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Cumilla councillor, aide shot dead

5 others bullet-hit in attack on councillor's office

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cumilla

Masked gunmen shot dead a ward councillor of Cumilla City Corporation and his associate in his office in Pathuriapara area yesterday.



Soheli



Haripada

the Durga Puja celebrations in the city.

Iqbal Hossain, who is accused of placing the Holy Quran in the city's Nanua Dighir Par puja mandap in the early hours of October 13,

used to reside in one of Soheli's houses at Pathuriapara as a tenant.

Of the deceased, Syed Ahmed Soheli, 48, councillor of ward-17, was also the panel mayor of the city corporation and president of the ward unit Awami League.

The other one, Haripada Das, 45, a member of the ward unit AL, was one of the close aides to the councillor.

The injured are Awal Hossain Rizu, 23, Rasel, 29, Majedul Haque Badal, 39, Jewel, 40, and Soheli Chowdhury, 43.

All of them are associates of the councillor, said locals.

Contacted, Farooque Ahmed, superintendent of Cumilla police, said additional forces were deployed in the city to avert any further untoward incidents.

He could not say the reason behind the killing immediately.

Soheli's name came up in the discussion after communal violence took place during

Around 4:00pm yesterday, Soheli and others were sitting at the councillor's office. Some eight to 10 masked men came on motorcycles, stormed into the office and opened fire, police and witnesses said.

Soheli, a resident of the city's Sujannagar area, sustained bullets wounds in the head, chest, abdomen and other parts of his body. A total of nine bullets hit him, said Dr Md Mohiuddin, director of Cumilla Medial College Hospital.

All the injured were rushed to the hospital, where Soheli and Haripada died around 8:30pm.

The rest were undergoing treatment there as of filing of this report at 1:10am today.

Immediately after the incident, several hundred people took to the streets in

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A dinghy on the jheel, a small lake, of Motijheel in the capital. Encroachers have left little of the waterbody which gave the business district its name Motijheel which in literal translation means pearl lake. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON



Work extra to clear Covid-time backlogs: PM

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday instructed government officials to swing back to their pre-pandemic rhythm of work to offset the losses caused by the global public health crisis for the past 20 months.

"We will have to work extra to cover the backlog, if there is any, and retrieve

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Rise meteoric, fall too

Muscle power, slush funds, realpolitik took him to heights of Gazipur AL politics

MOHIUDDIN ALAMGIR and ABU BAKAR SIDDIQUE AKAND

He became the vice chairman of an upazila parishad, general secretary of Gazipur city Awami League, and mayor of Gazipur -- all before he was 40.

Zahangir Alam's henchmen, a supply of cash from questionable sources, and connections with powerful politicians enabled him to reach the top of AL in Gazipur really quickly, party insiders say.

But his fall was even quicker. Speaking at a programme in late September, Zahangir, 42, made controversial comments on Bangabandhu and the number of Liberation War martyrs.

The AL central committee on October 3 issued a show-cause notice to Zahangir. The AL expelled him from the party.

Zahangir might soon get sued under the Digital Security Act and lose his mayorship.



"In his relatively short political life, he became so powerful that he felt nothing could touch him, as he had blessings from a section of top Awami League leaders," said a member of Gazipur city AL.

Gazipur city AL President Azmat Ullah Khan said the AL will benefit from his removal.

"There were allegations that he used to patronise activists of other political parties. It was harmful for the party. The action against him saved the party from further losses," he told The Daily Star.

Actions were not taken earlier because the allegations were not investigated, Azmat said.

ALLEGATIONS APLENTY

Many residents of Gazipur city allege that they lost valuable land as the city corporation led by Zahangir "encroached" on their private property

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Decision on legal action in a day or two

Says LGRD minister on Gazipur mayor

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The decision on whether legal steps would be taken against expelled Gazipur City Corporation (GCC) Mayor Zahangir Alam will be announced in a day or two, said Tazul Islam, the minister for local government and rural development (LGRD).

The issue is now being reviewed, he told reporters yesterday after the cabinet meeting at the secretariat.

"Legal action will be taken after scrutinising the city corporation law and we

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JUDGE QUMRUNNAHER Her criminal judicial powers too go

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday seized the criminal judicial powers of Mosammat Qumrunnaher, former judge of Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal-7 of Dhaka.

The action was taken in connection with a case, in which she had granted bail to a rape accused despite this court's stay order on the bail.

A five-member bench of the SC's Appellate Division, headed by Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain, delivered the order at a closed-door courtroom after hearing a petition filed by the state in 2019.

The state's petition had challenged a High Court order, which granted bail to Aslam Shikder, a former official of private TV channel ATN Bangla, in a rape case filed against him.

Qumrunnaher has been released of her judicial duties by the chief justice on November 14 this year, three days after she -- in an open court -- verbally recommended that police not register any rape case if the complainant goes to them 72 hours or longer after the incident.

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Khulna city BNP President Nazrul Islam Manju is being hit by a police at a rally in front of the party's office on KD Ghosh Road in Khulna yesterday. The programme foiled by police was organised to demand that Khaleda Zia be allowed to go abroad for treatment.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

DEMO OVER KHALEDA'S TREATMENT

50 hurt in clashes in 2 dists

BNP to submit memorandums to DCs today

STAR REPORT

At least 50 people were injured in clashes between BNP leaders and activists and law enforcers in Natore and Khulna yesterday during demonstrations demanding the government allow party Chairperson Khaleda Zia to go abroad for advanced treatment.

The BNP staged protests in all divisional and district headquarters as part of its countrywide demonstration programme.

Meanwhile, BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir at a rally in the capital announced that the party will submit memorandums to all deputy commissioner (DC) offices across the country today to press home the same demand.

At least 20 people, including cops and journalists, were injured as police and BNP men clashed in Natore



yesterday.

Another 30 were hurt in the clash in front of the BNP office in Khulna city. The clash ensued around 12:15pm when BNP leaders and activists tried to march on KD Ghosh Road, witnesses said.

BNP leaders alleged that police did not allow them to hold a rally in front of the party office and chased them away.

Moniruzzam Moni, general secretary of Khulna city BNP, said police attacked

them all of a sudden. "Police carried out attacks on us in two phases. A number of leaders and activists, including city BNP President Nazrul Islam Manju, were injured in the incident. Police also arrested several leaders and activists," he added.

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মুন গ্রুপের নিষ্কণ্টক জমিসহ ২১ তলা ভবন (প্রতি ফ্লোর ২২৫০০ বর্গফুট ২০% কমন স্পেসসহ ৪৭২,৫০০ বর্গফুট ১২ বছর ব্যাংক ঋণ সুবিধাসহ করোনার কারণে প্রতি বর্গফুট ২০,০০০ হাজার টাকার স্থলে এখন ১০,০০০ টাকা দরে ৫০০ কোটি টাকায়

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(অগ্রণী ব্যাংকের ঋণ পরিশোধের লক্ষ্যে)

১২টি লিফট ও এক্সেলিটর সিঁড়িসহ অত্যাধুনিক সকল সুযোগ সুবিধা সমৃদ্ধ উক্ত বাণিজ্যিক ভবনটি হাসপাতাল, মেডিকেল কলেজ, বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, ব্যাংক-বীমা, আর্থিক প্রতিষ্ঠান, ফাইভ স্টার হোটেল, মার্কেট অথবা গার্মেন্টস করার জন্য এখনই উপযোগী

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264
New cases in 24hrs



15,74,352
Total cases



27,955
Deaths



15,38,537
Recoveries

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5,171,382
Deaths



258,044,829
Total cases

Cooperation deepening

Indian defence minister says on armed
forces of Bangladesh, India

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The cooperation between the Armed Forces of Bangladesh and India is deepening, said Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh yesterday.

"I am glad that the cooperation between the Armed Forces of both the countries is steadily progressing, by way of several activities -- defence dialogue, staff talks, joint training, exercise and high-level exchanges," he said.

He made the remarks at a reception hosted by the Bangladesh High Commission in New Delhi to mark the 50th anniversary of the Armed Forces Day by paying homage to Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the martyrs of the Liberation War of 1971.

The day is observed on November 21, which signifies the day in 1971 when the members of the Bangladesh army, navy and air force were officially united and launched joint operations along with the people against the Pakistan occupation forces.

Singh said it is remarkable that all three service chiefs of Bangladesh have visited India this year, and from India, the chiefs of army and air force visited Bangladesh this year.

He mentioned that India has extended a line of credit worth \$500 million to Bangladesh for defence equipment.

Muhammad Imran, Bangladesh high commissioner to India; Manoj Mukund Naravane, Indian chief of army staff; Vivek Ram Chaudhury, chief of air staff; Karambir Singh, chief of Naval Staff; and Md Abul Kalam Azad, Bangladesh's defence adviser, were also present.

This is the first time since independence that the union cabinet minister for defence and all the chief of military services of India joined to celebrate armed forces day of Bangladesh, said the Bangladesh High Commission in New Delhi in a statement.

Singh congratulated the armed forces of Bangladesh and saluted the valiant struggle of the Muktibahini in the War of Liberation, and said the spirit of freedom fighters forms the core of today's armed forces of Bangladesh.

He also paid tribute to the sacrifices made by the brave soldiers of the Indian armed Forces.

Recalling that India gave shelter to millions of refugees from Bangladesh, he said a struggling nation gave shoulder to another.

Today, Bangladesh's armed forces are one of the highest contributors to the UN Peacekeeping Forces and are respected globally for their professionalism and commitment to just causes, Singh added.

Cumilla councillor

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Pathuriapara area, demanding arrest and punishment of the killers. Law enforcers were seen trying to pacify them.

Talking to The Daily Star, several residents of the city's Pathuriapara said the killing might have happened due to previous rivalry. But they did not give any details about it.

Sohel, the second among six brothers and four sisters, left behind his wife, a son and two daughters.

Some of his followers told The Daily Star that witnesses saw that the killers came to the spot on motorbikes wearing black dresses and masks. They could identify two of them who are residents of the city.

However, police could not confirm identification of any of the killers.

Talking to the media, Cumilla City Corporation Mayor Monirul Haque Sakku, also a BNP leader, said such a killing in the city is rare.

Sohel had been serving as a councillor for two terms in a row since 2012.

Some locals claimed they saw the attackers fleeing towards the city's Boubazar area after the incident.

Seeking anonymity, some said rivalry was going on between Sohel and another group over establishing supremacy in the area and controlling drug trade and extortion. This newspaper could not verify this independently.

Talking to the press, Sohel's nephew Mohammad Hanif, also general secretary of ward-17 AL, said, "I was offering prayers at a place near my uncle's office. Hearing sounds of firing, I rushed to the spot and saw my uncle lying on the floor. I took him to hospital."

Contacted, around 11:00pm, Anwarul Azim, officer-in-charge of Kotwali Police Station, said police were trying to control the situation in the city. They were yet to know any reason behind the murder, he added.



Relatives of Syed Ahmed Sohel, 48, councillor of Cumilla City Corporation ward-17, who was gunned down at his office, praying for him while he was undergoing surgery at Cumilla Medical College Hospital, three hours before he was pronounced dead at 8:30pm yesterday.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

Work extra to clear Covid-time

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the pace of government and development works like the one we had before the pandemic to restore the growth rate," Cabinet Secretary Khandker Anwarul Islam said the quoting the prime minister as saying at the regular cabinet meeting.

The annual report on the activities of ministries and divisions in fiscal 2020-21 was discussed at the meeting held at the secretariat. The premier joined the meeting virtually from her official residence Gono Bhavan.

The pace of execution of the annual development programme had sunk to a 27-year low of 80.2 percent in fiscal 2019-20 as project works were put on pause for two months for the countrywide shutdown, according to data from the Implementation Monitoring & Evaluation Division of the planning ministry.

It bounced back to 82.2 percent in fiscal 2020-21, but still below the average of 90 percent clocked in the pre-pandemic level, according to the Bangladesh Economic Review.

The pace has picked up in the first four months of this fiscal year.

By now, health and safety protocols to keep the coronavirus at bay are well in place.

"The prime minister has asked all to perform better, including those who already did good jobs."

Noting that 87 percent progress

has been made in the works of Padma bridge, said the long-awaited bridge can be opened for traffic on June 30 next year or a date close to it.

Replying to a question, he said due to the introduction of a digital system, the number of cases was brought down by 91,000 to 569,662 in the last fiscal year.

However, the number of rape incidents increased to 7,222 in fiscal 2020-21 from 5,842 in fiscal 2019-20, while the incidents of violence against women escalated by 1,907 to 14,567 during the period.

The cabinet yesterday also approved the draft speech of President Md Abdul Hamid to be delivered in the 15th session of the 11th Parliament on November 24 on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of Bangladesh's independence.

ZILA PARISHAD ACT AMENDMENT
The cabinet approved a draft bill with a provision barring the Zila Parishad chairmen and members from holding their positions after completion of their five-year tenure.

"Zila Parishad representatives will have to leave the posts after the expiration of their tenure. The government would appoint an administrator to run the local body until the formation of the next council," Islam said.

The cabinet also approved the draft of the Bangladesh Film Certification Act, 2021 bringing some minor changes to the existing law.



BNP supporters at a rally in front of Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday. Dhaka city unit of the party held the rally demanding Khaleda Zia's treatment abroad.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

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and demolished their buildings to widen streets, drains and footpaths. Most of the residents said they did not get any compensation.

Moslem Uddin and his wife Setara Begum had four katha of land in Salna area of the city. They had a three-storey building and a semi pucca one on it.

On November 13, Zahangir and his followers asked the couple to demolish half of the building and two rooms of the semi-pucca house to make room for a road.

"They marked the parts we must demolish. When asked about compensation, they said they would only provide the costs of demolishing the building," Setara said. "It is a forcible occupation... Zahangir was oppressing the citizens as a mayor."

Rafiqul Islam, a resident of Harinal area, said he lost one and a half katha of land and a part of his house.

"My house was built on my four-katha land. The city corporation did not acquire it. They just demolished part of my building and the walls. I did not get anything in compensation," he said.

"The mayor called us to his office through his aides. I along with several other affected people went there twice, but he did not meet us," Rafiqul added.

Their frustration was echoed by dozens of affected residents.

Locals said that one of the major sources of Zahangir's income was

the monopoly he established in the business of leftover fabrics of garment factories in Gazipur and nearby areas.

The High Court issued status quo orders in November 2020 on the possession of land of Quasem Lamps Limited, Quasem group's guest house at Baimail, and the properties of Escort Packaging Factory at Itahata, Majlishpur.

Despite the orders, the city corporation took over portions of land of the factories of Quasem Lamps Ltd and the guest house in Baimail, Joydevpur, on August 19 and 20. The corporation demolished the structures and boundary walls.

"The High Court status quo order was hung at the gate of Quasem Lamps Ltd. But they demolished it at the mayor's order," said Tariq Abul Ala, deputy managing director of the factory.

There are allegations that Zahangir made a party billboard with the city corporation money while over 300 individuals working for a charity named after him also get money from the city corporation.

Zahangir at a press conference on Saturday said he got about 8,000 bighas of land from city dwellers to construct and widen roads. "There is no country or city in the world where owners of 32,000 houses and shops gave up their land for roads. They [people in Gazipur] willingly gave the land that I begged for."

There are 2,600 factories in

Gazipur city, he said. "I have never taken money from any of the owners in my life."

