

PM seeks more investments from Saudi Arabia

STAFF REPORTER

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has sought more investments from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) in Bangladesh to march ahead the measures taken by her government for socio-economic advancement of the countrymen. "Make more investment in Bangladesh to take forward the initiatives taken by us for socio-economic advancement of the people," the Prime Minister's speech writer M Nazrul Islam quoted her as telling the KSA Ambassador to Bangladesh, Essa Yousef Essa Alduhailan when he paid a courtesy call on her at the PM's official Ganabhaban residence here. Mentioning that Saudi Arabia and its people are very close to the heart of Bangladesh and she said, "Saudi Arabia always stands beside Bangladesh." The Saudi envoy pledged to extend

cooperation for continuation of Bangladesh's development journey. The Prime Minister said they wish welfare of Saudi Arabia and its people as they are the Custodian of the Two Holy mosques in Mecca and Madinah.

He handed over a congratulatory message of the Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud to Prime Minister on her reelection as head of the government. In the message, the Crown Prince wished Bangladesh's further progress and prosperity. The Saudi envoy expressed his country's desire to establish eight mosques and Islamic language institutes in eight divisions in Bangladesh. The Prime Minister asked the authorities concerned to take measures to find out a suitable place for setting up an institute in Dhaka. The Saudi envoy said they are taking measures to make the process of Hajj and

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Yesterday Friday KSA Ambassador to Bangladesh, Essa Yousef Essa Alduhailan meets Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at Ganabhaban

PM Hasina urges France to cooperate in Bangladesh's dev programmes

STAFF REPORTER

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Tuesday sought cooperation from the development partners including France for ensuring the sustainability of the development programmes her government has implemented since 2009. "To make the development of Bangladesh sustainable we have to go a long way. In this we need cooperation from the development partners including France," she told French Ambassador to Bangladesh Marie

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Historic Mass Upsurge Day today

STAFF REPORTER

The historic 'Mass Upsurge Day', commemorating the 1969's movement for autonomy from the then East Pakistan that eventually led to the Liberation War and the emergence of Bangladesh in 1971, will be observed today wednesday in a befitting manner. On January 24, 1969, Matiur Rahman Mallik, a standard IX student of Nabakumar Institution, and Rustam Ali, a rickshaw-puller, were killed in a police firing on demonstrators in Dhaka as Pakistani rulers desperately tried to suppress the popular uprising. The killings spread intense protests

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WB keen to disburse \$700m more for Rohingyas, host community

STAFF REPORTER

The World Bank (WB) has expressed its interest to disburse additional 700 million US dollar in the form of both grant and soft loan to Bangladesh for forcefully displaced Rohingyas and the host community in Chattogram. "The World Bank has showed interest to provide fresh 700 million US dollars for Rohingyas and host community," Foreign Minister Dr Hasan Mahmud told reporters after holding a meeting with WB's country director Abdoulaye Seck at the foreign ministry here Yesterday Tuesday afternoon. Of the 700 million US dollar, he said, 315 million would be disbursed as grant for the Rohingyas and 385 million for the host community of

the Chattogram division under soft loan scheme. He said the fund under the soft loan would be used for elevating livelihood of inhabitants of the Chattogram division through developing infrastructure facilities and improving healthcare services. During the meeting, the minister said they discussed to further strengthen the development cooperation between Bangladesh and the World Bank in the day to come.

"He (WB country director) showed his keen interest to strengthen and widen World Bank engagement with us (Bangladesh)," said the foreign minister. Currently World bank has been running its 15 billion US dollars fund in 56 ongoing projects in Bangladesh.

UNHCR: Urgent action needed to address dramatic rise in Rohingya deaths at sea

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT:

UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, is alarmed by statistics revealing a surge in the number of desperate Rohingyas reportedly dying or going missing while taking risky boat journeys in the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal during 2023. Some 569 Rohingyas were reported to have perished or gone missing last year in Southeast Asian waters, with nearly 4,500 embarking on deadly sea journeys – a significant increase from previous years.

