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FIGHTING IN MYANMAR Dhaka wants to end border tensions thru discussions Says foreign secretary

UNB, Dhaka
Bangladesh wants to avert any tensions along its border with Myanmar through dialogue amid raging internal conflicts in Rakhine state.

Speaking to journalists at the foreign ministry on Sunday, Foreign Secretary Masud Bin Momen said they would hold discussions through the existing mechanisms between Border Guard Bangladesh and its Myanmar counterpart to resolve the issues, if there is any.

"The incidents of blasts and falling mortar shells are basically happening inside the Myanmar border... But sounds are being heard here on the Bangladesh side, which may have left the people in border areas scared. However, we are observing the situation closely.

"The incidents were basically due to the actions taken against insurgents in Myanmar. They [Myanmar authorities] have acknowledged the matter."

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Long stretches of footpaths have been dug up in the capital's Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue for work on drainage system by the Dhaka North City Corporation. Garbage, soil and sewer pipes pile up there as the authorities concerned have taken no steps to remove those and minimise sufferings of pedestrians and ensure smooth traffic. The photo was taken yesterday. PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Alcaraz takes No. 1 spot with US Open



REUTERS, New York

Spanish teenager Carlos Alcaraz completed his rapid rise to the top of the tennis world on Sunday, claiming his first Grand Slam title and taking the number one ranking with a 6-4, 2-6, 7-6(1) 6-3 win over Norway's Casper Ruud in the US Open final.

Alcaraz, 19, fell to his back and cupped his hands to his face before jumping up to embrace Ruud at the net. He then climbed past photographers and into the stands to celebrate in his box with his team.

"This is something I dreamed of since I was a kid, to be number one in the world, to be the champion at a Grand Slam," Alcaraz said in an on-court interview.

"All the hard work that I did with my team, with my family. I'm just 19 years old so all of the tough decisions are with my parents and my team as well.

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CTG ELEVATED EXPRESSWAY Cost likely to escalate, wait to lengthen

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The cost of the already delayed elevated expressway project in Chattogram city is likely to rise by Tk 1,048 crore and the deadline extended by two more years as a proposal in this regard is set to be placed before an Ecneec meeting today.

Top officials concerned said the cost and implementation time of the project need to be increased due to several changes made to the original design of the structure. They blamed

The government approved the project in July 2017 aiming to ease traffic gridlock in the port city and establish smooth links between the city's downtown area and two export processing zones and the international airport at Patenga.

The original cost of the project was Tk 3,250.84 crore and the deadline was June 2020.

According to documents of the housing and public works ministry, the revision proposal for the project would be placed at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Economic



Nasir Uddin Biswas no more

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eminent industrialist Nasir Uddin Biswas, founder of float glass and melamine manufacturer Nasir Group of Industries, died at Evercare Hospital in the capital yesterday.

He was 78. Nasir had been undergoing treatment for various health complications and passed away in the morning, Shamsul Islam Shamim, general manager of corporate affairs at Nasir Group of Industries, said over phone.

Nasir began his career as a trader in the 1970s. Over time, he built 13 factories to manufacture float glass, glassware, melamine, footwear, energy saving lamps, and tobacco.

Nasir Group of Industries employs nearly

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PROJECT NAME:	Construction of Elevated Expressway from Lalkhan Bazar to Shah Amanat Airport in Chittagong Town
ORIGINAL ESTIMATED COST:	Tk 3,250.84 crore
REVISED ESTIMATED COST (PROPOSED):	Tk 4,298.95 crore
ORIGINAL IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD:	July 2017 to June 2020
FIRST REVISED DEADLINE:	June 2021
SECOND REVISED DEADLINE:	June 2022
THIRD REVISED DEADLINE (PROPOSED):	June 2024



the delay and increased expenditure on taking up the project without conducting a thorough feasibility study.

Port city dwellers have long been suffering on roads due to the construction of the 16 km expressway, stretching from Lalkhan Bazar to Shah Amanat International Airport.

Chattogram Development Authority (CDA) is implementing the project by awarding a contract to Max-Ranken, a joint venture company,

Council (Ecneec) today seeking to increase the project cost to Tk 4298.95 crore, a hike by 32 percent, and extend the deadline to June 2024.

The deadline of the project was earlier extended twice.