"Whenever people faced land-related problems, we solved those," he said.

RISE AND FALL OF ZAHANGIR

Zahangir entered politics as a student in the late 1990s.

Between 2006 and 2010, he was the vice president of Bangladesh Chhatra League central committee. In 2008, he was elected as the vice chairman of Gazipur Upazila Parishad.

In 2013, he sought the AL nomination for mayor of Gazipur City Corporation, but did not get it. He became Gazipur AL general secretary a later that year, and in 2018, he got the AL nomination for mayor and won.

Insiders say Zahangir alienated influential AL leaders like Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Huq, State Minister for Youth and Sports Zahid Ahsan Russel, lawmaker Meher Afroze Chumki and Azmat Ullah.

"He wanted to ensure total supremacy in the area," said a senior local leader.

Contacted about the allegations, Zahangir said, "No one raised such allegations two months ago. It is a conspiracy against me and you [the reporter] raise the questions. Many people are spreading lies because I am in a fix now. If anyone can prove that I... grabbed land, you can put me under trial."

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This newspaper could not reach Hasan Al Mamun, officer-in-charge of Khulna Sadar Police Station, over the phone for comments as he did not answer calls.

In Natore, BNP staged a protest in front of the party office on Alaipur Road of the town around 10:00am.

Police said they tried to disperse BNP leaders and activists as they were holding the rally blocking the road.

Mansur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Natore Sadar Police Station, claimed that police came under an unprovoked attack by the BNP men.

"Police used batons to disperse BNP men to clear the road for traffic. But they regrouped soon and attacked the police."

The OC said police fired tear gas shells to bring the situation under

control.

Ruhul Quddus Talukdar Dulu, president of Natore district BNP, said the clash broke out when police carried out an unprovoked attack on their peaceful programme.

Meanwhile, Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, pro-BNP students' platform, yesterday alleged that police attacked their procession in the capital's Kakrail.

Tanjil Hasan, joint secretary of Chhatra Dal, said, "Police carried out an attack on our procession when it reached in front of Hotel Razmoni Ishakha, leaving at least 50 leaders and activists injured."

As part of the BNP's countrywide programme, its Dhaka south and north city units organised a rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday demanding the government

let Khaleda go abroad for better treatment.

On Saturday, the party observed a seven-hour mass hunger strike across the country to realise the same demand.

Khaleda has long being suffering from arthritis, diabetes, dental and eye problems.

The 76-year-old former premier was admitted to the capital's Evercare Hospital on November 13. She was shifted to the CCU the following day, nearly a week after being discharged from the same healthcare facility.

Khaleda was sent to jail on February 8, 2018 in a corruption case. Amid the coronavirus pandemic, she was freed temporarily on certain conditions on March 25 last year. The term of her release has been extended four times so far.

Tunisia intercepts over 200 migrants trying to reach Italian coast

AFP, Tunis

Tunisian authorities said Sunday they had intercepted more than 200 migrants trying to reach the Italian coast, in nine separate operations.

"In the context of the fight against irregular immigration, units from the northern, southern and central regions managed to thwart nine (sea crossing) attempts' overnight Saturday to Sunday, national guard spokesman Houssein Eddine Jebabli said.

The interceptions took place both at sea and on the coast, assisting 223 migrants from different African countries, including 111 Tunisians, the national guard said.

Late last month, Tunisia's coastguard said it had thwarted six departure attempts and rescued 125 Europe-bound migrants, 112 of them from sub-Saharan Africa.

Earlier in October, four Tunisians migrants died and 19 others went missing after their boat capsized off the country's east coast.

More than 58,800 migrants have managed to reach Italy since the start of the year, most of them by sea, according to the UN refugee agency.

More than 1,300 have died or gone missing while trying to make the Mediterranean crossing, particularly to reach Italy, Spain and Greece.

Tunisia is a key departure point for would-be migrants hoping to attempt the dangerous sea crossing to Europe.

The Italian island of Lampedusa is located just 140 kilometres (less than 90 miles) from Tunisia's east coast.

According to the FIDES rights group, the Tunisian coastguard intercepted some 19,500 people attempting to cross the Mediterranean in the first nine months of this year.

It said the trend had accelerated since the establishment in June of a direct line of communication between Rome and Tunis to coordinate efforts against illegal immigration and share information.

Since Tunisia's 2011 revolution, political instability and socio-economic crisis have worsened unemployment, which stands at 18 percent nationally but at more than 40 percent among young people.

Decision

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will let you know about it," he said, without specifying what kind of action will be taken against the GCC mayor.

On Friday, the Awami League (AL) expelled Alam, its Gazipur unit general secretary and city mayor, for life for his controversial comments on Bangabandhu and other local leaders.

The decision was taken at a meeting on Friday of the Awami League Central Working Committee chaired by party chief and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Immediately after the expulsion, a discussion in the public sphere has begun over his suspension as the mayor as he was elected on AL's party ticket.

In a briefing after the meeting, AL General Secretary Obaidul Quader said legal action might be taken against the Gazipur mayor. "We will officially communicate the party's decision on Zahangir Alam to the LGPD minister."

On October 3, the Awami League issued a show-cause notice to Alam for his recent viral video that includes controversial comments on Bangabandhu, the number of people martyred during the Liberation War and other local leaders.

The notice said the comments damaged the image and popularity of the political organisation. He was asked to reply to the notice within 15 days.



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Stop killing of elephants right now

HC directs authorities
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed authorities concerned to immediately take steps to stop the killing of elephants and human intrusion into the animals' corridors, and build awareness among people about the issue.

The court also issued a rule asking authorities to explain in four weeks why they should not be directed to issue a gazette notification, declaring the 12 elephant corridors, identified by the forest department and IUCN, in the country as reserved corridors.

In the rule, the court asked respondents to explain why their inaction to prevent elephant killings should not be declared illegal.

Secretaries at the environment and law ministries, chief conservator of forest department, director of wildlife crime control unit, and 16 other government officials have been made respondents to the rule.

The HC bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and

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Continuing the protest against bus operators, students of different schools and colleges gathered in droves with signs and placards in the capital's Mohammadpur Bus Stand area yesterday noon, demanding reduced bus fare for them. After bus fares were increased due to the fuel price hike, students said the conductors are refusing to take "half-pass" fares, and at times, even harassing the school-going passengers. The demonstration resulted in long tailbacks for around three hours.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Net zero emission target false, elusive

Civil society groups term
COP26 outcome frustrating

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Civil society groups termed COP26 outcome frustrating, as there was no concrete decision to finance the most vulnerable countries (MVCs), especially for adaptation and loss-and-damage due to climate change.

They called for the government to develop country-owned long-term financial strategies to support climate actions at a webinar yesterday.

COAST foundation, Bangladesh Indigenous Peoples' Network on Climate Change (BIPNET-CCDB), Centre for Participatory Research and Development (CPRD), Coastal Development Partnership (CDP), Coastal Livelihood and Environmental Action Network (CLEAN) and Equity and Justice Working Group, Bangladesh (EquityBD) jointly organised the programme.

Syed Aminul Hoque of EquityBD condemned the UK's position for the so-called "Net Zero Emission" target by 2050, which supports the big emitters to continue their carbon emission instead of the "Zero Emission" target.

Prof Mostafa Saroar of Khulna University of Engineering and Technology said that "Net Zero Emission" is a move towards carbon colonialism.

"This target is false and elusive," he added.

Climate negotiator Quamrul Islam Chowdhury criticised the developed countries' initiative of "New collective and quantified goal on finance (NCQG)", where there was no representative from the most vulnerable countries (MVCs) to finalise the process.

"The developed countries have denied their responsibilities by deferring the \$100 billion promise by 2023. This is completely unacceptable," said Shamim Arefin of AoSED-Khulna.

Sharif Jamil of Bangladesh Poribesh Anolon suggested solving the domestic problems to move towards effective carbon reduction strategies with alternative energy techniques.

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'Controlled from Dubai'

Say law enforcers after arresting 4 members of syndicate that brings in meth from Myanmar

MOHAMMAD JAMIL KHAN

A transnational syndicate from Dubai is controlling the smuggling and supply of the synthetic drug crystal meth, known as "ice", from Myanmar to Dhaka, according to law enforcers.

The syndicate is maintained through three layers.

The first layer is tasked with receiving the consignment at Teknaf and sending it to Dhaka. The second layer sorts and disburses the consignment, while the last layer deals with customers.

As a ploy to escape law enforcers, the syndicate wrapped the drug with plastic tape and put them in their rectum to carry the drug.

The Department of Narcotics

- DNC arrested 22 in last 3 months
- Recovered 2kg meth from Dhaka
- Syndicate communicates using encrypted apps, VPN
- Mastermind operates from Dubai

Control (DNC) disclosed the information after arresting four narcotic traders -- Taj Uddin (43), Mizanur Rahman (53), Liton Mahmud (32), and Mamun Hossain (35) -- from different areas of the capital on Friday.

Investigators said the syndicates sold a gramme of ice for Tk 10,000-15,000, but if any user promised to be a retailer then they could buy for Tk 8,000-10,000.

Mehedi Hasan, assistant director (north) of DNC, told The Daily Star that they first arrested Mamun from Kuril with 600 pieces of yaba and Taj from Khilkhet area with five grammes of ice.

Later, the DNC team arrested Mizan from Banani with 10 grammes of ice and Liton from Khilgaon with 100 grammes of the synthetic drug, said the AD.

"After primary interrogation of the arrestees, we have come to know that a Bangladeshi expatriate using encrypted applications are controlling the syndicate," said Mehedi.

Sources said the mastermind left Bangladesh just three month back and now resides in Dubai with his family.

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SUBWAY IN THE WORKS

Govt planning to form company to implement underground rail network

TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

The government is planning to form a company for implementing its plan to build an underground railway network in the capital and adjacent areas.

An initiative has already been taken for enacting a law to determine the formation, works and other issues of the company, officials said.

"Formation of a company for the subway is at planning level," Abu Bakr Siddique, executive director of Bangladesh Bridge Authority (BBA), told The Daily Star yesterday.

BBA is currently carrying out a feasibility study for building the subway network, and it is expected to be completed by February next year.

The project's draft feasibility study, submitted in March, proposed an underground railway network, with 258 kilometres of tracks in Dhaka, with an aim to ease traffic movement.

There will be 11 subway routes in the city and its outskirts, and the 50-year plan will be implemented in three phases.

Four routes, which will run for a total of 102 km, will be constructed in the first phase. In the second and third phases, lines running for a total of 85 km and 71 km will be constructed.

There will be a 29.35 km route called "O" from Jhilmil Project area in Keraniganj to Tongi. It will be the first to be implemented, at an approximate cost of USD 8 billion, officials said earlier.

Some experts, however, while talking at different platforms earlier questioned the feasibility of the mega project in an unplanned city like Dhaka.

Besides, the proposed subway routes will run parallel to metro rail lines in many areas, which is another problem, they said.

The government is developing a 128.74 km elevated and underground metro rail network, comprising six metro rail lines, in the city and adjacent areas, which is supposed to be completed by 2030.

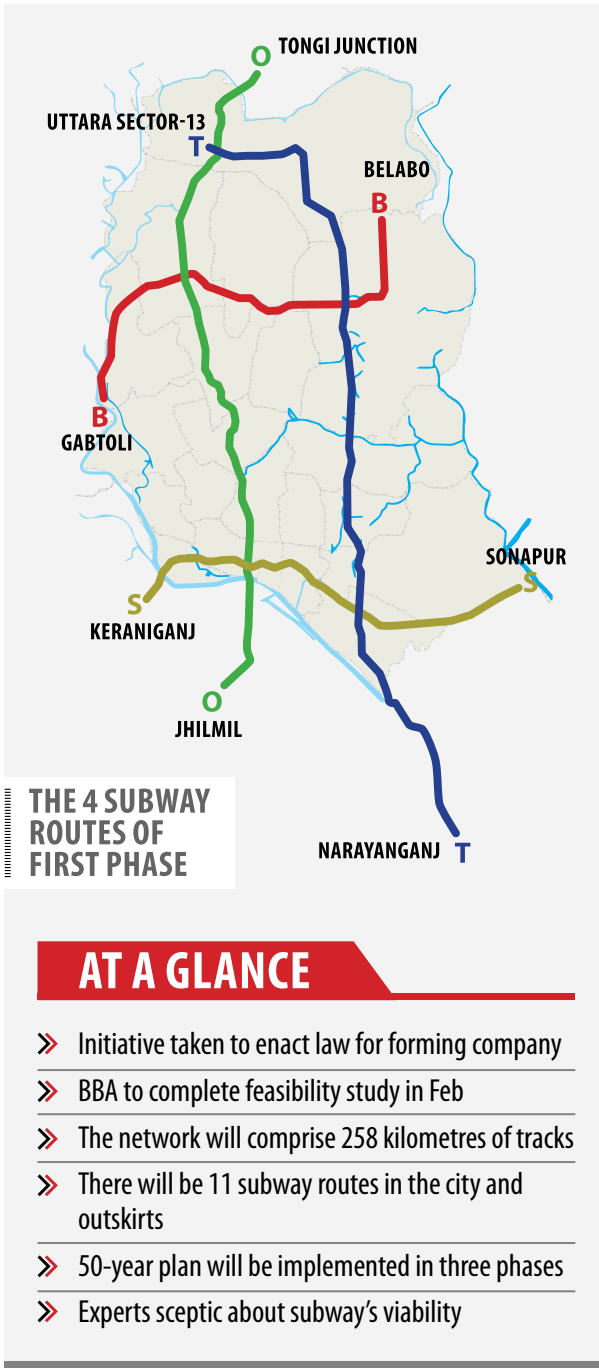
Although the subway has long been in discussion, it was not included in the revised strategic transport plan for Dhaka, approved in 2015, reportedly because it is not feasible, they added.

However, project director Kazi Md Ferdous, at a programme in March, said they would build the subway to organise the city's traffic.

BBA had sent the proposal to Dhaka Transport Coordination Authority to incorporate the subway in the strategic plan, sources said.

The project's consultants said the metro network should be complemented by the subway system for better coverage and connectivity.

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THE 4 SUBWAY ROUTES OF FIRST PHASE

AT A GLANCE

- Initiative taken to enact law for forming company
- BBA to complete feasibility study in Feb
- The network will comprise 258 kilometres of tracks
- There will be 11 subway routes in the city and outskirts
- 50-year plan will be implemented in three phases
- Experts sceptic about subway's viability

WAR CRIMES Verdict in case against former BNP MP of Bogura Nov 24

STARR CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 will deliver verdict tomorrow in a case filed against former BNP lawmaker from Bogura, Abdul Momin Talukder alias Khoka (69), over his alleged involvement in crimes committed during the Liberation War in 1971.

The three-member tribunal led by Justice Md Shahinur Islam fixed the date yesterday. Prosecutor Rezia Sultana Chaman told The Daily Star.

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Missing DU student found in Tangail jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Himel Hamid, the student of Dhaka University who went missing on Friday, was found in Tangail District Jail yesterday.

A student of Chemistry Department of 2014-2015 session, Himel went traceless on his way home at Tangail's Sakhipur from a DU hall on Friday morning. The next day, one of his cousins filed a GD with Shahbagh Police Station.

Billal Shikder, father of Himel, said, "I was informed that he was jailed for one month by a mobile court on charge of giving proxy in an examination in Tangail."