The number reported missing or dead is the highest since 2014, when the total reached 730. The findings for 2023 include some shocking details, said UNHCR spokesperson Matthew Saltmarsh on Yesterday Friday. The total reported dead or missing was

over 200 more than in 2022. Survivors have shared horrifying accounts of abuse and exploitation during the journey, including gender-based violence.

Estimates show one Rohingya was reported to have died or gone

The majority of those attempting these journeys were children and women – some 66 percent of those embarking on these deadly journeys. The refugees have been departing from Bangladesh and, to a lesser extent, Myanmar. In a single deadly incident took place in November 2023, it was feared that some 200 Rohingyas lost their lives when their boat was reported to have sunk in the Andaman Sea. The figures provide a chilling reminder that failure to act to save people in distress results in deaths. More and more desperate people are dying under the watch of numerous coastal States in the absence of timely rescue and disembarkation to the nearest place of safety. UNHCR calls on regional coastal authorities to take urgent action to prevent future

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17 special trains for Ijtima passengers

STAFF REPORTER

Bangladesh Railway will operate 17 special trains for the devotees participating in the two phases of the Ijtima that will start from February 2 on the bank of Turag River in Gazipur's Tongi. Alongside, two Jum'a special train services also will be operated on Dhaka-Tongi-Dhaka route on February 2 and 9, said Railways Minister Md Zillul Hakim at a press briefing at the Rail Bhaban on Tuesday. Five special trains will be operated from Dhaka-Tongi and another five on the Tongi-Dhaka routes on the days of Akheri Munajat (February 4 and 11) and a special train will also be

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Six killed in Russian air strike on Ukrainian cities

INTERNATIONAL DESK

Russian air strikes hit the Ukrainian capital and other cities on Tuesday, local officials said, killing at least six people and wounding more than 70 as Moscow's war approaches its third year. Five of the dead as well as 51 wounded were in the eastern city of Kharkiv, Governor Oleh Synehubov said on Telegram. Rescue workers dug through rubble to search for survivors there, Mayor Ihor Terekhov told local television. He said 30 apartment buildings had been damaged in the early-morning strikes. A gas pipeline in Kharkiv was also damaged, state energy firm Naftogaz said. Thousands of residents



were left without power after electricity infrastructure was damaged, the energy ministry reported. In Kyiv, where the blasts of air defence pierced the morning calm, officials said up to 22 people including three children had been wounded across at least three districts.

Several apartments and non-residential buildings had also caught fire. At one site, rescuers tended to dazed and groaning victims as workers swept away debris and broken glass. "There was a very loud bang, and my mother was already running outside, shouting that we

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UNDP will increase programmes in combating climate change in Bangladesh: Saber Hossain

STAFF REPORTER

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Saber Hossain Chowdhury today said the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) will increase its activities in Bangladesh for the development of the country's overall environment and forests and to combat climate change. He said the current government will work closely with UNDP to implement the National Adaptation Plan and the Mujib Climate Prosperity Plan in this regard. The minister made the remarks at a meeting with a delegation, led by UNDP Resident Representative Stephan Liler, at the Bangladesh Secretariat here. The Environment Minister said the government is keen to work with UNDP to implement waste-free schools



and villages programme. He said the two sides will also work together on biodiversity conservation, innovation and research, renewable energy, technology transfer and capacity building. Stephan Liler said UNDP will work together in achieving Bangladesh's sustainable development goals, sensor-based monitoring, wetland conservation and waste management. Additional Secretary (Development) of the ministry Dr. Fahmida Khanam, UNDP Assistant Resident

Representative Prasenjit Chakma, Strategic Communication and Outreach Specialist Kirtijai Pahari, Climate Change Specialist Maliha Muzammil and Program Specialist Arif M Faisal, among others, were present. Earlier, a delegation of Dhaka Ahsania Mission, led by Mostafizur Rahman, Lead Policy Advisor of Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids, paid a courtesy call on the minister. At this time, they discussed ways to reduce tobacco consumption in Bangladesh.

