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## MODI-PUTIN TALKS IN NEW DELHI

# India, Russia strike arms, trade deals

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India and Russia signed a flurry of trade and arms deals during President Vladimir Putin's visit to New Delhi for talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday, including one that will see India produce more than 600,000 Kalashnikov assault rifles.



their intention to strengthen defence cooperation, including in the joint development of production of military equipment." In addition to the deal for India to produce AK-203 assault rifles, Russia said it was interested in continuing to provide S-400 air defence missile systems.

Putin travelled to India with Russia's defence and foreign ministers in a visit that saw the two countries reinforce their ties with a military and technical cooperation pact until 2031 and a pledge to boost annual trade to \$30 billion by 2025.

India's Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla said the two countries had signed 28 investment pacts, including deals on steel, shipbuilding, coal and energy. He added that a 2018 contract for the S-400 missile systems was currently being implemented.

The Russian president is visiting India amid increasingly strained relations between Russia and the United States, also a key Indian ally, which has expressed reservations about the growing military cooperation between Moscow and New Delhi.

"Supplies have begun this month, and will continue to happen," he said, referring to the S-400.

The deal with Moscow puts India at risk of sanctions from the United States under a 2017 US law aimed at deterring countries from buying Russian military hardware.

A joint statement published after the talks said Russia and India had "reiterated

Russian oil company Rosneft said it

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Children collecting iron and other metal scraps from the rubbish dumped on the side of the road to sell them later. The photo was taken at Savar's Phulbaria on the Dhaka Aricha Highway yesterday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

## Aung San Suu Kyi sentenced to two years

AFP, Yangon

Myanmar's junta chief yesterday reduced the jail sentence of ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi to two years, after initially doling out four years for incitement against the military and breaching Covid rules.



Suu Kyi, 76, has been detained since the generals staged a coup and ousted her government on February 1, ending the Southeast Asian country's brief period of democracy.

She has since been hit with a series of charges, including violating the official secrets act, illegally importing walkie talkies and electoral fraud.

Yesterday, Suu Kyi was sentenced to two years for incitement against the military and another two years for breaching a natural disaster law relating to Covid, junta spokesman Zaw Min Tun told AFP by phone.

Former president Win Myint was also initially jailed for four years on the same charges, which the US has blasted as an "affront" to justice.

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ROAD TO FREEDOM  
THIS DAY IN BANGLADESH LIBERATION WAR HISTORY

## General Assembly holds emergency debate

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### RESOLUTION OF THE UN

The UN General Assembly today held an emergency debate on the Indo-Pakistan war with Argentina proposing an immediate ceasefire and withdrawal of troops of both sides. The war issue was sent to the General Assembly last night after the Soviet Union vetoed similar resolutions twice in the Security Council.

After a long debate participated by representatives of various governments including the US, Poland and Indonesia, the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution calling upon the governments of India and Pakistan to take forthwith all measures for an immediate ceasefire and withdrawal of their armed forces on the territory of the other to their own side of the India-Pakistan borders.

The resolution urged that efforts be intensified in order to bring about conditions, speedily and in accordance with the principles of the UN Charter, necessary for voluntary return of the East Pakistan refugees to their homes.

It also called for full cooperation of all states with the secretary-general for rendering assistance to and relieving the distress of those refugees.

### CHINA ASSAILS INDIA

China today denounced India's recognition of the Bangladesh

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## Survey ship goes down at Payra Port

12 crew members rescued

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Express-54, a survey ship of Belgium-based company Jan De Nul excavating the Rabnabad channel at Patuakhali's Payra Port, capsized yesterday noon, following a leak.

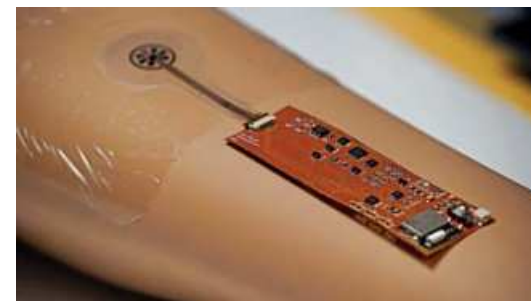
The survey vessel sank about 7 nautical miles south off the fairway buoy of the port in the channel.

Twelve on board the ship -- 10 Indonesian crew members and two Bangladeshis -- were rescued safely by fishing and tug boats, Capt SM Sharifur Rahman, harbour master of the port, told The Daily Star.

The Indonesian crew members are: Master Arham Abdul Rahim, Chief Officer Md Rizal, Second Officer Darmawan, Chief Engineer Muhammad Nur, Second Engineer Tri Yanto, Euler-1 Rahmat

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## Singapore tests 'smart bandage'



REUTERS, Singapore

Researchers in Singapore have developed a smart bandage to enable patients to have chronic wounds monitored remotely via an app on a mobile device, potentially saving them visits to the doctor.

A research team at the National University of Singapore has created a wearable sensor attached to a transparent bandage to track progress in healing, using information like temperature, bacteria type, and levels of pH and inflammation.

"Traditionally when someone has a wound or ulcer, if it's infected, the only way to examine it is through looking at the wound itself, through visual inspection," said Chwee Teck Lim, lead researcher at the university's department of biomedical engineering.

"If the clinician wants to have further

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## SINHA MURDER CASE

### Accused send testimonies to court

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Fourteen accused in the Sinha murder case, including former OC Pradeep Kumar Das and inspector Liaqat Ali, yesterday submitted written statements in self-defence before a Cox's Bazar court pleading not guilty.

The other accused, former sub-inspector Nanda Dulal Rakkhit, would submit his statement today, Rana Dasgupta, lawyer for Pradeep, told reporters.

The 15 accused were present at the court of District and Sessions Judge Mohammad Ismail yesterday, the first day of the ninth-phase trial of the case.

Upon completion of recording depositions of prosecution witnesses in Maj (retd) Sinha Rashed Khan murder case, the court on December 1

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## 2 killed in 'shootout' with Rab

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two men were killed in what Rab said was a "gunfight" in Chakaria, Cox's Bazar, early yesterday.

The deceased, Babul Jaldash, 40, of Chakaria, and Yunus Prakash Kalu, 40, of Moheshkhali, were in a group of armed men who shot at Rab members during a raid, officers said.

Rab also detained two men named Abul Kalam and Shahnewaz after the incident, officials said.

The "gunfight" happened around 4:00am at a shrimp farm named Hishia Debdebi, according to Rab officials.

Several locals told The Daily Star that the men

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Braving incessant rain, people crowd around a TCB truck to buy daily essentials in the capital's Rampura yesterday afternoon.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

**PRAYER TIMING DECEMBER 7**

Fajr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha

AZAN 5-15 12-45 3-45 5-19 7-00

JAMAT 5-50 1-15 4-00 5-22 7-30

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