

## Send market manipulators to jail: PM



STAFF REPORTER

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has instructed authorities concerned to take legal action, including sending the market manipulators to jail, as part of measures to control the country's commodity prices. Hasina, also president of the ruling Awami League, came up with the order while chairing the party's working

committee meeting held at her official residence Ganabhaban in Dhaka on Yesterday Monday evening. "The price hike of rice is unusual and intentional during the peak season. We will take stern action, even will send the market manipulators to jail if necessary," she warned. The prime minister issued the warning as prices of many commodities

including rice surged in the market shortly after the 12th parliamentary election held on 7 January. Suddenly, the country's readymade garment workers have taken to the streets just before the national election, focusing on their wages, she said. "The movement of the readymade garment workers was also premeditated," said the prime minister. Earlier on 15

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Rescuers working at the site of a landslide in Liangshui Village, Tangfang town in the city of Zhaotong, southwest China's Yunnan province on yesterday Monday

## Landslide in mountainous southwestern China buries 47 people

INTERNATIONAL DESK

A landslide in southwestern China's mountainous Yunnan province early on Monday buried 47 people, killing at least two, and forced the evacuation of 200 more amid freezing temperatures and falling snow. The disaster struck just before 6 a.m. in the village of Liangshui in the northeastern part of Yunnan province. Rescue efforts were underway to find victims buried in 18 separate houses, the Zhenxiang county publicity department said. Two bodies were pulled from the rubble, according to state broadcaster CCTV. The cause of the landslide wasn't immediately known as survivors and rescuers struggled with snow and freezing temperatures that were forecast to persist for at least the next three days. Luo Dongmei, 35, was sleeping when the landslide struck, but she survived and was relocated to a school

building by local authorities. "I was asleep, but my brother knocked on the door and woke me up. They said there was a landslide and the bed was shaking, so they rushed upstairs and woke us up," Luo said. Luo, her husband and their three children, along with many other residents, have been provided with food at the school but are still waiting for blankets and other protection from the cold weather, she said. Luo said she's been unable to contact her sister and aunt, who lived closer to the site of the landslide. "The only thing I can do is to wait," she said. Last week, rescuers evacuated tourists from a remote skiing area in northwestern China where dozens of avalanches triggered by heavy snow had trapped more than 1,000 people for a week. The avalanches blocked roads, stranding both tourists and residents in a village in Altay prefecture in the Xinjiang region, close to China's border with

Mongolia, Russia and Kazakhstan. Landslides, often caused by rain or unsafe construction work, are not uncommon in China. At least 70 people were killed in landslides last year, including more than 50 at an open pit mine in China's Inner Mongolia region. In all, natural disasters in China left 691 people dead and missing and last year, causing direct economic losses of about 345 billion yuan (\$48 billion), according to the National Commission for Disaster Reduction and the Ministry of Emergency Management. Meanwhile, the Ministry of Natural Resources enacted emergency response measures for geological disasters and sent a work team of experts to the site. Minister of Emergency Management Wang Xiangxi has traveled to the landslide site to guide rescue operations, according to a statement from the ministry. The landslide

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## Czech premier greets Sheikh Hasina on reelection as PM

STAFF REPORTER

Prime Minister of the Czech Republic Petr Fiala has congratulated Sheikh Hasina on her reelection as Prime Minister of Bangladesh. In a greeting message wrote to the Bangladesh prime minister, the Czech premier said, "I deeply value the friendly relations the Czech Republic and Bangladesh enjoy and I believe that we will continue to deepen and strengthen them to the mutual benefit of our countries." He also assured Sheikh Hasina of

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## Bangladesh reports one Covid-19 death 30 positive cases

STAFF REPORTER

Bangladesh Yesterday Monday recorded one Covid-19 death while it reported 30 coronavirus positive cases. "Bangladesh reported 5.14 percent Covid-19 positive cases as 584 samples were tested during the last 24 hours," a daily statement of the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) said here. During the period, the combined figure of coronavirus infection in Dhaka district and the capital is 26 while zero Covid-19 death was reported here. The official tally showed that the virus killed a total of 29,481 people and infected 20,46,788 so far. The recovery count