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Emergency declared in San Diego as wettest January day on record brings widespread flooding

INTERNATIONAL DESK

Winter storms for relatively dry San Diego are hit-or-miss, but mostly miss, so the wallop of a Pacific front Monday stunned California's second-largest city even as it was



expecting rain. It was the third of three Pacific storms to strike the West Coast since Friday, with the first bypassing the region and the second producing only about one-third of an inch of relatively warm rain. A city that walked it off was then punished by the third storm, which had been forecast to be

stronger. It was the wettest January day on record in San Diego, the National Weather Service said. Tijuana and other parts of northern Baja California were hit hard. At least eight migrants were rescued by U.S. Customs and Border

Protection agents and San Diego Fire Department rescuers when they were endangered by the floodwaters of the Tijuana River Valley on the U.S. side, authorities said. Residents in the Southcrest neighborhood just southeast of downtown had to be rescued by firefighters as standing water

quickly surrounded their apartment complex, according to authorities and coverage from NBC San Diego. No injuries were reported. Navy Base San Diego, south of downtown, reported flooding in the late morning as a thick cell of precipitation moved over the area and put multiple streets and Interstate 15, which leads to Las Vegas, under enough water that they were effectively shuttered. Navy officials said personnel on base should shelter in place as they tried to move incoming and outgoing traffic to areas of the base that weren't temporarily united with adjacent San Diego Bay. Mayor Todd Gloria declared a state of emergency "due to extreme rainfall and flash flooding," he said. He urged residents and visitors to stay off roads Monday. Schools in adjacent La Mesa and Spring Valley declared classrooms would be closed on Tuesday. The city grappled with flooding in the usual places, including Mission Valley, where multiple roads were impassable, and Ocean Beach, where beachgoers didn't necessarily have to reach the ocean to go for a swim. At the north end of San Diego County, State Route 78 was

documented toll to 25,490, according to Palestinian health officials, who say thousands more dead are feared lost in the rubble. Palestinian officials said the advancing Israelis had blockaded hospitals, making it impossible to reach the dead and wounded. At the European Hospital in Khan Younis, Ahed Masmah brought in five corpses, piled on a mattress on his donkey cart. "I found them face-down in the street," he said. "I did a good thing and brought them in." Bodies were being buried in the grounds of Khan

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Dhaka among four divisions shivering in cold wave conditions

NEWS DESK

Bangladesh Meteorological Department (BMD) has reported that a mild cold wave is currently affecting four divisions and several districts across the country, as of the morning of January 23, 2024. This weather pattern, characterized by lower temperatures and dense fog, is expected to continue and may abate in some areas. According to the latest weather bulletin, the mild to moderate cold wave is impacting Dhaka, Rangpur, Rajshahi, and Khulna divisions, along with the districts of Moulvibazar, Barishal, Bhola, and Cumilla. This season's lowest temperature of 6.6 degrees Celsius was recorded today in Chuadanga and Sirajganj, contrasting with the highest temperature of 27.5 degrees Celsius in Cox's Bazar's Teknaf upazila. The BMD classifies a mild cold wave as temperatures ranging from 8 to 10 degrees Celsius, a moderate cold

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Commerce ministry recommends cutting import duties on cooking oil, sugar, dates ahead of Ramadan



STAFF REPORTER

The Ministry of Commerce has recommended cutting import duties on cooking oil, sugar and dates ahead of Ramadan based on demands from traders. A letter in this regard was sent to the National Board of Revenue on Monday after a joint meeting between five ministries on commodity prices on Sunday, according to a ministry official. The NBR will announce how significant the cuts will be in each sector, said Md Abdus Samad Al Azad, joint secretary of the commerce ministry's sub section on imports and internal trade, on Tuesday. Currently, sugar, which was priced at Tk 65-70 two years ago, cannot be bought for less than Tk

