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### **Investors** worry about instability Says US envoy Haas

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Foreign companies that are willing to invest in Bangladesh want security, not political violence or electoral instability, said US Ambassador to Bangladesh Peter Haas yesterday.

Smart foreign companies want to see certain qualities -- developed transport system, consistent access to power and water, and a well-trained - before investing in a workforce

"A company also wants certainty. A company wants security. Political violence and electoral instability scare them," Haas said.

He made the comments while addressing the annual general meeting 2021 of the International Business Forum of Bangladesh at a city hotel.

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Female workers collecting red spinach at a field in Jashore's Keshabpur upazila. Each of them earns Tk 150 daily working from morning till afternoon. The spinach is sold at Tk 30 per kg at wholesale markets. The photo was taken yesterday.

### ANTI-HIJAB PROTESTS IN IRAN Death toll tops 75

Says rights group as crackdown intensifies; over 1,200 arrested

AFP, Paris

More than 75 people have died in Iran's crackdown on 11 nights of unrest sparked by the death of Mahsa Amini, a rights group said, as Western nations pile pressure on the Islamic republic to end the violence.

The Iranian authorities' official death toll has remained at 41 Saturday, including members of the several security forces, as the country is rocked by its biggest wave of protests in almost three years.

Demonstrators took to the streets again on Monday night, as they have every night since Amini's death on September 16 following her arrest for allegedly breaching the country's strict rules on hijab headscarves and modest clothing, witnesses told

In Sanandaj, the capital of Amini's western home province of Kurdistan, women climbed onto the roofs of cars to tear off their headscarves in front of cheering crowds, images published by Oslo-based group Iran Human Rights (IHR) showed, with police nowhere to be

Tehran crowds have shouted "death to the dictator", calling for the end of the more than three-decade rule of supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, 83.

Video shot from several floors above street level, purportedly in the city of Tabriz, showed people

#### Tigers sweep T20I series against UAE

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After struggling to secure a win in the first T20I on Sunday, Bangladesh put on a much more composed performance yesterday to seal the two-match series with a comprehensive 32run victory in the final T20I against hosts UAE in Dubai.

Mehedi Hasan Miraz scored a team-high 37-ball 46 as Bangladesh posted a challenging 169 for five after being asked to bat. The Tigers then followed it up with some disciplined bowling, restricting the hosts to 137 for five to sweep the series, being played as a prelude to the upcoming T20 World Cup next month.

Bangladesh continued their makeshift opening pair of Miraz and Sabbir Rahman, and the duo added 27 runs to give Bangladesh a decent start.

Skipper Nurul Hasan, Mosaddek Hossain and Afif Hossain contributed in the middle to help Bangladesh to a competitive total. In reply, despite unbeaten fifty from skipper Chundangapoyil Rizwan, UAE fell short.

## Man dies in police custody

#### Cops say suicide; family alleges he was tortured to death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Yet another arrestee allegedly died by suicide in police custody on Monday night, making it at least the fourth such incident to have happened in the country this year.

Lebu Miah, 55, was arrested that night in Bashtoail village of Tangail's Mirzapur in a case over the death of a woman, reports our Tangail correspondent quoting police.

He "took his life" at the Bashtoail Police Outpost sometime Monday night. The police outpost was not under CCTV coverage, claimed police.

The deceased, a resident of Bashtoail, was a day labourer. His wife Aleya Begum alleged that her husband was tortured

to death following arrest.

Yesterday, family members and locals blocked the Gorai-Sakhipur road around 2:00pm for about one and a half hours protesting the death in custody.

Sheikh Abu Saleh Masud Karim, officer-in-charge of Mirzapur Police Station, said 40-year-old Sakhina Akhtar of Bashtoil village was found dead in her home on Monday afternoon.

Her brother Badsha Mia filed a case with Mirzapur Police Station the same day, accusing Sakhina's ex-husband Mofizur Rahman, her neighbour Lebu Miah and several others unnamed.