Ataul Rabbi, judge of the mobile court, confirmed this, saying, "Himel was sentenced to one month in jail by a mobile court while sitting for one Rezwanul's recruitment examination for the Food Department's assistant inspector post at Tangail Textile Institute Center on Friday. He was later sent to jail."

Himel was detained after it was discovered that his admit card photo did not match, while an electronic device was also found with him. However, the magistrate mentioned that Himel did not disclose his identity as a DU student.

4 of family hurt in Mugda fire

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Four of a family were burnt in a fire incident in the city's Mugda area yesterday morning.

The injured -- Sudhanshu Boidya (35), his wife Priyanka Baroi (32), their son Arup Boidya (5) and Priyanka's mother Shefali Rani Baroi (55) -- were taken to Sheikh Hasina National Institute of Burn and Plastic Surgery.

All of them are in a critical state, said SM Aiyub Hossain, resident surgeon of the burn institute.

Priyanka's brother Palash Baroi said his sister's family came to his house in Dakshin Mugda area from

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Students suffer the most amid no public transport

Strike in Sylhet called off till Jan 5

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

The indefinite strike called by transport workers in Sylhet, which brought immense suffering to city residents, especially students, has been postponed till January 5 next year.

Abu Sarker, acting president of Road Transport Workers Federation's Sylhet divisional committee, said they took the decision after a meeting with Sylhet Divisional Commissioner Muhammad Mosarraf Hossain at 9:30pm yesterday.

"He assured us of meeting our demands," Sarker said.

With their five-point demand, transport workers in the division started their strike from morning. Their demands included holding the triennial election of Sylhet's District Auto-tempo and Auto-rickshaw Workers Federation regularly; dropping cases against district bus and minibus transport workers, and ending police "harassment" on highways.

Meanwhile, all modes of public transport -- including buses, CNG-run three-wheelers, and goods-carrying vehicles -- were off the roads since 6:00am.

As a result, residents, especially Secondary School Certificate (SSC) and

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PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

On a day of SSC and National University honours exams, the strike weighed down on residents of Sylhet a bit more than usual. All across the city, residents complained of reaching their destinations late, or failing to journey altogether. The photos were taken from Central Bus Stand.

Ctg zoo welcomes Sambar foal

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Chattogram

A Sambar foal was born in Chattogram Zoo on Sunday afternoon, bringing the population of the vulnerable species of deer in the zoo up to six.

The Sambar is a large deer found in the Indian Subcontinent, Southern China and Southeast Asia including Sri Lanka, Thailand, Myanmar, Philippines and Indonesia. It was listed as a vulnerable species in the International Union for

Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List in 2008, said wildlife experts.

In Bangladesh, the Sambar was commonly found in the hilly region of Chattogram, Chattogram Hill Tracts, and Sylhet once upon a time, said Dr Farid Ahsan, a professor of Zoology Department of Chittagong University.

However, over the years the population of the species has declined substantially due to hunting and loss of habitat, he said.

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The foal was born weighing three kilos.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

MORE NEWS

Killing of six students in Aminbazar in 2011: verdict on December 2

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday fixed December 2 for delivering judgment in a case filed over the killing of six students in Aminbazar on the outskirts of Dhaka 10 years ago.

Judge Ismat Jahan of the Second Additional District and Sessions Judge's Court of Dhaka set the date. The judge also cancelled the bail of 51, out of 58, accused and sent them to jail. In the early hours of Shab-e-Barat on July 18, 2011, a mob killed six youths near Aminbazar bridge and took the bodies to Keblarchar, more than half a kilometre away, on instructions of police, and called villagers, saying they had caught robbers.



BIWTA dismantled 34 structures built illegally on the bank of Shitalakkha river in Tarabo area of Narayanganj's Rupganj upazila yesterday.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

JS body asks for info on fuel use

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A parliamentary body yesterday asked for accurate information on the type and amount of fuel used in public transports.

The parliamentary standing committee on the ministry of power asked the ministry concerned to conduct a survey in this regard. The committee thinks this is necessary as there should be accurate statistics on CNG-run, diesel-run, and petrol or octane-run public transport and vehicles. The meeting was held at the Sangsad Bhaban, with AL MP Wasika Ayesha Khan in the chair.

S Korea approves \$100m loan

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

South Korea has approved \$100 million from the Economic Development Cooperation Fund (EDCF) to help the recovery of Bangladesh's economy hit by the pandemic.

This will be the first EDCF loan to be implemented under the new EDCF Framework Agreement for the years 2021 through 2025, which was signed between the two governments on October 24, 2021, according to a statement of the Korean embassy in Dhaka yesterday.

Biman's Bangkok flights start from Dec 2

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Biman will resume flights on the Dhaka-Bangkok-Dhaka route from December 2. Initially, the airlines will operate weekly two flights on this route.

Passengers will be able to travel to Bangkok at least 14 days after receiving the full dose of the Covid-19 vaccine approved by the Thai authorities and have Covid negative certificates within a maximum of 72 hours before the flight.

Subway

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THE SUBWAY COMPANY The issue of forming a state-owned company, like Dhaka Mass Transit Company Ltd (DMTCL), was discussed at the monthly coordination meeting of the Bridge Division last month.

DMTCL was formed in June 2013 to establish, operate and maintain the under-construction metro rail network.

At the meeting, officials informed the meeting that preparation of a master-plan for the subway is at the final stage, and a separate company is required for construction.

The meeting, presided over by Abu Bakr Siddique, also secretary of the division, decided to take initiative for enacting a law for forming the subway company.

Instructed by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, BBA started the feasibility study in September 2018.

Although the study was supposed to be completed in October this year, officials later extended the deadline to February next year.

Ctg zoo welcomes

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Among the zoos in the country, only Chattogram Zoo possesses Sambar deer, said Dr Shahadat Hossain Shuvo, a veterinary surgeon and curator of the zoo.

"The female Sambar foal weights 3kg," he said. The zoo now has a total of 39 deer of three species, including 27 spotted deer and six barking deer.

Students suffer

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National University honours examinees, had to suffer immensely as they could not find any transport other than a few rickshaws. Antara Fariha, an honours examinee of MC College, said, "I started for the exam centre an hour prior to my usual time, since I knew about the transport strike. But I was still 10 minutes late."

Meanwhile, no long-distance or inter-district public transport left or entered Sylhet since morning. The situation was similar in each of the division's four districts.

Around 9:30am, this correspondent found banker Hossain Ahmed waiting at Sylhet Bus Terminal. He was looking to board a vehicle to his office at Goala Bazar in Osmaninagar upazila. He said though he was aware of the strike and prepared in advance, he would still not be able to get to his office in time.

Throughout the day, transport workers gathered at various points along the roads and were seen obstructing all types of vehicles, including private ones. They also parked trucks and buses in the middle of streets to restrict vehicular movement.

Fortunately for some passengers, a group of bikers extended their support to examinees and people in emergency need. Kothae Jaben Ride Sharing Group, Save Sylhet and Sylhet Bikers Club along with some individual ride-sharing drivers offered free rides for examinees in the morning.

Zakaria Ahmed, organising secretary of the federation, said they submitted a memorandum containing their demands to the authorities on November 9. As no action was taken, the transport workers went on strike, he said.

Verdict in

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On November 1, the tribunal kept the verdict waiting after both the prosecution and defence counsels completed their closing arguments.

Khoka, who is on the run, is being tried in absentia and facing three charges, Rezia said.

According to tribunal's investigation agency, Momin, was Razakar commander of Adamdighi Police Station of Bagura and involved in genocide and killing of at least 19 people.

Stop killing

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Justice Md Mostafizur Rahman passed the order and issued the rule, following a petition filed by wildlife protection activists Adnan Azad, Farzana Yasmin and Khan Fatim Hasan.

They submitted the petition on November 21, as seven elephants were reportedly killed in just eleven days this month.

Deputy Attorney General Bepul Bagmar told The Daily Star that killing elephants is prohibited under the Wildlife (Conservation and Security) Act, 2012.

Net zero

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"Our government should be inclusive in the future if we want to acquire the negotiation power to achieve the target successfully," said lawmaker Shamim Haider Patwary.

4 of family

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Shariatpur a couple of days back for Sudhanshu's treatment.

The house was engulfed by flames as Priyanka went to the kitchen and attempted to light the gas stove to boil water.

SI Ibrahim Khalilullah of Mugda Police Station said they suspected that the fire originated after the leaked gas accumulated in the kitchen came in contact with the spark of matchstick. Most of the valuables of the house were burnt and windows were shattered.



Career Opportunity

CAPTAIN BOEING-777

Ref no.: 30.34.0000.073.28.000.21.70

Date: 22-11-2021

Biman Bangladesh Airlines Limited is looking for Captain Boeing-777 aircraft. The appointment will be on contractual basis for 05 (five) years (renewable as required).

1. To apply for this opportunity candidate must meet the following requirements:

- i) Citizen of Bangladesh.
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- iii) Total flying experience exceeding 6000 hours (on multi crew, multi engine commercial aircraft MTOW of 50 tons or more) including the following:

- 1. 1500 hours Co-pilot on type or equivalent type or 500 hours Pilot in Command on Aircraft (on multi crew, multi engine commercial aircraft MTOW of 50 tons or more).
- 2. A minimum of 2000 hours airline experience.
- iv) Fluency in written and spoken English, equivalent to ICAO English level 4 or above.
- v) Number of posts: 06
- vi) No incident/accident reports in which held responsible within last five years.
- vii) No affidavit will be acceptable in case of date of birth.
- viii) Candidates if selected from other airlines must provide NOC before joining.
- ix) Selected candidates will have to undergo training as required.
- x) Selected candidates shall have to sign an agreement and a surety bond separately on non-judiciary stamp of taka 1000/- each.
- xi) Salary and all other benefit: Negotiable.
- xii) All taxes will be borne by themselves.
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FIRST OFFICER BOEING-777

Ref no.: 30.34.0000.073.28.000.21.71

Date: 22-11-2021

Biman Bangladesh Airlines Limited is looking for FIRST OFFICER Boeing-777 aircraft on contractual basis for 05 (Five) years (renewable if required).

1. To apply for this opportunity candidate must meet the following requirements:

- i) Citizen of Bangladesh.
- ii) Holder of CPL & IR issued/endorsed by Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB) with all ATPL ground subject has been passed.
- iii) Relevant valid flying license and valid class-1 medical.
- iv) Total flying experiences: Minimum 2000 hours on multi-crew, multi-engine commercial jet aircraft with MTOW of 50 tons or more.
- v) Fluency in written and spoken English, equivalent to ICAO English level 4 or above.
- vi) Number of posts: 15
- vii) No incident/accident reports in which held responsible within last five years.
- viii) No affidavit will be acceptable in case of date of birth.
- ix) Candidates employed in government/semi-government/autonomous or other airlines must provide NOC before joining if selected.
- x) Selected candidates will have to undergo training for specific period at Bangladesh Airlines Training Centre (BATIC) and any other institute approved by Biman (If required).
- xi) Selected candidates shall have to sign an agreement and a surety bond separately on non-judiciary stamp of taka 1000/- each.
- xii) Salary and all others benefit: Negotiable.
- xiii) All taxes will be borne by First Officer themselves.
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FIRST OFFICER BOEING-737

Ref no.: 30.34.0000.073.28.000.21.72

Date: 22-11-2021

Biman Bangladesh Airlines Limited is looking for Type Rated First Officer Boeing-737 aircraft on contractual basis for 05 (Five) years (renewable as required).

1. To apply for this opportunity candidate must meet the following requirements:

- i) Citizen of Bangladesh.
- ii) Holder of CPL & IR issued/endorsed by Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB)/ICAO with all ATPL ground subject has been passed.
- iii) Relevant flying license and valid class-1 medical.
- iv) Total flying experiences: Minimum 1000 hours with most recent 500 hours on B737 NG.
- v) Number of posts: 04.
- vi) No incident/accident reports in which held responsible within last five years.
- vii) Fluency in written and spoken English, equivalent to ICAO English level 4 or above
- viii) No affidavit will be acceptable in case of date of birth.
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Interested candidates are requested to apply mentioning the post to the undersigned within 13th December 2021.

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Controlled
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The suspect controls the syndicate with help from some of his friends.
The Daily Star managed to find some audio clips of the suspects, where the mastermind was found instructing syndicate members to never use any direct call on WhatsApp or other app without activating VPN.
The suspect also encouraged users to buy more of the drug and become retailers, promising cheaper prices, said DNC officials.
Mehedi Hasan said they have arrested around 22 people and recovered some 2 kg of ice from Dhaka in the last three months.
All of the consignments are coming from Myanmar along with yaba consignments, he said.



Nothing but a few equipment and some construction materials are seen in Kalakhali village in Pirojpur Sadar upazila, at the site of the bridge over the Kaliganga river. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

BRIDGE ON KALIGANGA RIVER IN PIROJPUR

LGED starting process all over again

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

The wait of thousands -- residents of seven unions in Nesarabad and Kawkhali upazilas -- for a bridge on the Kaliganga river has been prolonged by at least several more years, as the contractor firm assigned with the work failed to construct the bridge in three years' time.

In September this year, nearly 10 months after the firm -- Navana Construction Ltd -- missed the deadline for completing its construction, Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) revoked the Tk-115-crore contract with it.

Navana won the tender to construct a 600-metre-long bridge on the river, connecting Kalakhali village of Pirojpur Sadar

Navana won the tender to construct a 600-metre-long bridge on the river and it would have a total of 1,200 metres of approach roads on both sides.

upazila with Chandkathi village of Nesarabad upazila. The width of the bridge would be 10 metres and it would have a total of 1,200 metres of approach roads on both sides.

The work on the bridge started in April, 2018, with a deadline of

November, 2020.

On January 15 this year, when this paper ran a report headlined "Bridge on Kaliganga River in Pirojpur: Two years' deadline over, LGED wants 2 years more", LGED claimed that 15 percent of the work was done.

But later, in September, the LGED said they cancelled the contract with Navana as it completed only eight percent of the work.

Pirojpur LGED Executive Engineer Abdus Sattar Howlader said they officially annulled the contract with Navana Construction Ltd on September 9 this year, as it failed to show progress in the construction work before the deadline.

The land acquisition process on both sides of the proposed bridge

site has already been complete and "we are working on floating a tender again for completing the construction of the bridge," he also said.

However, the delay in the work will result in a rise in the cost of the project by about 15 to 20 percent, said a few LGED officials, requesting anonymity.

Expressing frustration over the news of the bridge's re-tender process, Sheikh Obaidullah, a resident of Chandkathi village in Nesarabad, said, "We were delighted after the construction started", as it would benefit people in five unions of Nesarabad and two unions of Kawkhali upazilas.

Rural economies in the riverine region would develop if the bridge was completed, said Aminul Islam, from the same village.

National emergency declared

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difference to our determination to free our country and to create the kind of society we want."

PAKISTAN DECLARES EMERGENCY

Pakistan President Yahya khan declared a national emergency today. He proclaimed the emergency in view of a "threat of foreign aggression". The declaration followed an alleged four-pronged attack by Indian Army and Mukti Bahini in Chattogram, Sylhet, Jashore and Rangpur. Yahya also charged that Indian forces had seized two villages and some border outposts in East Pakistan.

The declaration of national

emergency did not specify what measures the Pakistan Government intended to take. The government already ruled by martial law and had wide powers. But a spokesman said that the declaration was "an enabling act" that could pave the way for censorship, civilian mobilization and other measures.

