

PM calls for taking Dhaka-Tokyo investment ties to higher level

TOKYO: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina today called for taking business and investment relationship between Bangladesh and Japan to the next higher level valuing 50 years bilateral relations of the countries.

"I am confident that our last fifty years of enviable cooperation with Japan will remain an inspiration for the coming fifty years and beyond. Let us take our business and investment relations to the next higher level," she said. The Prime Minister made the remarks in a meet and greet programme with the selected Japanese Business Leaders (CEOs) at Sakura, The Westin in Tokyo this morning. "Seeing the exemplary outcome of our two countries' bilateral relations in the last five decades, our expectation is for a larger footprint of Japan in Bangladesh in the coming years," she said. The Premier said she greatly values the opinion of business-

men from Japan and has noted their suggestions. "Our Embassy here in Tokyo is ready to cooperate and facilitate your ventures in Bangladesh. Please come to Bangladesh to explore the potentials of business and investment opportunities waiting for you," she said. The Premier said they have already resolved a number of regulatory and policy issues raised by Japanese companies in Bangladesh (to attract more Japanese investments). She went on saying she, herself, took initiative to form the Bangladesh-Japan Joint Public-Private Economic Dialogue (PPED), and she is happy that the 5th round of PPED took place on 11 April 2023 just before her arrival in Japan. "We shall keep on improving the business environment and ensure a level playing field for you all to do businesses in Bangladesh," she said. She mentioned that they have

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina addresses an exchange program with Japanese business leaders at The Westin Hotel, Tokyo

Sudan crisis: Fighting flares up despite ceasefire

Report AFP

Fighting is continuing in parts of Sudan despite a 72-hour ceasefire largely holding, reports BBC. Speaking via phone from Omdurman, the city adjoining the capital Khartoum, the BBC's Mohamed Osman says fighting broke out near TV and radio buildings. There is no fuel and a lack of doctors, and people are struggling to access food and money, our correspondent adds. Sudan's army chief has reportedly approved extending the ceasefire - due to expire on Friday - for 72 hours. Gen Abdel

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Japan may provide '30 billion yen' as assistance: Momen

Staff Correspondent

Japanese Prime Minister Kishida Fumio has "assured" Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina that his country will consider a "new budget support assistance" and both sides decided to resume a bilateral policy dialogue in carrying out development cooperation projects.

While briefing reporters in Tokyo on Wednesday, Foreign Minister Dr AK Abdul Momen said that Japan will provide "30 billion yen" to Bangladesh, as assurance of support came from the Japanese side. State Minister for Foreign

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Export diversification still in slow lane

Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh's plans aimed at diversifying export baskets are yet to bring about the expected results as the priority sectors are not enjoying most of the benefits promised in the Export Policy for 2021-24, according to entrepreneurs. This means the garment sector continues its domination in the national export basket: apparel shipment accounted for 84.50 per cent of the country's overseas sales in the July-March period of the ongoing financial year. When the government unveiled the new Export Policy, it identified 14 sectors as the most priority ones considering their immense potential.

The sectors included high-value-added denim items, manmade fibres, garment accessories, pharmaceuticals, plastic goods, footwear (leather and non-leather), leather goods, jute and diversified jute goods, agri-products

and processed agro-products, fruits and cut flowers, and light engineering products (auto-parts, bicycles, motorcycles



and batteries). In the services sector, software, informational technology and IT-enabled services, and freelancing have been recognised as the most priority sectors. Eighteen sectors have been named as special emerging sectors, including electric and electric goods;

ceramic products; value-added frozen foods; printing and packaging; cut and polished diamond and pieces of jewelry; paper and paper products; rubber and rubber products; woollen goods; handicrafts; and lungis and handloom products. Tourism and architecture engineering and consultancy services have been named as special emerging sectors as well. When the policy was made public, the government promised a number of financial and other supports for the sectors to facilitate their growth, with a view to enabling them to contribute to more job creation and industrialisation, thus accelerating economic development. For instance, the sectors are supposed to receive project loans at reduced interest rates, rebates in income tax, subsidies when it comes to utility

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Fight against communal forces will continue: Obaidul Quader

Staff Correspondent: Awami League (AL) General Secretary Obaidul Quader yesterday said fight against communal forces will continue aiming to build Smart Bangladesh.

"Our fight against communal evil forces is going on. This fight will continue to build Smart Bangladesh," he told the reporters after paying homage, on behalf of the AL, to the then Chief Minister of undivided Bengal Sher-e-Bangla AK Fazlul Huq on the occasion of his 61st death anniversary. Quader, also the Road Transport and Bridges Minister, said communal evil forces are still putting their clutches on the Bangladesh's politics and "today we are non-communal and humanist spirit united against the communal forces". "Our goal is to build Smart

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DSE turnover rises to Tk 967 crore

Staff Correspondent:

Turnover at the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) rose over 26 per cent from the previous day to reach near Tk 1,000 crore today thanks to increased participation of the investors amid a rising trend in the benchmark index. The DSEX, the benchmark index of the premier bourse in Bangladesh, rose for the tenth consecutive day and it edged up 7 points or 0.12 per cent from the previous day to close at 6,274 today. The DSS30, the blue-chip index, however, fell 0.20 per cent to 2,208 and the DSES, the shariah-compliant index, increased 0.22 per cent to 1,362. Of the traded securities, 79 advanced, 62 declined and 210 did not show any price movement. Turnover, an important indicator of the market, grew 26 per cent to Tk 967 crore that was Tk 765 crore on the previous day. IT Consultants increased mostly with an 8.78 per cent rise followed by Jute

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Army chiefs discuss strategic partnership between Bangladesh, India

