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## Batting lets Tigers down again

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Batting failure once again led to the downfall of Bangladesh in their 21-run defeat against Sri Lanka in a crucial Super Four encounter in the Asia Cup at the R Premadasa Stadium in Colombo yesterday.

Chasing a victory target of 258, Bangladesh were bowled out for 236 runs with eleven balls remaining, with Towhid Hridoy's 82 the only notable batting performance for the losing side.

With consecutive defeats in the Super Four stage, Bangladesh's hopes of reaching the final are left hanging by a thread, with only one game for them remaining, that against seven-time champions India on September 15.

Bangladesh's top-order batting once again failed to complement the spirit shown by the bowlers on a tricky Premadasa surface, and despite a 55-run opening stand between Naim Sheikh and Mehedi Hasan Miraz, the Tigers found themselves in all sorts of trouble after losing four wickets for

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Sri Lanka wicketkeeper Kusal Mendis successfully catches the ball to dismiss Bangladesh batter Litton Das during their Asia Cup Super Four fixture at the R Premadasa Stadium yesterday. After restricting Sri Lanka to 257, Bangladesh were bowled out for 236 to lose the match by 21 runs.

PHOTO: AFP

## Lavrov gives 'rationale' for Ukraine war

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov explained why Russia "had to" start military intervention in Ukraine during his interaction with the Soviet Alumni Association, Bangladesh (SAAB) in Dhaka on Friday.



Lavrov, who was in Dhaka on a 20-hour visit on September 7 before attending the G20 summit in New Delhi, spoke to the members of SAAB, an association of Russian those who studied in Russia, at the Russian embassy before wrapping up his visit to Bangladesh.

The Russian minister explained that after the breakup of the Soviet Union, the US in 1990 committed to not expand NATO eastwards, said Mizanur Rahman, director of the Bangladesh Institute of Law and International Affairs, quoting Lavrov.

Rahman did his LL.M and PhD in International Law from the Peoples' Friendship University of Russia.

However, in violation of that commitment, NATO expanded to more East European countries, Rahman told the correspondent yesterday, quoting Lavrov.

"Since 2014, there has been ethnic cleansing of the Russians living in Ukraine. They wanted to be independent, but we said you could have autonomy. Thus,

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## 1,000-year-old mummy found in Peru

REUTERS, Lima

Archaeologists in Peru have unearthed a 1,000-year-old mummy in the latest discovery at an archaeological site located in a residential neighborhood of the country's capital, Lima.

The remains were found alongside ceramic vessels, textiles and other objects in the Huaca Pucllana site in the middle of Lima's affluent Miraflores district, the head of the team of archaeologists, Mirella Ganoza, told Reuters on Wednesday.

"This is an adult individual in a sitting position with bent legs," the expert said, noting that the mummy had long hair and a jaw that was nearly completely intact.

The uncovered mummy lived possibly as long as a millennium ago, at the beginning of the Ychsma culture that developed on the central coast of modern Peru during a period of social reorganization prior to the arrival of the Incas to the area, Ganoza said.

Mummies and ancient offerings have already been found in the Huaca Pucllana site, and experts see the site as a Pandora's Box with much more to be found.

While best known for the mountain-top Inca royal retreat of Machu Picchu, Peru was home to various pre-Hispanic cultures that thrived in the centuries before the Inca empire rose to power, mainly along the country's central coast and in the Andes.



## COVID-19 LEARNING LOSSES

# Most students didn't get help to cope

Shows Education Watch Study-2022 on primary, secondary levels

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Almost three quarters of all primary and secondary school students did not receive any special assistance for their studies when schools reopened after the Covid-19 pandemic.

According to an Education Watch study report titled "Post Pandemic Education: Recovery and Renewal of School Education", around 85 percent students of classes eight and nine had to take private tuition classes to recover from the education losses caused by the pandemic.

Prepared by the Campaign for Popular Education (CAMPE), the report was unveiled at a programme in its office in the capital.

Education Watch is an alliance of civil society members and researchers and is coordinated by CAMPE.

It shows 79 percent of primary and 82.5 percent of secondary level students followed commercially produced note-books to prepare for their lessons and exams in 2022.