140 per kg on the market. The market price for soybean oil has jumped from Tk 100 per litre two years ago to Tk 170 per litre now. The price of chickpeas has risen at least Tk 10 from last year to Tk 90 per kg. Traders have complained that date imports have been halted for a long time due to the higher customs duties on their import. Traders from different sectors have demanded a reduction in these duties for several months. Currently, there is a 15 percent duty at the import stage of cooking oil, a 15 percent duty on the production stage and another 5 percent duty at the distribution stage, said Biswajit Saha, director of City Group. Traders asked for the duties on cooking oil at the import and distribution level to be

lifted and for the 30 percent regulatory duty on raw sugar to be removed as well, he said. Amitabh Chakrabarty, the company's advisor, said at a discussion organised by the FBCCI that importers had to pay a duty of Tk 42 per kg on sugar imports and that it had to be cut. Sirajul Islam, president of the Fruit Importers Association, said the duty on unpackaged dates was Tk 5-10 per kg and that on packaged dates was Tk 30. But, following the recent hike in the duty on dates, the amount had risen to Tk 70 per kg on unpackaged dates and Tk 145 per kg on packaged dates. Traders have stopped importing dates because they worry no one will buy them if prices were raised according to the hike in the duty, he said.

Students protest at termination of BRAC Univ teacher Asif

STAFF REPORTER

Students of BRAC University held a sit-in programme at the main gate of BRAC University on Tuesday, protesting at the termination of the university's teacher, Asif Mahtab Utsha, an adjunct faculty at philosophy department of the private university, after his criticism for incorporating transgender issues in a Class VII textbook. A number of students started the sit-in and human chain programme at about 12:00pm under the banner of BRAC University Students Community, placing their two-point demands. The agitating students threatened to stop paying the university's semester fee and boycott classes if their two-point demands were not met immediately. The two-point demand is a clear explanation as to why BRAC teacher Asif Mahtab was terminated and a clear statement of the university authorities on transgender issues. A student participating in the human chain said, "Asif Mahtab is victim of discrimination, and the university has shown unprofessionalism by terminating him." The

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Israeli troops cut off Khan Younis after suffering worst Gaza loss

REUTERS

Twenty-four Israeli soldiers were killed in Israel's worst day of losses in Gaza, the military said on Tuesday, as its forces encircled southern Gaza's



main city, trapping Palestinian residents trying to flee. Spokesman Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari said 21 soldiers were killed when two buildings they had mined for demolition exploded after militants fired at a nearby tank. Earlier, three soldiers were reported killed in a separate attack in southern Gaza. "Yesterday we experienced one of our most difficult

days since the war erupted," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said. "In the name of our heroes, for the sake of our lives, we will not stop fighting until absolute victory."

which they encircled Khan Younis and deepened the operation in the area," the military said. "Ground troops engaged in close-quarters combat, directed strikes, and used intelligence to coordinate fire, resulting in the elimination of dozens of terrorists." Israel tanks, advancing west across the crowded city towards Mediterranean, shut the last road out towards the coast on Tuesday, blocking the escape route for civilians trying to flee southwest towards the Egyptian border, residents said by phone. "I am trying to leave for Rafah but the tanks are now very near to the coast and are firing toward the west," said Shaban, 45, an electrical engineer with four children. He said he still hoped to evacuate his family to the north. At least 195 Palestinians were killed in the space of 24 hours, raising the

The Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) had on Monday launched a major operation to seize remaining parts of Khan Younis, the main city in the south of the enclave, which is sheltering hundreds of thousands of displaced Palestinians. "Over the past day, IDF troops carried out an extensive operation during

documented toll to 25,490, according to Palestinian health officials, who say thousands more dead are feared lost in the rubble. Palestinian officials said the advancing Israelis had blockaded hospitals, making it impossible to reach the dead and wounded. At the European Hospital in Khan Younis, Ahed Masmah brought in five corpses, piled on a mattress on his donkey cart. "I found them face-down in the street," he said. "I did a good thing and brought them in." Bodies were being buried in the grounds of Khan