Indira Gandhi today held hurried consultations with her aides as the tense situation along the India-Pakistan border became grave with the declaration of national emergency in Pakistan.

Indira Gandhi invited all the opposition parties next day to give her their appraisal of the border developments.

THE WHOLE CONTINENT WILL

HAVE A BLOODBATH: BHUTTO Pakistan People's Party chief ZA Bhutto, talking to newsmen in Lahore on his way to Rawalpindi, said Pakistan would stake its all in defence of the motherland. He added "the whole continent will have a bloodbath." Bhutto was summoned to Rawalpindi by Yahya Khan.

RUSSIA BLAMES PAKISTAN

The Soviet Communist Party paper Pravda today blamed Pakistan for the escalation of tension in the Indian subcontinent which it feared might develop into military battle.

Shamsuddoza Sajen is a journalist and researcher. He can be contacted at sajen1986@gmail.com.

'Democratic erosion'

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The organisation made this classification based on 28 indicators across five broad topics, according to the report titled "Global State of Democracy Report 2021".

According to the indices, Bangladesh's lowest score was in the category of having an impartial administration. It also performed "low" in the categories of having a representative government, and having sufficient checks on the government. Bangladesh had mid-range performance in the categories of access to justice, civil society participation and having civil liberties. The country scored highly in "electoral participation".

The countries mentioned in the report were judged based

on whether or not they have a representative government. To come to conclusions in this regard, the organisation evaluated whether or not the country has clean elections, inclusive suffrage, free political parties and an elected government.

The organisation also evaluated whether there are sufficient checks on the government. They examined whether the parliament is effective and the judiciary is independent, and if there is media integrity.

To decide what type of democracy a country is, IDEA scrutinised whether the administration is impartial, whether there is sufficient civil society members and electoral participation, and what local

democracy is like.

The organisation also looked at whether the country has fundamental rights, which includes access to justice, practice of civil liberties, social rights and equality.

Bangladesh was mentioned in the report for its arrests and harassments of media workers.

"Governments' pandemic responses have sparked additional serious concerns about restrictions on the capacity of media to hold governments accountable," said the report.

In it, it was found that a greater number of countries are sliding towards authoritarianism, while the number of established democracies under threat has never been so high.

Europe faces Covid freeze

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encouraged by the far-right Freedom Party, the third biggest in parliament.

"It's like a luxury prison. It's definitely limited freedom and for me it's not great psychologically," said Sascha Iamkovyi, a 43-year-old entrepreneur in the food sector, describing his return to lockdown on a chilly, overcast day in an unusually quiet Vienna.

"People were promised that if they got vaccinated they would be able to lead a normal life, but now that's not true."

As Europe grapples with new Covid spikes, Australia announced yesterday it will re-open to foreign

students and skilled workers from next month, easing some of the world's most stringent pandemic travel restrictions.

Twenty months after Australia slammed shut its borders, some visa holders -- as well as Japanese and South Korean citizens -- will be able to enter from December 1, reports AFP.

"Australia is re-opening to the world," said Home Affairs Minister Karen Andrews as she announced the news, adding it was "yet another step forward for Australia".

In Austria, the return of severe government restrictions had already brought about 40,000 protesters to Vienna's streets on

Saturday, and protests turned to violence in Brussels and across the Netherlands over the weekend.

The Czech Republic and Slovakia banned unvaccinated people from services including pubs from yesterday.

Around a third of Austrians are unvaccinated, one of the highest rates in western Europe, and authorities mainly blame the unvaccinated for the current Covid wave, though protection from vaccines given early this year is also waning. Inoculation greatly reduces the risk of serious illness or death, and reduces but does not prevent viral transmission or re-infection.

15m to get jobs

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disease. It can be good one day, and bad the next. Recently, we have been seeing the Covid-19 situation turning worse, after it was good for a while, in Europe."

To tackle any surge in transmission in the future, he urged doctors to remain prepared.

"We want to keep our country in a good condition [in terms of the pandemic situation]. So, you [doctors] have to always be prepared," he said, adding that his ministry is also working for to ensure it.

Maleque further said the process of appointing of 4,000 new doctors and 8,000 new nurses is underway.

"But we need more human resources for our enormous healthcare sector," he said, adding, "We have taken up a programme to appoint up to 20,000 healthcare assistants and medical technologists."

Meanwhile, the Directorate General of Health Services reported two Covid-19 deaths and 264 new cases in the past 24 hours till 8:00am yesterday, with a positivity rate of 1.42 percent.

Bangladesh

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second and third deliveries following a dot off the first delivery.

All of a sudden, the crowd were on their feet and sensing a win. Iftikhar then stunned the hosts with a six as the equation came down to two off the last two balls.

Mahmudullah bought Bangladesh back in the game again by removing Iftikhar the next ball. More drama unfolded when Nawaz backed away at the very last moment off which was supposed to be the final delivery. However, Mahmudullah showed great sportsmanship and opted not to review that one before the next one was hoicked for the winning runs.

Despite the late drama, Bangladesh were always behind Pakistan, who were in a commanding position coming into chasing the target, with Mohammad Rizwan (40) and Haider Ali (45) adding 51 runs for the second wicket to lay the foundation.

Earlier, Bangladesh won the toss for the third time in three matches and went in with three changes, but the lack of intensity in their batting cost them dearly. Mohammad Naim top-scored with 47 off 50 balls while 22 from Shamim Hossain and 20 from Afif Hossain were never enough for posting a fighting total.

Despite scoring 33 for one in the Powerplay and at one stage being 80 for two after 14 overs, Bangladesh batters couldn't utilise the momentum in their favour as they added only 44 runs in the last six overs losing five wickets.

Erosion by Padma takes serious turn in Faridpur

Around 200 acres of arable land, portion of road devoured since mid-October

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

With decreasing water level in the Padma river, erosion has taken a serious turn at two villages under Decrirchar union in Sadar upazila, devouring fresh areas including a large portion of an important village road and vast arable land.

Local people said erosion by the Padma river is going on at Pauldangi and Taher Fakirdangi villages, stretching about one and a half kilometres areas under the union.

They said around 200 acres of arable land has already been devoured by the mighty river in the last couple of weeks.

Moreover, about 80-feet portion of the Paldangi road has been washed away by the river, villagers said, adding that more than 4,000 inhabitants of five villages use the road, which is their only means of communication to go the upazila and the district town.

During a visit to the two erosion-hit villages this correspondent saw vast arable lands, a boat terminal and portion of a brick-made road have been devoured by the swelling river.

The fresh erosion is also posing threat to some 20 houses, including 12 houses of an Ashrayan Project of the government.

Zakir Pramanik, 35, a resident of Taher Fakirerdangi village, said the erosion first

Faridpur WDB official said they have nothing to do as the two erosion-hit villages are located in char areas.

started in August, but it took serious turn and started devouring fresh areas since mid-October.

Zahid Pramanik, 33, of the same area said if the authorities concerned do not take any immediate step to check the erosion more croplands and dwelling houses will devour into the river.

Decrirchar Union Parishad (UP) Chairman Mehedi Hasan said he urged the Water Development Board (WDB) to take necessary steps in this regard, but to no avail.

Faridpur WDB Executive Engineer Partha Protim Saha said they have nothing to do as the two erosion-hit villages are located in char areas, but WDB conducts its development works only on mainland.

Kazi Razaul Karim, chief scientific officer at Faridpur River Research Institute, said his institute can work to prevent the erosion in the affected areas, using bamboo bundle method, but they do not have funds to do the work.



The Padma river devours vast areas including dwelling houses at Taher Fakirerdangi village in Faridpur Sadar upazila.

PHOTO: STAR

Five hit by bullets in Munshiganj

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trio are followers of Afsar, the police official said.

Meanwhile, a heart patient, Abdul Haque Bepari, 48, of Khaskandi village, and also a supporter of Afsar, died at his home.

His wife Kalpana Begum alleged that supporters of rebel chairman candidate Akhtaruzzaman exploded four-five crude bombs and fired shots at their house. The house was also vandalised.

She said the attackers pinned her husband to the ground and strangled him.

Md Sohag, a physician at Munshiganj General Hospital's emergency department, said Abdul was brought to the hospital around 11:35pm on Sunday. No signs of serious injuries were found on his body. There were no strangulation marks either. The cause of the death could be known after autopsy, he added.

Sumon Dev, additional superintendent (administration and crime) of Munshiganj police, said if Abdul's relatives lodge any complaint, they will investigate it and take legal action.

Clapton guitar tops \$600,000

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sell for \$300,000 to \$500,000.

While outperforming expectations, the price came up well short of the record \$6 million that was paid in 2020 for the acoustic guitar that late Nirvana frontman Kurt Cobain strummed during a famous "MTV Unplugged" appearance in 1993.

The 76-year-old Englishman Clapton, a rock and blues legend, in recent years has made a very public turn to far-right conservatism, taking ardent stances against Covid-19 vaccination and lockdown measures and facing accusations of racism.

Winter can trigger

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to poor hygiene, keeping our scalp clean can prevent and manage it. People with oily scalp and those who go out in dust and pollution often, should apply shampoo more frequently than others.

Treatments:

1. Using anti-dandruff shampoo
2. Applying anti-fungal cream
3. Applying lemon juice on the affected area
4. Using baking soda which can remove excess dead skin cells and oil on the scalp
5. Taking zinc supplement as its

deficiency can be a potential contributing factor for dandruff

6. Managing stress
7. Using essential oils, like tea tree oil

Dandruff can develop on the eyebrows and eyelashes too. It is pretty common. Sometimes doctors prescribe children's anti-dandruff shampoo for treating the condition on these sensitive areas.

There are plenty of home remedies to try out also. But if your dandruff is unmanageable, seeing a dermatologist is recommended. Underlying skin conditions like eczema or psoriasis may be responsible too.

Acid attack on HSC examinee

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Locals rushed the injured to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital from where she was shifted to Dhaka as her condition deteriorated, the police official added.

Police picked up Mahin from Natore on Sunday night.

Early yesterday, the victim's father filed a case with Natore Sadar Police Station accusing Mahin.

Later in the day, a Natore court sent the arrestee to jail after police produced him before it, said OC (investigation) Abu Sadat of the police station.

Meanwhile, Socialist Women's Front

formed a human chain in Old Bus Stand area of Natore town yesterday demanding punishment for acid attackers.

Dilruba Nuri, organising secretary of the platform, and Aleya Begum, president of Natore District Women's Forum, among others, spoke at the programme.

The speakers said the perpetrators of acid attack, rape and harassment of women are getting off the hook due to patronage by politicians.

Blaming the government for "culture of impunity", they said such crimes will increase if the rule of law is not established.

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Sudan frees several civilian leaders held since coup

Sudanese authorities yesterday released several civilian leaders detained since last month's coup, a key plank in a deal aimed to restore a fragile transition process towards full democracy. "I was released late yesterday evening," the head of Sudan's Congress Party Omar al-Degeir told AFP. "I was in solitary confinement and completely cut off from the world throughout this period." Other civilian politicians, including from the Umma party, were also released. Top general Abdel Fattah al-Burhan last month declared a state of emergency and ousted the government, in a move that upended a two-year transition to civilian rule. It triggered a wave of mass street protests in which at least 41 people were killed.

Delhi lifts ban on construction as air quality improves

New Delhi has lifted a ban on construction activities as air quality improved marginally, but schools and offices will remain closed until at least Wednesday, its environment minister said yesterday. Delhi's Air Quality Index (AQI) dropped to 303 on a scale of 500, down from 499 nearly a week ago, when a thick haze hung over the city of more than 200 million people. The current AQI levels still indicate "very poor" conditions, according to government monitoring agencies. "Air quality is slowly improving," Gopal Rai, the capital's Minister for Environment, Forest and Wildlife Development, told a news conference. "Labourers were facing difficulties, and that is why we have decided to resume construction activities." He said the authorities would monitor construction sites to ensure that builders follow dust-control measures set out by the government.



Lanka begins trials linked to 2019 Easter bombings case

A Sri Lankan court yesterday began the first of three trials connected to bombings that killed nearly 270 people on the island in 2019, amidst appeals for greater accountability from victim support groups. In this trial, former national police chief Pujith Jayasundara is charged with failing to act on repeated intelligence warnings of a possible terror attack. A total of 855 charges of murder and attempted murder were read out as Jayasundara stood in the dock at the back of the courtroom. A total of 1,215 witnesses have been listed to give evidence but not all may be called, his lawyer said. "Our position is the former police chief is not guilty. He did not intentionally aid or abet the attacks and there was no omission on his part that caused the attacks," attorney Ranjith Dehiwala told Reuters. Ex-Defence Secretary Hemasiri Fernando, the top official in the defence ministry at the time, faces similar charges in a trial that began later yesterday.

SOURCE: AFP, REUTERS



This video screen shot taken from the Facebook live streaming of the City of Waukesha, shows a red SUV speeding through the Christmas parade crowd in Waukesha, Wisconsin, US on Sunday. Five people were killed and more than 40 injured after the SUV sped through the parade in Waukesha, knocking down dozens of people including youngsters waving pompoms and a group of "Dancing Grannies".

PHOTO: AFP

Quote of the day



“Our research shows what we have long suspected and feared, namely that the destructive secondary impacts of this pandemic have damaged the fabric of our society and will be felt for years, if not decades, to come.”

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China does not seek ‘hegemony’, Xi tells Asean

REUTERS, Beijing

Chinese President Xi Jinping told leaders of the 10-country Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) at a summit yesterday that Beijing would not “bully” its smaller regional neighbours, amid rising tension over the South China Sea.

Beijing's territorial claims over the sea clash with those of several Southeast Asian nations and have raised alarm from Washington to Tokyo.

But Xi said China would never seek hegemony nor take advantage of kushy smaller countries, and would work with Asean to eliminate “interference”.

“China was, is, and will always be a good neighbour, good friend, and good partner of Asean,” Chinese state media quoted Xi as saying.

China's assertion of sovereignty over the South China Sea has set it against Asean members Vietnam and the Philippines, while Brunei, Taiwan and Malaysia also lay claim to parts.

The Philippines on Thursday condemned the

actions of three Chinese coast guard vessels that it said blocked and used water cannon on resupply boats headed towards a Philippine-occupied atoll in the sea.

The United States on Friday called the Chinese actions “dangerous, provocative, and unjustified,” and warned that an armed attack on Philippine vessels would invoke US mutual defence commitments.

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte told the summit hosted by Xi that he “abhors” the altercation and said the rule of law was the only way out of the dispute. He referred to a 2016 international arbitration ruling which found China's maritime claim to the sea

had no legal basis. “This does not speak well of the relations between our nations,” said Duterte.

The summit was held without a representative from Myanmar, Malaysia's Foreign Minister Saifuddin Abdullah said yesterday. The reason for the non-attendance was not immediately clear, and a spokesperson for Myanmar's military government did not answer calls seeking comment.



Taliban ban women from TV dramas

AFP, Kabul

Afghanistan's Taliban authorities late Sunday issued a new “religious guideline” that called on the country's television channels to stop showing dramas and soap operas featuring women actors.

In the first such directive to Afghan media issued by the Ministry for the Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice, the Taliban also called on women television journalists to wear Islamic hijabs while presenting their reports.

