



Home-grown coaches for African teams

REUTERS, Cape Town

Africa will have five home-grown coaches at the World Cup finals for the first time in a breakthrough that could lead to a change of mindset and more opportunity for locals. Cameroon, Ghana, Morocco, Senegal and Tunisia all head to Qatar next week with a local in charge, representative of a dramatic shift in attitude from football leaders on the continent. Previously, African teams at the World Cup have overwhelmingly been led by coaches from Europe or Latin America.

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Lunar eclipse adorned Dhaka sky last night. A total eclipse occurs when the Earth comes between the sun and the moon, blocking the sun's rays from directly reaching the natural satellite. The partial phase of this eclipse was visible in Bangladesh just after the moonrise. Pictures of the collage were taken between 5:51pm and 6:51pm.

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UN working with govt, parties to protect lives

Says resident coordinator

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The UN is working with the government and political parties to protect lives as there are concerns over political violence that killed and injured people in the last few months. "I'm talking to each of the political parties about how things can be done in a safe way ... I'm talking to the Ministry of Home Affairs and with various security forces to try and protect lives," said UN Resident Coordinator Gwyn Lewis yesterday. She was speaking at the flagship DCAB Talk organised by the Diplomatic Correspondents Association, Bangladesh (DCAB), at the Jatiya Press Club. Her comments come as the political arena is heating up ahead of the national polls, with the international community keeping a close watch. Protests and rallies are parts of democracy and they should be respected, Lewis said, adding that political parties should find avenues of dialogue among them. Asked if the UN would do anything for a free and fair election, she said it is not for her or the UN to make decision or engage in the process of Bangladesh's election. It is the decision of the government. She said the UN here has no mandate to engage in election unless it gets a specific request from the UN Security Council or General Assembly or the country. Lewis said the world is facing the perfect storm: the war in Ukraine, food and fuel price crisis, climate change and increasing polarisation, and every country is facing challenges. "As a result, the SDGs are unfortunately going into reverse, and there for joint and coordinated efforts will be needed to make a change."

She said Bangladesh is a major victim of climate change. SEE PAGE 6 COL 4

Big Oil must pay for climate change

Poor nations tell rich at COP27 climate summit

REUTERS, Sharm El-Sheikh

Leaders from poor countries criticized wealthy governments and oil companies for driving global warming, using their speeches yesterday at the COP27 climate summit in Egypt to demand that they pay up for damages being inflicting on their economies. Small island states already buffeted by increasingly violent ocean storms and sea-level rise called on oil companies to shell out some of their huge recent profits, while developing African states called for more international funds. "The oil and gas industry continues to earn almost 3 billion United States dollars daily in profits," said Gaston Browne, Antigua's prime minister, speaking at the conference on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States. "It is about time that these companies are made to pay a global carbon tax on their profits as a source of funding for loss and damage," he said. "While they are profiting, the planet is burning." The comments reflected the tension in international climate negotiations between rich and poor states, as delegates attended the second full day of the two-week UN conference in



the seaside resort town of Sharm el-Sheikh. Multi-billion-dollar oil industry profits since Russia's invasion of Ukraine - which roiled markets and disrupted supplies - have angered governments worldwide concerned about climate change and rampant consumer inflation. US President Joe Biden this month said the industry was raking in "war profits" and proposed a windfall tax, an idea that has little chance of passing a deeply divided Congress. But some countries at the conference were more likely to direct their frustration at wealthy nations, not drillers. Senegal's President Macky Sall told the conference poor developing countries in Africa needed increased funding from rich nations for adaptation to worsening climate change, and would resist calls for an immediate shift away from fossil fuels African countries need to fuel their economies. "Let's be clear, we are in favor of reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. But we Africans cannot accept that our vital interests be ignored," he said.

