

Nearly 30 million people were under lockdown across China yesterday, as surging virus cases prompted the return of mass tests and hazmat-suited health officials to streets on a scale not seen since the start of the pandemic. China reported 5,280 new Covid-19 cases yesterday, more than double the previous day's tally, as the highly transmissible Omicron variant spread across a country that has stuck tightly to a zero-Covid strategy.

Russian TV protester faces 10 days in prison

A Russian journalist who protested Moscow's military action in Ukraine during a prime-time news broadcast on state TV was in court yesterday, facing 10 days in jail for the demonstration. Marina Ovsyannikova, a state television employee who barged onto the set of Russia's most-watched evening news broadcast holding a poster, went on trial for breaching protest laws, a Moscow court representative told AFP. She pleaded not guilty. The poster, clearly visible for a few seconds, read: "No war, stop the war, don't believe the propaganda, they are lying to you here." Ukraine's President Zelensky also praised her for "telling the truth". But Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov called her actions an act of hooliganism.



A gunman fires into the air during the funeral of 16-year-old Palestinian Nader Rayan who was killed by Israeli forces, at the Balata camp near the northern city of Nablus, yesterday. Israeli troops killed two Palestinians in separate shootings in the occupied West Bank yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

UN cites 'clear indications

The United Nations yesterday denounced mass killings in Myanmar and accused the military of possible war crimes and crimes against humanity since last year's coup d'etat.

The UN human rights office urged the international community to take immediate steps to halt the spiral of violence in Myanmar.

In a report covering the period since the military seized power on February 1 last year, UN human rights chief Michelle Bachelet's office said Myanmar's military and security forces had shown a flagrant disregard for human life.

It described how the military had bombarded

populated areas with air strikes and heavy weapons and deliberately targeted civilians, many of whom were shot in the head, burned to death, arbitrarily arrested, tortured or used as human shields.

“We have really been able to identify a pattern over the past year, which indicates that this is planned, coordinated, systemic attacks; that there are clear indications that they would amount to war crimes and crimes against humanity,” UN human rights office spokeswoman Ravina Shamdasani told reporters in Geneva. “This is the clearest yet indication of the commission of these crimes.”

The report said that at least 1,600 people had been killed by security forces and their affiliates, while more than 12,500 people had been detained.

Russia says received US guarantees on Iran nuclear deal

Russia's Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov yesterday said that Moscow had received written guarantees from Washington on its ability to trade with Tehran as part of ongoing talks to salvage the Iran nuclear deal. More than 10 months of talks in Vienna have brought major powers close to renewing the landmark 2015 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) on regulating Iran's nuclear programme. The negotiations halted after Moscow earlier this month demanded guarantees that Western sanctions imposed following its military incursion into Ukraine would not damage its trade with Iran. Meanwhile, Iran has arrested several suspected members of a spy network linked to arch foe Israel, foiling its attempt to sabotage a key underground nuclear facility, state media reported.

Angry crowd tries to storm Sri Lanka president's office

A huge crowd tried to storm the Sri Lankan president's seaside office yesterday as anger flared over runaway prices brought about by the worst financial crisis in the island's modern history. The cost of food, medicine and other essential goods have risen dramatically across the South Asian nation, with long queues outside petrol stations and rolling blackouts now the norm. Fuel costs have risen by nearly 80 percent since early February while food prices rose by a quarter according to January figures.

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Contacted, Maizbhandari told The Daily Star, "We wanted to know about the vote and the alliance. She [PM] told us that the next election will be contested under the alliance banner. The prime minister also said the alliance will neither be expanded nor shrunk."

According to meeting sources, the PM said it was not fair that some alliance leaders had criticised the government on different occasions.

She said while remaining in the ruling alliance, if they criticise the government for saving their parties, opposition parties could use it as a weapon against the alliance, the sources said.

Echoing the PM's views, some alliance leaders said many of their leaders became lawmakers and even ministers, and got

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Moreover, he did not submit any documents in favour of his statement nor did he provide any explanation as to why Noman was not included in the charge sheet.

The judge said Kabir Hossain was convicted as he held meetings with others to plan the attack and receded the area before launching it. Arman was jailed as he gave shelter to the attackers.