Staff Correspondent

The Army chiefs of Bangladesh and India today discussed various issues pertaining to enhancing and strengthening interoperability, training, anti-terrorism collaboration and overall bilateral cooperation as part of the comprehensive strategic partnership between the two nations. The discussion took place in Delhi when Bangladesh Army Chief General SM Shafiqul Islam met with his Indian counterpart General Manoj Pande, according to a press release of Indian defence ministry. The Bangladesh army chief arrived in New Delhi on a three-day visit to India today to meet India's senior military and



civilian leadership where he is expected to discuss avenues for enhancing India-Bangladesh defence relations. General Ahmed commenced his visit by paying tributes to the fallen heroes of the Indian Armed Forces by laying a wreath at the National War Memorial. The visiting General was accorded a

Guard of Honour at the South Block Lawns, said the release. General Ahmed also called on General Anil Chauhan, Chief of Defence Staff, Admiral R Hari Kumar, Chief of Naval Staff, Air Marshal AP Singh, Vice Chief of Air Staff, Defence Secretary and the Foreign Secretary. He was also briefed on the Indian indigenous defence equipment manufacturing eco-system by the Department of Production (DDP) and the Army Design Bureau. An 'Implementing Arrangement' for UN Peacekeeping Operations and Training Cooperation between Centre for United Nations Peacekeeping (CUNPK), India and Bangladesh

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Eid vibe still on metro rail

Staff Correspondent

The Eid holiday ended three days ago. However, the mood of Eid still remains on the metro rail.

The image of festivity was seen at Agargaon metro rail station on Thursday.

Passengers said that many of them could not travel by metro rail at the beginning of Eid. So, they returned from their hometown and came to visit metro rail with family.

Some took the opportunity to bring relatives visiting Dhaka to travel by metro rail. Some people said that they came now because of the crowd and lack of time at the beginning of Eid.

Along with the eager passengers, there are also the passengers who travel on a regular

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Visa application process does not need any financial transactions, South Korean Embassy reminds Bangladeshi applicants

Staff Correspondent:

The Embassy of the Republic of Korea has reminded all visa applicants in Bangladesh that the visa application process (except visa fees) does not require any financial transactions. We are committed to providing a safe and secure visa application process for all applicants," said the Embassy. The Embassy of South Korea or any Korean person will never ask for money to be wired or transferred for any visa-related purposes, said the Embassy in a message on Thursday. "Please be cautious of any individuals or entities that claim to be affiliated with the Embassy of the Republic of Korea and request financial transactions in exchange for visa



services or assistance," the message reads. These are likely to be fraudulent schemes designed to take advantage of unsuspecting applicants, according to the message shared by the Embassy on its verified Facebook page. "If you encounter any suspicious activity or individuals, please report it to the Embassy of the Republic of Korea immediately," it said.

Heatwave, drought threaten mango, litchi production



Staff Correspondent

Ongoing heatwaves and drought conditions in parts of the country have posed a serious threat to the production of two popular summer fruits - mango and litchi - this year, raising concerns among farmers and traders. Farmers fear that they may not be

able to get high yields of the fruits this season to meet the demand. In addition, as the country is a major producer and also exporter of seasonal fruits, any decrease in production can have an adverse impact on the economy. According to farmers, the prolonged heatwaves and lack of rainfall have caused a significant reduction in fruit size and weight. The dry weather conditions have also led to early fruit dropping, reducing the total yield. Each year, traders from different parts of the country collect the finest litchis from Dinajpur and Ishwardi, and supply it nationwide. This year, farmers in the

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Fisheries minister urges foreign importers to invest in Bangladesh

Staff Correspondent

Fisheries and Livestock Minister SM Rezaul Karim has urged foreign importers and entrepreneurs to invest in the fisheries sector to import seafood from Bangladesh. The minister said this while exchanging views with importers and business representatives of different countries at Global Seafood Expo-2023 in Barcelona, Spain on Wednesday. He also assured of providing all-out support to foreign buyers in exporting fish

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Action against rebel candidates in due course

Staff Correspondent

Awami League General Secretary and Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader on Thursday said that the stance taken by Awami League against rebel candidates will continue as usual.

There is nothing new to say. Action will be taken when there is appropriate time, said the senior Awami League leader in response to questions from reporters about the party's position regarding the rebel candidates of Awami League in the city corporation elections.

The ruling Awami League paid a tribute to Sher-e-Bangla or Huq Saheb placing wreaths at his grave at Suhrawardy Udyan on Thursday marking his 61st death anniversary.



When asked whether the rebel candidates will be pardoned again, he said, the nomination papers have not been submitted yet. The decision will be taken in this regard in due course. Regarding BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhruddin Islam's doubt whether the new

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Krishak League men harvest paddy of poor farmer in Kishoreganj

Staff Correspondent:

Leaders and activists of Kishoreganj district unit of Krishak League yesterday harvested paddy of a poor farmer of Karimganj upazila yesterday. Under the supervision of Kishoreganj district Krishak League President Ahmed Ullah and General Secretary Anwar Hossain Bachchu, leaders and workers cut the paddy of one acre of land of farmer Ramzan Mia of Haor of Gerajur of Karimganj Upazila. They also threshed the paddy and reached those to the farmer's 'gola' (grain storage), said a press release of Krishak League here today

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President pays rich tributes to armed forces martyrs

Staff Correspondent

President Mohammed Shahabuddin on Thursday paid glowing tributes to the martyred members of the Bangladesh Armed Forces at the Shikha Anirban (flame eternal) at Dhaka Cantonment in the capital.

Shahabuddin, who took oath on Monday as the 22nd President of

Bangladesh, first paid the homage by placing a wreath at the Shikha Anirban at 11.20am. After laying the wreath, he stood in solemn silence for some time as a mark of profound respect to the memories of the armed forces martyrs, who made supreme sacrifices during the War of Liberation in 1971. A smartly-turned out contingent drawn from

Bangladesh Army, Navy and Air Force presented a guard of honour at that time, while the bugle played the last post. Later, the Head of the State, also the Supreme Commander of the armed forces division, signed the visitors' book there. The Shikha Anirban is a symbol of our remembrance of the martyrs of the

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Admission test to 3 engineering universities on June 17

Staff Correspondent

The first year admission test for the 2022-23 academic session of three engineering universities will be held on June 17.

