

PM returns home after 15-day overseas visit

Staff Correspondent

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Tuesday returned home from London after wrapping up her 15-day tri-nation visit to Japan, the United States (US) and the United Kingdom (UK). A flight of Biman Bangladesh Airlines, carrying the premier and her entourage members, landed at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport here at 10:05 am.

Earlier, the flight departed from Heathrow International Airport, London at 6:25pm on Monday (London time).

On April 25, the prime minister on the first leg of her three-nation visit reached Japan as a special VVIP flight (BG1403) of the Biman Bangladesh Airlines carrying her and entourage members landed at the Haneda International Airport, Tokyo at 4:45pm (local time). Japan had rolled out a red carpet to welcome the Bangladesh prime minister and

gave her the state guard of honour at the airport. During her stay at Tokyo, Sheikh Hasina and her Japanese counterpart witnessed the exchange of eight instruments, mostly memorandums of understanding, signed between Dhaka and Tokyo to boost cooperation in the sectors of agriculture, metro-rail, industrial up-gradation, ship-recycling, customs matters, intellectual property, defense, ICT and cyber security. On April 26, the premier had a courtesy call on the Emperor of Japan Naruhito. Then on the same day, she held a bilateral meeting with her Japanese counterpart Fumio Kishida. The premier also attended an investment summit and a community reception alongside handing over the "Friends of Liberation War Honour" to four Japanese nationals on April 27 for their contribution to Bangladesh's Liberation War in 1971. The prime

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When Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina arrived at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka after her visit to Japan, United States and United Kingdom, Road Transport and Bridges Minister and General Secretary of Bangladesh Awami League Obaidul Quader, Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Haque, State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Md Mahub Ali and senior Military and civilian officials greet him with flowers

President for increasing connectivity to utilize Bangladesh-Bhutan potentials

Staff Correspondent

President Mohammed Shahabuddin yesterday called for increasing connectivity between Bangladesh and Bhutan to utilize the two countries' existing potentials as Bhutanese ambassador in Dhaka Rinchen Kuentstul paid a courtesy call on him at Bangabhaban here. President Shahabuddin said Bangladesh and Bhutan have an excellent bilateral ties and Bangladesh always attaches importance to the development of this relationship. President's

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Bangalee nation is proud of Sheikh Hasina's leadership: Quader

Staff Correspondent

Awami League General Secretary and Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader yesterday said Bangalee nation is proud of getting the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina as several heads of the state and government highly praised her dynamic leadership. "Today Sheikh Hasina's name is uttered with special dignity at the world stage. After Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Bangalee nation is proud of getting Sheikh Hasina's leadership," he said in a statement. The statement was

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Number of internet users rises

Staff Correspondent

The number of internet subscribers rose in March as mobile network operators and broadband service providers both bagged new customers due to increased usage of different digital services other than social media.

The number of internet users jumped by over 11 lakh to 12.61 crore in March compared to that in the previous month, according to data of Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC).

Earlier in February, the number of internet subscribers in Bangladesh saw its first rebound after six months thanks to a jump in mobile internet users. But in March, broadband user numbers also underwent growth. Mobile operators fetched about 9 lakh customers in March to reach 1.14 crore. "We are now observing a new trend among customers," said Shahed Alam, chief corporate and regulatory officer at Robi Axiata Ltd. "They are now using the internet for different types of digital services such as over-the-top media, gaming etc. This is giving a boost to the

subscriber number base," he said.

"Earlier, mobile internet subscribers generally used our service for social media and YouTube," he added.

The rise in internet subscriptions in March is a breath of fresh air for the mobile and broadband operators in the country. User numbers have been on the decline from August last year to January this year as people had tightened their belts amid skyrocketing inflation.

Besides, a SIM sales ban on Grameenphone in the last six months of 2022 also contributed to a drop in the overall internet subscriber base.

Officials of mobile network operators say their massive network expansion drives ensured a better quality of service, boosting data usage at the same time. For example, market leader Grameenphone recently completed the deployment of an additional 2,000 base transceiver stations, bringing its total to over 20,000, which is the highest among all operators. Optical fibre connectivity covers over 35 per cent of its network, up from 17 per cent a year ago. Bangalink has also undergone

massive network expansion.

"We attribute this uptick in customer preferences to our ongoing investment in network expansion," said Taimur Rahman, chief corporate and regulatory affairs officer of Bangalink recently.

"...enabling our customers to experience Ookla certified fastest 4G while utilising our innovative and quality digital services," he said.

It recently completed the deployment of 4,000 base transceiver stations, taking its total to more than 14,500. The expansion resulted in a roughly 40 per cent expansion of its total coverage.

Robi Axiata also deployed hundreds of new towers throughout last year, taking its total number of towers to nearly 15,500. However, customers of mobile and broadband, especially those who live outside Dhaka, have complained of experiencing low quality of services in recent times. Meanwhile, broadband internet subscribers rose by 2 lakh to 1.20 crore in March. The BTRC provides internet subscriber information on a quarterly basis. "We have seen the inflow of new customers in January and February,

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Envoy: Northeast a natural hub to boost trade, ties between Bangladesh and India

Staff Correspondent

Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Pranay Verma has described the northeast region of India as a "natural hub" for boosting trade and people-to-people ties between Bangladesh and India.

He invited entrepreneurs from Bangladesh to take full advantage of the emerging opportunities in the fast-growing economy of the northeastern Indian states and further explore the potential of bilateral trade and investment.

Industries Minister of Bangladesh Nurul Majid Humayun and High Commissioner Pranay Verma were invited by the India

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Speaker urges young generations to follow Dr Wazed's life, philosophy

Staff Correspondent

Jatiya Sangsad Speaker Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury today urged young generations to follow the life and philosophy of noted nuclear scientist Dr. M A Wazed Miah for building a prosperous nation. "Dr. Wazed has made an important contribution to the development of Bangladesh as a scientist," she said as the chief guest while virtually addressing a discussion held at Pirganj upazila parishad auditorium in the district. Pirganj upazila administration organised the event in observance of the 14th death anniversary of international reputed nuclear scientist and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's husband Dr. M A Wazed Miah (Sudha Miah). Special munajats were offered in a dua mehfil held at Pirganj upazila parishad auditorium seeking divine blessings for the departed soul of Dr. Wazed on the occasion. The speaker said Dr. Wazed has been appreciated at national and international arenas due to his extraordinary merit. Wazed was an unassuming and humble man with a great personality to follow," Dr Shirin mentioned. Pirganj Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Biroda Rani Roy presided over the function. Deputy Commissioner of Rangpur Dr. Chitrakha Nazneen, Superintendent of Police Md. Ferdous Ali Chowdhury, Pirganj Upazila Parishad Chairman Nur Mohammad Mandal, Acting President of Pirganj Upazila Awami League Professor Nurul Amin Raja, its General Secretary

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Bhutanese Ambassador to Bangladesh Rinchen Quentsil met President Sahabuddin on Tuesday at Bangabhaban.