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## BNP takes path of rumour arson terrorism: Quader

STAFF REPORTER

Awami League (AL) General Secretary Obaidul Quader Yesterday Monday said BNP has taken the path of rumour and arson terrorism as it has sunk in deep grief after losing all. "They (BNP leaders) are involved in anti-government efforts and spreading rumours at home and abroad," he told a press conference at AL President's Dhanmondi political office here. Terrorism of rumour has been added to BNP's arson terrorism, he said, adding that the government is not a silly thing that it will fall with mere "word bomb". Quader, also road transport and bridges minister, said the BNP has been trapped in quicksand and the AL government will be stronger if the BNP



continues its movement to fall the government. If the BNP followed the positive politics, it would have not faced setback, he said. "BNP itself fell in ditch when it tried to fall the government," he said. Claiming that a work plan has been taken to overcome the ongoing crisis, the AL general secretary said any crisis is not solved in a day but this crisis will be resolved soon. "To resolve the crisis, the government and the party (AL) will work," he said. Responding to a

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## Home Minister receives 'Great Wall Commemorative Medal'

STAFF REPORTER

Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal was conferred with the honorary 'Great Wall Commemorative Medal' Yesterday Monday, on behalf of the Chinese government. Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Yao Wen handed over the prestigious award and certificate to Asaduzzaman Khan at a cordial ceremony held at the conference room of the ministry here, said a release. The Public Security Ministry of China Wang Xiaohong conveyed New Year wishes to the minister and congratulated him on his re-appointment as Home Minister of Bangladesh. 'The Great Wall Commemorative Medal' was established by the Ministry of Public Security of China in 2020, to be awarded especially to law enforcement officers from foreign



countries who have made outstanding contributions towards protecting the safety of Chinese citizens. Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal was given this award to strengthen the mutual relations between the two

countries and the provision of security to the citizens of Bangladesh and China (living in Bangladesh), and to increase in law and order related security cooperation. Secretary of Security Services

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## Mymensingh city polls Cumilla mayoral by-poll on March 9: EC

STAFF REPORTER

Election Commissioner Anisur Rahman announced the date Yesterday Monday. While talking with reporters at the EC office, he also said the first phase of upazila parishad election will be held after Eid-ul-Fitr. Polls in Mymensingh and Cumilla will take place from 8:00am to 4:00pm without any break using Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs), EC Anisur said. Awami League mayoral candidate Ekramul Haque Titu was elected uncontested in the last Mymensingh City Corporation election held on May 5, 2019. Councilors for 33 general wards and 11 reserved

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## Cold wave sweeps 21 dists mercury to dip further across Bangladesh

STAFF REPORTER

A mild cold wave is sweeping 21 districts, including almost all the districts in Rangpur and Rajshahi divisions, and the mercury may dip further across Bangladesh, said the Bangladesh Meteorological Department on Yesterday Monday morning. The lowest minimum temperature in Dhaka was recorded as 12.3 degrees Celsius on Monday morning and this was the lowest temperature in the capital in the ongoing winter season, said meteorologist Md Omar Faruque. The country's lowest minimum temperature of 08.1 degrees Celsius was recorded at Dinajpur and Badalgachhi on Monday, he said. 'Mild cold wave is sweeping over Rangpur and Rajshahi divisions and the districts of Jashore, Kushtia, Chuadanga, Tangail, Madaripur and Kishoreganj and it may continue,' according to the regular weather bulletin of the BMD. Temperature between 8 to 10 degrees Celsius is considered a mild cold wave, 6



Dhaka records season's lowest temperature Yesterday Monday morning

to 8 degrees Celsius a moderate cold wave, and less than 6 degrees Celsius a severe cold wave. 'Night temperature may fall by (1-2)°C and day temperature may fall slightly over the country,' it said. 'Moderate to thick fog may occur over the country from midnight to morning and it may continue

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# WHO chief warns pandemic accord hangs in the balance

