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OMICRON COVID VARIANT 2nd highest infections among kids

Say South Africa experts

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South Africa reported a recent surge in Covid-19 cases among children, which was not seen in the previous waves of the pandemic even as the country is handling the sharp increase of Omicron variant cases.

Experts raised concern as more children under five and teenagers aged between 15 to 19 tested positive for the infection in the fresh surge.

"We have always seen children not being heavily affected by the Covid epidemic in the past (and) not having many admissions (to hospitals). In the third wave, we saw more admissions in children under five and in teenagers who were 15 to 19.

"Now, at the start of this fourth wave, we see quite a sharp increase across all age groups, but particularly in the under-fives," said Dr Waasila Jassat of the National Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD) at a media briefing by the Health Ministry on Friday.

"As expected, the incidence is still lowest in children. However, the incidence in those under five is now second highest and second only to the incidence in those over 60.

"The trend that we are seeing now that is different from what we saw before is the particular increase in hospital admissions in children under five years," Jassat added.

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Draped in the national flag, Abu Khalifa sews the red on green at a shop in Safa Complex on Loyal Road in Chattogram. Every year, the sale of flags go up in December. Last year, however, flag makers could not sell much, as most people preferred staying home amid the pandemic.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

Suhrawardy's 58th death anniversary today

Bss, Dhaka

The 58th death anniversary of Huseyn Shaheed Suhrawardy, one of the greatest leaders of undivided India, is being observed in the country today with due dignity.



The leader, who had dedicated his entire life to ensure the welfare of the people by upholding democracy, died at a Beirut hotel in Lebanon on December 5, 1963. He was alone in the hotel suite at the time of his death.

Suhrawardy was a Bangalee politician and statesman in the first half of the 20th century. He served as the premier of Bengal in British India and was the fifth prime minister of Pakistan, said a press release.

Meanwhile, President Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in

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DEATH OF TEACHER 9 Kuet students suspended

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Khulna University of Engineering and Technology (Kuet) has suspended nine students for breaching university discipline following the death of Prof Selim Hossain of electrical and electronic engineering department.

A syndicate meeting made the decision after the issue of the unnatural death was tabled before it on Friday night, according to a press statement from the university.

The students were suspended as the incident was primarily found to be true analysing CCTV footage and other evidence, the statement said.

CCTV footage of the incident showed several students entering the teacher's room around 12:30pm on Tuesday and they came out after around 40 minutes.

Rita Khanam, wife of the professor Selim told the media that he returned from the campus around 2:00pm and went to the bathroom. He was found nonresponsive inside the bathroom later.

Prof Selim, 38, died at his home hours after a group of Kuet Chhatra League leaders and activists confined him to his office on November 30. University's faculty members alleged that he was tortured by the BCL men.

On Thursday, Kuet teachers

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ROAD TO FREEDOM THIS DAY IN BANGLADESH LIBERATION WAR HISTORY

Russia vetoes troop-pullback proposal

DECEMBER 5, 1971

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RUSSIAN VOTE IN UN KILLS TROOP-PULLBACK PROPOSAL

The Soviet Union vetoed today in the UN Security Council an American resolution calling for an immediate ceasefire in the Indian-Pakistani conflict and for the withdrawal of the armed forces of both the countries to their own side of the border.

The vote came toward the end of an eight-hour session in which the council heard India and Pakistan accuse each other of armed aggression.

China joined the United States and nine other members in voting for the American text. Britain and France abstained. The Soviet Union and Poland voted against the resolution. Since the Soviet Union is a permanent member of the council, its vote was a veto.

Britain and France indicated that they had abstained because they foresaw a Soviet veto and they felt that any resolution should be adopted unanimously.

Meanwhile, the Soviet Union, asserting that its security interests were affected by the Indian-Pakistani war, warned Pakistani leaders today that they were assuming "grave responsibility" by pursuing the "dangerous course" of conflict with India.