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Thakurgaon hospital management committee meeting

Shamsul Alam:

Thakurgaon 250 bedded General Hospital Management Committee meeting was held. The meeting was held on Tuesday in the conference room of the Civil Surgeon's office. The meeting organized by the Hospital Management Committee was chaired by A-League Advisory Council member and Thakurgaon-1 Constituency Member of Parliament Ramesh Chandra Sen, Additional Superintendent of Police (Accounts and Finance) Liza Begum, Civil Surgeon Dr. Noor Newaz Ahmed, Hospital Superintendent Dr. Sirajul Islam, District BMA president and former civil surgeon Dr. Abu Md. Khairur Kabir, Municipal Mayor Anjuman



Ara Begum Bonya, District A-League General Secretary Deepak Kumar Roy, Vice President Mahabubur Rahman Khokon, Relief and Social Welfare Affairs Secretary

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Bangabandhu Parishad central committee leaders distributed blankets among the needy

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PM seeks

Omra Hajj easier in the days to come. He said Saudi Arabia and Bangladesh can enhance cooperation in sports and culture. The envoy expressed his country's eagerness to take medical staff from Bangladesh alongside other professionals. PM's Private Industry and Investment Adviser Salman Fazlur Rahman, Ambassador-at-Large M Ziauddin and Principal Secretary Md Tofazzel Hossain, were present.

PM Hasina urges France

Masdupuy who called her at her official residence Ganabhaban. PM's speech writer M Nazrul Islam briefed reporters after the call on. He said that the prime minister told the envoy that during the tenure of the Awami League government transformation of rural areas has taken place in Bangladesh, which was known as poverty, flood and drought. "Today's Bangladesh is totally different," she said. In this connection, she mentioned that every village of the country has now electricity and communication network has been established. "The rural areas have changed a lot while poverty has been reduced significantly," she said. Hasina said that the government has planned to build flats in rural areas for the poor people. Such flats are being built in the urban areas. On Rohingya issue, she said that forcibly displaced Myanmar nationals must be repatriated to their homeland. "They are getting involved in various types of crimes like drug trafficking and arms smuggling. They are not engaged in education or work," she said. She mentioned that without repatriation the crimes cannot be stopped totally. She urged the Western countries including France to mount their pressure further for the quick repatriation of the Rohingyas. Talking about the stranded Pakistanis, the premier said that their fourth generation is living here. "It seems Pakistan will not take them back. So we are planning to build flats for them to ensure their permanent rehabilitation here," she said.

Historic Mass

across the country that eventually saw the fall of the autocrat Ayub regime. It is said that the day teaches Bangladeshis the values of democracy and protest against oppression. Different political and socio-cultural organisations have taken separate programmes in observance of the day. Bangladesh Awami League will place wreaths at Shaheed Matiur Rahman Smiriti Saudha at Nabakumar Institute in Bakshibazar at 10am today. AL General Secretary and Road Transport and Bridges minister Obaidul Quader has urged party leaders-workers to join the programme. On the eve of the day, President Mohammed Shahabuddin and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina today issued separate messages, expressing profound respect for those who had embraced martyrdom in the historic

movement in 1969. "The January 24 of 1969 is a historic day in the progress of independence and democracy of Bangladesh," the President said in his message. Paying profound homage to the memory of those who were martyred in the independence freedom, he said the day has been remembered in the history of the country's struggle of independence and freedom movement as the day of mass uprising. The President said Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman declared the historic Six-Point Demand in 1966 to make the Bangalee nation free from Pakistani rule, exploitation and deprivation. The six-point was the charter of Bengalees' freedom, he added. The President said after the six-point declaration, the speed of the freedom movement intensified and it spread all over the East Bengal.