The universities are Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology (Cuet), Khulna University of Engineering and Technology (Kuet) and Rajshahi University of Engineering and Technology (Ruet).

Online application for the admission test will start from 9am on May 10 and will end on May 22 at 11:59 pm.

On the other hand, the list of eligible candidates with their roll number and examination centre will be published on June 3 from among the applicants.

Apart from this, the merit list of the candidates who passed the admission test will be published on July 8.

These decisions were taken at a meeting of the Cuet-Kuet-Ruet Central Admission Committee on Tuesday. Dean of Civil

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Under-insurance poses threat to economic sustainability

WB-funded study finds huge protection gap

Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh has large-scale underinsurance both for life and non-life assets and the deficiency poses potential threats to sustainable economic development, according to a latest study. The study was conducted under the Bangladesh Insurance Sector Development Project (BISDP) of Bangladesh, funded by the World Bank (WB). An extensive fact-finding drive unveils that the current insurance-protection gap in Bangladesh is more than seven times the country's gross domestic product (GDP).

The study report notes that the life industry has the biggest protection gap.

And the non-life protection is also very low, the report reads.

Underinsurance represents a gap between the current state and the full potential of the insurance industry in serving the economy. This is a hindrance or even threat to economic development and the wellbeing of society.

This protection-gap study is part of efforts under Bangladesh government's goal to fulfill the national aspiration of ensuring increased penetration ratio in the insurance sector. Currently, the insurance penetration in Bangladesh is very low (0.8) compared to other developing countries, resulting in lack of necessary protection in different spheres of life and economy.

It has been found out that among the core reasons for the slow take-up of life and non-life insurance is a lack of understanding of its benefits. This fact, combined with a lack

of awareness of insurance, especially in suburban and rural areas, has contributed to the low insurance-penetration rate.

Insurance companies in Bangladesh have various insurance plans to reach out to the needs of underserved markets and low-income earners. The study has yielded a set of recommendations for raising the penetration and thus reducing the protection gap.

"Driving insurance penetration through



mandatory and social insurance schemes" is among the dos.

Also, it is imperative to strengthen regulatory capacity through structured interventions. The regulator may introduce key institutions and platforms in the ecosystem, the study suggests in this regard.

The regulator -- the Insurance Development and Regulatory Authority (IDRA) -- should also strengthen corporate-governance guidelines.

Its recommendations for the insurers call for development of customer-centric product design, introduction of new insurance products, and establishment of sharia-compliant takaful products. In terms of claims and investment,

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Season-5 final match and prize distribution ceremony was held at TSPL at Joypurhat

Moshiur Rahman, Joypurhat

Teghar High School Alumni Cricket Tournament, Traditional Educational Institution, Jaipurhat (TSPL) Teghar School yesterday afternoon at Teghar High The final game of the 5th season of the Premier League and the prize distribution were held at the school ground. In the final game 2018 batch defeated 2007 batch by 7 wickets. Sadar Upazila Jubo League Alumni and Organizing Secretary Suman Sonar presided over the function, School Alumni and Managing Committee Convener (TSPL) and Teghar High School Ex-President Zahid Iqbal as members. Secretary TSPL Management Committee Member and District Awami League Office Secretary Mizanur Rahman Tito, Teghar High School Ad Hoc Committee President Golam Haqqani, District Awami League Publicity and Lecturer Publication Secretary AIM Masud Reza,

District Awami League General Secretary Md. Upazila Vice Chairman Ashok, former student and Mohammadabad Union BNP President Abdul Alim, Mohammadabad UP Chairman Aatur Rahman, former GS and prominent social worker Rafiqul Islam Mintu, former student and prominent businessman were present in the program presided over by Kumar Thakur. Sohail Rana, First Projector of TSPL Mahmuduzzaman Rakib, Rana Ahmed, Committee member Noor Islam, Faisal Mahmud Sohag, Rakibul Hasan Rakib including Players of all teams participating in TSPL games. Protest chairman Zahid Iqbal said that this game was organized to keep the youth away from drugs and addiction. He expressed his determination to play such a game in the future if he gets everyone's support. The environment was really very excellent and enjoyable.

90% of adolescent girls, young women don't use internet in low-income countries: Unicef

Staff Correspondent

Around 90% of adolescent girls and young women do not use the internet in low-income countries, while their male peers are twice as likely to be online, according to a new Unicef analysis published Wednesday.

The report, titled "Bridging the Digital Divide: Challenges and an Urgent Call for Action for Equitable Digital Skills Development", by Unicef was published on the occasion of International Day of Girls in ICT.

It takes a close look at the gender-based digital divide among young people, aged 15-24 years, based on the analysis of available data on internet use, mobile phone ownership, and digital skills in mostly low-, lower-middle-, and some middle-income economies. The report finds that girls "are being left behind" in an increasingly digital and connected world. According to the report, girls are the least likely to have the opportunities to develop the skills needed for 21st-century learning and employment. Girls are 35% less likely than their male peers to have digital skills, including simple activities like copying or pasting files or folders, sending emails, or transferring files, the Unicef report said. However, the report also notes that it's not just enough to bridge the digital gap by ensuring access to the internet. "Closing the digital divide between girls and boys is about more than just having access to the internet and technology. It's about empowering girls to become innovators, creators, and leaders," Unicef Director of Education Robert Jenkins said in a statement. "If we want to tackle gender gaps in the labour market, especially in Science, Technology, Engineering

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Visiting IMF Staff Mission: Banking division disappoints

Staff Correspondent

The IMF staff mission's meeting yesterday with the banking and financial institutions division appears to have not gone seamlessly.

The visiting delegation particularly wanted to know about the condition of the state banks, which the banking division was unable to do, as The Daily Star learned from officials informed about the proceedings.

The banking division gave a picture of the overall banking sector.

The staff mission was also not happy about the state banks' exploits concerning the annual performance agreement signed with the Bangladesh Bank.