Former Pakistan PM Imran Khan arrested

Staff Correspondent

Former Pakistan prime minister Imran Khan was arrested Tuesday during a court appearance in the capital for one of dozens of cases pending since he was ousted last year. His arrest follows months of political crisis and comes hours after the powerful military rebuked the former international cricketer for alleging a senior officer had been involved in a plot

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CCGP approves 8 proposals including procurement of smart cards

Staff Correspondent

The Cabinet Committee on Government Purchase (CCGP) today approved eight proposals, including one for procuring three crore blank smart cards from Bangladesh Machine Tools Factory Limited (BMTF). The approval was given from a CCGP meeting held the cabinet division of Bangladesh Secretariat with Finance Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal in the chair. Briefing the reporters virtually after the meeting, Additional Secretary of the Cabinet Division Md Syed Mahub Khan said the meeting approved a proposal for the Armed Forces Division

(AFD) to procure three crore blank smart cards from the BMTF under "Identification System for Enhancing Access to Services (2nd Phase)" with a cost of Taka 406.50 crore. He mentioned that the meeting approved a proposal of the Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB) under the Commerce Ministry to import 12,500 metric tons sugar from Smart Matrix Pte. Ltd., Singapore with a cost of Taka 66.79 crore. The meeting also approved a proposal of the TCB to procure 1.10 crore litres of Soybean oil from Guven Traders Ptv. Ltd. India with a cost of Taka 148.30 crore. The meeting also approved a proposal of the Roads

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Mango production may hit record this year

Staff Correspondent

Favourable weather conditions are expected to result in a bumper mango harvest in the country this year.

The abundance of fruit settings has given farmers and traders hope for a prosperous mango trading season, estimated to be worth around Tk 100 billion this year.

The mango trees are laden with a massive number of mangoes, spreading a sweet aroma and signaling an exceptional harvest of the juicy fruits this summer.

The mangoes are growing rapidly, and there have been no reports of pest attacks in numerous orchards across the country, thanks to the prolonged heat waves.

The advantageous weather conditions, combined with advanced farming methods and precautionary measures taken by orchard

owners and mango farmers, have instilled hope for an excellent yield, according to KJM Abdul Awal, director (in charge) of the Horticulture Wing of the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE).

The smooth rise in temperature at the beginning of the spring season is ideal for mango growth during the early fruiting stage.

Awal noted that there has been no significant rainfall this spring, resulting in low humidity levels, which help to decrease the risk of diseases and insect attacks on the mango crops. Commercial orchards have expanded significantly in the country, with mango production doubling compared to traditional orchards. Awal explained that modern commercial orchards, including high-density and ultra-density varieties, have seen production rates of

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Former VC of Khulna Agricultural University jailed in rape case

Staff Correspondent

A Khulna court has sent, prof Shahidur Rahman Khan, former vice-chancellor (VC) of Khulna Agricultural University, to jail in a case filed on the allegation of raping an employee of the university, reports UNB.

Khulna Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal judge Abdus Salam Khan passed the order rejecting the bail plea for Shahidur Rahman Khan, bench assistant of the court Rubel Khan said.

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Staff Correspondent

The pressure on Bangladesh's foreign-exchange reserves continues to mount as the central bank cleared import payment amounting to US\$ 1.18 billion through the Asian Clearing Union (ACU) mechanism on Sunday, officials said. After the clearance of import liabilities, the country's forex reserves dropped below \$30-billion mark and stood at \$29.77 billion as on May 07. The ACU is an arrangement through which the member countries settle payments for intra-regional transactions among the participating central banks on a net basis. Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Iran, the Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka are members of the ACU. The member countries of the Tehran-headquartered union clear their payments every two months.

The significant fall in the reserve, particularly the greenback, comes as a

matter of concern for the economy, which is facing difficulties to meet the NIR (net international reserve) target of \$24.46 billion within June, as set by the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Seeking anonymity, a BB official confirmed the ACU payment, saying that the downward trend in the foreign currency reserve continues because of comparatively lower export earnings. On the other hand, the central bank has sold over \$12 billion from its reserve to the commercial banks - from July 2022 to May 7, 2023 - to facilitate them settle LCs.

However, the BB sold \$7.62 billion to the commercial banks in the previous fiscal year (FY), 2021-22.

"This is also putting an extra pressure on the reserve. Because of it, the BB might miss the IMF-set target of maintaining \$24.46 billion NIR by June," the central banker said. Talking to the FE, BB spokesperson Md Mezbahul Haque

said meeting the NIR target is a major challenge for the BB, but the Prime Minister has signed some important loan agreements during her trips to Japan, the US and the UK.

Once the funds under the loan agreements will be released, these will strengthen the country's financial account and also help to overcome such challenges, he also said.

Simultaneously, the latest hike in the exchange rate for remittance and export proceeds will hopefully encourage remitters and exporters to bring more foreign currencies in the coming days, he opined. When contacted, Professor of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) M A Taslim said the continuous reserve fall is not a good sign for the economy that restricted import of many items amid forex dearth. "But the problem is that we don't know the actual size of the reserve. The BB should release the real

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'BB should release real reserve data'

Bangladesh Railway welcoming disaster with shortage of signal maintainers



Staff Correspondent

The railway's Maintainer Signal (MS) position, a key cog in keeping rail lines safe, is hazardedly understaffed, which needs prompt remedy before another big disaster strikes the country's rail network.

The job description of a signal maintainer is self-explanatory: they keep signals operational and help ensure a safe train journey.

However, the national railway has 30% fewer signal maintainers than required, leaving train signals un-

tended for 16 hours a day.

According to the Bangladesh Railway (BR), signal equipment is spread over an area of 1.75 km on either side of each train station.

Coloured in black, red, yellow and green, train drivers have to keep their eyes on warning, outer and home signals before entering any station.

Accident of Sonar Bangla Express

On April 16 this year, Sonar Bangla Express hit a waiting freight train at Hasanpur Station on Cumilla's Dhaka-Chattogram railway line due to a sig-

nal error. At least 50 passengers were injured and seven coaches of the train were severely damaged.

The accident was caused by signalling errors and negligence in controlling, according to the BR.

As the duty of the Maintainer Signal (MS) in charge was over, no one noticed the signal fault.

The station master did not close the railway line even though there was a freight train. At that time, the signal error did not come to the notice of the lockmasters as they were eating iftar on the

train. Even though the time of the accident was outside the schedule of signal maintainer Abdul Wahid, he was suspended.

Bangladesh Railway Signal Association Central Committee General Secretary AMM Elias told The Business Standard, "Signal workers are performing extra duties without additional facilities for the sake of safe train operation. Yet it is unfair to suspend an MS for leaving the station after duty."

Work hours Once signal maintenance was a 24-hour job. In view of a

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100 electric buses to join Nagar Paribahan fleet: Mayor Taposh

Staff Correspondent

Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) Mayor Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh has said 100 double-decker electric buses will be joining the Dhaka Nagar Paribahan service by this year.

"For the first time a whole cluster under bus route rationalisation is being opened," Mayor Taposh said following the 27th meeting of the bus route rationalisation committee on Tuesday (9 May).

"We are going to open the whole green cluster, route number 21-28, by this year. Tenders will be floated soon. Further, by this year we will add 100 electric buses to the fleet of city transport," he added.