**NEWS DESK**

The head of the World Health Organization voiced fears

agreement at the 2024 annual meeting of the World Health Assembly, the WHO's decision-making body, which convenes on

amendments to the International Health Regulations (IHR), by May this year. "I must say I'm concerned that member states may not meet that commitment. Time is very short. And there are several outstanding issues that remain to be resolved," Tedros said. Failure to deliver the agreement would be "a missed opportunity for which future generations may not forgive us," he said. "It will take courage and it will take compromise. I urge all member states to work with urgency and purpose to reach consensus on a strong agreement that will help to protect our children and grandchildren from future pandemics." WHO member states decided in December 2021 to launch the negotiating and drafting process for a new international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response. The accord would aim to ensure better global preparedness and a more equitable response for future pandemics. Tedros declared an end to Covid-19 as an international public health emergency in May 2023. The WHO's governance is split between director-general Tedros, the World Health Assembly and the executive board.



Yesterday Monday that countries will fail to strike a pandemic preparedness agreement by May, saying "future generations may not forgive us". Shaken by the Covid-19 pandemic, the WHO's 194 member states are negotiating an international accord aimed at ensuring countries are better equipped to deal with the next health catastrophe, or to prevent it altogether. The plan was to seal the

May 27. But WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said time was running out -- and if nobody is prepared to budge, the whole project risks going nowhere. At the opening of the WHO's executive board meeting in Geneva, Tedros reminded countries that world leaders at the UN General Assembly had agreed a commitment to resolve negotiations on the pandemic accord, and

# Cameroon starts world's first malaria vaccine program for children

**AP NEWS**

Cameroon will be the first country to routinely give children a new malaria vaccine as the shots are rolled out in Africa. The campaign due to start Monday was described by officials as a milestone in the decades-long effort to curb the mosquito-spread disease on the continent, which accounts for 95% of the world's malaria deaths. "The vaccination will save lives. It will provide major relief to families and the country's health system," said Aurelia Nguyen, chief program officer at the Gavi vaccines alliance, which is helping Cameroon secure the shots. The Central Africa nation hopes to vaccinate about 250,000 children this year and next year. Gavi said it is working with 20 other African countries to help them get the vaccine and that those countries will hopefully immunize more than 6 million children through 2025. In Africa, there are

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# North Korean Missiles Face Reality Check in Putin's Battles



**INTERNATIONAL DESK**

North Korea's new arsenal of ballistic missiles is set for their first real-world test on the battlefield in Ukraine. But based on the success of US interceptor systems in that conflict, Kim Jong Un may be worried. Burning through his stockpiles as the war in Ukraine nears the two-year mark, Russian President Vladimir Putin has turned to Kim to provide short-range ballistic missiles and more than 1 million rounds of artillery. The North Korean missiles sent so far are similar in size and flight dynamics to Russia's Iskander series, weapons experts have said. A report by the Center for Strategic and International Studies showed that the US Patriot air defense system has so far been largely

effective in countering Russia's missiles. In June, when Russia tried to take out a Patriot battery protecting Kyiv, the system shot down all of the 34 Iskander and Kinzhal missiles Russia fired, CSIS said. That's a warning to Putin about the KN-23 and KN-24 missiles Kim is believed to be supplying. The systems are designed to be deployed quickly, maneuverable in flight and reliably hit targets with a degree of precision. That might not be enough. "The Patriot missile defense system should be able to intercept North Korea's short-range ballistic missiles, given its effectiveness against Russian Iskanders," said Shaan Shaikh, a fellow in the Missile Defense Project at CSIS, a Washington-based think tank. Kim's military has fired off about 120 of its

missiles in tests since 2019 and is likely aiming to build an arsenal that could eventually run into the thousands. North Korea's missiles are priced at about \$5 million each, according to data compiled by the Korea Institute for Defense Analyses and released in 2022 by South Korean lawmaker Shin Won-sik, but the costs to Kim have likely dropped since then as he ramped up production. That makes sales of the weapons a potentially significant driver of foreign revenue or crucial goods from abroad, something the sanctions-hit North Korean economy badly needs. Yet Kim's isolated regime, which has long used suspect activity to generate hard cash, isn't just providing the missiles to Putin for commercial reasons. The use of the North