UNHCR: Urgent

tragedies. Saving lives and rescuing those in distress at sea is a humanitarian imperative and a longstanding duty under international maritime law. UNHCR is working with impacted States and other stakeholders, including refugees, to develop a comprehensive regional response to address these perilous journeys. The root causes of these maritime movements must be addressed and the international community must step up to make good on pledges made at the Global Refugee Forum in Geneva in December 2023. These included advancing solutions and enhancing self-reliance for Rohingya refugees to provide hope and reduce the compulsion to take dangerous boat journeys.

Cairo keen to boost

Fahmy lauded the development works carried out by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's government. He hoped that Egypt and Bangladesh would enhance bilateral ties in the days ahead, a press release said. Textiles and Jute Secretary Md Abdur Rauf and second secretary at Egyptian Embassy in Dhaka Mina Makary, among others, were present.

17 special trains

operated on the Tongi-Mymensingh. Bishwa Jtema will take place in two phases at Tongi from February 2-4 for the first phase and from February 9-11 for the second phase.

Six killed

need to leave. We all went to the corridor," said local resident Daniel Boliukh, 21. "Then, we went on the balcony to have a look, and saw all these buildings were on fire." Some of the damage in Kyiv occurred next to the United Nations office, resident coordinator Denise Brown said in a statement. Russia has carried out regular air strikes on cities and civilian infrastructure far behind the front lines since its invasion of Ukraine in February 2022. Its troops, meanwhile, are attacking in several parts along the sprawling eastern front and are seeking to seize the initiative, Ukraine's military says.

SHOT DOWN

Tuesday's strikes also killed one person in the southeastern city of Pavlohrad, the regional governor said. Ukraine's air force said the military had destroyed 21 out of 41 missiles of various types fired by Russia. Nearly 20 had been shot down over Kyiv, a city spokesman said. A Ukrainian general, Serhiy Naiev, posted a video which he said depicted air defence forces shooting down a Russian missile with a machinegun. Kyiv has repeatedly called for higher quantities of advanced air defence systems from its Western partners as it struggles to defend itself from Russian strikes. Moscow's forces have increasingly employed a mix of air- and land-based missiles that are more difficult to shoot down. "The world must understand that this terror can only be stopped by force," the head of Ukraine's presidential administration, Andriy Yermak, wrote on Telegram. Officials in the northern region of Sumy also said critical infrastructure had been damaged by a missile strike on the city of Shostka. The Russian defence ministry said on Tuesday it had struck enterprises producing missiles, explosives and ammunition.

Emergency declared

shuttered east of the city of Oceanside after lanes were buried in floodwaters. Eastbound lanes remained closed Monday night, according to the California Transportation Department. The scene was similar across the region as the storm drew moisture from the Pacific and formed an atmospheric river, what the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration calls "rivers in the sky," which produced once-in-a-generation effects. The storm echoed the havoc of El Niño in 1983 or 1998 — classic years for the rainy weather phenomenon that brought widespread flooding, sizable surf and even weeks of snow to Southern California. Monday's storm spun at the coast counterclockwise and hit northern Baja California, giving San Diego a glancing but still strong blow, NWS meteorologist Brandt Maxwell said. The long-tail jet stream, a permanent feature that usually aims storms much farther north, and the strong atmospheric river paired up with unstable air composed of warmer atmosphere colliding with colder climes, Maxwell said. Together those elements charged up the day's storm. The only thing missing, Maxwell noted, was strong wind. San Diego's rain amounts have been well below normal this season, which started Oct. 1. But this single storm brought the city to slightly above normal for the year, Maxwell said. There's still essentially half the rainy season ahead, and average annual rainfall is nearly 10 inches. The storm gave San Diego enough rain to put its season-to-date precipitation at just a hair under 5 inches for the season, Maxwell said. To continue on a normal track or even produce an above-normal year of precipitation that would justify predictions of a rainy El Niño year for California, the Southern California coast will have to have more days like this. It's rare to get much needle-moving precipitation past the end of March. The storm is most likely the last one like it for January. "At least in the short term, it doesn't look like there's a whole lot on the horizon for Southern California," Maxwell said.