In a statement issued through Tass, the Soviet press agency, Moscow asserted its belief that "the governments of all countries should refrain from steps signifying in one way or another their involvement in the conflict and leading to a further aggravation of

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AK Azad Noab president again

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

AK Azad, publisher of Samakal, has been elected president of the executive committee of Newspaper Owners' Association of Bangladesh (Noab) for the second time in a row.

Azad will spearhead the new committee for 2022-2023.

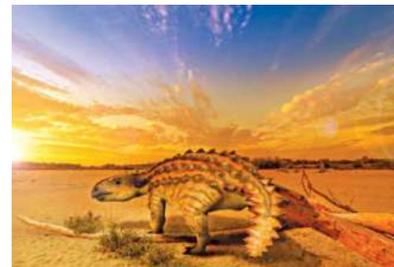
ASM Shahidullah Khan Badal, chairman of New Age editorial board, and Matiur Rahman Choudhury, chief editor of Manab Zamin, have been elected vice president and treasurer.

The executive members are: Matiur Rahman, editor and publisher of Prothom Alo, Mahfuz Anam, editor and publisher of The Daily Star, Tasmima

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Scientists find strange new dinosaur



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A new dinosaur species with a flat, weaponised tail resembling a battle axe has been unearthed in Chile.

Scientists discovered the new species which has a tail with a battle axe-like structure unlike the ones seen in any other creatures of the time, they said in a study that sheds more light on the origin and evolution of armoured dinosaurs published in the journal Nature on Wednesday.

The dinosaur, named Stegourus elengassen, was about two metres in size and resembled heavily armoured ankylosaurs that had a club at the

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Babar, Azhar put Pakistan on top

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Batters put Pakistan in control before the opening day's play of their second Test against Bangladesh came to a premature end at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday.

On a gloomy day in Mirpur, skipper Babar Azam (60* off 99) and Azhar Ali (36* off 112) put together an unbroken 91-run third-wicket stand to help Pakistan pile up 161 for two in 57 overs before play could not be further

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PRAYER TIMING DECEMBER 5

Fajr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 5-15 12-45 3-45 5-19 7-00
JAMAAT 5-50 1-15 4-00 5-22 7-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Shringla due on Dec 7

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Indian Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla will



visit Bangladesh from December 7 to 8 to discuss bilateral issues, including the preparation of Indian President Ram Nath Kovind's visit to join the 50th victory day celebrations here.

During the three-day visit from December 15 to 17, President Kovind will join the celebrations and hold meetings with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, President Md Abdul Hamid, and Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen.

This will be the 14th Indian president's first visit to Bangladesh, which is celebrating the golden jubilee of independence and the birth centenary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman this year.

"The discussions of the Indian president could entail some bilateral issues. Bangladesh will

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A farmer picking red spinach from his field in Ananda Bazar area of Chattogram's Halishahar. With the advent of winter, vegetables have started flooding the kitchen markets of the port city.

PHOTO: STAR

Won't accept 'red lines'

Biden vows to prevent any Russian invasion of Ukraine

REUTERS, Washington

US President Joe Biden said he is developing comprehensive initiatives to make it difficult for Russian President Vladimir Putin to invade Ukraine and that he would not accept Moscow's "red lines," as fears mounted that the simmering conflict could erupt into war.

A video teleconference between the two leaders is anticipated within days.

More than 94,000 Russian troops are massed near Ukraine's borders, said Ukraine's defence minister, Oleksii Reznikov, who cited intelligence reports suggesting Moscow may be planning a large-scale military offensive for the end of January.

Moscow, in turn, has accused Ukraine and the United States of destabilising behaviour and suggested Kyiv might be preparing to launch its own offensive in eastern Ukraine, which the Ukrainian authorities deny.

"What I am doing is putting together what I believe to be the most comprehensive and meaningful set of initiatives to make it very, very difficult for Mr Putin to go ahead and do what people are worried he's going to do," Biden said, without going into detail.

As he departed for a weekend trip to Camp David later on Friday, Biden told reporters: "We're aware of Russia's actions for a long time and my expectation is we're going to have a long discussion with Putin."

"I don't accept anybody's red lines," he said of Russia's demands.

US and Ukrainian officials warned again this week that severe economic sanctions are on the table against Russia.

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