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# Ganja trader husband and wife arrested in Dasara-2

**Madaripur Representative**

Dasar Thana police have arrested a husband and wife with 310 grams of ganja and 5750 taka for selling ganja from Sasikar area of Navgram union of Dasar upazila. According to police sources, under the leadership of SI Shahabuddin, Sangeo Force Abul Kalam Azad, ASI Sharifuzzaman, ASI Imran, ASI Anwar Hossain, women police conducted the Ratna operation and arrested drug dealer Ashok Mallick and his wife Shanti Mallick. is done Ashok Mallick (40) Father Deceased Anil Mallick Shanti Mallick Sang Sasikar Amount of ganja 300.10 grams Cash Tk 5750 SI Shahabuddin and Sangeet Force Abul K a l a m , A S S h a r i f u z z a m a n , A S I I m r a n , A S I A n w a r H o s s a i n W o m e n P o l i c e R a t n a The arrested accused are Ashok Mallick (40) and his wife Shanti Mallick (38), son of Anil Mallick of Sasikar area, who were arrested along with 310 grams of ganja and cash of Tk 5750 during the operation in Sasikar area of Navagram union of Dasar upazila of

# More than 25,000 now killed in Gaza Hamas-run health ministry says

**INTERNATIONAL DESK**

Israeli soldiers walk through rubble in the Gaza Strip Israel's offensive is currently focused on southern Gaza More than 25,000 people have now been killed in Gaza since Israel's offensive began, according to the Hamas-run health ministry. It said there had been 178 deaths in the last 24 hours, making it one of the deadliest days in the war so far. As fighting continued, Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu again rejected creating a Palestinian state. The White House has said the US and Israel "clearly see things differently" when it comes to a two-state solution. Israel began its offensive following the 7 October attack in which Hamas fighters killed 1,300 people in southern Israel and took more than 240 hostage. In its first public account of the October assault, published on Sunday, Hamas described it as a "necessary step" against the Israeli occupation of the Palestinian territories and a way to secure the release of Palestinian prisoners. Israel's air and ground operation is currently focusing on southern Gaza, where the military are convinced top Hamas commanders are holed up in, or beneath, the city of Khan Younis. That is where the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) said it had discovered another tunnel, some 830m (2,700ft) long and containing booby-traps and

blast doors. The IDF footage showed what appeared to be a tunnel with mattresses and cells inside - it is where Israel believes around 20 Israeli hostages, including children, were held at various points. None were found when the tunnel was discovered, though. Israeli soldiers have also faced renewed attacks in the north of the Gaza Strip, where



striking Israel and Israeli forces for months, raising the spectre of a prolonged war in which Israel could get bogged down. The apparent slow progress, the fact no top Hamas commander has yet been captured or killed, and the collective trauma over the 130 or so Israeli hostages still missing, is prompting growing anti-government anger in Israel. Protests are continuing by relatives of those still held by Hamas, calling for Mr Netanyahu to prioritise their release over the potentially impossible aim of destroying Hamas. And a still relatively small anti-war movement is also demonstrating, horrified by the damage wrought on Gaza - one of the most intense and destructive military campaigns in recent history. Most Israelis have rallied around their flag - but not around their prime minister, who, according to a recent poll, only 15% of the public believe should stay in office once the war ends. Map showing Gaza urban areas and refugee camps with the high-risk and no-go areas of the Israeli declared buffer zone around its border. Gaza has three border crossing points - Erez into Israel in the north and Rafah and Kerem Shalom into Egypt in the south - although they are not always open Map showing Gaza urban areas and refugee camps with the high-risk and no-go areas of the Israeli

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# 30 more infected from dengue

**STAFF REPORTER**

No dengue death case was reported in the country during the last 24 hours till Yesterday Monday morning. As a result, the number of fatalities from the mosquito-borne disease stayed at 14 this year. According to the latest data from the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), some 30 patients were hospitalised during the period, raising the number affected people to 883 this year. Among the new cases, four were reported in the capital and 26 were outside it. A total of 151 patients were undergoing treatment at the different hospitals throughout the country, the DGHS data said. The country witnessed the record highest 1,705 dengue

