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Conspiracy on to ruin CHT Accord

Says PCJSS chief Santu Larma

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A government-led quarter is involved in a conspiracy to ruin the Chattogram Hill Tracts Peace Accord, said Santu Larma yesterday.

The president of regional political party Parbatya Chattogram Jana Sanghati Samiti (PCJSS) was addressing a discussion marking the 24th anniversary of the signing of the accord.

On December 2, 1997, the PCJSS and the then ruling Awami League signed the accord, also known as CHT Peace Accord, to end armed conflicts in Rangamati, Khagrachhari and Bandarban.

Of the clauses in the treaty, 25 have been implemented fully, 18 partially and 29 remain unimplemented, according to the PCJSS.

At yesterday's discussion at the capital's Liberation War Museum, organised by the PCJSS and Bangladesh Adivasi Forum (BAF), Santu Larma said the government often claims there are divisions among communities in the hills and that they are involved in killing each other.

"Do we want to kill each other and create chaos or division? Of course not," he said, adding that such claims of division are conspiracies of the government.

He urged the young people of the indigenous communities to stand up for their rights.

Noted rights activist Sultana Kamal said the accord's implementation process had stalled and decisions regarding its implementation were taken unilaterally.

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Smoke spews from four cottages and a restaurant burnt in Sajek Valley, a popular tourist spot in Rangamati, early yesterday. Affected people alleged that it was an act of sabotage, but firefighters said the fire might have originated from an electric short circuit the night before.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

SAJEK FIRE Accident or sabotage?

SANJOY KUMAR BARRIA

While police suspect the fire that gutted four resorts and a restaurant in Sajek valley early yesterday was caused by a short circuit, owners of the resorts believe it was an act of sabotage.

"How is it possible for a fire to break out on its own in a washroom?" asked Maruati Lushai, owner of three of the four resorts and a restaurant that were destroyed in the fire.

"We are suspecting that someone threw in something that was already on fire through the open window of the bathroom in room 202, where the fire originated. There was no guest in that room yesterday. I am certain this was an act of sabotage," said Maruati, owner of Obokash Eco Resort.

Apart from Obokash, the blaze destroyed Sajek Eco Valley Resort, Megh Chhut Resort, Immanuel Resort, Maruati Restaurant, and two other establishments.

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PERSPECTIVE PLAN

Work as frontline soldiers

PM urges members of armed forces

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday asked the members of the Bangladesh Armed Forces to work as "frontline soldiers" to implement the Perspective Plan 2041 to make Bangladesh a developed country.

"I expect it from the members of our armed forces," she said while addressing the graduation ceremony of the National Defence Course (NDC) and Armed Forces War Course (AFWC)-2021 from the Gono Bhaban.

The graduation ceremony was held at Sheikh Hasina Complex

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Astronomers find Earth's closest black holes



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Astronomers have found a pair of supermassive black holes that are closer to the Earth than any previously discovered.

The duo are 89 million light-years from our planet in the constellation of Aquarius, more than 380 light-years closer than our next closest black hole pair.

The two black holes are also closer to each other than any other discovered, only 1600 light-years apart. Eventually, these two will merge into "one monster black hole, probably within the next 250 million years."

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LPG price drops, at last

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A 12-kg cylinder of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) will now cost Tk 85 less at Tk 1,228 from private operators after the Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission yesterday adjusted the price in line with the international market.

Saudi Arabia, the main source for the key LPG ingredients propane and butane, has lowered the contract prices for December.

The CP for propane has been set at \$795 per metric tonne (MT), and for butane at \$750 per MT, down from \$870 and \$830 respectively in November.

The slash in price, which is the highest since April when BERC started fixing the retail price of the fuel, comes after a series of hikes. In the past eight months, the retail price of LPG has been raised five times.

The 12 kg cylinder is the most common form

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ROAD TO FREEDOM THIS DAY IN BANGLADESH LIBERATION WAR HISTORY

Today the war in Bangladesh has become a war on India: Indira

DECEMBER 3, 1971

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

FULL-SCALE WAR BEGINS Pakistan today launched an undeclared full-scale war on India. Pakistan made air strikes on a number of airfields in the western region of India and began shelling several places. Immediately, the Indian armed forces were ordered to hit back at the Pakistan army. The joint command of the Mukti Bahini continued advancing inside Bangladesh.

The Indian Defence Minister Jagjivan Ram said today that orders had been issued to Indian troops to take "all necessary action to meet the Pakistani challenge".

Emerging from a meeting of the cabinet, which discussed the blatant Pakistani attack, the Indian defence minister declared: "The challenge has come. It will be met."

A Pakistani spokesman said today that the bombings were retaliatory actions, charging that Indian troops had attacked at least four points along the West Pakistan border. He claimed that the first fighting in West Pakistan began about noon today with firing along the border, especially on the cease-fire line in Kashmir.

INDIRA VOWS TO REPEL FOE

Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi declared today, "Soon after 5:30 PM on Dec 3, Pakistan launched a full-scale war against us."

She made the announcement in a radio speech at midnight. She pledged: "The wanton and unprovoked aggression of Pakistan

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WORLD MIGRATION REPORT

Bangladesh 6th biggest sender in 2020

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With 7.40 million migrants living abroad, Bangladesh was the sixth largest migrant-sending country globally in 2020, says the latest report of International Organisation for Migration.

Also, Bangladesh ranked eighth largest remittance-receiving country globally last year with receiving \$21.75 billion, says the World Migration Report-2022.

The IOM launched the flagship report globally on Wednesday, while the Bangladesh chapter of the UN migration agency shared it with media yesterday.

"...international migration has been a critical part of the development story of Bangladesh, with migrants moving to pursue opportunities for economic and social, and then helping raise the living standards in the home," said IOM Bangladesh's Officer-in-Charge Fathima Nusrath Ghazzali in a statement sent along with the report.

The report says the number of Bangladeshi migrants between January and May 2020 dropped to 181,200 amid the pandemic compared with 302,400 for the same period in 2019.

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A black-capped kingfisher sitting on a tree branch in the Sundarbans' Kokilmoni area. This species, mainly found in coastal and mangrove habitats, perches conspicuously and dives to catch fish, and also feeds on large insects.

PHOTO: COURTESY OF KHORSHED ALAM SAGOR

Fifth-grader raped in Noakhali

Mother files complaint against two men

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

A fifth-grader was raped by a 45-year-old man in a village of Noakhali's Senbag yesterday afternoon, police said, quoting her mother.

The woman filed a written complaint against the prime accused Mohammad Jahir and another man over the matter with Senbag Police Station last night, said Imdadul Haque, inspector of the police station.

In the complaint, the woman said the incident happened when the girl was returning home from school. As she was walking

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PRAYER TIMING DECEMBER 3

Fazr Juma Asr Maghrib Esha
5-15 12-30 3-45 5-19 7-00
5-50 1-15 4-00 5-22 7-30

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