Indian farmers hold mass rally in Lucknow

Keep pressure on Modi despite climbdown

REUTERS, New Delhi

Flushed with victory after Prime Minister Narendra Modi caved into demands for agricultural reform laws to be repealed, Indian farmers held a mass rally yesterday to demand minimum support prices be extended to all produce, not just rice and wheat.

The protest movement launched by farmers more than a year ago became the most serious political challenge to the Hindu nationalist government, and resulted in Modi making a surprise commitment on Friday to roll back the reforms.

Thousands gathered for the latest rally in Lucknow, the capital of Uttar Pradesh, where Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party will seek to hold onto power in state elections due early next year. His climbdown sparked celebrations by farmers, but their leaders immediately warned that the protests would continue until the government promised to introduce a law that would guarantee minimum prices for all crops.

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Migrants stay in the transport and logistics centre Bruzgi on the Belarusian-Polish border in the Grodno region, Belarus. The photo was taken on Sunday and released yesterday. Belarus does not want confrontation with Poland but wants the European Union to take in 2,000 migrants stranded on its border, President Alexander Lukashenko said yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

US must agree to lift its sanctions Says Iran's top negotiator ahead of talks with IAEA chief

ALJAZEERA ONLINE

The United States must “accept reality” and agree to lift its sanctions on Iran during next week's nuclear talks in Vienna, according to Tehran's top negotiator.

Representatives of Iran and the other signatories of its 2015 nuclear deal will be in Austria starting November 29 to try to restore the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), which the US abandoned in 2018.

Iran, China, Russia, the United Kingdom, France, and Germany will resume six rounds of talks that stopped in June to allow Iran's new president, Ebrahim Raisi, to form his administration.

As before, the US will participate indirectly in negotiations that if successful will see harsh US sanctions on Iran lifted.

The director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Rafael Grossi, is expected to meet Iran's new foreign minister, Hossein Amirabdollahian, in Tehran for the first time today.

Grossi is expected to discuss IAEA monitoring in Iran, which has been restricted as part of the country's response to the US withdrawal from the nuclear deal, and in response to the assassination of a top nuclear scientist and several attacks on nuclear sites. Iran has blamed the attacks on Israel.

NUKE SUB ALLIANCE US, Australia, UK sign key deal

AFP, Sydney

Australia formally embarked yesterday on a hotly-contested programme to equip its navy with nuclear-powered submarines in a new defence alliance with Britain and the United States.

Defence Minister Peter Dutton joined US and British diplomats in signing an agreement allowing the exchange of sensitive “naval nuclear propulsion information” between their nations.

It is the first agreement on the technology to be publicly signed since the three countries announced in September the formation of a defence alliance, AUKUS.

রাজশাহী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

রাজশাহী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় ২০২২ সালের ডায়েরি প্রয়োজনীয় উপকরণাদিসহ অফসেট মুদ্রণ, বঁধাই ও জ্যাকসেসহ সরবরাহের জন্য মানসম্মত ডায়েরি ছাপার কাজে পূর্ব অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন প্রকৃত অফসেট মুদ্রণ প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট থেকে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। ডায়েরিতে ছাপার জন্য কর্তৃপক্ষ কম্পোজকৃত প্রয়োজনীয় তথ্যাদি সরবরাহ করবে। কার্যাদেশপ্রাপ্ত প্রতিষ্ঠানকে নিজ দায়িত্বে বাংলা, ইংরেজি ও হিজরি তারিখের ডেট প্যানেল তৈরি করে তার নির্ভুলতা নিশ্চিত করতে হবে। দরদাতা প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিজস্ব স্থাপনায় অবশ্যই প্রি-প্রেস ওয়ার্কের পূর্ণাঙ্গ সেটআপসহ হিট এম্বোস/অন্য কোনো মাধ্যমে রেজিনে প্রিন্টের মেশিন ও প্রয়োজনীয় অফসেট মেশিন থাকা আবশ্যক। উল্লেখ্য যে, সিডিউল ক্রয়ের আবেদনের সাথে নিজ প্রতিষ্ঠানে এসকল সুবিধা আছে মর্মে একটি প্রত্যয়নপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে। প্রত্যয়নপত্রে কোনো অসত্য বা ভুয়া তথ্য প্রদান করা যাবে না। ছুটির দিন বাদে অফিস সময়ের মধ্যে জনসংযোগ দপ্তর থেকে নিজ দায়িত্বে ডায়েরির নমুনা দেখানোর উপকরণাদি সম্পর্কে জেনে নিতে হবে এবং সেখান থেকে সিডিউল সংগ্রহ করা যাবে।

দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্য বাবদ রেজিস্ট্রার, রাজশাহী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের অনুকূলে যেকোনো ভর্তুকী ব্যাংকের ৬০০.০০ (ছয়শত) টাকার ব্যাংক ড্রাক্সটসহ (অফেরতযোগ্য) নিজ প্রতিষ্ঠানের পাতে নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারী বরাবর আবেদন করতে হবে। আবেদনের সঙ্গে প্রথম শ্রেণির কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক সম্প্রতি সত্যায়িত হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স ও প্রেস ডিক্লারেশন এবং নিজ প্রতিষ্ঠানে মুদ্রিত তথ্যবহুল ও সচিত্র ডায়েরির একটি নমুনা (অফেরতযোগ্য) দাখিল করতে হবে। ডাকযোগে দরপত্র শেষ সময় ০৫/১২/২০২১ তারিখ বেলা ১টা। দরপত্র আগামী ০৬/১২/২০২১ তারিখ বেলা ১১.৩০ মিনিটের মধ্যে রাজশাহী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় কোষাধ্যক্ষের অফিসে রক্ষিত টেন্ডার ব্যাগে জমা দিতে হবে। দরপত্র ব্যাগ ঐ দিনই বেলা ১২টায় দরপত্রদাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেউ থাকেন) খোলা হবে। ডাকযোগে দরপত্র দাখিল করা যেতে পারে, তবে তা নির্ধারিত তারিখ ও সময়ের মধ্যে অবশ্যই কোষাধ্যক্ষ দপ্তরে পৌছাতে হবে। দরপত্র বিক্রয় বা দাখিলের শেষ তারিখে কোনো অনিবার্য কারণে অফিস বন্ধ থাকলে পরবর্তী কার্যদিবসে সিডিউল ক্রয় ও তার পরবর্তী কার্যদিবসে দরপত্র জমা দেয়া যাবে। কর্তৃপক্ষ কোনো কারণ না দর্শিয়ে যেকোনো দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা সকল দরপত্র বাতিল করবার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করে।

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Request for Expression of Interest (Re-invitation)

Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) is hereby requesting for **Expression of Interest** in sealed envelope from competent consulting firm for procuring the service titled '**Selection of consulting firm for the Final Evaluation of 'Low Income Community Housing Support Project (LICHSP)' [Part 3: Shelter Support and Lending, implemented by PKSF]** under Package No:PKSF/LICHSP/S-02, financed by the World Bank. Interested firms are requested to visit the website: <http://www.pksf-bd.org> to find the detail updated document of Request for Expression of Interest (REoI), Terms of Reference (ToR) and Short listing questionnaire from 24-11-2021. The documents will also be available in the office of PKSF from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm (Except holidays) free of cost. The eligible firms are requested to submit their EoI to the office of PKSF by **4:00 pm on or before 12-12-2021**.

Any kind of persuasion will be treated as disqualification of the consulting firm. PKSF reserves the right to cancel any or all Expression of Interest (EoI) without assigning any reasons whatsoever.

AQM Golam Mawla
Deputy Managing Director-2 & PE

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৩. সামাজিক দূরত্ব মেনে সারিবদ্ধভাবে কেন্দ্রের অভ্যন্তরে প্রবেশ এবং চৈতন্য কার্যক্রম সম্পন্ন করার জন্য পরীক্ষা শুরুর কমপক্ষে ০১ (এক) ঘণ্টা পূর্বে পরীক্ষার্থীকে পরীক্ষা কেন্দ্রে উপস্থিত হতে হবে। প্রবেশপত্র ব্যতিরেকে কোনো প্রার্থী পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণ করতে পারবে না।

৪. প্রবেশপত্র (০১ কপি) যাতীত কোন ধরনের কাগজ, বই, মোবাইল ফোন, ক্যালকুলেটর, "স্মার্ট ওয়াচ বা অন্য কোন ইলেকট্রনিক ডিভাইস নিয়ে পরীক্ষার হলে প্রবেশ করা যাবে না। প্রবেশপত্রে কোনরূপ খসড়া বা কোন কিছু লেখা যাবে না।

মাক পরিধান ব্যতীতকৈ কোন প্রার্থী পরীক্ষা কেন্দ্রে প্রবেশ করতে পারবে না এবং কোভিড-১৯ সংক্রান্ত স্বাস্থ্যবিধি মেনে চলতে হবে।

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My daughter is my inspiration:

MITHILA

SHARMIN JOYA

Multifaceted artiste Rafiath Rashid Mithila, who is also Head of Early Childhood Development Programme at BRAC International, has been busy with quite a few films both in Bangladesh and Kolkata. She is currently attending a programme in Sierra Leone, as a representative of BRAC in early childhood development.

On the other hand, she is in talks with director Souvik Kundu for the film, “Ay Khukhu Ay”, opposite Prosenjit Chatterjee.

“I can’t disclose much about my role at the moment. My role in the film is a guest appearance. Initially, I was reluctant about the offer, but since I would get the opportunity to work with Boomba Da (Prosenjit Chatterjee), I thought to myself: why not?,” shares Mithila.

The actress just wrapped up Arun Chowdhury’s forthcoming film “Jole Jole Tara”, a government-granted project that also features Fazlur Rahman Babu, Azad Abul Kalam, Monira Mithu, Nayeem and Imran Noor, among others. Her film “Omanush”, directed by Anonno Mamun opposite Nirab Hossain is slated for release soon.

In Kolkata, Mithila has shot and dubbed for the Raajhorshee De directorial “Maya”. It is slated to be released in the New Year. “I will be going back to Kolkata to finish dubbing for Arunav Khasanbish’s anthology,” she adds. Mithila has been working in the field of early childhood development for nearly 14 years. She noted that being able to contribute to the betterment of children brings her immense peace.

“At the same time, when I get to play a challenging role on screen it gives me satisfaction. But I must say that studying actually works as therapy for me, whenever I’m going through depression or any sort of stress,” she asserts.

“Last but not the least, my daughter Ayra is my inspiration. I can overcome any obstacle, because I have her in my life.”

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The film industry is losing its momentum: Sohel Rana

SHAH ALAM SHAZLI

Sohel Rana has made outstanding contributions in showbiz, not only as a noted actor, but also as a director and producer.

He produced Bangladesh’s first Liberation War movie “Ora Egaro Jon” and was honoured with the lifetime achievement award from the National Film Awards, among other accolades.

In a conversation with The Daily Star, the “Masud Rana” actor opens up about his career, the release of his latest movie, and more.

How do you feel about the recent release of your movie “E Desh Tomar Amar”?

I wasn’t even informed about the release of the movie, I got to know about it through newspapers.

I have a lot of expectations regarding the film “E Desh Tomar Amar” as it had a good director, producer and incredible actors. I am really close with the film’s producer Dipjol and its director F I Manik. I believe audience reception would have been good if it was released earlier.

What would you like to say about your

co-artistes Miju Ahmed and Diti who passed away prior to release of the movie?

Both of them were my favourite co-artistes and their deaths really shocked me. I couldn’t believe that they were gone.

You have won many accolades in your career, including the National Film Award for lifetime achievement. Do you have any regrets?

Actually, I wanted to be a musician, not an actor. One of my other regrets would be not receiving the Swadhinata Padak.

In 1965, I was imprisoned in jail as a part of the Chhatra League. I also fought in the Liberation War in 1971, so it truly saddens me that I was not given that honour.

Do you stay up-to-date with the happenings at BFDC?

I do stay updated, even though the glorious days of BFDC are over. Our film industry is losing its momentum, and it will take a lot of time for us to overcome certain challenges. However, I believe that the fraternity has a good future. It will keep evolving, and new and talented artistes will revive it. But it will take time; nothing will change for the next five to ten years.

Struggles pave the way for success: Black Zang

ANIKA KHAN

One of the trendsetters for Bangla hip-hop, Asiful Islam Sohan goes by his stage name, Black Zang. Today he is one of the most prominent hip-hop artists of Bangladesh, paving way for Bangla hip-hop worldwide. We caught up with this phenomenal rapper about his career, the lack of freedom of speech in this country, his latest projects, and more.

Hip-hop was not mainstream when you started your musical career. How did you start writing Bangla rap?

You see, while rap is a genre of music, hip-hop is more of a philosophy. Back in 2007, I used to play around with Bangla words and write urban-ish rhymes. At that time, I did not even know what I was writing was rap, because I thought that rap needs to be done in English, until a classmate pointed it out to me.

My family, who naturally had many expectations from me, questioned my choice in career. Eventually, the questions stopped when the money started to come.

What are some of the recurring themes that your write and rap about?

Most form of art is a reflection of its surroundings. We write from the experiences around us. I always wanted to portray the hardships. I wanted my music to be relatable and to bring hope. I wanted to evoke the notion that struggles pave the path for success. Moreover, there is no freedom of speech in this country. This does limit to what extend I can express my thoughts.

As we are hopefully moving towards the end of this pandemic, what is one thing you want to see come back in full scale?

I miss shows. I miss the energy of a live crowd. It encourages me a lot, so I cannot wait to get back to going on tours and interacting with the audience.

What are some of the projects that you are currently busy with?

I am working on the music video for my latest song, ‘Bangla Hype’. The whole thing has been executed by Bangla Hype entertainment, and I am very excited to share the video with everyone. I would also like to specify I have mentioned The Daily Star as a tribute in my song. (Laughs)

‘Tor khobor Jae Jae Din amra to Daily Star’ (raps)

I am also working on a few other projects and campaigns, which will be released by the end of this year.

You have come a long way. If someone writes a book on you, what do you think will be the book’s title?

You know, I dream of authoring a book with all my lyrics and narrations one day. However, for now, the title would definitely be, ‘Life is BZ’.

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HAMIDUZZAMAN KHAN’S SOLO EXHIBITION UNDERWAY AT GALLERY CHITRAK



Renowned sculptor-painter Hamiduzzaman Khan’s 43rd solo art exhibition began at Gallery Chittrak in Dhanmondi on November 19, featuring over 100 mixed media paintings and sculptures. The artist has won several prestigious awards, including the Ekushey Padak in 2006 and the S M Sultan Gold Medal by Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy in 2012, among others. The exhibition will continue till December 4.

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‘Never thought I fit into heroine category’

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK

Bollywood diva Rani Mukerji, who made her theatrical comeback in “Bunty Aur Babli 2” along with Saif Ali Khan, recently revealed that she didn’t think she could be a heroine initially.

The “No One Killed Jessica” actress noted that she used to be insecure about her height and her complexion.

However, it was the words of actor-politician Kamal Haasan that changed her perspective, and uplifted her spirits. He told her that she can’t measure her success by the height of her physical standing, but by how much she can grow in her career.

I never thought I fit into the heroine category in the typical sense. I am actually the opposite of a heroine. I am quite short in height, my voice is not heroine-friendly, the complexion of my skin is wheatish,” she told Indian media.

Encouraged by the words of stalwarts like Kamal Haasan, Rani broke all stereotypical conventions that an actress was put into, throughout her Bollywood journey.