Dhaka South Jubo League leader distributes winter clothes among the winter-loving people on Dussehra

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# He gave winter clothes to the needy and cold SSC-2000 Thakurgaon

**Shamsul Alam**

SSC-2000 Thakurgaon legendary friendship has spread as winter clothes among the helpless, distressed and cold. The distribution was held on Monday afternoon at the Government Boys High School grounds. The head teacher of Thakurgaon Government Boys High School Biswanath Roy was present as the chief guest during the distribution of the SSC-2000 Thakurgaon Legendary Bandhuvrit with the slogan "Friends are by my side, smile on the face of the helpless". SSC-2000 Thakurgaon Legendary Friends Group Admin Sharmin Akhtar, Group Expert Azizar Rahman, Cashier Abu Abdullah Mizan, Member



Rana Sarkar, Moderator Riazul Haque Riaz, Babu, Monir, Atiqur, Nahida, Thakurgaon Press Club Sports Editor Asaduzzaman were present among others. Beneficiaries including Shamim, Kamruzzaman Manik, Azizur Rahman, Abu Abdullah Mizan, Sharmin Akhtar, Salim Mahmud, Mahamudul Hasan Babu, Milli, Tanzina Parveen, Member

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# RAB-11 arrested 03 drug dealers with 57 kg of ganja in Narsingdi

**Haldhar Das**

Rapid Action Battalion-11 Crime Prevention Special Company of CPSC Narsingdi arrested 03 drug dealers with 57 kg of ganja in two separate operations. did The case against the arrested accused has been handed over to Raipura police station of the district. RAB-11, CPSC, Narsingdi Senior Assistant Director Camp Commander Md. Khalilur Rahman said in a press release on Sunday (January 21), RAB has been working tirelessly



since its inception to uncover the source of various crimes in the society, arrest the criminals, and

improve the overall law system. RAB forces conduct regular operations to arrest drug dealers and various criminals and bring them under the law. In continuation of this, on 21st January-2024 at quarter to 3 pm and quarter to five in the afternoon, RAB-11, CPSC Narsingdi, a raid team conducted a raid in Morjal area under Raipura police station of Narsingdi district separately, 02 persons with 37 kg of ganja and in another raid, 01 with 20 kg of ganja. John arrests the drug dealer. The arrested drug dealer is 1. Md Mithu (28) father deceased

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Sadar residents want to see Edv. Hafizur Rahman Swapan as chairman of Jamalpur Sadar Upazila Parishad

**Md. Ruhul Amin Raju**

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## Be our guest? No thanks. Why some people find staying in other people's homes stressful

**Travel Desk**

Allison Newman could be considered an expert houseguest. In 2019, both she and her husband quit their jobs, said goodbye to their apartment and traveled around the world for two-and-a-half years. While visiting 10 different countries — including a year in which they were stuck in New Zealand because of COVID lockdowns — and crisscrossing the United States, they were often at the mercy of other people's hospitality. When they weren't staying in strangers' homes through Airbnb or CouchSurfing, they crashed with friends and family. But they've cut their traveling significantly since having their first baby, who is now 18 months old. To Newman, traveling with a child and staying with someone else is no longer worth the added stress. "It's really, really hard," she tells Yahoo Life. "The amount of stuff you have to pack, feeling like you're imposing because with little kids you are on very set schedules and they require a lot of additional oversight, [especially when] things aren't baby-proofed." Betsy Verzosa's kids are older — 10, 8 and 6 — and while traveling with them is getting easier now that they no longer need diapers, car seats or strollers, being a guest at other people's houses can still be a challenge. One example: "Our kids don't really watch TV, but I can't tell these other kids we're staying with that they can't

