

AFP, Bangkok

Unofficial campaigning has been under way for weeks with rising living costs and kingdom's sluggish recovery from the coronavirus pandemic high on the agenda.



REUTERS, Lahore/Islamabad

Khan, a former cricket star, was prime minister from 2018 until 2022, when he was ousted from office in a parliamentary vote.

AFP, Moscow

“The Russian Investigative Committee has opened a criminal case against the prosecutor of the International Criminal Court Karim Ahmad Khan” and several ICC judges, the Investigative Committee said, based on their

The Hague-based ICC said it had also issued a warrant against Maria

The court should “uphold an objective and impartial stance” and “respect the immunity of heads of state from jurisdiction under international law”, foreign ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin said.

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *New Delhi*

Visva-Bharati University in Santiniketan yesterday said although the mutation of the disputed 13.38 decimal plot has been done in economist Amartya Sen's name, its ownership remains vested with the university. On Sunday, the University issued a show cause notice to the Nobel laureate asking him why an eviction order will not be issued against him for not vacating the land he is allegedly occupying illegally. Addressing a press conference in Santiniketan, the university's acting Registrar Ashok Mahato said only the name of the land's leaseholder has changed from Ashutosh Sen, Amartya Sen's father, to the economist. Sen has been asked to respond to the notice by March 24. Visva Bharati claims Sen is in possession of 1.38 acres of land on the Santiniketan campus, which is in excess of his legal entitlement of 1.25 acres. The economist had earlier asserted that most of the land he is holding in the Santiniketan campus was purchased from the market by his father while some other plots were taken on lease. Mahato said only 1.25 acres were leased to Ashutosh Sen but not the entire 1.38 acres.

AFP, Colombo

Cash-strapped Sri Lanka is seeking a 10-year moratorium on its foreign debt, President Ranil Wickremesinghe's office said yesterday on the eve of a desperately needed \$2.9 billion IMF bailout. Wickremesinghe's office quoted him as saying the widely expected International Monetary Fund rescue "will only give us a breathing space where they will say we are no longer bankrupt", "All the money we have to repay this year, I hope we will be given at least 10 more years to repay it," Wickremesinghe told a meeting of students in Colombo on Sunday. He did not give details of his plans to restructure Sri Lanka's \$46 billion external debt.

CNN ONLINE

The Punjab government initially announced a 24-hour internet ban on Saturday as authorities launched an operation to arrest Amritpal Singh, a popular leader within separatist Khalistan movement that seeks to establish a sovereign state. The internet shutdown was extended for a third time to midday today.



NORTH SOUTH UNIVERSITY

Center of Excellence in Higher Education

ADMISSION SUMMER 2023

Master in Development Studies (MDS)

#1 University in Bangladesh



Eligibility

- ▶ A four-year Bachelor's or a three-year Honors or a Master's degree in Economics, Business, Environmental Studies, Social Welfare, Statistics, Engineering or other related disciplines.
- ▶ A minimum CGPA of 2.75/4.00 or at least a Second Class in all exams. Undergraduate appeared students may sit for the admission test.



Special Features

- ▶ 39-credit program with maximum waiver/transfer of 2 courses.
- ▶ Financial aid for deserving students.
- ▶ All classes are held between Thursday evening and Saturday evening.
- ▶ Internationally recognized degree.
- ▶ Free access to international academic resources through the library.
- ▶ All faculty members have PhDs from reputed foreign universities.
- ▶ Dual degree award agreement with the University of Adelaide.



Somen Dutta

NSU MDS 2016
Senior Auditor,
Office of the Auditor General of Canada

"The MDS program at NSU familiarises students with theories and practices of development and helps them master various research and intervention techniques specific to the field. I have greatly benefited from this program."



Sheguftha Shahriar

NSU MDS 2019
Team Associate, *The World Bank*

"NSU's MDS program provides a comprehensive idea on how the development sector has evolved around the globe and in Bangladesh. The program will help build the bridge between the social, economic and political sector."



Graduate Application Helpline:

01614271717

Contact: Department of Economics
Email: admission@northsouth.edu
Phone: +880-2-33646220 Ext: 1815/1814
Web: www.northsouth.edu/academic/sbe/economics.html

