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MOROCCO EARTHQUAKE

Death toll passes 2,100
Survivors struggle for food, water, shelter

REUTERS, Moulay Brahim

Survivors of Morocco's deadliest earthquake in more than six decades struggled to find food, water and shelter yesterday as the search for the missing continued in remote villages and the death toll of more than 2,100 seemed likely to rise further.

Many people stayed a third night in the open after the 6.8 magnitude quake hit late on Friday. Relief workers face the challenge of reaching the worst-affected villages in the High Atlas, a rugged mountain range where settlements are often remote and where many houses crumbled.

The death toll climbed to 2,122 with 2,421 people injured.

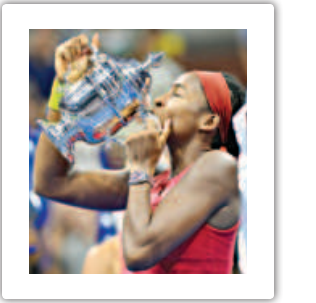
The damage done to Morocco's cultural heritage became more evident as local media reported the collapse of a historically important 12th-century mosque. The quake also damaged parts

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, along with other world leaders, including Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, French President Emmanuel Macron and US President Joe Biden, laying wreaths at Mahatma Gandhi's memorial in Delhi's Rajghat yesterday -- the concluding day of the G20 Summit held the Indian capital.

PHOTO: P10



Gauff wins US Open crown

AFP, New York

American teenager Coco Gauff came from behind to win the US Open on Saturday, clinching her first Grand Slam title with a battling win over Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus.

Gauff, 19, produced a gutsy performance on the Arthur Ashe Stadium court to win 2-6, 6-3, 6-2 in 2hr 6min to complete a fairytale transformation in her season's fortunes.

The sixth seed from Florida had gone into the final as the underdog

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GRAMEEN TELECOM

Its profits meant for achieving objectives

Company responds to foreign ministry statement

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Grameen Telecom (GTC) responded to the statement given by the foreign ministry on September 1.

The GTC was created in 1997 as a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee under Section 28 of the Companies Act, 1994, of Bangladesh. As per the legal status of GTC, profits of the company are not distributable and are reinvested for attaining the social objectives for which the company was established, said a statement sent by GTC.

The Department of Inspection for Factories and Establishments (DIFE) had objected that according to the Bangladesh Sramik (Labourer) Kalyan Foundation Law, GTC had neither created a workers' participation fund and welfare fund, nor deposited 5 percent of its profits.

GTC said in the statement that as a not-

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Niko made assets thru' graft: SC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The properties of Niko Resources Limited were obtained in Bangladesh through corruption, the Supreme Court said in the full text of a verdict.

"In this particular case, the international community of the law enforcement agencies through mutual legal assistance has managed to uncover the sophisticated corruption scheme of the respondents No 4 and No 5 [Niko Resources Limited].

"It has been established that the properties of respondents No 4 and No 5 in Bangladesh were obtained as a result of their general criminal conduct through the setting up of a scheme of corruption. In such a situation, there is a duty upon us to confiscate these assets," a four-member bench of the Appellate Division of the SC led by Chief Justice Hasan Foez Siddique observed in the 58-page judgment released yesterday.

The other three judges are Justice M Enayetur Rahim, Justice Md Ashfaul Islam and Justice Jahangir Hossain Selim.

On June 18 this year, the apex court bench delivered a short verdict dismissing an appeal filed by Niko challenging a High Court judgement that on August 24, 2017, declared illegal and void the deals Niko signed with Bapex and Petrobangla for the development and production of petroleum from abandoned Chattak and Feni fields.

Niko inked the deals -- joint venture agreement and gas purchase and sales agreement (GPSA) -- with Bapex and Petrobangla in 2003 and 2006 respectively.

In the full text verdict, the SC upheld the HC verdict and observations and issued a strong warning against corruption and corrupt persons, saying that "none would be spared."

"Politically influential persons and government officials who illegally enrich themselves through the abuse of power, and unscrupulous investors who facilitate such corruption, deprive the state of its property and hinder the economic development of the country."

"The laws of Bangladesh envisage the creation of a fair and just society in which crime does not pay. The constitution empowers us with the duty to ensure that this vision is achieved by declaring any ultra vires exercise of government authority of no legal effect and also declaring void any resultant contract procured through illegal acts such as corruption," the SC judges said in the full text of the verdict.

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'Difficult' G20 summit wraps up in New Delhi

Russia claims victory for Global South; India hands over bloc's presidency to Brazil

REUTERS, New Delhi

The G20 summit in New Delhi ended yesterday as India handed over the bloc presidency to Brazil, while both the US and Russia praised a consensus that did not condemn Moscow for the war in Ukraine but called on members to shun the use of force.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi asked the group's leaders to hold a virtual meeting in November to review progress on policy suggestions and goals announced at the weekend.

