



A teenage cast-off leads Dutch charge

AFP, Paris

One of the world's most formidable defenders, a combination of circumstance and misfortune means only now is Virgil van Dijk set to appear at his first major international tournament.

From a teenager essentially discarded by Willem II to an underrated prospect at Groningen, Van Dijk became the world's most expensive defender when Liverpool signed him for £75 million from Southampton in 2018.

His debut season coincided with Liverpool's run to the Champions League final. In the next season, however, Liverpool went on to lift

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Activists of Dhaka city BNP hold a rally in front of the party's Nayapaltan office in the capital to protest the arrest warrants issued by the High Court against their acting chairman Tarique Rahman and his wife Zubaida Rahman.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

Jail Killing Day today



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The nation will observe Jail Killing Day today by paying rich tributes to four national leaders and Liberation War heroes who were brutally murdered inside the Dhaka Central Jail on November 3, 1975.

The four senior leaders -- Syed Nazrul Islam, acting president of Bangladesh government in exile in 1971, Tajuddin Ahmed, prime minister of the same government, M Mansur Ali, finance minister, and AHM Qamaruzzaman, minister for home affairs, relief and rehabilitation -- were killed by some army officers.

They were assassinated 79 days after Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and most of his family members were killed on August 15, 1975.

To observe the day, the AL has chalked out an elaborate programme including placing wreaths at the graves of Syed Nazrul Islam, Tajuddin Ahmad, Mansur Ali at Banani graveyard around 7:30am and at the grave of AHM Qamaruzzaman in Rajshahi.

The party will also arrange a discussion at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the city at 3:00pm.

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Dengue rages in 60 dists

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The dengue situation in the country is alarming as the mosquito-borne virus has already spread to 60 districts.

Kurigram, Gaibandha, Thakurgaon and Rangpur are the only four districts still safe from the virus, according to data of the Directorate General of Health Services.

At least four people died from dengue and 1,094 were admitted to hospitals with dengue fever in 24 hours till yesterday morning.

With this, the total number of dengue infections in the country this year rose to 40,101, including 12,953 reported outside Dhaka. The fatalities from dengue rose to 152, including 60 outside Dhaka, shows DGHS data.

Of the deaths, 92 were recorded in Dhaka, 23 in Cox's Bazar, 16 in Chattogram, six in Barishal, four each in Mymensingh and Khulna, two in Narail and one each was logged in Narsingdi, Pabna, Khagrachhari, Bogura, Madaripur and Feni.

Amid this situation, Health Minister Zahid Maleque yesterday stressed the need for strengthening preventive

measures by the Local Government Division urgently.

"Treatment will be available in hospitals. But fighting dengue is not possible only through treatment. The local government ministry and the city corporations have to step up preventive measures," he said at an event at the capital's Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University.

The minister said ordinary people also need to be aware of the infection.

Experts, however, said apart from the failure of the authorities concerned to prevent the spread of Aedes mosquitoes -- the carrier of the dengue virus --, a lack of proper dengue surveillance data worsened the situation.

Prof MA Faiz, former director general of DGHS, said a lack of proper information about the actual number of dengue patients and laboratory diagnosis data is a "big weakness" for the country's health system.

"We have to know the total number of dengue patients [to control the outbreak]. But we don't have the mechanism," he told The Daily Star yesterday.

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POWER SECTOR MESS

Nasrul takes flak in the House

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Opposition lawmakers yesterday slammed State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Nasrul Hamid for the government's alleged failure to manage the power crisis and widespread corruption in the sector.

"For Awami League leaders, the power sector has become a billionaire-making factory. I have the information and a list. If necessary, I will send them to the power minister," BNP MP Harunur Rashid told parliament.

He made the comment while taking part in a discussion on the Bangladesh Oil, Gas and Mineral Corporation Bill, 2022.

Calling for an open discussion in the House, the lawmaker said, "Let the nation know how the government had this disaster coming over the last 15 years."

He questioned the

"indemnity" given to the

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Former SC judge alleges assault by BNP men

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former Supreme Court judge AHM Shamsuddin Choudhury Manik yesterday said he was assaulted by BNP Jamaat activists in the capital's Nayapaltan yesterday afternoon.

He told The Daily Star last night that he was bleeding from his teeth after he was slapped by the men.

The driver of his vehicle and the armed security guard were also set upon by them, he added.

The incident happened in front of Paltan Police Station around 4:30pm when he was going to a TV channel office at Karwan Bazar.

He said there was a "BNP-Jamaat" procession on the road and his guard got down from the vehicle to clear the way when around 30 activists recognised him

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Imran says his struggle similar to Bangabandhu's

'Pakistan split into two because Awami League was denied its mandate in 1970'

STAR REPORT

Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan, who is demanding an early general election in the country after being kicked out of office in April by a no-confidence vote, has compared his struggle for "real freedom" with that of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

He also reminded that Pakistan in 1971 had split into two after the Awami League, a political party with a legitimate mandate, was denied its right to rule despite winning the 1970 election.