Inclusion of some new components, increase in the quantity and cost of some existing components, and changes to designs of the substructure and superstructure of

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New dinosaur discovered in Germany!

MAIL ONLINE

The skeleton of a long-necked dinosaur that has been residing in a university museum in Germany for 100 years is actually that of a previously unknown species, a new study has revealed.

The skeleton was found in Trossingen, south-western Germany, in 1922, and is now part of the University of Tübingen's paleontological collection.

At the time, it was identified as belonging to a Plateosaurus – a herbivorous dinosaur with a long neck and grasping hands that lived during the Late Triassic period, around 214 to 204 million years ago.

However, a new analysis by paleontologists at the University of Tübingen has revealed it is a previously unknown species, which they have named Tuebingosaurus maierfritzorum.

Tuebingosaurus was a herbivore and had similarities with the large long-necked dinosaurs known as sauropods. It lived about 203 to 211 million years ago in the region now known as Swabian Alb.

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Piles of jute being carried on rickshaw vans to the wholesale market in Shibalay upazila of Manikganj. This century-old market bustles with growers from around the district bringing their golden fibre for sale during the peak season. Jute mills from near and far usually collect their raw material from here. PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

UKRAINE WAR Residents return to villages in the northeast

AGENCIES

Ukrainian forces swept deeper into territory seized from fleeing Russian troops yesterday, as joyful residents returned to former frontline villages and Moscow grappled with the consequences of the collapse of its occupation force in northeastern Ukraine.

Ukraine's general staff said early yesterday that its soldiers had recaptured more than 20 towns and villages in just the past day, after Russia acknowledged it was abandoning Izium, its main stronghold in northeastern Ukraine.

"People are crying, people are joyful, of course. How could they not be joyful!" said retired English teacher Zoya, 76, north of Kharkiv in the village of Zolochiv 18 km from the Russian frontier, weeping as she described the months she had spent sheltering the cellar.

Nastya, 28, had fled the village in April but returned last week after news of Ukrainian advances: "I think everyone's in a great (mood)! It's all over now. At least we hope it's all over," she said, queuing for groceries with two small children.

Further north, Ukrainian troops had moved into Udi, a hamlet in what had been no-man's-land closer to the frontier. Soldiers returning from there said it was still unsafe, littered with

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Diaz murder accused charged with sedition

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Charges have been pressed against a Chittagong University teacher in a sedition case for making derogatory remarks on the Liberation War, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Inspector Moktar Hossen of Detective Branch (North zone) of CMP submitted the charge sheet to the Metropolitan Magistrate's Court on Sunday evening,

implicating Anwar Hossain Choudhury, also an accused in the case over 2016 murder of CU student Diaz Irfan Chowdhury.

The charge sheet will be seen by the court on October 25 and later sent to the metropolitan sessions judge for the hearing, said court sources.

Asaduzzaman Tanvir, a former joint convener of Fatikhhari upazila unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League, filed the case in 2018 against Anwar, an assistant professor of sociology.

He is now on bail in both the cases. According to the case statement, Anwar in a 2017 article titled "Religious Politics and Communal Harmony in Bangladesh: A Recent Impasse" wrote objectionable, controversial and defamatory statements about the Liberation War, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Awami League and its President Sheikh Hasina.

The article was published in the Global Journal of Human-Social Science, published by the Global Journals Inc of the US.

Contacted, the accused refused to make any comment on this and said he will face it appearing in court.

Then an assistant proctor of CU, Anwar was sent to jail in connection with the murder of BCL leader Diaz after he surrendered before a

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Tidal surges inundate coastal areas

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Heavy downpours triggered by low pressure over the Bay of Bengal flooded several areas of Cox's Bazar, Noakhali and Bagerhat inundating thousands.

In Bagerhat, around 100 villages in Sadar, Morrelganj, and Mongla upazilas were flooded due to the tidal surges.

Parts of the Sundarbans, including Karamjal and Dublar Char, were also submerged following the downpours.

Md Azizur Rahman, deputy commissioner of Bagerhat, said the water level in several areas increased due to the tidal surges caused by the full moon and continuous rain.

"However, no fatalities were reported."

In Noakhali, several areas in the island upazila of Hatiya were inundated, cutting off maritime communication with the mainland.

As a result, hundreds have been stranded in several unions.

Md Selim Mia, upazila nirbahi officer of Hatiya, said they suspended every form of maritime

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