

PAK PARLIAMENT

No-confidence motion against Khan delayed

REUTERS, Islamabad

The speaker of Pakistan's parliament yesterday adjourned a motion of no-confidence in Prime Minister Imran Khan, provoking opposition accusations he was buying time for the ex-cricketer to muster support after a spate of defections from his party.

The motion will now be tabled on Monday after which seven days of debate should take place before an actual vote.

The speaker said in a live telecast that he adjourned the proceedings in order to conform with a longstanding tradition to refrain from carrying out parliamentary business on the first day of a session convened shortly after the death of an MP.



Schoolchildren shout slogans as they march towards the prime minister's house in Sydney, Australia yesterday, during a strike and protest by students highlighting inadequate progress to address climate change.

PHOTO: AFP

China FM seeks normal India ties

Delhi says ease border tension first

REUTERS, New Delhi

India said yesterday ties with China could not be normal until their troops pulled back from each other on the disputed border, but Beijing struck a conciliatory note during a meeting of their foreign ministers in New Delhi.

Both nations have deployed thousands of troops on the high-altitude border since hand-to-hand fights killed 20 Indian and four Chinese soldiers northern Himalayan region of Ladakh in June 2020.

Talks between senior military officers have made little progress.

"I was very honest in my discussions with the Chinese foreign minister, especially in conveying our national sentiments," India's Foreign Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar told a news briefing after his three-hour meeting with Wang Yi.

"The frictions and tensions that arise from China's deployments since April 2020 cannot be reconciled with a normal relationship between the two neighbours."

In a statement, Wang said China and India should work together to promote peace and stability around the world.

West calls on Taliban to reopen girls schools

AFP, Washington

The United States and other Western countries on Thursday condemned the Taliban's decision to shut girls secondary schools in Afghanistan just hours after reopening them, and urged the hardline Islamist movement to reverse course.

The joint statement from the foreign ministers of Britain, Canada, France, Italy, Norway and the US, plus

the high representative of the European Union, said the decision Wednesday by the Taliban will harm the group's prospects for legitimacy and Afghanistan's "ambition to become a respected member in the community of nations."

"The Taliban's action contradicted its public assurances to the Afghan people and to the international community," the Western nations said in their statement.

Second Godagari

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Development Authority's (BMDA's) deep tube-well in Ishwaripur village, for over two weeks.

On Wednesday afternoon, they took pesticides with them and visited Shakhawat, also president of a ward unit of Krishak League in Deopara union, to ask him for water for irrigation, locals and Abhinath's family members said.

When Shakhawat denied them water, they drank the pesticide, they said. Shakhawat denied involvement in the incident.

Kamrul Islam, OC of Godagari Police Station, told The Daily Star last night that Rozina Hembrom, Abhinath's wife, filed a case accusing

Shakhawat over provoking Abhinath's death by suicide around 8:30pm.

On Thursday, police said Rozina had filed an unnatural death case. Yesterday, however, when talking to this correspondent Rozina denied filing the case.

The OC said police had recorded the unnatural death case at Abhinath's house on Thursday and took Rozina's signature on it.

Rajshahi lawmaker Fazle Hossain Badsha went to Abhinath's home yesterday to talk to his family and other villagers.

Abhinath's brother Horen Mardi said the livelihood of four families Abhinath's were dependent on paddy cultivation.

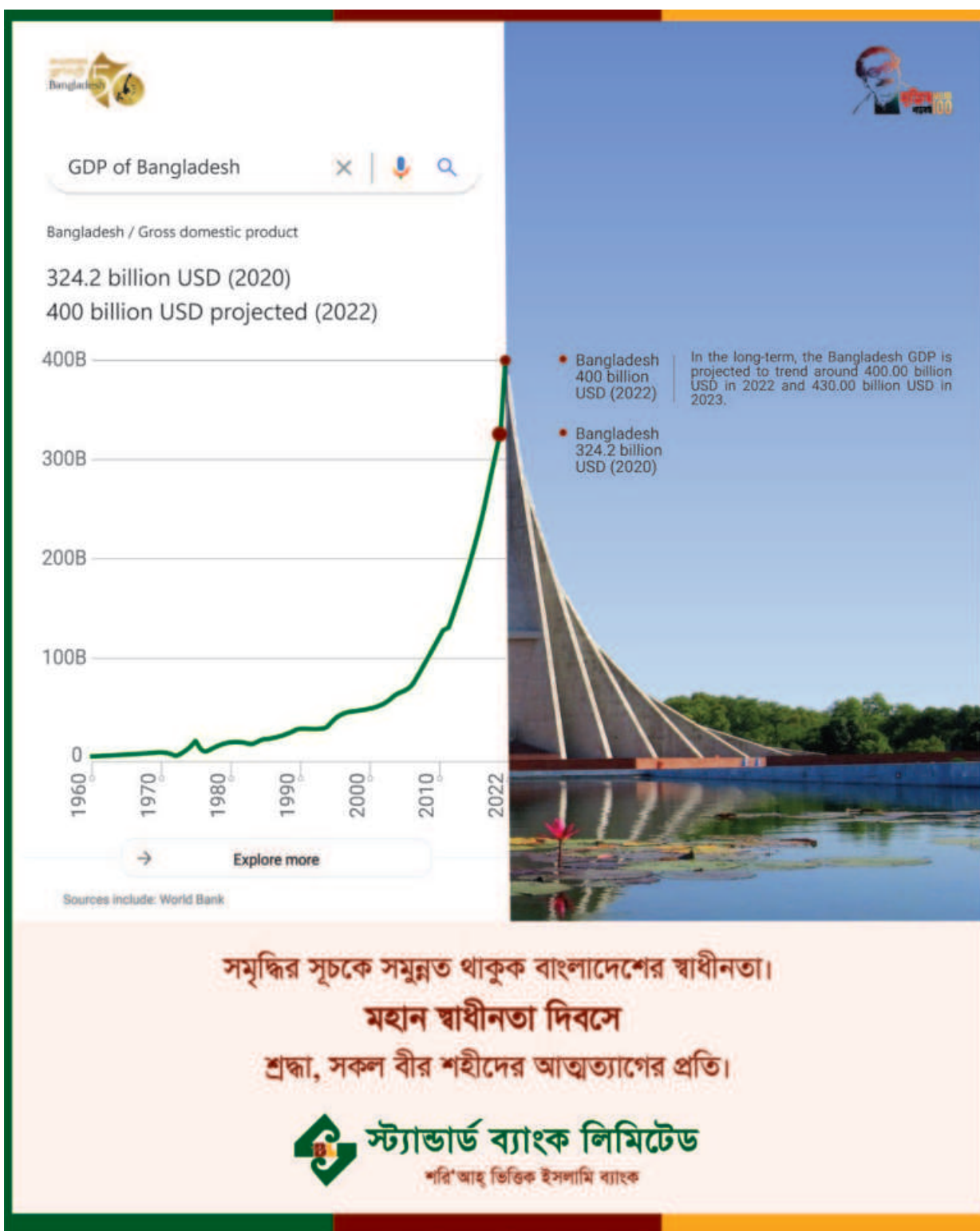
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Planning to study abroad? Here are 4 reasons why you must consider the UK

