



Yesterday's commissioning ceremony also saw the unveiling of a new naval flag without a British colonial symbol left over from India's colonial era. The new ensign replaces a prominent Saint George's Cross, the national flag of England, with the royal seal of the Hindu warrior-king Chhatrapati Shivaji.

# Pakistan

Shadab returned figures of 4-8 from his leg spin and Nawaz took three wickets with his left-arm orthodox.

## 18 killed in suicide

No group has so far claimed the attack.

Haqqani was known for angry speeches against IS, who later claimed responsibility for his death.

## Blender's Choice

Many other popular artistes, including noted singer Khayam Sanu Sandhi, stand-up comedians Amin and Ashik, the Baap Ka Beta duo Shuvashish Bhowmik and Rituraj, and rap sensation Jalali Set will perform at the event.

## 'They thrive on chaos'

## Biden says 'MAGA Republicans' threaten US; Trump hints at pardoning Capitol rioters

## AGENCIES

Citing the nationwide assault on abortion rights by hardline conservatives



Separately, Trump told radio host Wendy Bell that he was giving financial help to some supporters involved in the Jan 6, 2021 assault on Congress and would look very favourably on giving pardons if he were again elected to the White House.

## ELECTORAL FRAUD

# Suu Kyi gets jail with hard labour

**AFP, Yangon**

Vicky Bowman, who runs a group promoting ethical business practices in Myanmar, and her Burmese husband Htein Lin, an artist and former political prisoner, were arrested on Aug. 24 for staying at an address different to the one she had registered under.

## EU PROPOSAL ON NUKE DEAL

## US: Iran response 'not constructive'

**AFP, Washington**

The United States on Thursday said that a new response from Iran on reviving a landmark nuclear deal was "not constructive," a day after European mediators were hopeful at finally crossing the finish line. The European Union put forward on August 8 what it called a final text to restore the 2015 nuclear accord. Iran proposed changes to it largely accepted by the Europeans to which the United States issued a response through the mediators. Iranian foreign ministry spokesman Nasser Kanani said earlier Thursday that Tehran sent another reply in response to the US position. State Department spokesman Vedant Patel said late Thursday that the response was "not constructive."

# Gotabaya 'to return home'

**AFP, Colombo**

Bankrupt Sri Lanka's deposed former president Gotabaya Rajapaksa is expected to end his self-imposed exile in Thailand and return home early today, a top defence official told AFP yesterday. The 73-year-old fled the island under military escort in July after crowds stormed his official residence, following months of angry demonstrations blaming him for the nation's economic crisis. He issued his resignation from Singapore before flying onward to Bangkok, where he has been petitioning his successor to facilitate his return.

# Case lodged but ‘plaintiff’

BNP leaders claimed that Shaon was an activist of Jubo Dal, the party's

# Gang steals TSP

# 1 killed as smugglers

# World food prices

The cut to its prediction for 2022 cereal production was due to the weather-reduced corn prospects

## Focus on energy cooperation

New Delhi will also be requested to remove any other non-tariff barriers as part of Dhaka's objective to

According to diplomatic sources, Bangladesh's Armed Forces Division (AFD) prepared a list of equipment,

According to Indian High Commissioner Vikram Doraiswami, the bilateral relations between Bangladesh and India have reached such a level that all issues are on the table for discussion and can be amicably resolved.

## Aman planting

Benazir, however, expressed optimism that the overall Aman production would not be hampered.

# China grows rice

Nasa astronauts Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins and Buzz Aldrin ate meals of freeze-dried chicken and rice during the Apollo 11 mission, which saw Aldrin and Armstrong become the first people to walk on the Moon.