats for a transitional period.

Hamdok said he had agreed to the deal to stop the bloodshed.

"Sudanese blood is precious, let us stop the bloodshed and direct the youth's energy into building and development," he said.

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Some cones are all there is to warn pedestrians and motorists of the gaping hole in a street in the capital's Kamalapur. Locals claimed that the drain has been left like this for many days.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Fifth Covid wave hitting at 'lightning' speed

Says France as infections rising at an alarming rate

AGENCIES

Fifth-wave coronavirus infections in France are rising at an alarming rate, the government reported yesterday, with new daily Covid cases close to doubling over the past week.

The seven-day average of new cases reached 17,153 on Saturday, up from 9,458 a week earlier, according to the health authorities, an increase of 81 percent. "The fifth wave is starting at lightning speed," government spokesman Gabriel Attal told media.

Europe is battling a fresh wave of infections and several countries including the Netherlands, Austria have tightened curbs.

Tens of thousands took to the streets in cities across Europe and Australia Saturday as anger mounted over fresh Covid restrictions imposed against the resurgent pandemic.

Dutch police said yesterday they have arrested 19 people over riots in The Hague after the country was rocked by a second night of violence over the government's coronavirus measures.

Around 10,000 marched in Sydney and there were also protests in other major cities against vaccine mandates applied to certain occupations by state authorities.

In France, the latest seven-day increase is three times the average rise of cases recorded over the previous three weeks, indicating an exponential acceleration of infections.

For now the spike in infections has not led to a massive

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