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### New-look Tigers lose first T20I

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Despite signs of intent, a new-look Bangladesh were unable to turn their fortunes around in T20Is, suffering a 17-run defeat to Zimbabwe in the first T20I of the three-match series at the Harare Sports Club yesterday.

This was Bangladesh's 12th defeat in their last 13 T20Is.

Stand-in skipper Nurul Hasan Sohan scored a career-best unbeaten 26-ball 42, laced four maximums and a boundary, but was unable to help Bangladesh chase down Zimbabwe's daunting total of 205 for three — the highest T20I total for Zimbabwe in Harare and their second-highest total in T20Is overall.

Sohan also stitched together quickfire stands of 40 and 32 runs with Shanto (37 off 25) and Mosaddek Hossain (13 off 10) for the fourth and fifth wickets respectively, briefly raising hopes of a dramatic ending. But Bangladesh eventually fell short, restricted to 188 for six.

A tight penultimate over from Richard Ngarava was crucial to Zimbabwe's Ngarava, who had conceded 39 runs off his first three overs, conceded just four runs from that over while also removing Mosaddek. More importantly, he left Bangladesh needing 28 from the final over.

match considered a test for voungsters and fresh captain Shanto, who was only given the job at the eleventh hour. In fact, it was only the second T20I that Bangladesh played without any of their four Shakib Al Mahmudullah Riyad, Mushfiqur Rahim

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Diksher Beel, one of the biggest water bodies in Pabna's Chatmohor upazila, is a spectacle to behold this monsoon. Despite low water levels compared to other years, the entire beel is adorned with hundreds of about-to-bloom lotus flowers, water lilies, and more. The plants cover the water as far as the eyes can see and this is why the locals lovingly call the waterbody "Poddo (lotus) Beel". While the Poddo Beel can be a great attraction for tourists, the lack of preservation and dilapidated roads leading to the water body have become apparent obstacles.

# Russia suspends gas supplies after prison strike

Zelensky urges world to declare Russia as a state sponsor of terror; strikes pummel Ukrainian cities

AFP, Moscow

Russian energy giant Gazprom yesterday suspended gas supplies to Latvia, a day after a jail holding Ukrainian prisoners of war was bombed leaving scores dead.

"Today, Gazprom suspended its gas supplies to Latvia... due to violations of the conditions" of purchase, the company said on Telegram.

Gazprom drastically cut gas deliveries to Europe via the Nord Stream pipeline on Wednesday to about 20 percent of its capacity. It had reduced gas flows to Europe

The Russian state-run company had earlier warning of Russian "blackmail".

it has been delivering since service resumed last week after 10 days of maintenance work.

European Union states have accused Russia of squeezing supplies in retaliation for Western sanctions over Moscow's intervention in Ukraine.

Gazprom cited the halted operation of one of the last two operating turbines for the pipeline due to the "technical condition of the

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov has blamed EU sanctions for the limited supply.

The EU this week agreed a plan to reduce gas consumption in solidarity with Germany, where the Nord Stream pipeline runs to,

million cubic metres a day -- half the amount Ukrainian towns and cities yesterday, a day

after Russia's defence ministry accused Kyiv of striking a prison in Russian-held territory with US-supplied long-range missiles, in an "egregious provocation" designed to stop captured soldiers from surrendering.

It yesterday said that the dead included Ukrainian forces who had surrendered after weeks of fighting off Russia's brutal bombardment of the sprawling Azovstal steelworks in the port city of Mariupol.

The defence ministry said 50 Ukrainian prisoners were killed and 73 were taken to hospital with serious injuries, adding: "All political, legal and moral responsibility for this bloody massacre of Ukrainians lies with (Ukrainian President Volodymyr)

## **MIGRANTS' JOBS IN UAE** Bangladesh wants more work visas

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Bangladesh wants the UAE to increase the number work visas for its citizens in the Gulf country as the figure has dropped significantly in recent years.

A proposal in this regard was put forward at the Bangladesh-UAE Second Foreign Office Consultation, held in Cox's Bazar on Thursday, said foreign ministry sources.

Foreign Secretary Masud Bin Momen led the Bangladesh delegation to the meeting while the UAE side was headed by its Assistant Minister for Economic and Trade Affairs Abdul Nasser Jamal

"Many Bangladeshis now travel to the UAE on visit visas, but a large number of them returns home after failing to change visit visas into work visas," a foreign ministry official told The Daily Star yesterday.

Therefore, he said, the Bangladesh side requested the UAE to issue more employment

From 2006 to 2012, Bangladeshis secured over 2 lakh jobs each year on average in the UAE. Between 2013 and 2020, the figure went down SEE PAGE 6 COL 5

## Wikipedia articles influencing judges' decisions: study

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influenced by legal articles on Wikipedia, a new study has found. Researchers led

by Neil Thompson

from MIT's Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory (CSAIL) created new legal Wikipedia articles in an experiment to examine how they affect the legal decisions

They produced over 150 new Wikipedia articles on Irish Supreme Court decisions, written by law students - half of which were randomly chosen to be uploaded online, while the other half were kept offline.

