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COVID-19 PANDEMIC 'False sense of security' around vaccines: WHO

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Europe is once again the epicentre of the Covid-19 pandemic amid a "false sense of security" over the protection offered by vaccines, World Health Organisation director-general Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said.

WHO officials warned that the SARS-CoV-2 virus would keep spreading intensely as societies return to the social mixing and mobility of a pre-pandemic period in the run-up to the year-end holidays.

Last week, more than 60% of all reported cases and deaths from Covid-19 globally were in Europe, Tedros told a news conference on Wednesday evening.

"In many countries and communities, we are concerned about a false sense of security that vaccines have ended the pandemic, and that people who are vaccinated do not need to take any other precautions," he said.

Vaccination, wearing masks and social distancing remain key to halting transmission, WHO officials said.

"We are back to pre-pandemic levels of social mixing (in Europe)... even in the midst of very strong resurgence in cases and even in the midst of some of those countries under high pressure in health systems," WHO emergency director Mike Ryan said.

"And the reality is the virus will continue to transmit intensely in that environment," he said.

WHO epidemiologist Maria van Kerkhove said that it was important to take measures during the holiday period, adding: "Social measures do not mean lockdowns."

The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

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A navy personnel giving a mask to a Rohingya child before the child boards a ship in Chattogram city's Boat Club area to go to Bhasan Char yesterday. This time, 384 refugees have been relocated to the island in Noakhali's Hatiya from Cox's Bazar. They started for the island around noon and reached there around 3:00pm.

PHOTO:
RAJIB RAIHAN

Evaly had Tk 2cr in Aug last year

BFIU found after analysing all relevant accounts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Evaly had about Tk 2.1 crore left in its 36 bank accounts until August last year, said the Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU) in its report to the High Court yesterday.

The BFIU analysed the relevant documents of 67 accounts opened at 13 banks and financial institutions, including those in the name of Evaly's former Chairperson Shamima Nasrin its former Chief Executive Officer Mohammad Rassel.

The 36 accounts had transactions amounting to about Tk 3,899 crore as of August 30 last year. Of the sum, about Tk 1,956.2 crore was deposited and about Tk 1,942.6 crore was withdrawn, the BFIU said in the report.

The BFIU submitted the report through its lawyer Shamim Khaled to the HC bench of Justice M Enayetur

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Star HEALTHLINE HOW COMMON ARE CYSTS?

STAR HEALTH DESK

A cyst can grow almost anywhere on your body or under your skin. It is a sac-like pocket of membranous tissue containing fluid, air, or other substances.

Cysts are very common, and most are benign -- meaning non-cancerous. You may need tests like a CT scan, ultrasound, or biopsy to confirm that it's a cyst.

Cysts often don't need treatment. Whether one needs treatment depends on a number of factors, including the type of cyst, its location, if it



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COUNCILLOR MURDER

Another accused arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cumilla

Another accused in the Cumilla's double-murder case was arrested yesterday.

Masum, 39, a resident of Cumilla city's Sangraish area, was held around 1:00pm in Chandia area, said Farooque Ahmed, superintendent of Cumilla police.

He is the number nine accused in the murder case filed by slain councillor Syed Mohammad Soheli's younger brother.

On Wednesday, the case's number four accused Sumon, 32, a resident of Cumilla city's Sujanager Bou Bazar area, was arrested by Rab from Cumilla Medical College Hospital while undergoing treatment there.

There is a confusion among locals over Sumon's involvement in the murder.

Sumon has been having treatment at the hospital's urology department since 13 November, said its director Mustafizur Rahman.

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THIS DAY IN BANGLADESH LIBERATION WAR HISTORY

I would like the Indians to be embarrassed: Nixon

NOVEMBER 26, 1971
SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN NIXON AND KISSINGER

US President's Assistant for National Security Affairs Henry Kissinger, in a telephone conversation today, informed President Nixon that he had told China, "You can't just say you are against the Indians and you better tell the Pakistanis what you are going to do. Do it independently and show them the resolution you are putting forth... We are going pretty far in condemning India."

Nixon said, "I noticed with interest the Pakistanis claim they are doing pretty well and I would like the Indians to be embarrassed."

MAY BE WAR IN TEN DAYS, SAYS YAHYA
Pakistan President Yahya Khan said in ten days he might be off fighting in a war.

In a speech at a dinner for a visiting Chinese delegation he claimed that Indira Gandhi had spurned his offer of friendship made in an Eid message recently, and said, "If that woman thinks that she is going to cow me down I refuse to take it".

General Yahya again responded to Chinese reaffirmation of support for Pakistan by saying "Let this be heard to the anguish of others - loud and clear- that we have always found a friend in China."

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JS DISCUSSION Lawmakers blast govt for graft

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Several lawmakers of the BNP, Jatiya Party, Gonoforum and Workers Party yesterday blasted the government over corruption, absence of good governance and rule of law.

They criticised the government at the Jatiya Sangsad while taking part in a discussion on a resolution on holding a special discussion marking the Golden Jubilee of Independence.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina placed the proposal in the House on Wednesday. President Abdul Hamid on the same day delivered a speech in parliament marking the same occasion.

In her proposal, the premier said, "Parliament opines that the golden jubilee celebration of the country's independence in 2021 is a glorious chapter in the national life of the Bangladeshes. Bangladesh

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Rare Einstein notes sold in Paris auction for \$13m



REUTERS, Paris

A manuscript co-authored by Albert Einstein, offering a rare insight into the legendary physicist's thinking leading up to his general theory of relativity, was sold in an auction on Tuesday for 11.7 million euros (\$13.17 million).

Auction house Christie's had estimated the value of the manuscript at between 2 million and 3 million euros.

The 54 pages of paper, around half filled with Einstein's handwriting, are one of only two working documents known in which the thinker approaches his famous theory that laid the groundwork for modern cosmology and technology such as GPS navigation.

They had been kept in the custody of the Swiss physicist Michele Besso, a close friend and

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A leopard cub, a large animal of the cat family, spotted in the Sundarbans' Karamjal area recently. Though this species is in least concern list by IUCN, its number is decreasing in our country due to loss of habitat and killing by people.

PHOTO: COURTESY OF MOHIUL ISLAM

A stern test awaits Tigers

SPORTS REPORTER from Chattogram

A stern test awaits Bangladesh as the demoralised Tigers take on a high-flying Pakistan in the first of the two-match Test series at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium in Chattogram today.

The match, set to start at 10:00am, will also see Bangladesh begin their journey in the second cycle of the ICC World Test Championship.

Bangladesh cricket is going through some turmoil after a dismal ICC T20 World Cup campaign and a whitewash at the hands of Pakistan in the

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PRAYER TIMING NOVEMBER 26

Fazr	Juma	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 5:10	12:30	3:45	5:19	7:00
JAMAAT 5:45	1:15	4:00	5:22	7:30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

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৩৮তম বার্ষিক সাধারণ সভা

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