



(L-R) BTS perform their hit song, "Butter". Silk Sonic, winner of Record and Song of the Year for 'Leave the Door Open', perform at the ceremony. Lady Gaga performs the song "Love for Sale". Billie Eilish performs the song "Happier Than Ever".

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## Grammys 2022: Who won on music's biggest night?

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The 64th Grammy Awards was a night of wonder and as pointed out by host Trevor Noah, a concert where awards are doled out and people's names are kept out of people's mouths. It was an intentional jab at Will Smith infamously slapping Chris Rock at the Oscars.

Jon Batiste's lyrically evocative "We Are" won Album of the Year while Silk Sonic won Record and Song of the Year for their hit song "Leave the Door Open". As expected, Olivia Rodrigo bagged the award for Best New Artist and Best Pop Vocal Album.



Olivia Rodrigo accepts the Grammy award for Best Pop Vocal Album for 'Sour'.



Ukrainian singer Mika Newton performs.

and Jungkook faced minor slip-ups during the performance, they recovered effortlessly. Rodrigo performed her hit single - one of the biggest earworms of the past year - "Driver's License" and also won Best Pop Solo Performance for this song.

Doja Cat and SZA scored a memorable win with their Best Pop Duo/Group Performance award. It was a big night for H.E.R. as she won Best Traditional R&B Performance award and delivered a soaring rendition of "Are You Going to Go My Way", accompanied by iconic guitarist Lenny Kravitz, and Travis Barker on drums.

Lil Nas X entertained with a rousing medley of his biggest hits while Lady Gaga sang a duet with Tony Bennett from their latest album "Love for Sale". Justin Bieber gave a stilted performance of the feel-good pop song "Peaches" and Billie Eilish belted

out a touching rendition of "Happier Than Ever".

Arooj Aftab became the first Pakistani artiste to win a Grammy. She took home the prestigious trophy for her song "Mohabbat" in the Best Global Performance category.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky made a surprising appearance to ask for support from everyone during these unfortunate times. It was followed by a poignant performance from John Legend, who shared the spotlight with Ukrainian singer Mika Newton, musician Siuzanna Igidan and poet Lyuba Yakimchuk to sing "Free", and give a visual salute to Ukraine.

During the In Memoriam segment, Foo Fighters drummer Taylor Hawkins was honoured along with musical legend Stephen Sondheim.



(L) Arooj Aftab poses with her Grammy for Best Global Music performance at the 64th Annual Grammy Awards. (R) Jon Batiste accepts the Grammy award for Album of the Year for 'We Are'.



However, the talk of the town is not about her big wins but her surprise cameo during BTS's exuberant performance of their massive hit "Butter". Although singer J-Hope

## Alia Bhatt, Ranbir Kapoor to get married this month?

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Bollywood stars Alia Bhatt and Ranbir Kapoor are reportedly set to tie the knot in an intimate ceremony this month, Indian media reported.

According to *India Today*, the much-awaited wedding will finally happen in mid-April.

The lovebirds will tie the knot in a private wedding ceremony with close friends and family in attendance. Their wedding will take place in Mumbai, as per reports.

Earlier, there were reports the couple would get married in Udaipur, Rajasthan.

On the work front, Alia and Ranbir will next be seen in "Brahmastra" together. The film is scheduled for release on September 9, 2022.



## Prosenjit-Mithila's 'Ay Khuku Ay' to hit theatres on May 27

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Renowned Indian actor Prosenjit Chatterjee will be seen in a different avatar in Sauvik Kundu's forthcoming feature film "Ay Khuku Ay". Celebrated Bangladeshi actress Rafiath

Rashid Mithila makes a guest appearance in the film, sharing the screen with him.

"Ay Khuku Ay" is slated for release on May 27. The screenplay of the film is jointly written by Sugata Sinha and Sauvik Kundu.

The movie revolves around a father and daughter, played by Prosenjit and Ditipriya Roy, respectively. Renowned West Bengal actor Jeet, who co-produced the film under the banner of Jeet FilmWorks, reportedly has a cameo in it.



# COUNTRYWIDE

RATNAI BRIDGE

## A disaster waiting to happen

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

The Ratnai Bridge on Lalmonirhat-Mughalhat road in Durakuti area of Sadar upazila has turned risky as it has tilted on the west end.

The bridge over the Ratnai river may collapse at any time and cause major accidents.

Locals said the bridge has been lying in a precarious condition for long and there have been no visible steps from the Roads and Highways Department (RHD) yet. Two years ago, the 20-kilometre stretch of the road was widened and revamped spending Tk 28 crore.

But the risky bridge was not repaired or replaced with a new one to facilitate the movement of heavy vehicles. Currently the road is off limit to heavy vehicles.

Shaha Alam, a businessman from Mogholhat area, said as trucks cannot cross the bridge they have to bring goods on light vehicles increasing the



transportation costs.

Chairman of Mogholhat Union Parishad Habibur Rahman said that Ratnai Bridge is very old. It should have been declared abandoned long ago. The pillars of the bridge are now in grave danger.