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A multi-storey building, constructed on a road in Sylhet city's Pathantula area, being demolished by the city corporation authorities. They conducted a day-long raid against such illegal structures in the city yesterday.

## Covid suspends coal production at Barapukuria

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Barapukuria Coal Mine Company Limited has suspended its mining activities as a significant number of workers tested positive for Covid-19.

Three days after BCMCL resumed its operations, after a three-monthlong suspension for development work at its compound, the fresh suspension came into effect on Friday night.

Eighty-three miners, including 50 Chinese nationals, tested positive since Tuesday.

"The coal extraction has been suspended to prevent the disease from spreading further," said BCMCL Managing Director Saiful

Islam Sarkar yesterday.

Around 400 local and 300 Chinese miners were working to extract coal at the mining ground in Dinajpur's Parbatipur upazila.

As some of them began showing symptoms of coronavirus, the authorities conducted RT-PCR tests on 143 miners. Of them, 16 tested positive on Tuesday, according to officials.

Later, another test was carried out on 450 miners. Of them, 67 tested positive on Thursday, they added.

The sharp rise in Covid cases inside BCMCL compound prompted its high officials to take the decision of suspending its coal production.

On Friday night, the authorities sent around 90 infected workers into quarantine, while the others were asked to go home, said Saiful.

Mining would remain suspended for 15 days, he added.

Around 5,000 tonnes of coal have been extracted from underground from Wednesday, which has already been supplied to 525MW Barapukuria coal-fired power plant.

Asked, officials at the power plant said the power station could operate, without hampering regular electricity production, for over 15 days with its existing stock.

The plant has around 40,000 tonnes of coal at its stockyard.

#### **MONKEYPOX** First deaths outside Africa reported Spain, Brazil report 3 fatalities

AFP, Madrid

Spain yesterday reported its second monkeypoxrelated death, bringing to three the number of fatalities linked to the current outbreak outside

of Africa. Spain and Brazil both announced what they believed to be their first deaths related to the virus on Friday.

It is however unclear if monkeypox actually caused any of the three fatalities, with Spanish authorities still carrying out autopsies and Brazilian authorities saying its deceased patient suffered other conditions.

More than 18,000 cases have been detected throughout the world outside of Africa since the beginning of May, the World Health Organization (WHO) says.

Spain is one of the world's worst-hit countries, with 4,298 people there infected with the virus, according to the Spanish health ministry.

"Among the 3,750 (monkeypox) patients... 120 have been hospitalised and two have died," it said in a report, without specifying the date of the second death.

It said the victims were "two young men", SEE PAGE 6 COL 4

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#### গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার মাধ্যমিক ও উচ্চশিকা বিভাগ শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয় বাড়ি নং-৪৪, সড়ক নং-১২/এ, ধানমডি, ঢাকা-১২০৯

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'বঙ্গবন্ধু শেখ মুজিব স্কলার" নির্বাচন ও অ্যাওয়ার্ড প্রদানের জন্য আবেদন আহ্বান

মর্বকালের মর্বপ্রেষ্ঠ বাগ্রালি, দোনার বাংলার স্বপুনুটা জাতির পিতা বঙ্গবন্ধু শেখ যুদ্ধিবুর রহমান এর শিক্ষা ও গবেমণা ভাবনার পরবারী প্রজন্মত উজাবিত করার লক্ষ্যে প্রধানমন্ত্রীর শিক্ষা সহায়তা ট্রাস্টের উদ্যোগে জনন্য মেগাবী শিক্ষাবীদেরকে স্বীকৃতি ও উৎসহ প্রদানের লক্ষ্যে দেশের অভ্যন্তরীণ সকল সরকারি ও বেসরকারি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়/কলেকে প্রভাবেরর (Post Graduation) পর্যায়ে অধ্যাদরত শিক্ষার্থীদের মিকট থেকে মিচবৰ্ণিত শৰ্ডে ও মিৰ্বাধিত আবেদনপরে দৰখায় আহবান করা চলোঃ

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8.	আইग (Law);
e.	औष निवास (Physical Science);
b.	গণিকিক বিজ্ঞান (Mathematical Science);
9.	क्षेत्र विकान (Biological Science);
y.	कृषि विकास (Agricultural Science);
b.	সমূদ্র বিজ্ঞান/পরিবেশ বিজ্ঞান/পরমাণু বিজ্ঞান (Marine Scienca/Environmental Scienca/ Nuclear Science);
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55.	টেল্লটাইল ইজিনিলালিং (Textile Engineering);
52.	তথ্য ও বোপাচমাপ প্রযুক্তি/এমার্কিং ঐকচনপত্তি (information and Communication Technology/Emerging Technology);
30.	শিক্ষা ও উন্নয়ন (Education & Development);
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30.	চাক ও কাক (Fine Arts);
29.	भरीश निष्य (Religious Studies):

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