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## WORKS ON GLOBAL INEQUALITY Trio win Nobel Prize in Economics



James Robinson Simon Johnson Daron Acemoglu

REUTERS, Stockholm

Three US-based academics yesterday won the 2024 Nobel economics prize for research that explored the aftermath of colonisation to understand why global inequality persists today, especially in countries dogged by corruption and dictatorship.

Simon Johnson and James Robinson, both British-American, and Turkish-American Daron Acemoglu were commended for their work on "how institutions are formed and affect prosperity", the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said.

"Reducing the vast differences in income between countries is one of our time's greatest challenges," said Jakob Svensson, Chair of the Committee for the Prize in Economic Sciences.

"They have identified the historical roots of the weak institutional environments that characterize many low-income countries today," he told a press conference.

The award came a day after a World Bank report showed that the world's 26 poorest countries - home to 40 percent of its most poverty-stricken people - are more in debt than at any time since 2006, highlighting a major

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Eden Carson rejoices after taking Aliya Riaz's wicket during New Zealand's 54-run win against Pakistan in the final Group A fixture of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup in Dubai yesterday. The result ensured a place in the semifinals for New Zealand, who bowled Pakistan out for just 56 in 11.4 overs after posting 110 for six, while the losing side were knocked out from the competition alongside India.

PHOTO: ICC

## Ex-minister Razzaque arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former agriculture minister and Awami League lawmaker for Tangail-1



Abdur Razzaque was arrested in Dhaka yesterday evening.

Md Talebur Rahman, deputy commissioner (Media and Public Relations) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, in a text message, said Razzaque, also the then ruling party's presidium member, was arrested from the capital's Eskaton area.

Several cases were filed against him following the fall of Sheikh Hasina's government on August 5.

He was not seen in public since Hasina left the country for India.

Abdur Razzaque was first elected as member of parliament from Tangail-1 in 2001.

With Hasina in power,

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## DGFI gets new chief in major army reshuffle

2 Maj Gen promoted to Lt generals

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The army in a major reshuffle has promoted two major generals to lieutenant generals and appointed a new chief to the Directorate General of Forces Intelligence (DGFI), sources at the defence ministry told The Daily Star yesterday.

Major General Ahmed Fajez, the director general of the DGFI, was promoted to lieutenant general and appointed as the Quartermaster General.

Major General Jahangir Kabir, general officer commanding (GOC) of the 33rd Infantry Division, has now become the new DG of DGFI.

Brigadier General Tariq, DS of the Armed Forces War Course at the National Defence College, has been made the GOC of the 33rd Infantry Division.

Major General Mainur Rahman, GOC of the 24th Infantry Division,

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## Hezbollah fires rockets at Israeli targets

Shells Israeli troops crossing Lebanon border; four IDF soldiers killed in drone attack

- 18 Lebanese killed in Israeli strikes
- Israeli army downs drones from Syria
- EU slams Israeli attacks on UN peacekeepers



AFP, Jerusalem

Hezbollah said it targeted an Israeli naval base yesterday, a day after a drone strike killed four soldiers in the deadliest attack on Israel since the war in Lebanon began.

The group said its fighters launched rockets at a naval base near Haifa in northern Israel, calling it a tribute to its leader, Hassan Nasrallah.

The Israeli military said yesterday it had intercepted another launch aimed

at a training camp at Binyamina, also near Haifa, a day after four soldiers were killed and dozens more wounded in a Hezbollah drone strike.

Israeli volunteer rescue service United Hatzalah said its teams in Binyamina assisted more than 60 people with mild to critical injuries.

Hezbollah threatened more attacks if Israel continues its offensive in Lebanon, warning Israel what it saw was "nothing compared to what

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## CROWN THEFT Govt probing role of priest, staff at temple

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh government is investigating why the priest and staff of the Jeshoreshwari Kali temple in Satkhira left a golden crown unguarded and insecure.