A police team from Bashtoil Police Outpost picked up Mofizur and Lebu on Monday night, the OC told The Daily Star.

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## \$2b budget support from **ADB** this fiscal

Bangladesh to get \$12-15b over next five years

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Asian Development Bank is likely to mobilise about \$2 billion in budget support for Bangladesh this year after the country sought financial assistance to weather the global economic uncertainty brought on by the Ukraine war.

The development was conveyed to Finance Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal during the Manilabased multilateral lender's 55th annual meeting, The Daily Star has learnt from officials familiar with the discussions.

Of the \$2 billion, about \$500 million would come in a co-financing arrangement with the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank.

Bangladesh is expected to get a handsome amount from the \$14 billion package announced by ADB yesterday to ease a worsening food crisis in

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### World News Day today

STAR REPORT

More than 500 newsrooms media support organisations around the world will unite today in a global campaign to observe World News Day showcasing the value of fact-based journalism.

The day will commemorated across six continents, among newsrooms of all sizes from the Financial Times,

The Globe and Mail (Canada), and The Straits Times (Singapore) in the northern hemisphere, to LA NACION (Argentina), News24 (South Africa), and Stuff (New Zealand) in the south.

The campaign will see global newsrooms carry

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### PLANETARY DEFENCE TEST Nasa spacecraft slams into asteroid

REUTERS

PBI chief sues ex-SP Babul

for attempt to

Majumder, chief of

the Police Bureau of Investigation, last night

filed a case against

ex-SP Babul Akhter, journalist-YouTuber

Elias Hossain, and two

of conspiring to divert

the investigation of the

murder case of Babul's

 $wife Mahmuda\,Khanam$ 

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The case was lodged

with Dhanmondi Police SEE PAGE 10 COL 5

questionable.

He accused the four

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divert probe STAFF CORRESPONDENT

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others.

Nasa's DART spacecraft successfully slammed into a distant asteroid at hypersonic speed on Monday evening in the world's first test of a planetary defense system, designed to prevent a potential doomsday meteorite collision with Earth.

Humanity's first attempt to alter the motion of an asteroid or any celestial body played out in a Nasa webcast from the mission operations center outside Washington, DC, 10 months after DART was launched. The livestream showed images taken by DART's

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"সব হারিয়ে আমার তধু দেবার পালা, মানুষের জন্য করে যাচিছ। দেশের মানুষের জন্য যা ত্যাগ করার করবো, আমি জীবন দিতেও প্রস্তুত" ---- মাননীয় প্রধানমন্ত্রী শেখ হাসিনা মাননীয় প্রধানমন্ত্রী শেখ হাসিনার জন্মদিন উপলক্ষ্যে বাংলাদেশ কৃষি ব্যাংকের পক্ষ থেকে আন্তরিক শুভেচ্চা ৰাংগাদেশ কৃষি ব্যাংক সৰ ধরনের ব্যাংকিং দেবা নিয়ে আপনার দোরগোড়ায় বাংলাদেশ কৃষি ব্যাংক Bangladesh Krishi Bank গণমানুষের ব্যাংক



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#### MEDIA STATEMENT

This is in context of a court case being filed against Linde Bangladesh Limited by an erstwhile distributor of the company, Connect Distribution Limited, whose distributorship has been terminated by the company with effect from 5th September 2022.

Whilst we are unable to provide specific comments on ongoing court proceedings at this stage, we do state that the allegations levelled against the company and its officials by the erstwhile distributor in the said court proceedings are wholly unfounded and baseless, which are vehemently denied.

Linde Bangladesh Limited shall strongly defend itself and its officials against such unfounded and baseless allegations, using all legal recourses available to the company.

Linde with its over 50 years presence in Bangladesh and over 100 years presence globally has a long history and heritage which is steeped in our values, with ethics and integrity being the foundation. We have always prioritized service to our customers and ensured that all our business dealings with our stakeholders are fair, transparent, and ethical. Linde Bangladesh Limited remains committed to serving the nation and treating all our stakeholders fairly and ethically.