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Top, mid tiers of police see reshuffle

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The home ministry yesterday transferred and gave new postings to 70 top and mid-tier police officers. Khulna range Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Kh Mahid Uddin was transferred to Dhaka Metropolitan Police as an additional commissioner while DIG of Industrial Police Moinul Haque transferred as the Khulna range DIG. Six newly promoted additional DIGs were given new postings at different police units. Additional DIG Taptun Nasreen was posted at the Police Headquarters, Additional DIG Foisal Mahmud as additional commissioner of Chattogram Metropolitan Police, Additional DIG Jesmin Begum as additional DIG at the PHQ, and Additional DIG Hamida Parveen as joint commissioner of DMP. The ministry also transferred 62 officers of the rank of superintendents of police to different units. Forty-eight of the officers were promoted to

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RALLIES IN FARIDPUR

AL, BNP in overdrive

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Despite the possibility of a road transport strike in Faridpur, both the ruling Awami League and BNP have begun chalking out plans for rallies that will take place on Friday and Saturday. The district AL has announced it would hold a rally on Friday to protest "arson terrorism, vandalism, anarchy and instability created across the country by the BNP". When the BNP earlier announced its countrywide rallies, it said its Faridpur rally would be held on November 12 (Saturday). Meanwhile, passenger bus owners and workers yesterday warned of a two-day strike starting from Friday if the authorities concerned do not take measures to remove three-wheelers from the highways by Thursday. District AL level leaders held meeting with its upazila leaders and activists on Monday to plan and ensure a large gathering. Shamim Haque, president of Faridpur AL, said, "We are targeting to arrange over 10,000 people to attend our rally. Our leaders and activists from the upazila and union levels will join. The transport strike, if enforced, will not be a problem for us. "Our rally will be held peacefully. We are ready to prevent any kind of chaos or anarchy, if any, created by BNP men."

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Vast tunnel found under Egyptian temple

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Archaeologists have discovered a vast tunnel underneath an ancient Egyptian temple, which they say may lead to the long-lost tomb of queen Cleopatra. The tunnel, which is at a depth of about 13m (42ft) below the ground, stretching over 1,300m (4200ft) and about 2m (6.5ft) high, was discovered during excavations at a site in the ancient city of Taposiris Magna, west of Alexandria. Researchers, including Dominican archaeologist Kathleen Martinez, describe the tunnel as a "geometric miracle" based on its architectural design, adding that it is very similar to but longer than, Greece's Jubilinos Tunnel - considered to be one of the most important engineering achievements of its time. They say the tunnel carried water to a population of over 15,000 people during its time, similar to the role served by the Jubilinos Tunnel in Greece. Archaeological excavations at the temple site have been complex, researchers say. This is because part of the tunnel was discovered submerged under the Mediterranean water and the temple has also been hit by a number of earthquakes during the course of history, causing



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US votes in midterm polls

Republicans likely to take the House; Biden warns about risk to democracy

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Polls opened yesterday in crucial US midterm elections that could decide the political future of both President Joe Biden and his predecessor Donald Trump -- who has all but announced that he will seek the White House again in 2024. Biden's Democrats are facing a gargantuan struggle to hang on to Congress. Trump -- who has been heavily hinting at a new run -- grabbed the election eve spotlight to flag "a big announcement" a week from now on November 15, while Biden made a final appeal to Democrats to turn out en masse at the polls. "The power's in your hands," Biden told a rally near the capital. "We know in our bones that our democracy is at risk and we know that this is your moment to defend it." With polls showing Republicans in line to seize the House of Representatives, the increasingly far-right party eyed snarling the rest of Biden's first term in aggressive investigations and opposition to spending plans. Non-partisan election forecasters predict that Republicans are likely to pick up roughly 25 seats in the 435-seat House of Representatives, more than enough to win a majority. Analysts said Republicans also could pick

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This pavement, which once had tiles laid out to guide the visually impaired, has been torn up for development work. Pedestrians are now having to use it with a constant worry of tripping. The photo was taken on Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue in the capital yesterday.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Bribes now exchanged in dollars: HC

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Bribes are exchanged in dollars, not takas, nowadays. The High Court said this yesterday, also asking what action the Anti-Corruption Commission takes in this regard. "Doesn't it [the ACC] see this?" the HC bench of Justice KM Kamrul Kader and Justice Mohammad Ali questioned, citing newspaper reports, while hearing a writ petition filed over irregularities in appointing staff in prison. One Jahirul Islam from Sylhet filed the petition claiming that he had qualified for a prison guard's position through exams, but did not get the job as another Jahirul Islam was given the position through fraudulent means. Contacted, advocate Khurshid Alam Khan, principal counsel for Jahirul, could not give details about the writ petition. Deputy Attorney General Abdullah Al-Mahmud Bashar told The Daily Star that the office of the inspector general of prisons recently

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