Meanwhile, as Transilva failed to provide services in 21 routes, their route permit will be cancelled and buses will be confiscated, said the mayor. Earlier last month, Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader said the buses will be included

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Mango, litchi start appearing in Khulna markets



KHULNA: With five days left to begin of the Bangla month of Jyestha, commonly known as "Modhumash", the juicy fruit litchi and mango have started appearing in the local markets including Khulna city and its adjacent areas.

The fruit shops of Khulna are now brimming with delicious summer fruits. The price of litchis and mangoes are within the grasp of customers amid bumper production, with high demand in the city markets.

During a visit to several fruit retailers in the city today, this reporter found that varieties of mangoes like Gopalvog and Gobinda are being sold at Taka 110 to Taka 130 per kg whereas appearing early Himsagar is being sold at Taka 130 to Taka 140 per kg. People are seen purchasing mango and litchi from fruit shop and different makeshift markets in the city.

Seasonal traders set up makeshift shops at different points in the city especially Boro Bazar, Clay Road, KCC's Sandha Bazar (evening kitchen market) Dakbangla, Picture Palace intersection, Moyla Pota

intersection, West Makwat Road, Gallamari, Rupsha Bazar, Bhairab Stand Road, Kalibari Road, KD Ghosh Road, New Market area, Khalishpur and Daulatpur kitchen markets with eye-catching fruits.

Meanwhile, varieties of litchi, including Bombai, Bedana, and China-3, were seen selling at reasonable prices.

Litchi seller Aziz Mia at KCC kitchen market told BSS "Every bunch of 100 Bombai litchis is being sold from Taka 220 to Taka 340, Bedana from Taka 340 to Taka 400, and China-3 is being sold from Taka 270 to Taka 340 based on quality and size."

The sellers said the price is high as the supply is scanty but the price will be reduced to some extent when the supply will be enhanced within the next couple of days. Trader Mamun Hossain at the Boro Bazar area said today that many farmers are harvesting immature litchi with the hope of getting more money. Mizanur Rahman Liton, a customer expressed his satisfaction

over the litchi

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Arav Khan sentenced to 10-year jail term in arms case

Staff Correspondent

A Dhaka tribunal sentenced Rabiul Islam alias Arav Khan to 10 years of rigorous imprisonment today in an arms case filed against him in 2015.

Judge Murshid Ahmed of Dhaka's Special Tribunal-14 handed down the sentence on Tuesday (9 May).

At the same time, he was also fined Tk10,000, in default of which he will have to serve three more months in jail.

Earlier, on March 28, the court heard the testimonies of 10, out of 20, witnesses. Arav Khan could not claim his innocence as he was absconding.

According to the documents of the case, on 28 January 2015, Arav Khan went to his father-in-law Sekender Ali in Moghbazar to collect money at gunpoint. But Arav was arrested in front of his father-in-law's house with a loaded revolver. On the same day, a case was filed against Arav at Ramna Model Police Station in the incident.

Investigating the case, on 1 March 2015, the investigating officer of the case filed a charge sheet against Arav Khan in court. On 10 May 2015, the court ordered the trial to begin by framing charges against Arav. He got bail in the case on 14 March 2018. On 24 October 2018, the court issued an arrest warrant against Arav as he was absconding on bail.

Arav Khan presently lives in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Interpol put Arav Khan alias Rabiul Islam Apon - a fugitive accused in the murder case of a Bangladesh Special Branch Inspector Mamun Imran Khan - on its red notice in March. "Arav Khan, a 35-year-old Bangladeshi, is wanted by law enforcement entities of Bangladesh over murder charges," the Interpol website read.

Arav Khan became a person of interest in late March when his jewellery shop inauguration in Dubai was attended by cricketer Shakib Al Hasan.

During the inauguration, an emblem of "Arav Jewellers" was put on display which was made with 40 kilogrammes of gold. The sudden prominence and extravagance invoked curiosity in netizens, who wondered who Arav was or who he had ties with. Hailing from Gopalganj, Arav Khan is the son of Motiur Rahman Molla and Lucky Begum. He moved to Dhaka at some point, and then changed his name to Rabiul Islam. He also used many other aliases such as Apan, Shohag, Hridoy and Hridhi. In police files, his name is Rabiul Islam aka Apan aka Shohag aka Hridoy aka Hridhi.

Media reports reveal his source

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Potato prices go up as production drops

Staff Correspondent

Potato prices have skyrocketed in Bangladesh amid a drop in production as farmers are increasingly turning to more profitable crops while poor weather conditions also lowered supply, according to market players.

Mohammad Al Amin, a retailer of Mirpur's Pallabi area in the capital, said he sold potatoes for Tk 25 per kg before Eid-ul-Fitr. "But I am selling potatoes at Tk 35 per kg as the price has gone up in the wholesale market," he said.

Traders at kitchen markets in Dhaka say the tuber is now selling for Tk 35 to Tk 40 per kilogramme (kg), up from Tk 22 to Tk 25 ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr on April 22 earlier this

year.

acreage dropped to a seven-year low of 4.55 lakh hectares in the current fiscal year (FY) from 4.64 lakh hectares in FY2021-22, according to the Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE).

The DAE estimates that potato production has increased this year despite the decline in acreage but cold storage owners and traders say overall yields have dropped.

To take advantage of the reduced production, some traders are holding back their stocks in hopes of getting higher prices later on. Younus Bepari, a trader from Munshiganj who stocked 100,000 kgs of potato in cold storage, said wholesalers are paying Tk 25 per kg at present. "I will start selling the crop when the price reaches

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4 more services come under BIDA's OSS centre

Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA) has included four more services with its online One Stop Service (OSS) centre to ensure smooth and swift services for the investors in the country. BIDA Executive Chairman Lokman Hossain Miah today formally inaugurated the services at a function at BIDA conference room in the city, said a

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Bangladesh Bank instructs to deduct 20% tax on FB, Google ad revenues

Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh Bank (BB) has instructed banks to deduct a maximum of 20 percent tax on revenues from digital marketing for social media platforms including Facebook and television radio. The Foreign Exchange Policy Department of the Central Bank issued a circular in this regard on Monday. Bangladesh Bank has asked Authorized Dealer (AD) banks engaged in foreign exchange transactions to follow the instructions of the Income Tax Ordinance 1984 in sending remittances (payment) in favor of non-resident institutions. According to the guidelines, the foreign company will have to pay tax at the rate of 15 percent, while repatriating the income from the advertisement spread through the use of the country's internet. In other words,

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China's exports seen rising in April

Staff Correspondent

China's exports were expected to have risen again in April, albeit at a less robust pace than a month earlier, a Reuters poll showed, supported by unfulfilled orders after last year's Covid disruptions though slowing global growth is darkening the outlook.

Outbound shipments last month from the world's second largest economy is expected to show growth of 8.0 per cent year-on-year, following an unexpected surge of 14.8 per cent in March, according to the median forecast of 27 economists in the poll finalised on Monday.

Imports are still expected to paint a less favourable picture of the overall economy, with economists predicting no growth, similar to April, 2022, after falling by 1.4 per cent year-on-year in March.