We all know that one person who works from the get-go to apply for a degree in their dream foreign education destination. The excitement of attending a foreign university or college with students from different nationalities is unparalleled. It's the want of expanding one's perspective and horizons, absorbing new ideologies and cultures, and the hope of professional success in an international market that drives them. Needless to say, this decision is a life-defining one and must be made carefully.

With hundreds of colleges to choose from, selecting the right country and university can become a daunting task, made even more difficult by the multiplying information sources. Today, we take a look at the most critical factors to consider and put the spotlight on the UK as a foreign education destination.

For years now, the UK has been one of the top destinations for higher education. Even during the pandemic, Bangladeshi students have shown continued interest in studying in the UK. Reports from the UK Home Office indicate there were 10,999 visas granted to Bangladeshi nationals in 2021, an increase of 7,496 (+214%) compared to the previous year. UK's position in the global socio-economic backdrop, vibrant culture, rich heritage and vibrance has been a big draw for Bangladeshi students, who form one of the largest student communities in the UK.

For students planning to pursue their education in



the UK, here are four things to consider when choosing a foreign education. These are also the reasons that make studying in the UK a great choice.

Credibility

The UK is home to some of the best universities globally that are known for delivering a global outlook to their students and valuable credentials. The QS World University Ranking 2022 lists four UK universities among the world's top 10, while the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2022 also features 26 UK universities in the top 200 list.

UK's institutes strike a great balance between practical and research-based learning, which helps students become more innovative at every step and arms them with the intel they need to qualify

for jobs even in the most dynamic industries. UK institutions have a huge impact on the quality of learning and can help students orient their education to lead towards a promising career path. In fact, as per QS Graduate Employability Rankings, UK graduates are considered among the most employable in the world and as per the UUKI's International Graduate Outcomes report, 83% of international graduates feel that their academic degree from the UK helped them secure a job.

Affordability

The average cost of studying in the UK is typically lower than some other popular foreign education destinations. The UK also offers a range of master's programmes, delivering highly coveted credentials, typically over 12 months. Choosing these courses proves cost-effective as students get a chance to complete their education and join the job market faster than the two-year PG programs that are standard across various countries.

The UK also offers a long list of scholarships for Bangladeshi students provided individually by universities, or the UK government, or by both. The list includes popular scholarships like the GREAT scholarships, the Chevening Scholarships, the British Council Women in STEM scholarships, the Charles Wallace Professional Visits Programme and more. To find out their eligibility for a scholarship, students can visit the British Council Bangladesh website.

Work Opportunity

According to QS Graduate Employability Rankings, UK graduates are among the most employable in the world. In the UK, students get opportunities for placements, internships, and other work experience, which proves to be a steppingstone for launching a professional career. The UK's Graduate Route, launched in July last year, allows a two-year post-study work visa to international graduates at UK universities. Doctoral (PhD) can get a three-year post-study work visa. This opens a lot of avenues for Bangladeshi students planning to learn as well as earn in the UK, to draw a great career path for themselves.

Culture and Living

The UK is home to a mix of international cultures, contemporary thinking, and exciting experiences. Students in the UK can go on a journey of self-discovery and explore people, music, fashion, arts, literature and traditions. They can travel and learn all about the intriguing history of the country. The open and all-embracing nature of the country helps students quickly find ground, develop a new worldview, and become truly global citizens. Universities in the UK help international students find communities and connect with students from similar backgrounds and beliefs and enable them to gain access to financial, emotional, and academic support.

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