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What the racism scandal of English cricket tells us



KAMAL AHMED

WHEN Indian-born Muslim cricketer Nasser Hussain captained the England team, no one could have imagined that after nearly two decades, the game would be facing a storm of this magnitude and compel the wider society to confront one of the most sensitive issues: racism. Over the years, England's cricketers of South Asian origin, like Monty Panesar, Ravi Bopara, Moeen Ali and Adil Rashid, who have all shown their on-pitch talents, never talked about racism. But since cricketer Azeem Rafiq's revelation about his sufferings and pain, the issue of racism has now become a subject of much bigger debate around race relations, Islamophobia and division in Britain today. The racial abuses he was subjected to include repeatedly being called a "pa*ki," and referred to by the name "Kevin," a dehumanising moniker for black and Asian players.

The racism scandal that engulfed the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) has finally made them acknowledge that racism and discrimination is a "blight" on their game and they "apologise unreservedly." The apology came after a crisis meeting of the board and representatives from the Professional Cricketers' Association, Marylebone Cricket Club, the National Counties Cricket Association, and the First Class and Recreational County Cricket network. It followed a hearing of the parliamentary select committee on Digital, Culture, Media and Sport on November 16, 2021, where former Yorkshire cricketer

Azeem Rafiq alleged that English cricket was "institutionally racist." The select committee hearing, too, was held hurriedly amid weeks of turmoil over revelations by Rafiq about his harrowing experience at the Yorkshire County Club at subsequent cover-ups.

A joint statement issued after the meeting said: "Azeem Rafiq has shone a light on our game that has shocked, shamed and saddened us all." Making a commitment to publish a "tangible action plan," the statement said: "To Azeem and all those who have experienced any form of discrimination, we are truly sorry. Our sport did not welcome you, our game did not accept you as we should have done. We apologise unreservedly for the suffering you have faced."

Rafiq first spoke out in September 2020, prompting the club to open an investigation the following month. But according to the testimony given before the parliamentary select committee by the former chairman of the Yorkshire Club, Roger Hutton, though the investigation upheld seven of the 43 allegations made by Rafiq, the club's management decided against punishing anyone. It also refused to publish the full report of the investigation that led to further accusations of institutional racism in the club and in the wider arena of English cricket, as the ECB stayed away from intervening in the club's affairs.

The ensuing outrage was so widespread that the ECB's suspension of Yorkshire from hosting international matches at Headingley appeared to be an action too little too late. Sports Minister Nigel Huddleston issued a warning, saying that if the ECB does not "put its house in order" over racism, the UK government might take the "nuclear option" of creating an independent regulator.

Amid the racism scandal, the Independent



English cricketer Azeem Rafiq, who played for Yorkshire Country Cricket Club, gets emotional while recounting the racism he faced at the club in front of a parliamentary committee on November 16, 2021.

PHOTO: AFP

Commission for Equity in Cricket (ICEC), on November 9, made an appeal to potential victims of racism and discrimination to come forward with evidence. Media reports suggest that more than 1,000 people have contacted the commission within less than a fortnight. Few other former players of Yorkshire academy, too, have come forward to speak about alleged racist abuse they suffered at the club. Similar allegations of racist behaviour have emerged at Essex county club, warranting more investigations, and the prospect of more to come looms large.

Some grim statistics, too, came to the fore, which the ECB needs to look into with urgency. In England, the British-Asian community accounts for 30 percent of

recreational cricket at grassroots level, but only to see this drop to four percent at professional level. Another set of figures show that about a quarter of top-level players are members of the families of former cricketers, which critics say is reflective of elitism in the game, instead of talent.

Once again, businesses have shown extraordinary courage and stance against racism, which is similar to those actions taken during Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement. Yorkshire Club's primary sponsor Emerald Publishing and Yorkshire Tea announced that they were ending their deals with the club. Leisure club operator David Lloyd said his business had chosen not to reinstate its partnership, and Tetley's beer said its

sponsorship would not be extended beyond the end of the current contractual agreement. Yorkshire's kit supplier, global giant Nike, also announced that it would stop supplying kits. Losing so many sponsorships and the right to host international matches at its home ground, Headingley, forced the club management to step aside and welcome the new chairman from ethnic minority community.

Nasser Hussain, who currently works as a Sky Sports commentator, says that the problem is far more widespread than Yorkshire. In his *Daily Mail* column, he wrote: "[Racism] is prevalent throughout the game." Explaining the reasons for past silence, he wrote: "And it has not been picked up because it has become the norm. It's been a 'that's what we do' attitude and that has been allowed to fester for far too long. Those constant little digs and comments take their toll and the victims have just been forced to laugh it off because they have to fit in and conform."

The ongoing turmoil in English cricket over racism also reveals the helplessness of players in voicing their grievances against bullying, and the lack of accountability of their powerful bosses. We, in our country, can proudly say that we don't have any trace of racism, but can we claim that there is no bullying? Making players attend political campaigns or often subjecting them to public humiliation are not unheard of. And what about the accountability of cricketing bosses on issues like allegations of match-fixing in domestic leagues? Why does the national team's jersey carry sponsors' branding larger and more prominently than the national identity? Waiting for a whistle-blower is never a good idea for any organisation.

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Chinese trade expos are gateways to export opportunities

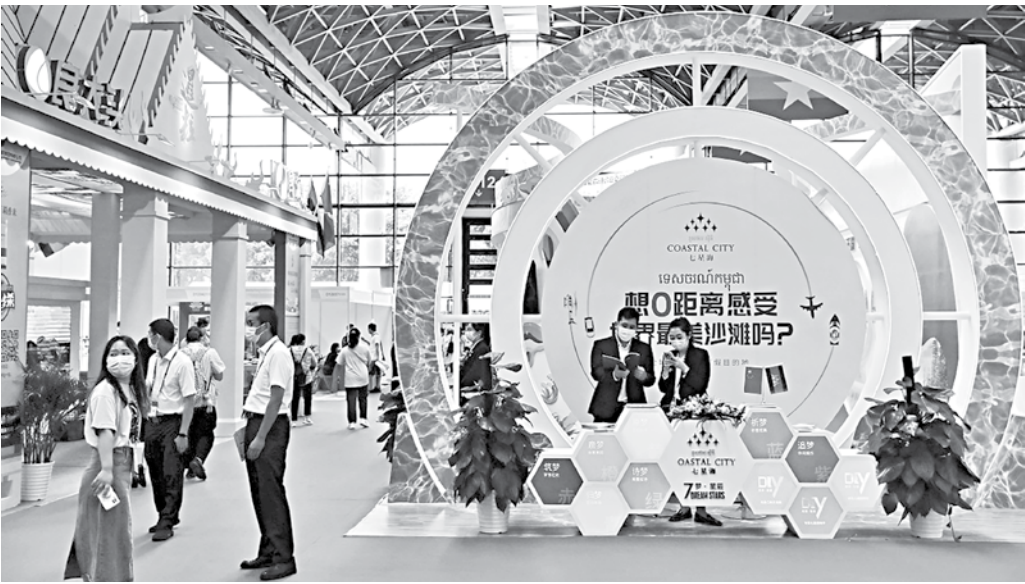
Bangladesh can take advantage of these expos to expand its export destinations

PARVEJ SIDDIQUE BHUIYAN

THE South Asian developing countries today face challenges of economic vulnerability due to the Covid-19 pandemic, climate change and the rise of serious geopolitical rivalry posed by emerging military groupings and showdowns. Simultaneously, a rising trend of trade protectionism, with new hidden barriers and deglobalisation in the global market, are restricting the ability of the economic and investment sectors to promote global trade sustainably. In this context, China's open door and cooperation policy offers some opportunities for the region's prosperity and development, resuming economic growth at a faster rate. In order to fulfil President Xi Jinping's pledge to turn the Chinese market into a market for the world—a market shared by all and accessible to all—China has taken a number of concrete steps in recent years, including an all-round opening-up strategy that allows foreign enterprises greater access to the domestic market, and a foreign investment law that ensures a business-friendly environment. At the same time, China has taken new steps to strengthen bilateral, multilateral, and regional cooperation by joining trade blocs such as the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), and the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), hosting a series of mega trade exhibitions and improving connectivity through the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

Of them, China Import and Export Exhibition (Canton Fair), China International Import Expo (CIIE), China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS), China-Asean Expo, China-South Asia Expo, Euro-Asia Economic Forum and Trade Cooperation Expo, Intertextile Shanghai Apparel Fabrics, and China Yangling Agricultural High-Tech Fair are all key exhibitions that will undoubtedly be of great significance to developing economies like Bangladesh. It is expected that Bangladesh's participation in these forums would open vistas of business opportunities and further enhance bilateral relations and cooperation.

According to government data, from January to July in 2021, the overall import-export volume between Bangladesh and China was USD 13 billion—a 58.9 percent increase year on year.



Visitors at the 18th China-Asean Expo in Nanning, the Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region, China on September 13, 2021.

PHOTO: CHINA DAILY

Despite the fact that bilateral trade favours China heavily, Bangladesh has enormous potential that has yet to be realised. Dr MA Razzaque, head of the Dhaka-based Research and Policy Integration for Development (RAPID), conducted a research that showed that Bangladesh could earn USD 25 billion if it could grab only one percent share of China's imports. It should be noted that China imported goods worth USD 2.4 trillion in the 2019-20 fiscal year, in which Bangladesh's share was highly insignificant—just 0.05 percent. In the next 10 years, China is expected to import a total of USD 22 trillion worth of goods. Hence, China's exposition platforms will provide a great opportunity for Bangladesh to explore the vast Chinese market and expand export opportunities, to bridge the bilateral trade gap and increase revenue.

Bangladesh's major export items—ready-made garment (RMG) products, leather goods, jute and jute goods, agricultural products, frozen and live fish, pharmaceutical products, plastic, sports goods, handicrafts, and tea—have a strong competitive edge in the international market. But its limited export destinations—mainly the US and the European Union—may

put Bangladesh in a more challenging position in future, especially as the US suspended the Generalised System of Preferences (GSP) for Bangladesh in June 2013 and India imposed anti-dumping duty on the export of Bangladeshi jute goods in January 2017 for a period of five years. It should also be noted that there is no guarantee to get into the EU's GSP+ scheme on expiry of the EBA initiative, after Bangladesh officially graduates from the LDC group in 2026. Amid such looming economic uncertainty, the good news is that China has provided duty-free access to 97 percent of Bangladeshi products (a total of 8,256 products) from July 2020. The expos are important ways to learn about Chinese consumer preferences and to tap into the vast market. Participating in these expos, Bangladesh can display and popularise its flagship products and diversify its export destinations as a large number of buyers, entrepreneurs and companies from Europe, America, Australia, Southeast Asia, Middle East, and Africa will be in attendance there. For example, the China-Asean Expo (CAEXPO) could give Bangladesh trilateral trade expansion opportunities to enter markets in China as well as the Association of Southeast

Asian Nations (Asean), which has a combined population of two billion and a GDP of USD 18.5 trillion.

Bangladesh's development-first strategy, a 165-million-strong population, low-cost and skilled labour market, appealing geostrategic location, and investment-friendly policies make it an ideal investment destination. The country needs to highlight its vast investment potential and create confidence in a large number of foreign investors. It is noteworthy that Bangladesh is constructing high-quality infrastructures, such as power plants, bridges, highways, railways, and ports, in collaboration with China. The Bangabandhu Bangladesh-China Friendship Exhibition Centre (BBCFEC) was recently opened in Dhaka, to host export and sourcing fairs throughout the year, aiming at showcasing Bangladeshi products to new international markets.

In short, the expos offer a platform to understand the Chinese market and China's

development, as well as to make new links with consumers, companies, experts and different technologies which could lead to product specialisation and value addition in order to adapt to the conditions of China, a market with more than 1.4 billion people, over 400 million of whom are middle-income people. In this regard, China can provide technical assistance in framing policy positions and export-development strategies to help Bangladeshi products reach the Chinese market.

Like Bangladesh, other South Asian countries, too, can use the expos to promote their brands, build new trade images and expand their business opportunities in China and in the worldwide market. Along with economic and commercial gains, such platforms would forge stronger cultural cooperation too, which will further enhance the bilateral relations and promote partnerships for common prosperity.

Parvej Siddique Bhuiyan works at Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF).



QUOTABLE Quote

GUILLAUME APOLLINAIRE
(1880 - 1918)
French poet

Now and then it's good to pause in our pursuit of happiness and just be happy.

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INTERNATIONAL TENDER

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01.	DACPF/INT'L TENDER/ 010/2021-2022 DT. 22-NOV-2021.	2/3 TRAY MAT NON SKID (AS PER SPECIFICATION)	10,00,000 EA
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Tender schedule with detailed specifications, terms & conditions will be available at price of BDT. 2,500.00 (BDT two thousand five hundred) only or equivalent US Dollar per set (non-refundable) from Manager Accounts, Cash & Banking, Balaka, Head Office, Kurmitola, Dhaka and from Biman's outstation in Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Dubai & London on cash payment during all working days up to 13-DEC-2021. A formal application in bidder's letterhead pad mentioning Tender Number and date shall be required for purchasing the Tender schedule. Tender schedule and other related information may also be viewed at Biman's website www.biman-airlines.com.

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e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of following package:

Sl. No.	Tender ID No.	Name of works	Last date and time of tender security submission	Tender closing date & time
1.	629767	Supply and Installation of 40 KVA Disel Generator	13 Dec 2021, 11.30	13 Dec 2021, 14.00

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PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

Even trusty Mirpur presents no takeaway

SPORTS REPORTER

Despite the two close-margin defeats, Bangladesh team management is bound to find very little room to extract any positives from the T20I series against Pakistan as the Tigers managed to expand their horizon of concerning areas rather than finding answers to the problems that already existed.

Pakistan won the three-match series comprehensively and handed the Tigers a whitewash with a five-wicket victory in the finale, which saw a last-ball finish, at the Sher-e-Bangla Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

Prior to the series, solving Bangladesh's batting crisis was the biggest priority following a disastrous World Cup campaign and thus, this series was always going to set the tone in how Bangladesh recover from the slump as well as establish their vision for the future in the shortest format in order to fare better in the coming T20 World Cup in Australia next year.

The alarming question is whether the think-tank's blueprint for evolution, which they laid out this time prior to the series, is practically in tune with reality or whether the general planning and the backing philosophy need re-evaluation for its apparent lack



SCORES IN BRIEF

BANGLADESH

124 for 7 in 20 overs (Naim 47, Shamim 22, Afif 20; Wasim 2-15, Qadir 2-13)

PAKISTAN

127 for 5 in 20 overs (Rizwan 40, Haider 45; Mahmudullah 3-10, Shohidul 1-33, Aminul 1-26)

Result: Pakistan won by 5 wickets.

Player-of-the-match: Haider Ali.

Player-of-the-series: Mohammad Rizwan.

"The way everyone has put in the efforts, credit goes to the players. You can always improve. Like our fielding has improved, our middle order has won games for us. Whatever mistakes we made; we want to make sure we don't repeat them in the upcoming games. We want to carry this momentum into the Test matches. I want to thank the fans here."

BABAR AZAM, PAKISTAN CAPTAIN

as many as six changes for this series, handed debut to a new opener, tried out two new opening combinations, shuffled the batting order, among many other things but eventually the side have only generated sorry figures one after another.