The trade data will be released on Tuesday.

With many of China's major trade partners on the brink of recession, analysts remain wary about the outlook, noting that the stunning improvement in March partly reflects suppliers catching up with unfulfilled orders from last year's Covid disruptions.

The cautious stance was backed by the recent official manufacturing purchasing managers' index for April showing new export orders contracting sharply and underlining the challenge facing Chinese policymakers and businesses hoping for a robust post-Covid economic recovery.

"We believe March's 14.8 per cent year on year growth is unsustainable and monthly export growth may drop to low single-digit or even into negative territory again," Ting Lu, chief China economist at Nomura, wrote in a note, citing a slowing global economy and rising geopolitical tensions.

South Korean exports to China,

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Gazipur City Polls: Defiant Zayeda Khatun picks up mantle taken from son Jahangir

Staff Correspondent

Zayeda Khatun, mother of former mayor (dismissed) Mohammad Jahangir Alam, received her electoral symbol to contest the mayor post in the upcoming Gazipur City Corporation, following the rejection of her son from the race due to allegations of loan default. Zayeda will contest as an independent candidate, although observers say she will have the full-backing of her son's supporters. She said, "I will complete the works started by my son Jahangir. Staying by his side I now know the inner workings of the job and will be able to take on the role of the mayor if elected. Earlier, Zayeda also said, "I want to demonstrate the depth of support and love the people of Ward 57 have for me through their votes. I will fight till the end for my son." She was allocated the "table clock"

symbol on Tuesday. Following the Gazipur City Corporation election schedule, symbol allocation among the candidates of all the posts started from 10am today in Bangataj Auditorium of the city. Gazipur City Corporation Election Returning Officer Md Faridul Islam allocated symbols among eight candidates for the mayor post.

A total of five political party backed candidates were given respective party symbols for contesting for the mayoral post.

Among them are Awami League nominated candidate Advocate Azmat Ulla Khan, Jatiya Party nominated candidate MM Niaz Uddin, Gano Front supported candidate Atiqul Islam, Islami Andolan Bangladesh nominated candidate Gazi Ataur Rahman, and Zaker Party nominated candidate Raju Ahmed. Among the

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Low pressure over Southeast Bay intensifying into a well marked low

Staff Correspondent

The low pressure area over Southeast Bay and adjoining South Andaman Sea intensify into a well-marked low over the same area.

"The low pressure area over Southeast Bay and adjoining South Andaman Sea intensify into a well-marked low over the same area. It is likely to intensify further. Trough of low lies over West Bengal and adjoining area", according to latest weather bulletin here on Tuesday. Weather may remain dry with temporary partly

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Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Pranay Verma in a seminar organized by FBCCI on "Investment Opportunities between North East India and Bangladesh"

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minister, as well, attended several additional bilateral meetings with Japanese foreign minister Yoshimasa Hayashi as well as leaders of JAICA, JETRO, JEBIC, JBPF and JBCEC.

She also had meetings with the former late Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's wife Akie Abe and Japanese architect Tadao Ando.

On the second leg of her visit, on April 29, the premier arrived in Washington DC wrapping up her four-day official tour to Tokyo in Japan at the invitation of her Japanese counterpart Fumio Kishida.

During her visit to the United States, the prime minister attended a programme marking 50 years of Bangladesh-World Bank partnership and some side events that include a roundtable with US business leaders and several meetings with WB's incoming President Ajay Banga and Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) Kristalina Georgieva alongside a civic reception.

On May 4, on the third leg of her visit, the prime minister arrived in London to attend the coronation of Charles III and his wife Camilla as the King and the Queen of the United Kingdom (UK) and the other Commonwealth realms from Washington DC.

During her stay in the UK, Sheikh Hasina attended the coronation of King Charles III and the Queen at Westminster Abbey on May 6.

In London, Sheikh Hasina had interaction with King Charles III, and a bilateral meeting with British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak.

British Foreign Minister James Cleverly along with his wife Susannah Sparks also called on her at her place of residence, the Claridge Hotel in London.

The premier attended a dinner in honour of her hosted by Bangladesh high commissioner to the UK at the Foyer Private Dining Room of Claridge Hotel on the same day.

She had a meeting with Bhutanese King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck and Queen Jetsun Pema there.

Besides, Sheikh Hasina had interactions with Presidents of Egypt and Rwanda, Prime Ministers of Sierra Leone, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Gambia, Namibia and Uganda in the coronation programme of King Charles III.

Former Prime Minister of UK Tony Blair and Commonwealth Secretary General Baroness Patricia Scotland also met the Bangladesh prime minister at her place of residence on May 7.

The prime minister was accorded a civic reception by xpatriate Bangladeshis in the UK at London Marriott Hotel on the same day and she also gave an interview to BBC.

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issued in protest against BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir's objectionable comments and falsehood. Quader said under the leadership of successful statesman Sheikh Hasina, Bangladesh has achieved unprecedented development in all sectors including socio-economic indexes. World leaders are lauding the leadership of Sheikh Hasina as she has been able to keep continued the economic progress of Bangladesh amid the coronavirus pandemic and world crisis, he mentioned. Bangladesh had achieved independence at the undisputed leadership of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Quader said. The AL general secretary said Bangladesh wanted to achieve economic emancipation for the people of this country by building a Sonar Bangla. To materialize the dream of Bangabandhu, his able daughter Sheikh Hasina has been running the country to fulfill the people's hopes and aspirations, he said. About Mirza Fakhrul's comment "elections cannot be arranged forcefully", Quader said AL always believes in people's verdict and came to power through democratic power. AL never made any evil attempts to prolong its staying in power forcefully by violating the democratic process, he mentioned. Quader said the history says that military dictator Ziaur Rahman grasped the state power by violating democratic process and destroying the constitutional spirit. BNP is a party which was established under the umbrella of military dictatorship with the spirit of military rule, he said. Quader said BNP made evil attempts again and again to prolong its staying in power forcefully. To implement such evil plan, BNP held voter less farcical polls on February 15 in 1996, he said. BNP again wanted to hold elections forcefully in 2007 as per their evil plan to grasp the state power and amid the mass movement, the then President of their own Iajuddin Ahmed had been bound to cancel it, he said. About the Digital Security Act, the minister said the government enacted the law for ensuring digital security, not to restrict the freedom of expression of anyone. Bangabandhu's daughter Sheikh Hasina has opened a golden door of opportunities for flourishing of media industry by establishing a Digital Bangladesh, he said. He said she has brought unobstructed opportunities for all including journalists to enjoy freedom of expression. By misusing it, a vested quarter is hatching conspiracy and spreading anti-state propaganda on digital platform in the name of freedom of expression avoiding all kinds of accountability and reasonability, the AL general secretary said. He said the government has formulated the Digital Security Act to curb all kinds of crimes including anti-state activities on digital platform. Such acts are in many countries in the world for ensuring digital security, Quader said. He said Mirza Fakhrul Islam took the side of cyber terrorists and offenders by making comments against Digital Security Act.

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which mainly contributed to the quarterly growth," said Md Aminul Hakim, chief executive officer at Amber IT, a top broadband internet service provider.