The Washington-based multilateral lender has cited the state banks' high and increasing defaulted loans and low capital adequacy as one of the three domestic risks

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Lowest transit fee set at Tk 589 per tonne for Indian goods

Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh will charge at least Tk 589 for the transportation of a tonne of Indian goods to the north-eastern states from the mainland of India through Mongla and Chattogram ports as Dhaka offers regular transit facility to the neighbouring country. Apart from the transit fee, there would be a charge for using the roads of each kilometre and it would be Tk 1.85 per tonne, according to a gazette of the National Board of Revenue (NBR) issued on Monday. The document processing fee would be Tk 30, the security charge has been fixed at Tk 100, the administrative fee would be Tk 100, and the transshipment fee has been set at Tk 20 for each tonne in each shipment. The escort charge for each container, truck, trailer, or covered van would be Tk 85 per kilometre. A certain amount of fees for the electric lock and seal will also be paid, it said. A 15 per cent value-added

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Fisheries and Livestock Minister Shah Rezaul Karim visited the pavilions of different countries at the Global Seafood Expo in Barcelona, Spain on Thursday.

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Bangladesh up 12 notches in WB logistics index

Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh's ranking in the World Bank's Logistics Performance Index (LPI) 2023 has gone up by 12 places, a development that has given an indication that the country's skills in trade and business have improved.

According to the report, Bangladesh's rank in the index of 139 countries has risen to 88 from 100 in 2018. Bangladesh managed a score of 2.6 on a 5-point scale, helping the country secure third place among five South Asian nations assessed by the World Bank. India secured the 38th position on the index while Sri Lanka was 72nd and Bhutan 100th. Afghanistan's stood 139th, the last to come after all countries. Singapore, Finland and Denmark secured the top

three positions in the index. The World Bank's Global Trade and Regional Integration Team in the Trade, Investment, and Competition Group



prepared the report, titled "Connecting to Compete 2023: Trade Logistics in an Uncertain Global Economy".

The seventh edition of the report was released on April 21. The report presents

the latest view on trade logistics performance across 139 countries. Logistics is understood as a network of services that support the physical movement of goods, trade across borders, and commerce within borders.

It comprises transportation, warehousing, brokerage, express delivery, terminal operations, and related data and information management.

The six components of the LPI, unchanged since its launch in 2007, are assessed at the country level on a 5-point scale. The 2023 LPI survey was conducted from September 6 to November 5 in 2022. It contains 4,090 country assessments by 652 logistics professionals in 115 countries in all World Bank regions. The multilateral lender prepared

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PM calls for

one of the most liberal foreign investment regimes in South Asia. "Bangladesh is fast emerging as a highly lucrative location for investment in terms of competitive cost, abundant human resources, sizable domestic consumer market with high purchasing power and growing middle class," she said.

Moreover, Sheikh Hasina said that Bangladesh is striving to be the economic hub of the region by way of improving access to regional and international markets.

The Prime Minister said they are establishing Economic Zones, High-Tech /Software Technology Parks across the country.

"Bangladesh has been developing a planned infrastructure base to place itself as a hub of connectivity between South Asia and Southeast Asia. Today, I am happy to hear your frank and productive ideas. It will further expand and strengthen trade and economic relations between our two friendly countries," she said.

Foreign Minister Dr AK Abdul Momen, PM's Private Industry and Investment Affairs Adviser Salman Fazlur Rahman, State Minister for Foreign Minister Md Shahriar Alam, State Minister Information Communication and Technology Zunaid Ahmed Palak, among others, were present.

Top business leaders from Bangladesh and Japan were also present.

Sheikh Hasina expressed her happiness after meeting with distinguished business leaders of Japan.

"It was almost four years ago in 2019 when I last met you in Tokyo. I am happy that since then so much has happened in our bilateral cooperation, investment, trade and commercial activities," she said.

The Prime Minister said Bangladesh and Japan celebrated our 50th anniversary of the establishment of bilateral diplomatic relations last year, adding, "We are now looking forward to taking our relationship to a newer height in the next 50 years."

Japan may

Affairs Md Shahriar Alam, Bangladesh Ambassador to Japan, and Ministry of Foreign Affairs Spokesperson Sehebi Sabrin were also present at the briefing.

At the invitation of Japanese Prime Minister Kishida Fumio, Sheikh Hasina is currently on an official visit to Japan and had a summit meeting on 26 April.

Recalling Japan's commitment to providing assistance of up to 600 billion yen in about 4 to 5 years from 2014 — expressed in the joint statement on 26 May 26, 2014 — the two prime ministers noted with satisfaction the successful fulfillment of the pledge.

They further expressed satisfaction that Japan's assistance since 2014 totalled more than 2 trillion yen, according to a joint statement seen by UNB.

Prime Minister Kishida congratulated Bangladesh on its graduation from the Least Developed Countries (LDC) category with effect from 2026 and expressed his decision to continually support Bangladesh's efforts towards its LDC graduation and further development.

Prime Minister Hasina expressed her sincere gratitude for Japan's tremendous and effective support over the past 50 years as the largest bilateral development partner and acknowledged that the Japanese assistance had contributed greatly to its LDC graduation.

They expressed their satisfaction with the progress of the Bay of Bengal Industrial Growth Belt (BIG-B) initiative and welcomed the commercial opening of Dhaka Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) Line 6, the first electric train in Bangladesh, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations in 2022.

They reaffirmed that the development of Bangladesh through regional connectivity would contribute to the overall stability of the Indo-Pacific region and that the two countries would continue to 1) develop economic infrastructure, 2) improve the investment environment, and 3) enhance regional connectivity, in Bangladesh under the BIG-B initiative as well as the newly launched concept of Industrial Value Chain connecting the Bay of Bengal and neighbouring regions.

The two PMs welcomed the significant progress in the projects in the Chattogram region, including Matarbari deep sea port under the BIG-B initiative.

They affirmed their continuous and accelerated cooperation so that Matarbari Port can become a hub of energy, logistics and industry in Bangladesh by using Japanese expertise and technology and can enhance connectivity between Bangladesh and its neighbouring countries.

They affirmed that the two countries would explore cooperation in developing the southern Chattogram region including the improvement of Chattogram-Cox's Bazar Highway.