Note-books are study aids containing specific notes summarised from textbooks.

Around 97 percent of teachers

### COVID-19 FALLOUT

97% teachers said Covid-19 caused learning loss

75% secondary, 71% primary students got no assistance

85% class eight and nine students took private tuition

79% primary, 82% secondary rely on note-books

that private tutoring was arranged for their children to recover from learning losses, he added, quoting the study.

At the programme, CAMPE Executive Director Rasheda K Choudhury emphasised on coordinated efforts to help students recover from learning losses.

Contacted, Professor Nehal Ahmed, director general of Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education, said he cannot comment on the matter without seeing the report.

"We all know there were learning losses and we're taking various steps for recovery. We asked all the schools to hold extra classes, which some might not be able to do due to a shortage of teachers."

The Education Watch Study-2022 was conducted between January and October last year with 5,692 respondents, including 3,821 students, 562 teachers, and 584 parents from eight districts.

Government officials, school management committee and NGO officials were also on the list of respondents.

The study said that from January to September in 2022, parents

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## 361 students died by suicide in 8 months

Says Aachol Foundation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 361 students died by suicide in the first eight months of the year, according to Aachol Foundation.

The students were from schools, colleges, universities, and madrasas across the country, said the organisation for mental health, referring to media reports.

Of those who died by suicide, 169 were in schools, 96 in colleges, 66 in universities, and 30 in madrasas; of the total, 214 are girls and 147 are boys.

Over 8 percent of them were aged 12 years or younger, 67 percent were between 13 and 19, 21.6 percent between 20 and 25, the rest were over 25.

The highest 31.30 percent were from Dhaka division, 14.10 percent from Chattogram, and the rest were from other divisions.

"Students dying by suicide is just a number to us, but for the families, they meant the world," Tansen Rose, president of the foundation, told a virtual press conference on the eve of the World Suicide Prevention Day.

Good parenting can be a safeguard for future generations, he said, adding that misunderstanding can lead to self-harming behaviour.

Helal Uddin Ahmed, associate professor at the National Institute of Mental Health; Farida Yeasmin, additional deputy inspector general of Cumilla Sylhet region; Shahidul Islam, programme manager at health directorate, also spoke at the event.

In 2022, at least 532 students died by suicide, according to the foundation.

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TANSEN ROSE  
President of Aachol Foundation

## No such thing as ghost case

Says IGP

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogura

Chowdhury Abdullah Al-Mamun, the inspector general of police, has said there is no such thing as a "ghost case".

"If someone has a specific complaint about a case, you should let us know, and we will investigate," the IGP told reporters in Bogura yesterday.

Lawsuits containing false charges against people, mainly opposition activists, are popularly known as ghost cases.

Asked about the allegation that 30 ghost cases were filed recently in Jamalpur and whether such cases would be filed in other districts, he said, "I don't know if there is any such thing as a ghost case."

The IGP visited the district to inaugurate Bogura Police Plaza.

Asked whether 20 lakh rubber bullets were procured by police to suppress dissent, the police chief said, "That is not the case. We buy these regularly. This is a normal process that happens every year."

Referring to political programmes, he said, "We have nothing to say about political events. But if law and order deteriorate and people's lives and properties are at risk, we will take legal action."



A Bailey bridge in Tangail's Delduar upazila collapses early yesterday when a sand-laden truck was crossing it. This severed direct road communication between Delduar upazila and Tangail town.

PHOTO: STAR

## Celebrating the legacy of SD Burman

Sachin Dev Burman Sangeet Utsav concludes at BSA

DOWEL BISWAS

Thanks to timeless melodies like "Ke Jash Re", and "Tumi Aar Nei Se Tumi", the name Sachin Dev Burman needs no introduction to Bangla song lovers.



To pay homage to the legendary lyricist and composer, cultural organisation Banhishikha organised a two-day musical festival titled "Sachin Dev Burman Sangeet Utsav" at the National Theatre Hall of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy in the capital, starting on Friday.

It was inaugurated by State Minister for Cultural Affairs KM Khalid, who was also the chief guest.

In his keynote speech, he said, "Deliberate expositions are required on SD Burman for the development

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