"January particularly saw a surge in new customers acquisition as the educational institutions opened after a month of closure," he added.

Md Emdadul Hoque, president of the Internet Service Providers Association of Bangladesh, said the ISPs have faced difficulty in importing equipment after the war started in Ukraine.

"For that we have struggled to expand our networks. Now this problem has been solved and we are expanding the network in the rural areas," he added.

Envoy: Northeast a

-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IBCCI) to address a seminar organized by FBCCI on "Investment Opportunities between North East India and Bangladesh" on Monday.

The event was also joined by a visiting delegation from India's northeastern state of Nagaland.

High Commissioner Verma highlighted the recent initiatives taken to develop greater cross-border connectivity, trade infrastructure, and economic linkages between the northeastern states of India and Bangladesh.

He commended IBCCI's initiative in organizing exchange visits of business delegations and urged both sides to trans-

form their geographical proximity into new economic opportunities and mutually beneficial partnerships.

Speaker urges

and Pirganj Municipal Mayor Tajimul Islam Shamim, among others, attended the event from Pirganj. Earlier, the observance began with placing wreaths at the grave of Dr. MAWazed Miah at his native Laldighee Fatehpur village paying rich tribute to him in the morning. Officials of the district and upazila administrations, Rangpur Metropolitan Police and District Police, leaders of district and upazila units of Awami League and its associate bodies, different social and professional

organisations and civil society placed wreaths there paying homage to the nuclear scientist. On behalf of Jatiya Sangsad Speaker Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chowdhury, Convener of

Rangpur district Awami League and Chairman of Dr Wazed Foundation Chhayadat Hossain Bakul placed wreaths at the grave of Dr. Wazed in the morning. Vice-chancellor (VC) of Begum Rokeya University Professor Dr Md Hasibur Rashid, Rangpur Metropolitan Police Commissioner Nure Alam Mina, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Chitralakha Nazneen, Superintendent of Police Md. Ferdous

Ali Chowdhury, Pirganj Upazila Parishad Chairman Nur Mohammad Mandal, Acting President of Pirganj Upazila Awami League Professor Nurul Amin Raja, its General Secretary and Pirganj Municipal Mayor Tajimul Islam Shamim and leaders of dozens of other organisations placed wreaths paying tribute to Dr.

Wazed and offered munajats there. Besides, improved diets were served to the students of Gopinathpur Hafizia Madrasa in Pirganj upazila marking the 14th death anniversary of the nuclear

scientist. Dr. Wazed was born on February 16, 1942 in a respectable Muslim family of Laldighee Fatehpur village in Pirganj upazila of the district. He died on May 9, 2009. He was laid to eternal rest with full state honour at his family graveyard in Laldighee Fatehpur village.

President for increasing

press secretary Md Joynal Abedin briefed journalists after the meeting. The bilateral relations between the two countries in different sectors, including the fields of trade and investment, would expand further in the days to come, the Head of State hoped. During the meeting, the Bhutanese ambassador said a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on hydropower between Bangladesh and Bhutan will be signed soon. "As a result, the cooperation between the two countries will expand further," the Bangabhaban spokesman quoted the Bhutanese envoy as saying in the meeting.

Secretaries concerned of the President's office were present.

CCGP approves

and Highways Department (RHD) under the Road, Transport and Highways Division to procure construction works of lot no DS-7 package no-PW-04 under "SASEC Dhaka-Sylhet Corridor Road Development" project from Joint Venture of the SRBG, China and BTC of Bangladesh with a cost of Taka 947.74 crore. The meeting also approved another proposal of the RHD under the Road, Transport and Highways Division to procure construction works of lot no DS-8, package no-PW-04 under "SASEC Dhaka-Sylhet Corridor Road Development" project from Joint Venture of CSCEC7, China; and Spectra Engineers Ltd. of Bangladesh with a cost of Taka 1,178.68 crore. The meeting also approved another proposal of the RHD under the Road, Transport and Highways Division to procure construction works under "Up-gradation of Gouripur-Anandganj-Madhupur-Dewanganj Bazar-Hosenpur District Highway to the proper grade" project by Taher Brothers Ltd. with a cost of Taka 131.47 crore. The meeting also approved another proposal of the RHD under the Road, Transport and Highways Division to procure construction works under "Sherpur (Kanasakhola)-Bhimganj-Narayankhola-Rambhadrapur-Mymensingh (Rahmatpur) Road Development" Project Package No-PW-01 from Joint Venture of Mozahar Enterprise Pvt. Ltd., National Development Engineers Ltd. and Sagar Info Builders Ltd. with a cost of 149.99 crore.

It also approved another proposal of the RHD under the Road, Transport and Highways Division to procure construction works under "Sherpur (Kanasakhola)-Bhimganj-Narayankhola-Rambhadrapur-Mymensingh (Rahmatpur) Road Development" Project Package No-PW-02 from Joint Venture of National Development Engineers Ltd. and Hasan Techno Builders Ltd. with a cost of 180 crore.

Former Pakistan

to kill him. Officials from Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party urged supporters to take to the streets after his arrest, but police warned that an order prohibiting gatherings of more than four people would be strictly enforced. PTI supporters were reported to be gathering and blocking roads in cities across the country, including the capital Islamabad, Lahore and Peshawar. "Imran Khan has been arrested in the Qadir Trust case," the official Islamabad police Twitter account said, referring to a graft case. Video broadcast on local TV channels showed Khan -- who has a pronounced limp since being shot during an assassination attempt last year -- being manhandled by dozens of paramilitary rangers in an armoured car inside the Islamabad High Court premises. "As we reached court's biometric room to mark the attendance, dozens of rangers attacked us," said Ali Bukhari, a PTI lawyer. "They beat him and dragged him out," he told AFP. It was not immediately clear where he was taken.

Khan's arrest comes a day after the military warned him against making "baseless allegations" after he again accused a senior officer of plotting to kill him. The rebuke late Monday underscored how far Khan's relations have deteriorated with the powerful military, which backed his rise to power in 2018 but withdrew its support ahead of a parliamentary vote of no confidence that ousted him last year. "Democracy has been buried" -Anticipating his arrest, party officials later released a pre-recorded video by Khan in which he urged supporters to come out in support of "true freedom".

"My Pakistanis, by the time these words reach you I would have been detained under an illegitimate case," he says in the video. "One thing should become clear for all of you from this is that fundamental rights in Pakistan, the rights given to us by our constitution and democracy have been buried." Pakistan is deeply mired in an economic and political crisis, with Khan pressuring the struggling coalition government for early elections. At a weekend rally in Lahore, Khan repeated claims that senior intelligence officer Major-General Faisal Naseer was

involved in an assassination attempt last year during which he was shot in the leg. The military's Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) wing said in a statement that "this fabricated and malicious allegation is extremely unfortunate, deplorable and unacceptable". "This has been a consistent pattern for the last year wherein military and intelligence agencies officials are targeted with insinuations and sensational propaganda for the furtherance of political objectives," it said.