Prime Minister Hasina expressed her intention to make progress towards the early establishment of the Moheshkhali-Matarbari Integrated Infrastructure Development Initiative (MIDI) Authority under the Government of Bangladesh.

Both prime ministers shared their intention to develop the MIDI Master Plan.

Export diversification

bills, and bonded warehouse facilities.

The sectors are expected to get loans at reduced rates and airlines are expected to ship their products on a priority basis. Assistance is to be extended to exporters so that they can market goods, explore new markets and attract foreign direct investment, according to the export policy.

It also said special campaigns will be conducted to raise Bangladesh's exports in Southeast Asian and Latin American nations, while preferential trade agreements will be signed with major trading partners so that the country continues to enjoy duty benefits after it becomes a developing nation from a least-developed country in 2026.

A halal certification authority will be established to tap the opportunities of the \$2-trillion global market for Shariah-compliant products.

MA Razzaka, research director of the Policy Research Institute of Bangladesh, says the export policy is not a legally binding document.

"The government may promise a lot in the policy, but many of the pledges might not translate into reality for various reasons," he said, urging the government to formulate an action plan to execute the policy successfully.

Md Saiful Islam, president of the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, thinks if the government wants to export \$80 billion worth of goods annually, it needs to diversify products and markets.

"Bangladesh needs to produce hi-tech products like semi-conductors to achieve the export goal. This is because a lot of work orders are shifting to other countries from China due to geo-political tensions not only for garment items but also hi-tech products."

The potential of the blue economy needs to be exploited and the bonded warehouse facility needs to be extended to other sectors, he said.

The garment industry enjoys the bonded warehouse facility, which allows apparel manufacturers to import industrial raw materials and capital machinery duty-free to produce

products for the western markets.

The government is already looking for alternatives to cash incentives on exports since the country will not be able to pay direct cash assistance to exporters after graduation, according to officials.

Recently, Senior Commerce Secretary Tapan Kanti Ghosh said the commerce ministry has a plan to write to the finance ministry for bringing at least 10 more sectors under the bonded warehouse facility to give a boost to exports from the upcoming fiscal year.

The commerce ministry also plans to incentivise four high potential sectors, except the garment industry, that have already fetched at least \$1 billion in export earnings.

"The government will continue the cash incentives for eligible sectors up to 2026 so the export industry remains competitive," Ghosh told The Daily Star over the phone.

AHM Ahsan, vice-chairman of the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB), said a lot of tasks have been completed and some are underway.

The issuance of GSP (generalised system of preferences) certificates for the EU markets has been automated and some internal procedures at the EPB have been digitalised as well, he said.

Fight against communal

Bangladesh by fighting those (communal forces) under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina," he added. About the remarks of BNP secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir over the role of new President in resolving ongoing political crisis, the AL general secretary said President Mohammed Shahabuddin is a Bangalee by heart and he believes in the spirit of democracy and patriotism. "He (President) is a follower of Bangabandhu's ideology. I want to say it about him that he would prove the rest by his works," he said. About Sher-e-Bangla, Quader said Fazlul Huq was a true Bangalee and the chief minister of the undivided Bengal. Sher-e-Bangla presented the historic Lahore Resolution in 1940, while he had given relief to the debt-ridden peasant society of Bengal by forming the Debt Arbitration Board, he said.

"When we recall Sher-e-Bangla, we remember his contribution...we remember Sher-e-Bangla, as a non-communal nationalist and humanitarian leader, with respect. He worked in a humanistic non-communal spirit," the AL general secretary said. AL presidium member Dr Mustafa Jalal Mohiuddin, joint general secretary AFM Bahauddin Nasim, organising secretaries Ahmed Hossain and Advocate Afzal Hossain, science and technology affairs secretary Engineer Abdus Sabur, women affairs secretary Jahanara Begum, culture affairs secretary Ashim Kumar Ukil, deputy office secretary Sayem Khan and executive member Shahabuddin Faraji were, among others, present on the occasion.

DSE turnover

Spinners that rose 8.74 per cent, Apex Foods up 8.73 per cent, Rahima Food Corporation grew 8.66 per cent and Kohinora Chemicals gained 7.98 per cent. Uttara Bank topped the list of losers by shedding more than 12.35 per cent. Midland Bank, Aramit Cement, Gemini Sea Food, and Legacy Footwear suffered substantial losses as well. Genex Infosys was the most-traded stock on the day with its shares worth Tk 45 crore transacted.

Stocks of Unique Hotel, Bangladesh Shipping Corporations, Eastern Housing and Bashundhara Paper Mills also traded significantly. The stocks on the Chittagong Stock Exchange also rose today. The Caspi, the all-share price index of the bourse, up 14 points, or 0.08 per cent to close at 18,466. Of the issues, 44 rose, 45 retreated and 68 did not see any price movement. Turnover at the port city bourse, however, declined 17 per cent to Tk 7.95 crore.

Sudan crisis:

Fattah al-Burhan gave initial approval to the proposal from the regional African bloc Intergovernmental Authority on Development, Reuters news agency reports.

The proposal suggests sending envoys from the Sudanese army and rival group Rapid Support Forces (RSF) to Juba in South Sudan to discuss the details.

The current ceasefire began at midnight local time (22:00 GMT) on Monday bringing a pause to a conflict which erupted on 15 April amid a power struggle between the leaders of the army and the RSF.

People in Khartoum and Omdurman are finding it difficult to find clean water and food and access to cash, our correspondent says.

Explosions and gunfire could still be heard on Wednesday, with warplanes in the air, although it was quieter than before the ceasefire and the situation was good enough for evacuations to continue.

Our correspondent says he and his family find it difficult to sleep because of the explosions and shooting.

Gangs have also been looting homes and empty buildings, targeting cars and vehicles, he adds. Local people fear what will happen after the ceasefire ends.

Both sides still man checkpoints but these are fewer in number as some troops have withdrawn to other areas.

The warring factions both claim to control important places like airports and army headquarters. There is no internet access and phone lines are poor.