watch TV because our kids don't," Verzosa tells Yahoo Life. This forces Verzosa to be more relaxed about her kids watching TV, staying up late and eating food she wouldn't normally give them. Even for people without kids, being a houseguest can be a challenge, and it's one that 29-year-old Samuel Hansen wishes he didn't have to endure. He dislikes being in someone else's space, feeling pressured to socialize and not being on his own timetable. "The only benefit of staying with someone is the cost savings. If I had a choice and unlimited money, I would stay in a hotel every time," he tells Yahoo Life. He doesn't even like to stay in an Airbnb because he is still staying in someone else's space, which means there are more responsibilities. "You still have to clean up or put all of the bath towels in the bathroom or run the dishwasher or make sure all the trash is taken out. It isn't as relaxing." Priyanka Blackard also thinks that it's always a little uncomfortable to be a houseguest, but, for her, that mostly stems from the obligation she feels to alter her behavior to fit in with her host's lifestyle. "I have trouble relaxing and almost feel weirdly obligated to just fit into the way they would live in their home and adapt to their routines," she says, "and understand that they aren't going to have the same stuff in the fridge that I have and follow when they eat their meals and what they watch on TV." It's especially hard when

her hosts wear shoes inside because Blackard prefers removing her shoes at the door. "I grew up in a shoeless household ... so when I go to people's houses where they don't take their shoes off, it makes me really anxious and makes me feel kind of gross because you're tracking all of the gross stuff from outside into a personal space," she tells Yahoo Life. All of these things — sharing space, bringing kids into a new environment, feeling pressured to socialize when you want to rest, adjusting your sleep schedule, using someone else's bathroom, removing or keeping your shoes on, eating different types of food — can make being a houseguest stressful. But why? According to Shawn Burn, professor of psychology at California Polytechnic State University, it's because people are temporarily losing their primary territory. "A primary territory is a physical space central to our daily life that we 'own' and control, usually our home," Burn tells Yahoo Life via email. "Primary territories support many psychological needs, including a need for control and predictability. Importantly, they are also 'privacy spaces' for couple and family intimacy, relaxation and recovery, emotional release, self-evaluation and personal care tasks." When separated from this space, people can feel stress about meeting their basic needs (such as having privacy to use the

bathroom, eating different food, getting enough sleep), being unable to perform "stress-reducing habitual behaviors" (such as working out, reading, drinking a beer or glass of wine, watching a favorite TV show) and handling interpersonal matters (such as conflicts with other people, splitting costs). To ease these psychological stressors, Diane Gottsman, modern etiquette expert and the founder of the Protocol School of Texas, suggests that guests and hosts communicate before the stay. "I think what makes everyone stressed out is what they don't know what to expect," Gottsman tells Yahoo Life. "From the host perspective, it's important to let the guest know in a kind and friendly way what the guest will be experiencing. Will a baby be sleeping? Are there kids running around in the morning? Are there pets, and are the guests allergic to pets? Is there a car they can use?" Having these types of conversations beforehand helps both parties feel more comfortable, so they aren't walking on pins and needles for their entire visit. However, Gottsman emphasizes, guests also need to be respectful of their hosts' house rules and routines and keep things tidy. "You want to be part of the family without being invasive. You want to fit in because you are the guest," she says. Newman agrees, and after being a guest in houses across the world, she has two main pieces of advice to offer. "One. Always offer and help clean up after yourself.

Even if people say they don't care, this will leave a positive message and they will remember. If you're messy and unhelpful, they will also remember," she shares. "Two. Be respectful and follow their 'house rules.'" This is especially true if you ever find yourself staying in someone's house in a different country. For example, when staying in New Zealand, a country with much higher recycling standards, she followed her host's

## Bought your Cox's Bazar train ticket? Here are places to visit when there

**Travel Desk**

When one thinks of Cox's Bazar, images of the endless sandy beach kissed by the gentle waves of the sea come to mind. Here, you will equally find a tapestry of wonders — from lush jungles and parks to serene temples — there's so much more to charming Cox's Bazar than meets the eye. As the railway service commences on the Dhaka-Cox's Bazar route, it brings with it the promise of convenience and a unique way to discover the treasures this coastal jewel holds as Cox's Bazar has come closer to us all! When one thinks of Cox's Bazar, images of the