Criticism of the military establishment is rare in Pakistan, where army chiefs hold significant influence over domestic politics and foreign policy and have long been accused of interfering in the rise and fall of governments. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif -- whom Khan also alleged was involved in the assassination plot -- weighed in on Twitter. "His levelling of allegations without any proof against Gen Faisal Naseer and officers of our Intelligence Agency cannot be allowed and will not be tolerated," he said. - Rejects findings -

Pakistan's government has said the assassination attempt was the work of a lone gunman, who is now in custody and who confessed in a video controversially leaked to media. Khan rejects those findings and insists authorities have refused to accept his attempts to file a so-called first information report (FIR) with police identifying the real culprits. ISPR said it reserved the right to "take legal course of action against patently false and malafide statements and propaganda". Khan faces dozens of charges that were brought against him since he was ousted -- a tactic analysts say successive Pakistan governments have used to silence their opponents. Pakistan's military, the world's sixth largest, holds undue influence over the nation. It staged at least three coups since the country gained independence in 1947 and ruled for more than three decades.

Mango production

around 20 tonnes per hectare, while traditional orchards have yielded only 10 tonnes per hectare.

Improved packaging systems, as well as pre-harvest and post-harvest management, have minimized mango losses.

Awal also mentioned that the introduction of new high-yielding varieties has contributed to increased production. Mango production figures from the DAE show that the total output will exceed 25 lakh tonnes this year.

Harvesting of the seasonal mango has already begun in Satkhira, with the district administration formally allowing farmers to harvest specific varieties, such as Gopalbhog, Gobindabhog, Bombai, Gopalghas, and Boishakhi, starting May 5.

In Rajshahi, the harvesting of the guti variety of mangoes also commenced on May 5.

To ensure the natural ripening of seasonal fruit, the district administration has established specific dates for harvesting different mango varieties.

Mango farming has been on the rise each year, as farmers are earning substantial profits by cultivating high-yielding and hybrid varieties like Amropali and BARI-4, in addition to traditional and popular indigenous varieties.

The country produces several different mango varieties, including Amropali, Surjapuri, BARI 4 Fazli, Haribhanga, Aswina, Khirshapati, Guti, and mistimodhu, according to farmers and regional DAE horticulturists.

Farmers are also increasingly interested in the commercial cultivation of the sweetest mangoes, such as Gopalbhog, Lengra, Fazlee, Nakfazlee, Khirsapati, Mohanbhog, Chyatapori, Haribhanga, and Lakhna.

The more sought-after mango varieties have exotic names like Fazlee, Langda, Gopalbhog, Himsagar, Khirsapat, Ashhwina, Khisanbhog, Kuapahadi, Lata Bombai, Bombai, Kohitoor, Laksmanbhog, Mohanbhog, and Misribhog.

Among these, Fazli, Lengra, Gopalbhog, and Khirsapat are considered the premier varieties of mangoes.

Former VC of

He said, accused Shahidur Rahman Khan's personal assistant filed the case against him on 13 March. Khandaker Mazharul Anwar, registrar of the university, was also sued in the case for aiding and abetting the rape.

Earlier, Shahidur Rahman secured anticipatory bail from the High Court. After the expiry of the bail period, he surrendered before the lower court and again applied for bail on Monday afternoon. However, the judge rejected the petition and sent him to jail.

According to the case details, the victim worked as an employee of Khulna Agricultural University in 2021. Shahidur Rahman, the then vice-chancellor, lived alone on the fifth floor of the rented administrative building in Sonadanga area of the city. Since there was no provision for food, the registrar assigned the woman to arrange food for the vice-chancellor.

The woman, who was married, began delivering food to Shahidur every day. Taking advantage of the situation, the former VC tried to be close with her several occasions. After that, the victim reported the matter to the registrar.

Later, on the evening of 16 December, 2021, the then-VC raped her with the help of the registrar in a pre-planned manner when the victim went to give food, the case statement said.

The woman eventually went on to divorce her husband after getting a marriage proposal from Shahidur. Later he refused to marry her, and the woman approached the court.

The victim is understood to be still working at the university.

Forex reserves

data." As part of its austerity measure, the import restriction has helped to reduce the current account deficit.

"It's a good sign," the economist said, also pointing out the downside risks that the measure badly affected the imports of raw materials and capital machinery as well as hampered industrial production, employment and growth.

He suggested devising a long-term plan to boost supply of foreign currencies.

The gross forex reserve reached a record high of \$48 billion in August 2021 since when the BB started injecting the greenback into the forex

market, as the banks began facing its shortage due to growing import payments, triggered by the economic recovery from the Covid-19 crisis.

The forex crisis intensified later with the start of the Russia-Ukraine war in February 2022, further disrupting the global supply chain.

Bangladesh Railway

court verdict, they are considered as "continuous staff" from 2020 onwards and their work hour was cut to eight hours. With the new status and working hours, it was decided that each station would have four signal maintainers, including three in three shifts and one additional in case of emergency.

However, each station still has one as before and khalasi (assistant of MS) is on duty from 9am to 5pm.

Therefore, the signals remain unattended for 16 hours due to a lack of manpower.

Staff numbers According to the BR's Signalling and Telecommunication department, there are currently 171 stations in the eastern region and 189 stations in the western region.

The granted number of signal maintainers for these stations is 272 maintainers and 408 for khalasis.

However, the required numbers for the two posts are- 879 maintainers and 1,318 khalasis, according to an internal report of the railways.

In contrast, 142 maintainers and 404 khalasis are currently working in the two regions.

Instead of four maintainers per station, there is only one for four stations in some cases.

The required number was sent to the head office in 2020, but it remains unapproved, said officials of the signalling department.

They said, in the western region, the number of stations increased after the launch of the new routes of Padma Bridge Rail Link, Mongla, Gopalganj and Pabna.

But the number of sanctioned posts has been reduced.

Officials of the signalling department declined to comment on the reduction of posts.

Court order only on paper Earlier when signal maintainers had a 24-hour duty, they could not leave the station and had no vacation, therefore, filed a case in 2009 to change the situation.

In 2014, a High Court ruling asked to fix their working hours. Despite going to the Appellate Division against it, the final verdict came in 2017 in favour of signal workers.

Instructions were issued in December 2020 for its implementation and provision of facilities to signal personnel.

However, they still have to perform additional duties without overtime or additional facilities due to a lack of workers.

Director General of Bangladesh Railway Kamrul Ahsan told TBS, "There was a long-standing problem with the manpower structure. Now recruitment is being done step by step in all departments."

100 electric

in the BRTC's fleet in November. Of the 100 buses, 80 will service the Dhaka metropolitan area, while 20 the Chattogram metropolitan area, he added.

Arav Khan sentenced

of income to be extortion of affluent people. To pile on, Arav was charged with murder in 2018.

In a chargesheet against Robiul after the SB inspector murder case, the Detective Branch of police said a gang led by Robiul Islam used to trap affluent people, blackmail them and extort money from them.

Another crime he has been accused of is running a prostitution racket in his flats in Niketan, Gulshan and Banani. Sources claim that he used to invite elite businessmen and top officials there.

On 8 July 2018, SB Inspector Mamun Imran Khan was murdered in a house in the capital's Banani. The next day, his body was packed in a sack and taken to a forest in Ulukhola, Gazipur, doused in petrol and set on fire.