Jalal Uddin, a sub-inspector of Chawkbazar Police Station, filed a case against some unidentified people under the Anti-Terrorism Act a day after the blasts.

On October 16, 2016, Mohammad Shafi Uddin Sheikh, an inspector of Detective Branch of Police, submitted a charge sheet against 10 people, including two juveniles, to Dhaka's Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court.

According to the case documents, Kabir, Arman and Zahid confessed to their involvement in the attack.

On May 31, 2017, a Dhaka court framed charges against eight accused in the case.

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human rights," he said, adding that there will be a second summit on democracy this year, where Bangladesh can get invited.

The comments come ahead of US-Bangladesh Partnership Dialogue to be held in Dhaka on March 20.

40 invited

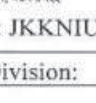
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Rounaq Jahan, Debapriya
Bhattacharya and Prof
Mustafizur Rahman,
former cabinet secretary
Ali Imam Majumdar,
former University Grants
Commission chairman
Prof Nazrul Islam, and
educationist Prof Syed
Anwar Husain, are also in
the list of invitees.

Former	Bangladesh
Bank	governor
Mohammed	Farashuddin
Palli	Karma-Sahayak
Foundation	Chairman
Qazi	Kholiqzammam
Ahmad,	noted jurist
Shahdeen	Malik, Dhaka
University	professors
Abul Barkat, MM	Akshai
Amena	Mohsin, Robat
Ferdous, SM	Shameem
Reza, Sheikh	Hafizur
Rahman and	Kaber
Gayen, local government	
expert	Tofail Ahmed
former foreign secretary	
Mohiuddin Ahmed, former	
ambassador	AFM Golam
Hossain,	ex-secretaries

Abdul Latif Mandal and
Abu Alam Mohammad
Shahid Khan have been
invited to join talks.

The other invitees include Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) Executive Director Iftekharuzzaman, Shushashoner Jonno Nagorik (Shujan) Secretary Badiul Alam Majumdar, Manusher Jonno Foundation Executive Director Shaheen Anam and Nijera Kori Coordinator Khushi Kabir.

Writer and columnist
Mohiuddin Ahmad,
Bangladesh Heritage
Foundation Chairman
Wali-ur Rahman,
Leadership Studies
Foundation Chairman
Sinha MA Sayeed,
strategy analyst Brig Gen
(ret'd) Abdul Hafiz and
Bangladesh Indigenous
Peoples' Forum General
Secretary Sanjeeb Drongh
have been invited.



Jatiya Kabi Nazrul Islam University
Trishal, Mymensingh, Bangladesh

Tender For Invitation

Date: 13/03/2022

Ref. No: JKKNUI/CL/BP/10/2018-19/610

Ministry/Division:	Ministry of Education			
Agency:	University Grants Commission			
Procuring Entity Name:	Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University, Trishal, Mymensingh			
Procuring Entity District:	Mymensingh			
Invitation For:	JKKNUI/CL/BP/10/2018-19/610			
Invitation Ref No.:	JKKNUI/CL/BP/10/2018-19/610			
Date	13/03/2022			
Procurement Method:	Open Tendering Method (National)			
Budget and Source of Funds:	Revenue Budget, GOB			
Tender Package No.:	G-1			
Tender Publication Date:	16/03/2022			
Tender Last Selling Date:	04/04/2022 at 2:30 pm			
Tender Closing Date and Time:	05/04/2022 at 12:00 noon			
Tender Opening Date and Time:	05/04/2022 at 12:30 PM			
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Place/Date/Time of Pre-Tender meeting (Optional):	Pre-tender meeting shall be held on 05/04/2022 at 12.10pm			
Tender Document Price:	Cash Taka 1000.00 (One Thousand only)			
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G-1	Tender for the Procurement of Books	Administrative Building	50,000.00 Pay Order/Bank Draft in favor of Librarian, JKKNUI.	90 (Ninety) days from the date of Purchase order.
Name of Official Inviting Tender:		Sheik Md. Jalal Uddin		
Designation of Official Inviting Tender:		Librarian (In-Charge)		
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