The authorities concerned have been contacted on several times but no solution has been found so

far, said the chairman.

Khalid Saifullah Sardar, executive engineer of RHD in Lalmonirhat, said they have got the approval and funding for the construction of a new bridge over the river at Durakuti point.

The construction work of the new bridge will start by September this year, he added.



Tobacco leaves being dried in the sun along both sides of this village road, putting the health of local residents, who use this road, at risk. The photo was taken from Fakirpara village in Rangpur's Taraganj upazila last week.

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Global

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Ukraine says it has evacuated thousands of civilians in recent days from the city, a main target for Russia's current offensive and surrounded by areas in the hands of Russian-backed separatists in the Donbas region.

Ukraine was preparing for what its general staff said were about 60,000 Russian reservists called in to reinforce the offensive there, while British military intelligence also said Russian troops, including contractors from the Wagner private military company, were moving to the east.

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz said Russian President Vladimir Putin and his supporters would "feel the consequences" of events in Bucha.

Western allies would agree on further sanctions against Moscow in coming days, he said, though it was not clear how quickly a new package could come together or if it would include Russian energy exports.

France's Macron said new sanctions were needed, including on oil and coal, and there were very "clear clues pointing to war crimes" by Russian forces.

Mominul

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different," said Mominul to the media after the game yesterday.

Mominul, however, was happy with the way youngsters applied themselves in the game, especially credited Mahmudul Hasan Joy for becoming the first Bangladeshi to score a hundred in South Africa in the first innings.

Bangladesh will take on South Africa in the second and series-deciding Test on April 7 at Port Elizabeth.

## Cop suspended

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and verbally abused her after seeing a teep on her forehead while she was going to the campus.

The incident drew huge public attention, and people, both men and women, posted photos of themselves wearing teep on social media as a form of protest.

Biplob Kumar Sarker, deputy commissioner of the Teigaon division, said, "We have identified the policeman... He admitted that an incident occurred with college teacher Lata Samaddar.

"Now we will carry out a proper investigation on the basis of the general diary filed by the teacher."

He added that police have been working tirelessly to identify the culprit after Lata filed the GD.

Constable Tareque had been working with the protection division of DMP.

Replying to a query, the DC said, "We don't need to take him in custody. He is a policeman...We will talk to him whenever necessary during the investigation."

Biplob said they found

that the motorcycle, mentioned in the GD, belongs to the constable and has valid papers.

DMP Commissioner Shafiqul Islam said departmental action would be taken against the constable once the investigation is done.

According to sources, DMP's Teigaon Division first collected the CCTV footage and sent it to all divisions to identify the policeman after the GD was filed. The protection division was the one to identify him.

Rubaiyet Zaman, additional deputy commissioner of Teigaon Division, told The Daily Star that on the day of the incident, Tareque was on his way to work, adding that they would talk to him about his alleged behaviour.

"We will find out what actually happened after talking to both parties."

Contacted yesterday, Prof Malay Bala of Dhaka University, husband of Lata, said he was content that the DMP could identify the policeman and has taken action against him.

## Iran blames US for halt to Vienna nuke talks

REUTERS, Dubai

The United States is responsible for the pause in talks between Tehran and world powers in Vienna aimed at reviving their 2015 nuclear deal, an Iranian foreign ministry spokesperson said yesterday.

"America is responsible for the halt of these talks... a deal is very much within reach," Saeed Khatibzadeh told a weekly news conference.

"Washington should make political decision for the deal's revival," he said, adding that Tehran would "not wait forever".

The US State Department said on Thursday that a small number of outstanding issues remain in the nuclear talks, adding that the onus was on Tehran to make those decisions.

Iran has said that there are still outstanding issues.

## Secondary

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ministry official said that the decision to change the date was taken keeping different discussions in mind.

Earlier, the primary and mass education ministry decided that all primary schools and colleges will remain open till the 20th of Ramadan (April 22), with the aim to make up for the pandemic-induced learning loss.

In-person classes in schools resumed in full swing in the middle of March after over 720 days of closure in two phases between March 17, 2020 and March 2022.

politically motivated. My father-in-law is a union level Awami League leader. There was a feud over who would head the local mosque committee, which he currently leads."

Both Dollar and the imam of the mosque were arrested by Rab.

"I want my husband back before Eid. Please let him celebrate Eid with his children," pleaded Pinky, as her four-year-old son Jalsan and one-and-half-year-old son Afrahim gambolled around the room, playing with balloons, oblivious to the danger that their father might be in.

## Man's phone last

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English, they said it was because everyone could understand. Why would anyone in Bangladesh need our statement in English?"

Pinky and her family refused to sign the document, because they did not understand what was written in it, she said.

Despite repeated attempts, Rab's legal and media wing director Khondoker Al Moin could not be reached over phone for comments on the matter.

Dollar had previously spent 26 days in prison in 2020, after being accused in a case. "The case was