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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has asked all not to exaggerate any incident that goes against any religion.

"Do not exaggerate any incident that takes place in any area [of the country]. I will rather request you to look at the punitive measures of the government against that incident," she said.

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Massive potholes causing frequent traffic gridlocks and damaging vehicles in the capital's Uttara. According to locals, this pothole was detected around two months ago, but the authorities never paid any heed to repair it. The photo was taken near Rajlakkhi Complex yesterday.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

Trio win Nobel Prize in physics

They made discoveries in the field of quantum mechanics



Alain Aspect



John Clauser



Anton Zeilinger

AFP, Stockholm

A trio of physicists yesterday won the Nobel Prize for discoveries in the field of quantum mechanics that have paved the way for quantum computers, networks and secure encrypted communication.

Alain Aspect of France, John Clauser of the United States and Austria's Anton Zeilinger were honoured for "groundbreaking experiments using entangled quantum states, where two particles behave like a single unit even when they are separated", the committee said.

Their results "have cleared the way for new technology based upon quantum information".

"It has become increasingly clear that a new kind of quantum technology is emerging," Anders Irbäck, chair of the

Nobel Committee for Physics, said in a statement.

Aspect, a professor at the Paris-Saclay University, said the international makeup of the group was an important signal in the face of rising nationalism around the world, which he urged the scientific community to stand against.

"It's important that scientists keep their international community at a time when ... nationalism is taking over in many countries," Aspect said in a phone interview with the Nobel Foundation published on YouTube.

Albert Einstein and two other physicists first brought up the idea of quantum entanglement in 1935, in a thought experiment that became known as the EPR paradox.

It involved two or more particles

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No on-campus housing for most public univ teachers

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A staggering 78 percent of public university teachers have no on-campus residential facilities, hampering their daily activities like taking classes or doing research work.

According to the latest annual report of the University Grants Commission, only 22 percent of 15,426 public universities have on-campus housing for teachers.

UGC officials said the lack of campus residences for teachers has been a long-standing problem.

In 2016, 77 percent of the public universities did not have such facilities, and in 2011 it was 75 percent, they said.

Teachers also pointed out that as most of them stay outside the campus, interactions with students are not satisfactory.

Those who have to live outside the campus also have to spend a large part of their salaries on house rent.

They also had to spend extra time and money on commuting to and from university.

Many teachers alleged they had to unwillingly join "teacher politics" or had to have "good connections with ruling party-backed organisations" in order to get residential facilities or have an apartment allotted to them.

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WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

Girl killed as criminals open fire at refugee camp

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

An 11-year-old girl was shot dead and another young woman was injured yesterday as armed criminals opened fire at a Rohingya camp in Ukhia, Cox's Bazar.

The deceased was identified as Tasdia Akhter, 11, daughter of Yahin of camp no-18, said Mohammad Amir Jafar, commander of Armed Police Battalion (APBn)-8.

Her sister-in-law Dil Ayas, 18, wife of Mohammad Nur, was critically injured during the incident.

Quoting locals, the commander said the girls were shot when the group of miscreants indiscriminately fired their weapons.

He added that the armed men also fired at an APBn team.

After the criminals fled, the injured girls were taken to Ukhia Upazila Health Complex, where doctors declared Tasdia dead.

The APBn has been conducting raids to identify and arrest those involved in the attack, the commander said.

New law to curb misuse of antibiotics

Medicine stores to lose licence for selling those without prescriptions

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Drugstores will not be allowed to sell antibiotics without prescriptions from registered physicians and their licences will be revoked if they do so, Health Minister Zahid Maleque said yesterday.

"The government is going to enact a new law to prevent the misuse of antibiotics. If any pharmacy sells antibiotics without a prescription, its licence will be cancelled," he told reporters at the Secretariat after a meeting on preventing the misuse of antibiotics.

The cabinet on August 11 approved the Drugs Act-2022 draft in principle with the provision of making it mandatory to have a registered doctors' prescriptions for purchasing antibiotics and sedatives.

A pharmaceuticals will have to preserve a copy of the prescription and maintain a register on the sale of such medicines. Otherwise, the owner will have to face punishment, including the cancellation of the licence.

The draft act also has provisions of a maximum

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Four women to run world's most remote post office

SKY NEWS ONLINE

Four women are to give up their home comforts to live and work in a remote part of Antarctica.

Clare Ballantyne, Mairi Hilton, Natalie Corbett and Lucy Bruzzone make up the team picked to take on the responsibility for managing historic site Port Lockroy, on Goudier Island.

They were among 6,000 people who expressed an interest in the roles -- including running the world's most remote post office and counting the island's penguins -- which were advertised by the UK Antarctic Heritage Trust (UKAHT) charity.

The team will travel 9,000 miles to reopen the bay for the first time since the pandemic, taking care of the charity's flagship site -- home also to the world's most remote museum.

They will be based on the island -- in a region without running water or a flushing toilet -- for five months, which means they will spend Christmas together.

As well as dealing with sub zero temperatures and almost constant daylight, the women will share the island with a colony of gentoo penguins, which Hilton will be in charge of monitoring.

"This will be my first time in Antarctica and I'm very excited to set eyes on the white continent. I have no idea what to expect when we get there.

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PROTESTS OVER AMINI'S DEATH

Iran to face 'costs' for crackdown

Warns Biden; Tehran accuses US of 'hypocrisy' on human rights

AFP, Paris

The United States will impose "further costs" on Iran for its lethal crackdown on protests sparked by the death of Mahsa Amini, President Joe Biden announced, drawing accusations of "hypocrisy" from Iran.

Amini, 22, was pronounced dead on September 16, days after the notorious morality police detained the Kurdish Iranian for allegedly breaching rules requiring women to wear hijab headscarves and modest clothes.

Anger over her death has sparked the biggest wave of protests to rock Iran in almost three years and a state crackdown that has seen scores of protesters killed and more than 1,000 arrested.

"This week, the United States will be imposing further costs on perpetrators of violence against peaceful protesters," Biden said in a statement on Monday. "We will continue holding Iranian officials accountable and supporting the rights of Iranians to protest freely."

Biden said he was "gravely concerned" about reports of the intensifying repression of protesters and said Washington stood with "all the citizens of Iran who are inspiring the world with their bravery".

Rights groups voiced deep concern after Iranian riot police used tear gas and paintball guns against hundreds of students at Tehran's Sharif University of Technology

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A group of women took charge of organising this year's Durga Puja at "Gachhtala Mandap" at Khalshibulia village in Khulna's Batiaghata upazila yesterday. Usually, the men of the community take the responsibilities of the festival.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

DEATHS IN KARATOA

Boatmen's inefficiency, unfit engine key reasons

Says govt probe

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

An unfit engine boat and incompetence of the boatmen were key reasons behind the boat capsizing in the Karatoa in Panchagarh, says the committee formed to probe the incident, which claimed at least 69 lives.

Meanwhile, three of the passengers are still missing.

The probe team mentioned six other reasons for the accident.

In its report, it also made five recommendations to avert such tragic incidents in the future, said Md Jahurul Islam, deputy commissioner of Panchagarh.

Speaking to The Daily Star over phone yesterday, he said the main reasons that the committee found behind the capsizing were -- breach of clauses in the lease agreement for Awalia Ghat; irresponsibility on part

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