The fact that the paltry score of 127 for seven by the Tigers in the first game remained their top score of the series goes a long way to show that the problems in the batting department are far from being solved. Scores of 47, 23 and 35 in the final five overs in the three games only prove the lack of firepower in the batting order. And that none of the batters were able to score even a fifty in the entire series played on home soil would only add salt to the Tigers' wound.

Now, can someone like the tried-and-failed opener Saif Hassan, deemed as a Test specialist, be able to recover from the given nature of exposure, and can the batters undo the fracture in confidence that may induce from a home series whitewash? Can 'the process' be trusted when the evidences continue to speak otherwise?

On the face value, Bangladesh team management always seem to have answers to most bad patches they encounter. However, this time it looks like the nature of question has morphed by the time they began answering as the Tigers find themselves at a worse state from where they had started to regrow.

The Mahmudullah question

ABDULLAH AL MEHDI

The body language of any sports team on the field is a good indicator of where the side stands mentally and from the beginning of the recently concluded World Cup, Bangladesh side have painted a picture of falling heads and dropping shoulders. Coming into the T20I series at home against Pakistan, the crisis appears to have deepened with captain Mahmudullah Riyad unable to facilitate the mental changes that are basic in the modern game.

A dramatic last over from the skipper, where he bagged three wickets, had added some spark to the dead rubber in the third T20I against Pakistan at the Sher-e-Bangla yesterday but the game in reality was well over before that point as the Tigers ended up succumbing to their first T20 series whitewash at home since 2018 against Sri Lanka. The last time that it happened was also under Mahmudullah's leadership and not much change has come in the attitude or acceptance of such difficult situations.

Yesterday's last over saw Mahmudullah marshalling his troops with more vigour than had been seen in the series so far, imbued by the two wickets of Sarfaraz Ahmed and Haider Ali off back-to-back deliveries. However, Mahmudullah's involvement on the field, when the team has found itself in difficult situations, has been puzzling since the series wins against Australia and New Zealand at home. It is easier to lead when there is momentum but team leaders need to galvanise others when the chips are down.

"Yeah, it's a little heartbreaking. We got close but unfortunately it didn't happen for us," Mahmudullah dictated with a dejected smile following the match yesterday.

When asked about Saif Hassan being

dropped from the third T20I, his response reminded of how he dealt with the Mushfiqur Rahim question: "The team management will be able to answer it well."

Mahmudullah, since the beginning of the Pakistan T20 series, has worn the expression of a man forced to carry a burden that he does not agree with. The vacant smile, answering media questions vaguely only because he has to answer for the sake of answering, were noticeable. When he refers to team management, the obvious question would be whether he is part of that management as the skipper. Whether or not he agrees with the selection, as the on-field captain, it was his duty to uplift players lacking confidence but his own submission has made things difficult. That he was not accountable on selection matters was made clear.

However, accountability has to be there. Even against sides like Scotland and Oman at the World Cup, the team's body language was one of despair at crunch times and Mahmudullah himself looked the most disheartened.

"If we could win one or two matches, the confidence level would be higher. The dressing room was spirited during Australia and New Zealand series. Obviously when you lose, it creates doubt. The boys tried hard," the skipper said regarding where his side is at the moment.

A side cannot however always have winning momentum, but the lack of involvement and positive body language that results in a defeatist mentality is more damaging than losses. At this rate, would it be unfair to ask whether Mahmudullah sees himself carrying on as captain in the long-term? If he does, does it correlate with the team finding a new way in T20s?



Fazle Mahmud continues to impress

SPORTS REPORTER



Barishal Division skipper Fazle Mahmud's 188-run knock on the second

day of the final round of the ongoing National Cricket League against Rajshahi Division at Sylhet Academy Ground yesterday was yet another demonstration of his consistency throughout the campaign. In their race to top Tier-2, Barishal resumed the day on 225 for seven with Mahmud unbeaten on 122. The left-hander put an emphatic 212-run stand with Islamul Ahsan for the eighth wicket, helping their side pile up 333 in the first innings.

In reply, Rajshahi scored 118 for the loss of two wickets as they ended the day trailing by 215 runs.

In the other Tier-2 encounter in Sylhet, Dhaka Metropolis resumed on 52 for two against Chattogram Division. However, three-wicket hauls from

Chattogram's Nabil Samad, Noman Chowdhury and Hasan Murad restricted Dhaka Metro to 258 runs.

Coming down to bat, Chattogram scored 24 runs losing a solitary wicket as they lead by 11 runs ahead of the third day. Meanwhile, at BKSP 4, Tier-1 table-toppers Rangpur Division resumed the day on 304 against Sylhet Division. Myshukur Rahman, who was unbeaten on 131, went on to score 157 while runs from the bat of the tail-enders helped Rangpur reach 393 in their first innings.

In reply, Amite Hasan's unbeaten 90 saw Sylhet end the day with 190 for two, still trailing by 203 runs at the end of the day's play.

At BKSP 3, Dhaka Division off-spinner Shuvagata Hom ran through Khulna Division's middle order, reducing them to 180 for eight before stumps. Despite Soumya Sarkar's fighting 94-ball 65, Khulna find themselves in a precarious position as they trail by 155 runs.



Spinners put Sri Lanka on top

AFP, Galle

West Indies were on Monday in deep trouble in the first Test against Sri Lanka as they collapsed to 113 for six at stumps on day two in reply to the hosts' first innings total of 386 all out.

The tourists, hunting their first ever Test win in Sri Lanka, trailed by 273 runs with four wickets in hand in Galle.

After Sri Lanka's quicks failed to take a wicket, the spinners made hay as off-spinner Ramesh Mendis claimed three wickets and left-arm orthodox duo



Praveen Jayawickrama and Lasith Embuldeniya shared three wickets between them. Openers Kraigg Brathwaite and Jermaine Blackwood had added 46 runs for the first wicket before Embuldeniya provided the breakthrough trapping Blackwood leg-before for 20.

Earlier West Indies bowled out Sri Lanka for 386 with Roston Chase claiming a five-wicket haul.

Among his victims were Dimuth Karunaratne whose classy 147 came to an end when Joshua da Silva completed a smart stumping.



Mahmudul Hasan Joy



Rejaur Rahman Raja

Fresh blood in Test squad

SPORTS REPORTER

Batter Mahmudul Hasan Joy and pacer Rejaur Rahman Raja were the two new faces as the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) selectors announced a 16-member squad for the first of the two-match Test series against Pakistan yesterday.

The selectors also included premier all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan in the squad.

However, Shakib's participation in the first Test, starting from November 26 in Chattogram, will depend on his fitness as the star all-rounder is recovering from a hamstring injury that he sustained during the Tigers' third Super 12 game of the ICC T20 World Cup against West Indies which eventually forced him out of the flagship event with two games remaining.

Member of the Bangladesh Under-19 World Cup-winning squad Joy has been in fine touch recently. He struck consecutive hundreds in the ongoing National Cricket League for Chattogram Division. Raja, on the other hand, has been rewarded for his consistent performance in the first-class circuit as the pacer from Sylhet picked up 33 wickets in his

BANGLADESH SQUAD FOR FIRST TEST



Mominul Haque (Captain), Shadman Islam, Saif Hasan, Najmul Hossain Shanto, Mushfiqur Rahim, Litton Das, Nurul Hasan Sohan, Mehidy Hasan Miraz, Nayeem Hasan, Taijul Islam, Ebadot Hossain, Abu Jayed, Yasir Ali Rabbi, Mahmudul Hasan Joy, Rejaur Rahman Raja and Shakib Al Hasan (subject to being declared fit to play).

first ten first-class games so far.

"It is still early days for him but Mahmudul has shown good temperament for the longer version. He is also an in-form batsman," chief selector Minhajul Abedin was quoted as explaining the inclusion of Joy in the squad in a press release yesterday.

"With injury concerns to Taskin [Ahmed] and Shoriful [Islam], we needed to keep our pace bowling options open and Raja got the nod. We have been monitoring his performances in first-class competitions. He is strong and energetic and has a knack for taking wickets," Minhajul added.

Batter Yasir Ali, who was part of the last Test squad that played in Zimbabwe, is the third uncapped player in the 16-member Bangladesh squad while Mahmudullah Riyad, after unofficially retiring from the longest format in Zimbabwe, was not named in the squad.

Minhajul remained confident regarding the balance of the team that has a blend of both youth and experience and is looking forward to playing competitive cricket against Pakistan.

"There is a fair bit of experience if you consider that Mominul [Haque], Mushfiqur [Rahim], Shakib, Taijul [Islam] and [Mehidy Hasan] Miraz are all part of the squad. We will obviously have to wait to see if Shakib makes it for the first Test but these players have been the most consistent performers for us in Tests and their presence can make a difference.

What to WATCH

DAY'S EVENT

T SPORTS

Sri Lanka vs West Indies
1st Test, Day 3
Live from 10:30 am
Abu Dhabi T10 League
Northern Warriors vs Deccan Gladiators

Live from 08:00 pm
Bangla Tigers vs Chennai Braves
Live from 10:00 pm

TEN 1

UEFA Champions League
Barcelona vs Benfica

Live from 02:00 pm (Wednesday)

TEN 2

UEFA Champions League
Villarreal vs Manchester United
Live from 11:45 pm
Chelsea vs Juventus

Live from 02:00 pm (Wednesday)

SONY SIX

UEFA Champions League
Dynamo Kyiv vs Bayern Munich
Live from 11:45 pm

NCL (Round 6, Day 3)
Dhaka vs Khulna, BKSP-3
Rangpur vs Sylhet, BKSP-4

Chattogram vs Dhaka Metro, Sylhet
Rajshahi vs Barishal,
SICS Academy

Gobinathan in charge again

SPORTS REPORTER

Malaysian coach Iman Gobinathan Krishnamurthy has been appointed head coach of Bangladesh hockey team for next month's Asian Champions Trophy, scheduled to be held from in Dhaka from December 14 to 22.

Gobinathan, now working at BKSP, had previously worked with the national team during the World Hockey League (stage-2) in 2015 and the Jakarta Asian Games in 2018.

"As Mahbub Harun expressed his inability to coach the national team due to sickness, we appointed Gobinathan with the consent of all senior BHF officials. We also didn't have much time or the money to rope in a foreign coach," BHF's



acting general secretary Mohammad Yousuf said yesterday.

Yousuf also informed that the team will start preparation at BKSP soon after the completion of the ongoing Premier Hockey League as the Maulana Bhashani Hockey Stadium will undergo renovation work ahead of the six-nation tournament, which will feature Japan, Malaysia, South Korea, India, Pakistan and Bangladesh.

Gobinathan has watched some big matches of the league.

Sajed A Adel, chief selector of BHF, informed that they would place a 28-member preliminary squad today, from which an 18-member final squad will be announced after a week's training.

CHELSEA-JUVENTUS

the headline clash

AGENCIES



Four teams have already qualified but there is plenty more to play for on Matchday 5 of the UEFA Champions League group stage. Here is a

look at the potential headline-makers as the round of 16 edges closer.

REVENGE ON CHELSEA'S MIND?

Chelsea welcome Juventus to Stamford Bridge on Tuesday for an enticing clash in the Champions League.

The defending champions will have revenge on their minds after losing 1-0 in the reverse fixture in Turin in September.

Chelsea's form has been inspiring ever since, going the next nine games unbeaten in all competitions, winning seven.

The Bianconeri, meanwhile, have recovered from a three-game winless run by winning their next three, including a 2-0 defeat of Lazio in Rome at the weekend.

In Europe, though, they've maintained a 100% record, winning all four of their games so far to sit at the top of Group H, three points clear of the Blues and with a last-16 place already secured.

After going several weeks without their strikers, Chelsea welcomed back Romelu Lukaku and Timo Werner to training this week. Werner was an unused substitute on the bench in their win over Leicester City at the weekend, so he might come into the starting XI on Tuesday.



However, the game might have come too soon for Lukaku. Mateo Kovacic, who's been nursing a hamstring injury, will also remain sidelined.

Marcos Alonso is available again and will compete to start at left-back with Ben Chilwell.

For the Bianconeri, Welsh midfielder Aaron Ramsey is unlikely to feature while Giorgio Chiellini is doubtful due to an

Achilles problem.

Concerns also remain over the availability of Federico Bernardeschi, who picked up an injury while on international duty with Italy.

Moise Kean, however, is back in the squad and could start in the striker's role if Paulo Dybala does not recover in time.

BENFICA OUT TO UNSETTLE BARCELONA

Under new management in the shape of Xavi Hernandez, Barcelona remain in a fragile state; they have scored just two Group E goals to date, and will need no reminder of what happened when they met Benfica in September, a 3-0 defeat in Lisbon a serious blow to already shaky confidence. Runaway group leaders Bayern have left Barca and the Eagles to scrap for second place, with Jorge Jesus eager for the Portuguese side to seize the moment at Camp Nou. "Because of our quality, we are still challenging Barca's qualification."

CAN VILLARREAL STOP RONALDO?

"Cristiano is just incredible," cooed Ole Gunnar Solskjaer after a Ronaldo double earned Manchester United a point at Atalanta. However, the Norwegian has now lost his job and the Group F leaders may need more Ronaldo magic as caretaker boss Michael Carrick takes charge away to Villarreal. Unai Emery's team are level with United on seven points after back-to-back wins, while Atalanta are ready to pounce if either side slip up. But for Ronaldo's five group goals so far, United would have just two points. If the Yellow Submarine can keep him in their sights, the Red Devils could be in trouble.



Conte's passion rubs off on Spurs

REUTERS, London



Antonio Conte's renowned inspirational qualities were in evidence as he fired up Tottenham Hotspur for a 2-1 comeback victory over Leeds United in the Premier League on Sunday. The former Juventus and Chelsea coach vented his anger from the technical area several times during the first half as his lacklustre team were out-battled by injury-hit Leeds. Boos rang out at halftime with Leeds ahead through Daniel James's close-range effort but Conte earned his money at the break, galvanising his players for a vastly-improved second half in which goals by Pierre-Emile Hojbjerg and Sergio Reguilon earned Tottenham the points to move them up to seventh.

Conte celebrated each goal like a man possessed, spent the closing stages conducting the fans and could hardly contain himself as the final whistle sounded at the end of his first Premier League home game in charge of the club.

"In the first half we struggled. Physically, tactically and in our intensity we struggled," Conte said. "I think in the second half we changed things and we wanted to play with the same intensity as Leeds.

"We won the game, we deserved to win. We played attractive football and the crowd was with us."

The match statistics showed that Tottenham were out-run by Marcelo Bielsa's tenacious Leeds in the first half.

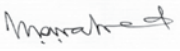
But that was reversed in the second half as Spurs showed the intensity Conte has demanded throughout his managerial career.

"At halftime the players showed me they could win this game," Conte, who resisted the urge to make any substitutions at the interval, said. "In the second half I corrected the situation. I look at the stats and Leeds are the best in the league for running. In the second half we beat them in intensity.

"I'm pleased with the players, they showed good personality and in the second half put pressure on Leeds in every part of the pitch. To win this way is good."

Reguilon, who scored his first Premier League goal to snatch the points, epitomised Tottenham's second-half display with an energetic shift up and down the left flank.

"We put in an amazing effort. We are so happy and so, so tired," the Spaniard said. The players, we know we needed to give more in the second half."