At least 459 people have been killed since the fighting broke out though the actual number is thought to be much higher.

Earlier the World Health Organization said it expected "many more" deaths due to disease, a lack of access to food and water and disruption to health facilities.

Several countries have evacuated their nationals since the ceasefire took hold.

A boat evacuating more than 1,600 people from dozens of countries arrived in Saudi Arabia on Wednesday and both Germany and France say all their citizens have now left the country.

The first flight bringing British national home landed at Stansted on Wednesday, via Larnaca in Cyprus.

Some 536 British nationals have been evacuated from Sudan on six flights, the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office said.

The chairman of the Nigerians in Diaspora Commission confirmed to the BBC that evacuations of stranded Nigerian students in Sudan had started.

It is thought there could be up to 5,000 Nigerians living in Sudan, and that 3,500 of them are students.

However, a UK-born student in Sudan said she did not have enough petrol to get to rescue flights.

Samar Eltayeb, 20, from Birmingham, has been sheltering with a relative outside Khartoum since fighting began.

The third-year medical student at Sudan's National University has been waiting to be evacuated to join her parents and siblings in the UK.

"We have no gas, and the petrol stations are empty," Ms Eltayeb said. "There'll be constant flights within the next few days, but if I can't find gas to get there, then I'm stuck."

Buses carrying evacuees are continuing to leave Khartoum despite soaring prices of fuel and bus tickets.

Meanwhile, former Sudanese politician Ahmed Haroun said that he and other former officials are no longer in jail.

Reports emerged this week of a prison break at Kober in Khartoum - where Ahmed Haroun was serving a sentence alongside Omar al-Bashir, Sudan's former president.

The Sudanese army said Bashir was moved from the prison to a military hospital before the fighting erupted.

Both Bashir and Haroun are facing charges by the International Criminal Court for their alleged role in the atrocities in the western Sudanese region of Darfur.

On Tuesday, Haroun confirmed in a statement aired on Sudan's Tayba TV that he and other Bashir loyalists who served under him had left the jail - but said he would be ready to appear before the judiciary whenever it was functioning.

Army chiefs

Institute of Peace Support Operations Training (BIPSOT), Bangladesh was signed between both Armies during the visit. The visiting Bangladesh Army Chief is the Reviewing Officer for the Passing Out Parade at Officers Training Academy, Chennai scheduled on April 29. He will visit the Officers Training Academy Museum and interact with the cadets of the passing out course India and Bangladesh share the historical legacy of cooperation and support during the Liberation War of 1971. The active engagement on the defence side includes high-level exchanges at the level of Service Chiefs, conduct of the inaugural Annual Defence Dialogues by the Defence Secretaries, Tri-services and Service-specific Staff Talks. Exchange visits of Bangladesh Mukti Jodhas and Indian war veterans take place every year in December to mark the Victory Day celebrations in Dhaka and Kolkata.

Eid vibe

basis. Although they faced some delay in travel, they are accepting the issue of Eid vibe.

Ali Islam came to Dhaka from Kishoreganj on a metro rail trip with his family and relatives. He said: "Relatives have come to my house on Eid. They will leave tomorrow (Friday). So today (Thursday) I took them on a metro rail trip. The people at home have never rode on the metro rail. I brought everyone on this occasion."

Imran Al Sumon went to celebrate Eid with his family in Khulna. After coming back, he said that he had come to travel by metro rail on behalf of his family, adding: "I went to the village on Eid. Families, especially children, will be interested in riding the metro rail, so I took them around before it got too busy."

Two friends named Hashem and Mustakim said that they did not have the opportunity to travel by metro rail even after Eid. Hashem said: "I came once the day after Eid. But time was running out. I came again today. Even today the crowd is not less."

Abdul Rashid, who brought his wife to see a doctor at Agargaon National Institute of Neurosciences and Hospital, said: "I am going to Neurosciences Hospital. The metro rail station is near the house, so I am taking the metro rail. Meanwhile, if there is any work, I use metro rail. There are benefits in movement by it."

Md Said, who came from Uttara for office work, said: "I often have to come to Agargaon for office work. Even on normal days there is no problem. I am seeing the crowd today because of the passengers who came to visit."

Heatwave,

two top litchi-producing destinations are in fear of weaker yields.

Usually, litchi trees start blooming by the end of March and the time between flowering and fruit formation is very important. But this year, drought occurred at that crucial period.

A litchi farmer, Raza Hossain, told The Business Standard, "I have 400 litchi trees in my orchard and I kept nurturing them when the trees started blooming".

"Despite the care, 40% of the litchi pods have already fallen from the trees and now I am trying to protect the rest by spraying water," he added.

Another farmer, Qudus Biswas, said, "I have ten litchi orchards and I failed to spray water regularly in my orchards due to lack of water in the adjacent canals because of drought. Now I am in fear of losing all the litchi pods if adequate water is not managed".

Due to intense heat and drought, gutis [mangoes on setting stage] were falling from the trees in Rajshahi, which is the top mango-producing district in the country. However, rain occurred in Rajshahi on 24 April and in Chapainawabganj on 26 April, in a very first of the season - offering blessings to the mango farmers.

Abdur Razzak, a mango farmer in Rajshahi, told TBS, "I have an orchard of 1,000 mango trees. Persisting hot weather and drought have affected us badly as the mangoes were falling from the trees. The rain two days ago helped the mangoes a lot and showed us hope of a satisfactory yield".

"Although we have lost a lot of gutis [mangoes on setting stage] already, even if no other disaster comes then we will get a good amount of yield to address the loss, said the optimistic farmer," added the optimistic farmer.

Meanwhile, industry experts have expressed their concerns about the impact of persisting hot weather on summer fruits.

"If the current situation persists, it may lead to a significant decrease in production, resulting in a shortage of these fruits and an increase in prices in markets," warned renowned agricultural economist Professor Dr MA Sattar Mondol.

The country's mango and litchi production not only caters to domestic demand but also has a significant export market. Keeping it in mind, the government has taken various initiatives to support the farmers during these challenging times, including providing subsidies for irrigation methods and agricultural inputs.