"It is our responsibility to look at the suggestions that have been made to see how progress can be accelerated," he said in a statement.

On Saturday, the group adopted a Leaders' Declaration that avoided condemning Russia for the war but highlighted the human suffering the conflict had caused and called on all states not to use force to grab territory.

The consensus came as a surprise. In the weeks leading to the summit, sharply differing views on the war had threatened to derail the meeting, with Western nations demanding members call out Moscow for the invasion and Russia saying it would block any

resolution that did not reflect its position.

Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, the head of the Russian delegation, said the summit was a success for India as well as the Global South, the world's developing countries.

The Global South's position in the talks helped prevent the G20 agenda from being overshadowed by Ukraine, he told a press conference.

White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan told reporters the summit declaration "does a very good job of standing up for the principle that states cannot use force to seek territorial acquisition or to violate the territorial integrity and sovereignty of other states".

Germany and Britain have also praised the resolution, but Ukraine said "it was nothing to be proud of".

French President Emmanuel Macron said on Sunday that the G20, which was founded to solve international economic issues, was not necessarily the place to expect diplomatic progress on the war in Ukraine.

However, he said the G20 declaration was not a diplomatic victory for Russia.

"We were able to prevent the West's attempts to 'Ukrainize' the summit agenda."

Sergei Lavrov
Russian Foreign Minister

Newly discovered Comet Nishimura to swing by Earth soon

CNN ONLINE

A newly discovered comet will be visible at times as it flies by Earth next week.

Japanese space photographer Hideo Nishimura first observed Comet Nishimura in early August as he was taking images of the night sky, according to EarthSky.

Since then, the celestial object has increased in brightness as it travels through the inner solar system in an orbit around the sun.

The comet will make its closest approach to Earth on Tuesday, coming within 78 million miles (125 million kilometers), which means it's potentially visible over the next five days.

It will get much closer to the sun, passing within 21 million miles (nearly 34 million kilometers) of the star on September 17, according to Alan Hale, co-discoverer of Comet Hale-Bopp and founder and president of the Earthrise Institute.

Nishimura completes one orbit about every 430 to 440 years, "which means the last time it passed close to the Sun (and might have come closer to Earth) was around the year 1590, before the invention of the telescope," Dr Paul Chodas, director of Nasa's Center for Near Earth Object Studies at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, wrote in an email. "We don't know whether it got bright enough to be seen with (the) naked eye back then."

No comets recorded during that time frame appear to correspond with Nishimura, but it would've had to be quite bright to be seen, Hale said.



GRAFT CASE
Court rejects Aman's bail plea, sends him to jail

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sent BNP leader Aman Ullah Aman to jail, rejecting his bail plea in a corruption case in which he has been sentenced to 13 years in jail in 2007.

Judge Abul Kashem of Dhaka's Special Judge's Court-1 passed the order after he surrendered before it and sought bail through his lawyer Taherul Islam Tauhid.

The judge also directed the jail authorities to provide him with first-class division as per the Jail Code.

Before Aman's surrender, a group of BNP leaders and activists brought out a procession

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While parked motorcycles crowd the entire pavement in front of the TCB building in Karwan Bazar, the corresponding road is almost half occupied by multiple rows of illegally parked cars -- barring the movement of both pedestrians and vehicles. The photo was taken yesterday afternoon.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Over 1,000 CU students sued for arson, vandalism

Only 14 of them named

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The Chittagong University authorities filed two cases on several charges, including attempted murder, against 14 named and 1,000 unnamed students of different departments on Saturday night.

The cases were filed a day after vandalism at the vice-chancellor's residence and transport depot during a protest.

CU acting registrar Professor Nur Ahmed and acting security chief Abdur Razzak filed the cases with Hathazari Police Station, police sources said.

The named accused are Md Sazzad Hossen, 26, of the philosophy department; Md Imran Nazir Emon, 23, of the statistics department; Anisur Rahman, 25, of the Persian language and literature department; Nasir Uddin Md Sifat Ullah, 22, and Sourabh Bhuiyan, of the history department; Anik Das, 25, and Dipan Bonik Dipta, of the Sanskrit department; Anirudh Biswas, 21, and Md Azimuzzaman, 21, of the Bangla department; Md Shakil Hossen Aimun, of the banking and insurance department; Md Riad Hasan Rabbi, of the education and research department; Nur Ahmed Manna, 21, of the English department; Aminul Islam, 25, of the Pali language department; and Shafiqul Islam, 26, of the physics department.

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