The foreign ministry, in a statement yesterday, said it had been confirmed that the head priest of the temple performed his regular puja rituals until 2:30pm on October 10, till which time the golden crown was intact inside the temple.

It said four individuals have already been arrested in connection with the theft case.

Earlier on October 12, the Indian Ministry of External Affairs, in a statement called upon the Bangladesh government to ensure the safety and security of Hindus and all minorities and their places of worship, especially during this auspicious festival time of Durga Puja.

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## Trump pledges 10,000 extra border agents

Attacks Harris on immigration



REUTERS, Washington

Donald Trump pledged on Sunday evening to hire an extra 10,000 border patrol agents if he is reelected as president, as he intensifies his attacks on Kamala Harris on the issue of immigration.

The Republican presidential candidate said he would meet the goal by asking the US Congress to fund a 10 percent pay rise for border patrol agents and a \$10,000 retention and signing bonus, at a rally in the border state of Arizona, an election battleground.

Flanked on stage by leaders of the Border Patrol union, who have endorsed Trump, the former president said: "This will ensure that we can hire and keep the Border Patrol agents that we need."

Trump is locked in a close race with Democratic Vice President Harris ahead of the November 5 election. Illegal immigration is a top voter concern, and Trump is seen by a majority of voters as the person best able to address it, opinion polls show.

Harris, the Democratic presidential candidate, and President Joe Biden have both blasted Trump for his

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## India, Canada expel envoys in Sikh killing row

AFP, New Delhi

India and Canada each expelled the other's ambassador and five other top diplomats, after New Delhi said its envoy had been named among "persons of interest" following the killing of a Sikh separatist leader.

New Delhi said it was withdrawing its six diplomats from Canada, but an Ottawa government source told AFP they had been expelled, not withdrawn.

The 2023 murder of Canadian citizen Hardeep Singh Nijjar crashed the country's diplomatic relations with India after Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said there were "credible allegations" linking Indian intelligence services to the crime.

The expulsion of the diplomats - the most senior envoys on both sides - is a major escalation in the row.

India "decided to expel"

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## Fire on LPG tanker put out after 35 hours

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The fire that broke out in B LPG Sophia, LPG transporting Panama-flagged tanker, was fully extinguished yesterday, over 35 hours after the vessel caught fire.

With the help of tugboat Kandari-4 of Chittagong Port Authority (CPA), the tanker was towed to around 16 nautical miles off the Kutubdia Lighthouse while firefighting tugboats of CPA, navy, and coast guard kept spraying water, said port officials.

CPA Secretary Omar Faruk told The Daily Star that the fire could be fully doused by 12:15pm but the two CPA tugs kept spraying water to make Sophia, a medium-seized ship, cool.

Two tankers, B LPG Sophia and mother tanker Captain Nikolas, caught fire during ship-to-ship transfer of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) at the

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Rima, 21, has to take care of her daughter while undergoing dengue treatment as there is no one to look after her child at home. After being diagnosed with the disease, she was admitted to a DNCC hospital in the capital's Mohakhali on Sunday. Dengue cases and fatalities have been on the rise, with at least 214 people having died this year already.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

## Nasa launches probe to Europa in search for life

REUTERS, Washington

Nasa yesterday launched a spacecraft from Florida on a mission to examine whether Jupiter's moon Europa has conditions suitable to support life, with a focus on the large subsurface ocean believed to be lurking beneath its thick outer shell of ice.



The US space agency's Europa Clipper spacecraft blasted off from the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral on a SpaceX Falcon Heavy rocket under sunny skies.

The robotic solar-powered probe is due to enter orbit around Jupiter in 2030 after journeying about 1.8 billion miles (2.9 billion km) in 5-1/2 years. The launch had been planned for last week but was put off because of Hurricane Milton.

It is the largest spacecraft Nasa has built for a planetary mission, at about 100 feet long and about 58 feet wide with its antennas and solar arrays fully deployed - bigger than a basketball court - while weighing approximately 13,000 pounds.