Meanwhile, the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute (BARI) has developed drought-tolerant mango and litchi cultivation methods, by which fruits can withstand such adverse weather conditions.

"We have developed some cultivation guidelines for the farmers and have already given it to the ministry. Following those, farmers can cope with changing climate-saving production" said Dr Babul Chandra Sarker, chief scientific officer at the fruit division of BARI.

Fisheries minister

, on behalf of the government.

Rezaul also said that the government is ready to provide various facilities including exemption of taxes if they invest in the Bangladesh fisheries sector.

Bangladesh's export income has increased to 26.96% in this fiscal year through exporting shrimp, dried fish, crab, and other fish, said the minister.

Besides, the government is also providing assistance in the management of shrimp production in many ways including giving matching grants to the private sector for the production of disease-free shrimp of Bagda variety.

Meanwhile, the government has taken initiatives including converting the conventional shrimp hatcheries to SPF hatcheries, introducing cluster base shrimp cultivation, increase the production of shrimp farms, developing the standard of supply chain, to make digital database of the existing shrimp

farms across the country, introduction of integrated e-traceability system, Enactment of Fisheries and Fishery (inspection and Quality Control) Act, 2020, implementation of National Residue Control Plan in coordination with the policy of European Union, establishment of international standard laboratory to control the quality of fisheries and fisheries product, monitoring regularly, and ensuring compliance by keeping pace with quality control regulations and requirements.

Later, the minister also visited different pavilions at the Global Seafood Expo-2023.

Action against

president will play a role in solving the political crisis, Obaidul Quader said in response that the president has just started his journey. We feel that the peaceful, democratic way in which the change of president has taken place is rare in the country. He is a Bengali at heart. Democracy, patriotism, everything is in his spirit. He is a follower of Bangabandhu's ideology. This much I want to say about him, he will prove the rest by his actions.

Obaidul Quader said that communal violence is still plaguing the politics of Bangladesh. "Our fight against this evil is going on. This fight will continue to build a smart Bangladesh."

Krishak League men

.Bangladesh Krishak League President Agriculturist Samir Chanda inaugurated the voluntary paddy cutting programme. He said when Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina stays in power, she along with Krishak League always stands by farmers. On the other hand, when BNP-Jamaat was in power, farmers were killed and when they don't stay in power, they set fire on farmers' paddy storages.

Krishak League Vice-Presidents Sheikh Md Jahangir Alam, Agriculturist Dr Nazrul Islam and Md Abul Hossain, Joint General Secretary Bishwanath Sarker Bitu, Organizing Secretaries Gazi Jasim Uddin, Asauddzaman Biplab and Agriculturist Dr Muhammad Habibur Rahman Mollah were present, among others.

President

Great Liberation War.

Earlier, on her arrival at the Shikha Anirban, the President was received by Chief of Army Staff General S M Shafiquddin Ahmed, Chief of Naval Staff Admiral M Shaheen Iqbal and Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal Shaikh Abdul Hannan.

Admission

Engineering Faculty of Cuet Professor Dr Md Moinul Islam representing Cuet for engineering cluster gave this information.

The admission test will be held against a total of 3,231 seats including 3,210 regular seats and 21 reserved seats in these three universities.

Under-insurance

the study prefers adopting digital intervention, distribution channels through digital channels, and the use of technology across the value chain. The survey under the World Bank-assisted project also identified lack of bancassurance as one of the reasons for the yawning coverage gaps.

When contacted, CEOs of the insurance industry agreed that this study, more or less, reflected the picture of the industry.

"This is a new study, and to my understanding, this is more or less ok as there are no other studies to compare," said NC Rudra, CEO at Meghna Life Insurance.

He strongly feels that bancassurance should be introduced for raising penetration. "This is a very much popular distribution channel in many countries," he mentioned.

Md Imam Shaheen, managing director and CEO of Asia Insurance, told the FE that the non-life-sector protection gap is lower as there is mandatory insurance for some business properties.

The MD, however, says actually there is a need for more studies to assess the accurate picture of the industry. "One study cannot be sufficient."

The IDRA recently organised a workshop with the stakeholders on the findings of the study to seek out modalities of execution of the recommendations.

90% of adolescent

and Math fields, we must start now by helping young people, especially girls, gain digital skills."

The findings suggest that educational and family environments play a critical role in the gender-based digital divide.

Disparities in access to technology persist even within the same household. In a study of 41 countries, Unicef found "households are much more likely to provide mobile phones for boys than girls."

Female youths are 13% less likely to own a mobile phone, Unicef said, "limiting their ability to participate in the digital world."

Unicef called on governments and partners to close the gender divide and ensure that girls have the opportunities to succeed in a digital world.

The UN organization recommended the inclusion of digital skill development "equally to girls and boys" both in and out of school, including in community programmes.

The recommendations also include promoting girls' access to peer learning, mentoring, internships and job shadowing in the digital/STEM world.

Visiting IMF Staff

that could derail the economy in the short to medium term. The likelihood of the problem spilling over into the wider economy ranges from medium (10 to 30 percent chance) to high (30 percent or more), said the IMF staff report.

The staff mission was also disappointed when the banking division declined to give the draft of the Bank Companies (Amendment) Act that was approved by the cabinet as it was now a classified document.

As per the reform actions agreed with the IMF for the \$4.7 billion loan programme, the government is supposed to submit the draft to parliament by June.

The progress of forming an asset management company to dispose of distressed assets is nothing to write home about, either. The staff mission was also not happy with the defaulted loan scenario. At the end of 2022, the banking sector's defaulted loans mounted to Tk 120,656 crore, which is 8.16 percent of the outstanding loans. The staff mission also held meetings with the National Board of Revenue and the finance ministry's debt management committee. The government has committed to increasing tax revenue, and the mission wanted to know the measures being planned. The NBR, however, was unable to inform them. The NBR was supposed to come up with a medium-term revenue strategy. So far, a committee has been formed to work on the paper. The draft will take 6-7 months to prepare, and the final version will not be ready before 2024.