Robiul Islam, along with 10 others, was accused of the murder. Abu Yunus, whom Robiul offered money to serve time on his behalf, was sent to jail. After nine months, Yunus came out. Police later found out that Robiul Islam went to India under the name Apan Arav Khan and went by the same name when he moved to Dubai.

Arav has taken to social media to deny claims of money laundering and murder of police.

He also said a top media person had blackmailed him and demanded Tk5 crore from him for burying the news on his background. Arav also said his money came from the Indian side of his family. These claims have not been verified.

4 more services

press release. BIDA Executive Member Dr Khondokar Azizul Islam, among others, spoke on the occasion. The four services are occupancy certificate of the Chattogram Development Authority (CDA), single process (name clearance, company registration and payment) service of the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms (RJSC) and use of VIP lounge and permission .

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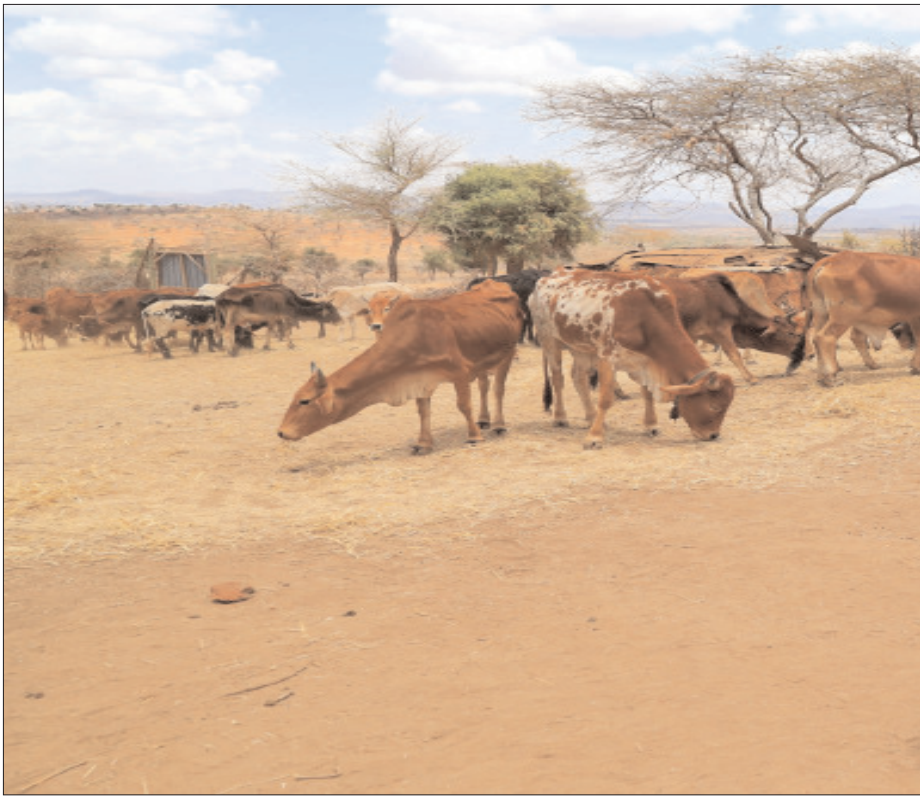
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Horn of Africa drought not possible without climate change: Study



International Desk

The drought that has left some 4.35 million people in the Horn of Africa in dire need of humanitarian aid - with 43,000 in Somalia estimated to have died last year - would not have been possible without climate change, according to an analysis released Thursday.

made it at least 100 times more likely. "Climate change has made this drought exceptional," said Joyce Kimutai, a climate scientist with the Kenya Meteorological Department who worked with WWA to tease out climate change's role. She and her team found that in a 1.2C degree cooler world, the combination of low rainfall and evapotranspiration "would not have led to drought at all".

had made the Horn of Africa's long rains from March through May twice as likely to under-deliver, and the short rains from October through December wetter. But the nearly 3-year drought has also coincided with a La Nina, an ocean phenomenon resulting from unusually cold water in the equatorial Pacific known to cause below average short rains in East Africa. This ultimately counteracted the excess moisture added from climate change. "If you have a doubling of the chance of a severe drought, that really sets the stage for these sequential shocks that have devastated the region," said climatologist Chris Funk at the University of California, Santa Barbara who was not involved in the analysis.

Food prices fall on world markets but not on kitchen tables

International Desk

A restaurant on the outskirts of Nairobi skimps on the size of its chapatis - a flaky, chewy Kenyan flatbread - to save on cooking oil. Cash-strapped Pakistanis reluctantly go vegetarian, dropping beef and chicken from their diets because they can no longer afford meat. In Hungary, a cafe pulls burgers and fries off the menu, trying to dodge the high cost of oil and beef.

ning high when Russia invaded Ukraine in February last year, disrupting trade in grain and fertilizer and sending prices up even more. But on a global scale, that price shock ended long ago. The United Nations says food prices have fallen for 12 straight months, helped by decent harvests in places like Brazil and Russia and a fragile wartime agreement to allow grain shipments out of the Black Sea. The UN Food and Agriculture Organization's food price index

stores and kitchen tables around the world? Joseph Glauber, former chief economist at the US Department of Agriculture, notes that the price of specific agricultural products - oranges, wheat, livestock - are just the beginning. In the United States, where food prices were up 8.5% last month from a year earlier, he says that "75% of the costs are coming after it leaves the farm. It's energy costs. It's all the processing costs. All the transportation



are persistently, painfully high. Puzzlingly, too. On global markets, the prices of grains, vegetable oil, dairy and other agricultural commodities have fallen steadily from record highs. But the relief hasn't made it to the real world of shopkeepers, street vendors, and families trying to make ends meet. "We cannot afford to eat lunch and dinner on most days because we still have rent and school fees to pay," said Linnah Meuni, a Kenyan mother of four. Close PlayerUnibots.in She says a 2-kilogram (4.4-pound) packet of corn flour costs twice what she earns a day selling vegetables at a kiosk. Food prices were already run-

is lower than it was when Russian troops entered Ukraine. Yet somehow exorbitant food prices that people have little choice but to pay are still climbing, contributing disproportionately to painfully high inflation from the United States and Europe to the struggling countries of the developing world. Food markets are so interconnected that "wherever you are in the world, you feel the effect if global prices go up," said Ian Mitchell, an economist and London-based co-director of the Europe program at the Center for Global Development. Why is food price inflation so intractable, if not in world commodity markets, then where it counts - in bazaars and grocery

costs. All the labor costs." And many of those costs are embedded in so-called core inflation, which excludes volatile food and energy prices and has proven stubbornly hard to wring out of the world economy. Food prices soared 19.5% in the European Union last month from a year earlier and 19.2% in the U.K., the biggest increase in nearly 46 years. Food inflation, Glauber says, "will come down, but it's going to come down slowly, largely because these other factors are still running pretty high." Others, including US President Joe Biden, see another culprit: a wave of mergers that have, over the years, reduced competition in the food industry.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয় ময়মনসিংহ। দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