way to discover the treasures this coastal jewel holds as Cox's Bazar has come closer to us all! If you want to witness the sheer beauty of Cox's Bazar and its surroundings, a drive along Marine Drive is an excellent choice. This 80-kilometre marvel stretches from Cox's Bazar to Teknaf, meandering along the pristine shores of the Bay of Bengal. It is often hailed as the world's longest marine drive, offering an incredible blend of mountains and sea. Located a mere 40-minute bus ride from the bustling Cox's Bazar beach, the Dulahazara Safari Park

up close. This park is not just about wildlife, it is also an excellent place for family outings — providing picnic spots, playgrounds for children, and shaded areas where you can relax and enjoy a meal amidst nature. Nestled atop the Mainak Hill on Moheshkhali Island, not far from the captivating Cox's Bazar, is the Adinath Temple. This revered Hindu temple is dedicated to Lord Shiva and is a testament to the rich cultural tapestry of Bangladesh. Year-round, devotees and tourists are drawn to its serene atmosphere and intricate architecture. The temple is



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offers an experience for wildlife enthusiasts and nature lovers. Dulahazara Safari Park is home to a diverse range of animals, and the park's open-air design allows visitors to observe these magnificent creatures in an environment that closely resembles their natural habitat. It is a rare opportunity to witness the grandeur of these animals

a place of devotion and reflection — offering a peaceful escape from the hustle and bustle of daily life. The heart and soul of Cox's Bazar — the beaches that stretch like a golden ribbon — are where you will enjoy soft golden sands, gentle waves, and stunning sunsets. Laboni Beach is a lively counterpart to its serene neighbours.

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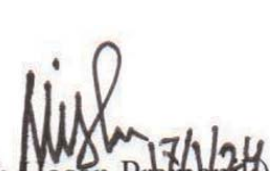
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## Check out these seven popular camping sites of the country

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Marayan Tong is the name of a hill belonging to the Marinja Range. This hilltop in Bandarban's Alikadam area is extremely popular for camping among the nature lovers. From the peak as far as the eyes can travel, there are only hills covered in lush green. And in the morning, there are faraway hills covered in sheer clouds to be amazed at. It's an extraordinary experience to enjoy sunrise from up there. As soon as the sun rises, the whole valley gets flooded with its golden rays. And as the hour passes away, the natural beauty of the hill keeps changing constantly throughout the day. Seeing the dense forest and the crowd of mangrove trees in Char Kukri-Mukri, you would get the feeling of being deep inside the Sundarbans. Char Kukri-Mukri, Bhola Though its called a char (shoal), Kukri-Mukri is an island actually.

This island from Bhola's Char Fashion is located at the confluence of Meghna and Tentulia rivers right on the edge of the Bay of Bengal. Seeing the dense forest and the crowd of mangrove trees in Char Kukri-Mukri, you would get the feeling of being deep inside the Sundarbans. The forest and the surrounding waters easily make you forget the complexity of the urban life. And you can spend hours looking at the star-studded sky in the silence of the night. Living in tents Sonadia Island, Cox's Bazar Cox's Bazar sea beach is at the top of traveler's list of favourite destinations. But for people who don't like the crowd of tourists, there is Sonadia sea beach. There's nothing but the sound of the sea in Moheshkhali's Sonadia. The night stay in tent on this beach could be one of the best moments of your life. And, if it's a full moon night

nothing can be better than that. Then you can take a walk barefoot on the beach basking in the golden ray of the rising sun. You can also enjoy a bit of hide and seek with the red crabs on the beach during this time. And, you can spend hours without a break swaying on a hammock tied inside the grove of tamarisk (Jhau) trees. Rema-Kalenga, Habiganj I had read somewhere that forests should be visited at night for its environment and the beauty keeps changing with the depth of night. But, I believe if you want to feel the forest in your heart, you can just arrive in the Rema-Kalenga reserved forest with a tent. A deep silence possesses the forest at night. The orchestra of crickets in the forest keeps chirping relentlessly with full enthusiasm. But that sound gets blended seamlessly with the environment of the forest. The Rema-Kalenga reserved forest is located in Chunarughat.