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No development in IIOJK during last 4 years
International Desk

In Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir, Chairman of Dogra Swabhimani Sangathan Party (DSSP), Chaudhry Lal Singh has unmasked the real face of the BJP government. He termed BJP assertions of 'good governance and 'accountability' during their term in office as nothing but a bunch of lies. He said that BJP which stormed to power in IIOJK, has literally deprived Jammu of all its resources. Chaudhry Lal Singh addressing a party meeting in Khour, Jammu, said that the territory had been dismembered and reduced into two union territories (UTs), something unseen and unheard in the history of India. He accused the Indian government of illegally establishing a proxy rule imposed on the people of Kashmir through a handful of bureaucrats and powerless experts requisitioned from other parts of the country and hardly having any stakes in the betterment of the territory or wellbeing of its people. He lamented that the last 4 years have ruined the entire economy of Jammu and Kashmir which has in reality collapsed, unemployment is at its peak and youth is in utter frustration. Mr Farooq Abdullah National Conference chief and ex CM IIOJK has said, Modi making Pandits scapegoats to project false normalcy claim in IIOJK.

Sunstroke at Maha event: Death toll rises to 12
International Desk

One more patient undergoing treatment after suffering from sunstroke at an award function in Navi Mumbai has died, officials said on Monday. With this, the death toll in the incident has gone up to 12. A 55-year-old man from Kalyan, who was critical, died late night. Two more persons are battling for life, a senior doctor at a civic-run hospital in Vashi said. Earlier on Sunday, at least 11 people died due to sunstroke as the 'Maharashtra Bhushan' award function, attended by lakhs, was held in an open ground in Kharghar area of Maharashtra's Raigad district.

Rishi Sunak investigated over wife's interest in UK childcare firm
International Desk

British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak is being investigated by parliament's standards watchdog over whether he properly declared his wife's shareholding in a childcare company which stands to benefit from new government policy. Parliament's Commissioner for Standards began the investigation over a "declaration of interest" on 13 April, according to a list of open inquiries on its website on Monday. Opposition parties had raised questions over media reports that Sunak's wife Akshata Murthy was a shareholder in a company set to benefit from support for the childcare sector announced in

March's budget. Close PlayerUnibots.in "We are happy to assist the commissioner to clarify how this has been transparently declared as a ministerial interest," Sunak's spokesperson said, confirming the investigation was linked to the childcare firm. The investigation is an embarrassment for Sunak, who came into office in October promising to lead a government with integrity "at every level" as he sought to revive his party's fortunes ahead of a national election expected next year. Sunak and Murthy are the richest ever occupants of 10 Downing Street. Murthy is the daughter of one of the founders of Indian IT giant Infosys and owns about 0.9% of the company.

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816055 44/e-GP/ eesun/RHD/ 2022-2023	Details Topographical Survey and Preparation of LA Plan etc. at 26th km to 45th km of Madanpur-Dirai-Shalla-Jalsukha-Ajmiriganj Road (Z-2807) under Road Division Sunamganj during the year 2022-2023.	09-May-2023 16:00 hours	10-May-2023 11:00 hours	10-May-2023 12:00 hours
82359 50/e-GP/ eesun/RHD/ 2022-2023	Plane Table Survey and Sub-soil Investigation (with Partial Feasibility study) for proposed Bridge over Surma River at Dowarabazar at 5th Km (Ch. 4+600 Km) of Dowarabazar-Sunamganj Road (Z-2811) under Road Division Sunamganj during the year 2022-2023.	09-May-2023 16:00 hours	10-May-2023 11:10 hours	10-May-2023 12:10 hours
822361 52/e-GP/ eesun/RHD/ 2022-2023	Hydrological and Morphological Study for proposed Dowarabazar Bridge Approach Road (Ch.0+000 to 6+246 Km) of Dowarabazar-Sunamganj (Z-2811) Road under Road Division, Sunamganj during the year 2022-2023.	09-May-2023 16:00 hours	10-May-2023 11:20 hours	10-May-2023 12:20 hours
822362 53/e-GP/ eesun/RHD/ 2022-2023	Detailed Topographical Survey & Land Acquisition plan from 1st km to 27th km of Gobindaganj-Chhatak-Dwarabazar Road (Z-2802) under Sunamganj Road Division during the year 2022-2023.	09-May-2023 16:00 hours	10-May-2023 11:30 hours	10-May-2023 12:30 hours
822363 54/e-GP/ eesun/RHD/ 2022-2023	Feasibility Study of (i) Auskandi-Raniganj-Jagannathpur-Paglia (R-241) Road (ii) Sylhet-Sunamganj (R-280) Road (Sunamganj & Shantiganj Town portion) (iii) Gobindaganj-Chhatak-Dwarabazar (Z-2802) Road & (iv) Raising of Bridge Approaches at different Roads under Road Division Sunamganj during the year 2022-2023.	09-May-2023 16:00 hours	10-May-2023 11:40 hours	10-May-2023 12:40 hours

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01	820315	Complete track renewal by Pre-stressed Concrete Sleeper and 75 lbs rail at Gaibandha Loop Line No.-4 with Sleeper density (N+5) in SSAE/Way/Bamondanga section under Divisional Engineer, Lalmonirhat's jurisdiction. Total length= 0.750 km.	18-Apr-2023 at 13:00 Hrs.	15-May-2023 at 17:00 Hrs.	16-May-2023 at 12:30 Hrs.
02	820229	Thorough Renewal of Rangpur loop line No. 1 & 2 (existing Rail 75 'A') by Pre-stress Concrete Sleeper with (N+5) sleeper density including other ancillary works in SSAE/Way/Rangpur Section under Divisional Engineer, Lalmonirhat's jurisdiction. (Total Length = 0.905 km + 0.905 km = 1.81 km).	18-Apr-2023 at 13:00 Hrs.	15-May-2023 at 17:00 Hrs.	16-May-2023 at 12:00 Hrs.

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