ময়মনসিংহ জেলা পুলিশ রেশন স্টোরের ২০২৩-২০২৪ অর্থ বছরের ১ম কোয়ার্টারের (জুলাই/২০২৩ হতে সেপ্টেম্বর/২০২৩ পর্যন্ত) জন্য ১। মতর ডাল (ছোট দানা) সরবরাহ ২। সয়াবিন তৈল সরবরাহ এবং ২০২৩-২০২৪ অর্থ বছরের (জুলাই/২০২৩ হতে জুন/২০২৪ পর্যন্ত) জন্য ১। উন্নতমানের চিনি সরবরাহ ২। পোশাকের চাল সরবরাহ ৩। জ্বালানী কাঠ সরবরাহ ৪। গম পেয়াই ৫। সুপি ও পরিবহন কাছ ৬। নিলাম সামগ্রী বিক্রয়ের মিনিট "দি পারফর্ম প্রকিউরমেন্ট বিধিমালা/২০০৮ ও সংশোধিত ২০১০" অনুযায়ী ১ম শ্রেণীর অতিমাত্রা টিকাদার/সরবরাহকারীগণের নিকট হতে নিজস্ব প্যাড ও নির্ধারিত সিডিউলে পৃথক-পৃথক সীল মোহর মুক্ত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

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১৬.	দরপত্র মূল্যায়নের স্থান, তারিখ ও সময়	১	১০০০/-	১০০০/-	১০০০/-
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১৮. (ক) উন্নতমানের মতর ডাল (ছোটদানা) যুক্ত উন্নত মানের পলিপ্যাচ এ চাহিদা অনুযায়ী ৩.৫ কেজি, ৪ কেজি ও ৫.৫ কেজি প্যাকেট সরবরাহ করতে হবে। প্যাকেটের গারে ৯টি ড্রপের প্যায়ের ওজন, উৎপাদনের তারিখ ও মোট উৎপাদনের তারিখ উল্লেখ করতে হবে। (পরিবহন ও তদায় পরিবর্তন সহ)

(খ) উন্নতমানের "এ" সূত্র সাবটাইম টেল ৫০০গ্রাম/১পিস/২পিস/৩পিস/৪পিস/৫পিস (রিপ্রেজেন্টাইব) এর যান নিয়ন্ত্রক সিল বিনীট) এর যুক্ত সূত্রিকের কন্ট্রোলইনার। প্যাকেট প্রদর্শিতব্য প্রকৃতির সূত্রিকের সূত্রিক "সু" জীবাণু ধ্বংস করে (পরিবহন ও তদায় পরিবর্তন সহ)

(গ) উন্নতমানের চিনি সরবরাহ (পরিবহন ও তদায় পরিবর্তন সহ)

(ঘ) পোশাকের চাল সরবরাহ (পরিবহন ও তদায় পরিবর্তন সহ)

(ঙ) গম পেয়াই (পরিবহন ও তদায় পরিবর্তন সহ)

(চ) সুপি ও পরিবহন (তদায় পরিবর্তন সহ)

(ছ) জ্বালানী কাঠ (তদায় পরিবর্তন সহ)

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APHC concerned over miserable plight of Kashmiri detainees



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In India illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir, a senior leader of All Parties Hurriyat Conference, Ghulam Ahmed Gulzar, expressing serious concern over the miserable plight of unlawfully detained Kashmiris has demanded their release before Eid-ul-Fitr. He saluted the determination, steadfastness, and passion of the Kashmiri detainees and said they are rendering unprecedented sacrifices for the right to self-determination. He called upon the people of the occupied territory to take care of the families of these unsung heroes and other victims of Indian state terrorism. The families of martyrs, detainees, and other victims are leading an agonizing life and it is our religious and moral obligation to help them in the hour of distress, he said. The APHC leader

commented the annual reports of Amnesty International and the US state department on human rights and termed these documents as charge sheets against India. He said these reports are a clear indication that the world is fully aware of Indian crimes in the occupied territory. He demanded of the world powers to take urgent and concrete steps to stop the Indian brutalities in IIOJK and make the culprits accountable. Ghulam Ahmed Gulzar deplored that the Narendra Modi-led fascist Indian government is hell-bent on imposing its devilish Hindutva agenda and changing the demography in IIOJK. He pointed out that the Modi regime is promoting the consumption of alcohol and drugs to ruin the future of the Kashmiri youth and drive them away from the ongoing freedom movement.

Biden to make landmark visit to Papua New Guinea

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Joe Biden is set to become the first sitting US president in at least a century to visit Papua New Guinea, Foreign Minister Justin Tkatchenko said Thursday, revealing plans for a brief but symbolic trip. Biden plans to stop in Port Moresby in May as he travels between a G7 summit in Japan and a Quad summit in Sydney, Australia, the foreign minister said. "He is coming on the 22nd, in the morning, and will be here for three hours only," Tkatchenko said, adding that talks were expected to focus on the economy, security and climate change. The presidential trip is a nod to Papua New Guinea's rapidly growing strategic importance, as the United States and its allies tussle with China for influence across the Asia-Pacific. Chinese President Xi Jinping visited Port Moresby in 2018 to much fanfare, with Chinese flags hoisted across the capital and his motorcade whizzing past gathered.

Russia says 'no progress' towards extending grain deal

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Russia warned Wednesday that "no progress" had been made towards meeting the conditions it has set for extending a Ukraine grain exports deal aimed at easing the global food crisis. The Black Sea Grain Initiative has been in place since last July and allows Ukrainian grains to be exported after they were blocked following the conflict with Russia. The exports via the Black Sea are vital for world food security. But Moscow has repeatedly threatened to block the continuation of the agreement -- up for its third renewal next month -- if obstacles to a parallel agreement on unhindered Russian food and fertilizer exports are not removed. "So far we don't see any progress," Gennady Gatilov, Russia's ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva and a former deputy foreign minister, told reporters.

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জি ই (বিমান) কর্মিটোলা, ঢাকা সেনা নিলাম - এর নির্দেশনামুত্রে অত্র দপ্তরের আওতাধীন বিভিন্ন উপ-বিভাগে একেজো মালামাল যেমন ডেমোলিশন মালামাল, টিএন্ডপি এবং বৈদ্যুতিক যন্ত্রপাতি, জিআই পাইপ, একেজো আসবাবপত্র ইত্যাদি মালামাল যেখানে যে অবস্থায় আছে ভিজিটে (০৯/০৫/২০২৩ ইং তারিখের পরিবর্তে) আগামী ১৪/০৫/২০২৩ ইং তারিখ সকাল ১০.০০ ঘটিকার সময় প্রকাশ্যে নিলাম ডাকে বিক্রি করা হবে। নিলামের নিয়মাবলি ও বিস্তারিত তথ্যের জন্য নিম্নে ঠিকানায় যোগাযোগ করুন। বিঃ দ্রঃ নিলাম ডাককারী নিলাম ডাকের পূর্বে জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্র ও নবায়নকৃত ট্রেড লাইসেন্স ই-টন সার্টিফিকেট, ড্যাট সার্টিফিকেট নিলামকারীর নিকট প্রদর্শন করিতে হইবে।

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