Imran, a retired international cricket star, is leading a so-called "long march" of thousands of supporters to Pakistan's capital to pressure Islamabad to succumb to his demand.

The former premier, whose long march started on Friday, made these remarks while addressing party supporters in Gujranwala on Tuesday, reported Dawn, Pakistan's leading English daily.

In his address to the participants, the PTI chairman said the Awami League was denied its "electoral mandate" which resulted in the separation of the eastern half of the country.

"A shrewd politician [Za Bhutto], in his greed for power, set the armed forces against the then largest party [Awami League], which had won elections, causing the dismemberment of the country."

Comparing the PTI with the Awami League, Imran said his party was the

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Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC) Ministry of Textiles and Jute		
Invitation for Expression of Interest (Eoi) (International)		
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh		
1	Ministry	Ministry of Textiles & Jute.
2	Agency	Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC).
3	Inviting entity name	Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC).
4	Invitation for	Award of Lease for operation of the state-owned Jute Mills (Package-1) and non-Jute Mills (Package-2).
5	Invitation Ref. No.	24.04.0000.204.99.007.22-347
6	Date	02.11.2022
KEY INFORMATION		
7	Selection process	Award of Lease to the highest scoring bidder ranked on the basis of combined score of technical and financial proposals weighted equally from among responsive bidders.
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
8	Name & address of the office -Opening of the offers/proposals	Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC), Adamjee Court (Anex-1), 115-120, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh.
INFORMATION FOR EOI		
9	Last date & time of Eoi submission	Date: 07.12.2022 Time: 4.00pm (BST).
10	Eoi submission place	Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC), Chairman Section (Room No. 506), 4th Floor, Adamjee Court (Anex-1), 115-120, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh.
11	Opening date and time of Eoi	Date: 08.12.2022 Time: 11.00am (BST).
12	Other details	Submission of Eoi should be made in closed format bearing the name and address of the individual/firm, Eoi No. & date, Package No. and be addressed to the Eoi issuing authority in 07 (seven) copies in English including 01(one) 'ORIGINAL', in separate packet and in the form of book binding. Both the 'ORIGINAL' and 'ORIGINAL' and 'COPIES' shall have to be covered within a single packet. The bidder shall have to mention the page number serially in every page of submitted Eoi document.
INFORMATION FOR BIDDER		
13	Name of the mills to be leased out (3rd Eoi)	Package-1 (1) UMC Jute Mills Ltd. Narsingdi; (2) Rajshahi Jute Mills Ltd. Shyampur, Rajshahi (3) Hafiz Jute Mills Ltd, Baro Aulia, Sitakunda, Chattogram; (4) Gul Ahmed Jute Mills Ltd. Kumira, Chattogram. (5) Crescent Jute Mills Ltd., Town Khalishpur, Khulna; (6) Eastern Jute Mills Ltd. Atra I/A, Khulna; (7) Khalishpur Jute Mills Ltd. Town Khalishpur, Khulna; (8) Doulatpur Jute Mills Ltd. Town Khalishpur, Khulna; (9) Star Jute Mills Ltd. Chondanimahal, Digholia, Khulna; (10) Jessore Jute Industries Ltd. Rajghat, Noapara, Jashore; (11) Carpeting Jute Mills Ltd. Rajghat, Nawapara, Jashore.
	Name of the mills to be leased out (1st Eoi)	Package-2 (1) Galfra Habib Limited, Barabkunda, Sitakunda, Chattogram; (2) Mills Furnishings Ltd, Nasirabad, Chattogram.
14	Term of award (of Lease)	Up to 30 years (further extendable).
15	a) TOR including schedules (of lease) for remaining jute mills- Package-1 b) TOR including schedules (of lease) for Non-Jute Mills-Package-2	Available on the following websites- (i) www.bjmc.gov.bd (ii) www.motj.gov.bd (iii) www.bida.gov.bd
INVITING ENTITY DETAILS		
16	Name of official inviting Eoi	Dr. Md. Golam Kabir.
17	Designation of official inviting Eoi	Chairman (Additional Charge).
18	Address of official inviting Eoi	Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC), 4th Floor, Adamjee Court (Anex-1), 115-120, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh.
19	Contact details of official inviting Eoi	Telephone/ Mobile Number +8802 223383364 +88 01711298665 E-mail sectionchairman@gmail.com
20	Focal persons to be contacted (if necessary)	Dr. Aminul Islam Deputy Secretary Ministry of Textiles and Jute Md. Nasimul Islam, General Manager (Admin. & C.S.), BJMC Tel-02223386923 Mob- +88 01313-780999
OTHER INFORMATION		
21	Any interested party may visit the enlisted Jute Mills for Lease purpose.	
22	Only short-listed bidders shall be invited for Request for Proposal (REP).	
23	The inviting authority retains the right to reject any or all Eoi without assigning any reason.	
Date: 02.11.2022		
Dr. Md. Golam Kabir Chairman (Additional Charge) Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation		
GD-2026		