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Tender Ref. no 42.06.2626.101.06.001.21- 2407 Date : 21 November, 2021		
Invitation of Tender for		
(i) Supply & installation of Curtain Glass; awning glass & sliding glass doors and (ii) Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 1000 KVA (11KV/0.415KV) Sub-station, 1000KVA Diesel Generator and BBT of the CEGIS Office Building at Plot No. F-14/E, Agargaon, Sher-E-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka.		
1	Name of Organization	Center for Environmental and Geographic Information Services (CEGIS)
2	Invitation for	Procurement of Works
3	Invitation Ref No. & Date	42.06.2626.101.06.001.21- 2407 , 21 November, 2021
KEY INFORMATION		
4	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)
FUNDING INFORMATION		
5	Source of Fund	CEGIS fund
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
6	Project name	CEGIS Office Building Construction Project
7	Tender Packages Name	Package I: Supply & installation of Curtain Glass; awning glass & sliding glass doors and Package II: Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 1000 KVA (11KV/0.415KV) Sub-station, 1000KVA Diesel Generator and BBT for CEGIS Office Building at Plot No. F-14/E, Agargaon, Sher-E-Bangla Nagar
8	Last Date of Selling Tender	21 December, 2021 by 05:00 p.m.
9	Last Date & Time of receiving Tenders	22 December, 2021, by 01:00 p.m.
10	Opening Date & Time of Tenders	22 December, 2021 at 03:00 p.m.
11	Name & Address of the office for Selling, receiving & opening of Tender Documents	Center for Environmental and Geographic Information Services House # 6, Road # 23/C, Gulshan-1, Dhaka-1212
12	Place, date and time of Pre-tender meeting	Conference Room of CEGIS office, House 6, Road 23/C, Gulshan-1, Dhaka-1212 Date: 14 December, 2021, Time: 10:30 a.m.
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
13	Brief Eligibility and Qualification of Tenderer	Tenderers shall have experience certificates in supplying, installation, testing & commissioning of the respective works in Government/Semi-Government/ Autonomous bodies/Private buildings by Developers. Tenderers shall also have Trade license, VAT registration and TIN numbers including Income Tax Certificates and other criteria specified in Tender Documents.
14	Brief Description of Works	Supplying, installation, testing and commissioning of relevant works as specified in the packages and respective tender documents.
15	Price of Tender Document	Tk. 2000.00 (Taka Two thousand) only (non-refundable) individually for each of the tenders
16	Tender Security	For Package I: Tk.10.00 (ten) lacs; and for Package II: Tk. 8.00 (eight) lacs; in the form of Pay Order or Bank Draft in favor of CEGIS
17	Completion Time	9 (nine) months
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
18	Name, Designation and Address/Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Md. Sarfaraz Wahed, Project Director, CBCP CEGIS, House # 6, Road # 23/C, Gulshan-1, Dhaka-1212 Phone # 222282551, 222263581, E-mail: mswahed@cegisbd.com
19	Tenderers having quoted the tender price more than 10 (Ten) percent above or below the official cost estimate, the tender will be treated as non-responsive	
20	The contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsive Tenderer having no arithmetical or other anomalies in the amount quoted, fulfilling the criterion mentioned in Sl. No. 13 and in the Instructions to the Tenderers (ITT) and Tender Data Sheet (TDS) of the respective Tender documents.	
21	The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all the Tenders or annul the Tender process.	
		 Project Director, CBCP

Ronaldo pays tribute to SOLSKJAER

AFP, LONDON



Cristiano Ronaldo paid tribute on Monday to "outstanding human being" Ole Gunnar Solskjaer after the Norwegian was sacked as Manchester

United manager.

Ronaldo, who returned to Old Trafford in August, has scored nine times in 13 games for United this season but has failed to prevent the club's slide down the Premier League table after a series of embarrassing results.



Solskjaer was sacked on Sunday, less than 24 hours after United's humiliating 4-1 defeat at Watford, which followed chastening home losses to Liverpool and Manchester City.

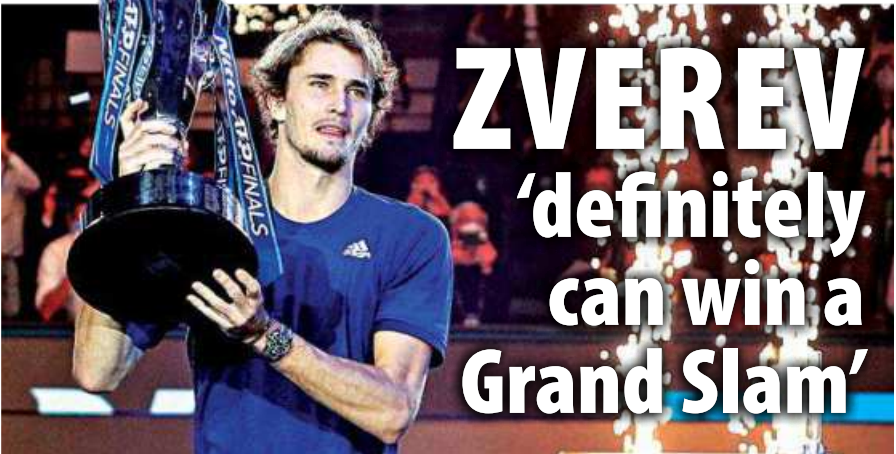
Ronaldo, 36, was a team-mate of Solskjaer's in his first spell at the club under Alex Ferguson.

"He's been my striker when I first came to Old Trafford and he's been my coach since I came back to Man. United," Ronaldo said on Twitter.

"But most of all, Ole is an outstanding human being. I wish him the best in whatever his life has reserved for him. Good luck, my friend! You deserve it!"

Former United midfielder Michael Carrick, who was part of Solskjaer's coaching team, will take charge of upcoming games while the club look to appoint an interim manager until the end of the season.

United are already realistically out of the Premier League title race, 12 points behind leaders Chelsea, and face a crucial Champions League trip to Villarreal on Tuesday.



AFP, TURIN



Alexander Zverev captured his second ATP Finals title after producing a brilliant performance to defeat world number two Daniil Medvedev 6-4, 6-4 in Sunday's final in Turin.

Zverev, the Olympic singles gold medallist in Tokyo, won his tour-leading sixth trophy of the season and ended a run of five straight losses to defending champion Medvedev.

The German third seed broke once in each set as he swept US Open winner Medvedev aside in 75 minutes to add to the season-ending crown he won in 2018.

"It was great, I won the ATP Finals against someone I'd lost to five times in a row so I had to play one of my best matches," said Zverev.

"I'm happy with that and ready to go on holidays with this win now."

An event this year missing both Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal, the ATP Finals have proved the breakout stage for tennis' new generation with the Grand Slams still largely beyond their reach.

This first final since the tournament's relocation from London was also the first to feature two players aged 25 or younger since 2005.

An ATP-best 59th win of the season made Zverev the fourth player in tournament history to earn semi-final and final victories

over the top-two ranked players, and first since Andre Agassi in 1990.

Zverev had halted Djokovic's bid to match Federer with a record-equaling sixth ATP Finals title. He also stopped Medvedev from becoming the first player to retain the trophy since Djokovic won it four times in a row between 2012 and 2015.

It was the third meeting in little over two weeks for Zverev and Medvedev, who beat the German in the semi-finals of the Paris Masters at the start of the month.

Zverev turned the tables on Medvedev to claim his 19th career title, but the 24-year-old is still searching for an elusive Grand Slam triumph after finishing runner-up to Dominic Thiem at the 2020 US Open. "I've kind of succeeded on every single level, there only one thing missing, so I hope I can do that next year," said Zverev.

Medvedev, who shattered Djokovic's dreams of a calendar Grand Slam in New York, believes Zverev can take that next step. "There are a lot of great players who don't have a Grand Slam title," said Medvedev. "You never know where your career is going to go. Some players start to play worse, somebody gets injured, somebody wins 20 Grand Slams.


"Sascha (Zverev) is a great player who is capable of beating anybody, so he definitely can win a Grand Slam, but he's not the only one and that's where it gets tough. "Is he capable? Yes. Is he going to do it? We never know."



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Work in progress
using Shah Cement



Europe faces Covid freeze

Austria locks down as cases surge; Australia to re-open borders to students, workers

AGENCIES

Austria yesterday became the first country in western Europe to reimpose lockdown since vaccines were rolled out, shutting non-essential shops, bars and cafes as surging caseloads raised the prospect of a third winter in deep freeze for the continent.

Germany will also need tighter restrictions to control a record-setting wave of infections, outgoing Chancellor Angela Merkel was quoted as saying, remarks that erased gains on European stock markets and sent bond yields down.

With Europe once again the epicentre of the global pandemic, new restrictions and vaccine mandates are expected to spread nearly two years after the first Covid-19 case was identified in China.

"We are in a highly dramatic situation. What is in place now is not sufficient," Merkel told leaders of her German CDU party in a meeting, according to two participants, confirming comments first reported by Bloomberg.

Austria told people to work from home if they can, and shut cafes, restaurants, bars, theatres and non-essential shops for 10 days. People may leave home for a limited number of reasons, such as going to workplaces, buying essentials or taking a walk, reports Reuters.

The Austrian government has also announced it will make it compulsory to get inoculated as of February 1. Many Austrians are sceptical about vaccinations, a view

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NORMALCY RETURNS...Schoolbags hanging outside the exam centre at the Dhaka Polytechnic Institute, as examinees are not allowed to carry bags or any other material, except for stationery, inside. With the situation finally coming back to normal, educational institutions have started taking their session exams, which were postponed due to the pandemic. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

POLLS VIOLENCE Five hit by bullets in Munshiganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

Five people sustained bullet injuries as supporters of ruling Awami League chairman nominee in Char Kewar Union Parishad polls and his rival candidate clashed in Munshiganj Sadar upazila on Sunday night.

The clash took place between followers of AL candidate Afsar Uddin Bhuiyan and party rebel Akhtaruzzaman Jibon in Khaskandi and Chhoto Mollakandi villages, said Abu Bakkar Siddique, officer-in-charge of Munshiganj Sadar Police Station.

Shots were fired and crude bombs exploded during the clashes, he added.

The five injured were rushed to Munshiganj General Hospital.

Three of them, Saiful Sardar, 22, Sharif Bepari, 32, and Babu Hawlader, 22, were shifted to Dhaka for better treatment. The

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COVID VACCINATION

15m to get jabs in next 10-15 days

Says health minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

As many as 15 million people will be given Covid-19 vaccines within the next 10-15 days, Health Minister Zahid Maleque said yesterday.

He said this while speaking as the chief guest at an event, organised by the Bangladesh Society of Medicine, in Dhaka for a felicitations programme for new intern doctors.

"We will undertake 2-3 programmes within next 10-15 days and will administer 1.5 crore doses of vaccines. Meanwhile we have been continuing the vaccination campaign in schools and community clinics."

He said nine crore vaccine doses have already been administered so far, making up around 40 percent of the target to inoculate 80 percent of the population.

The government aims to vaccinate around 14 crore people.

"The rush for taking vaccines, however, has declined nowadays," the minister said.

Urging people to get the jabs, Maleque said, "Covid-19 is an unpredictable

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ROAD TO FREEDOM THIS DAY IN BANGLADESH LIBERATION WAR HISTORY

National emergency declared in Pakistan

NOVEMBER 23, 1971

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

TAJUDDIN'S ADDRESS TO THE NATION
Bangladesh Prime Minister Tajuddin Ahmed today called upon the people of Bangladesh to turn the current phase of the Liberation War into a decisive one.

In his address to the nation the prime minister stated, "The Bangabandhu, the leader of the Bengalis, is still a captive of the Pakistani generals. We are convinced that the military junta will see reason and free him only when the exit routes of the occupation army are cut. This is what we are now able to do and intend to do. We shall take on the enemy on land, sea and air and force upon General Yahya Khan the moment of truth he has been waiting for."

He asked the willing collaborators to desist from their acts of betrayal against the country. "We promise the unrepentant collaborator and his alien master the same fate: death with ignominy," he added.

Tajuddin criticised Nixon's plan for sending a fact finding mission to inquire about the Bangladesh situation and said, "The administration he heads failed to express any horror for the blackest crime of his time, namely, the planned extermination of a million Bengalis or for the brutal uprooting of nearly ten million human beings from their homes. Whatever the US government wishes to achieve through this move, it will not make any

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'Democratic erosion'

Sweden-based body terms Bangladesh an authoritarian regime in new report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh was classified as an "authoritarian regime" in a new report released by the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, a Sweden-based intergovernmental organisation.

Since 2014, Bangladesh has consistently been ranked as an authoritarian regime. From 2008 till 2014, it was classified as a "weak democracy".

"More countries than ever are suffering from 'democratic erosion'," IDEA said in its 2021 study on the state of democracy, relying on data compiled since 1975.

The other years, apart from since 2014, that Bangladesh was classified as an authoritarian regime include the year 2007, the years 1975-78 and 1981-85.

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Clapton guitar tops \$600,000 in rock memorabilia auction



AFP, New York

A vintage Eric Clapton guitar sold for \$625,000 in New York at a weekend auction of rock memorabilia that fetched nearly \$5 million in total, Julien Auctions announced.

Heralded as the highlight of the sale that concluded late Saturday at the city's Hard Rock Cafe and which also took bids online, the acoustic 1968 Martin D-45 instrument was played by Clapton in 1970 during the debut live concert of his band Derek and the Dominos.

The group was behind the classic song "Layla." Julien's had estimated the instrument would

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Acid attack on HSC examinee

Accused lands in Natore jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

A stalker threw acid in the face of a female Higher Secondary Certificate examinee in Dangapara area of Natore on Sunday afternoon, leaving her badly injured.

A student of Rajshahi City College, the 19-year-old victim is now undergoing treatment at Sheikh Hasina National Institute of Burn and Plastic Surgery in the capital.

Quoting locals, Mohsin, additional superintendent of Natore police, said one Mahin Hossain, who used to stalk the victim, intercepted her at Dangapara around 5:15pm and threw acid in her face when she was returning home after attending private tuition classes.

The attacker fled the area immediately.

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Bangladesh whitewashed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh had almost pulled a rabbit out of the hat in a sensational final over when skipper Mahmudullah Riyad picked up three wickets, with Pakistan needing eight runs for victory. But Mohammad Nawaz's boundary off the last ball took Pakistan over the line as the visitors chased down 125 runs with five wickets in hand and completed a whitewash over the Tigers in the three-match T20I series in Mirpur yesterday.

Mahmudullah, who didn't bowl until the 19th over of the innings, decided to bring himself on for the last over and was on a hat-trick after removing Mohammad Sarfaraz and Haider Ali off the

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Mahmudullah Riyad (C) could not hide his frustration as Pakistan eked out a five-wicket victory and a clean sweep of the three-match series despite a three-wicket haul from the Bangladesh skipper in the final over of the third T20I at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED



PRAYER TIMING NOVEMBER 23

Fajr 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

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Winter can trigger DANDRUFF

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It is normal for our skin to exfoliate. But it becomes annoying and difficult to manage when the skin peels off at an excessive rate. Dandruff is a chronic condition of the skin, commonly the scalp.

There are various reasons behind the development of dandruff. Malassezia fungus on the scalp, stress or illness and seborrheic dermatitis are some of the common causes.

PREVENTION
Winter can trigger dandruff or make it worse. Although dandruff is not due

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