Dhaka among four

wave from 6 to 8 degrees Celsius, and a severe cold wave as temperatures falling below 6 degrees Celsius. Alongside the cold wave, moderate to thick fog is expected to blanket the country from midnight to morning, potentially persisting until noon in some areas. This fog poses significant challenges to air navigation, inland river transport, and road communication. There is a slight expectation of rising night and day temperatures across the country. Furthermore, the BMD forecasts light rain or drizzle in one or two places over the Khulna division, while the rest of the country is likely to experience dry weather with partly cloudy skies. Residents, especially in the northern part of Bangladesh, have been facing severe cold for the last few days. This weather phenomenon has significantly disrupted normal life, affecting daily routines and transport services.

Students protest at

student also said, 'I would like to tell the university authorities that there is no place for LGBTQ or transgender people in Bangladesh. Transgender is illegal in all religions.' Earlier, the authorities of BRAC University terminated Asif Mahtab Utsha after his criticism against incorporating transgender issues in a Class VII textbook of the new curriculum. Asif Mahtab told New Age on Monday that the authorities terminated him and asked him not to come to the university without showing any reason. The university authorities told him verbally on Sunday night that they would not renew their contract with him. Asif Mahtab claimed that the university terminated him for his speech opposing the story of a transgender person titled Sharifa in Class VII



Greetings and congratulations from Bangabandhu Research Council to the Minister of State for Primary and Mass Education

STAFF REPORTER

Prof. Rumana Ali Tusi won the Gazipur-3 constituency with a huge vote in the 12th National Assembly elections and was elected as the State Minister for Primary Education on January 22 (Monday) in the afternoon led by the central president of the Bangabandhu Research Council, Lion Md. Gani Mia Babul. Is After that, an exchange meeting was held with the leaders of the organization. At this time, the minister said that the people of the country have voted in favor of development and strengthening the democratic system in the 12th National Assembly elections. He urged everyone to strive to build the new generation in the spirit of the liberation war and the ideals of Bangabandhu. He thanked the voters and said that the country's development and progress will be more dynamic in the coming days. Lion Md. Gani Mia Babul said that in the 12th National Parliament elections, the people gave their verdict in favor of the Liberation War. Due to the skill, wisdom, integrity and dynamic leadership of national leader Sheikh Hasina, Bangladesh is currently a role model for development in the world. The development progress of the country will be more dynamic as the people give the responsibility of running the country to Sheikh Hasina again. He also said that there is no substitute for education to sustain national development and progress. He called for more emphasis on imparting humanistic, technical and information technology education to the new generation. He urged everyone to strive to implement the ideals of Bangabandhu and the spirit of the liberation war at all levels of the country. He wished the health, longevity and success of all concerned including People's Leader Sheikh Hasina and the Minister of State for Primary and Mass Education.

textbook at a seminar. Criticising the new curriculum, he also said that the children were brainwashed and misguided by such story in the textbook. Meanwhile, BRAC University on Monday in a statement said that Asif Mahtab used to work as an adjunct faculty member at the university on contract. 'However, he is currently not under any contract with the university,' said the statement. 'The university upholds the freedom of expression of its faculty and students and promotes collaborative, inclusive, and collegial conduct,' the statement also read. On Friday, Asif Mahtab attended at a seminar on new education curriculum, held at Institute of Diploma Engineers in Dhaka's Kakrail area where he criticised for incorporating transgender issue in a Class VII textbook of the new curriculum. He tore a page of class VII textbook that contained the story titled Sharifa, drawing criticism.

Thakurgaon

Nazrul Islam. Swapan, Sadar Upazila A'League General Secretary Mosharul Islam Sarkar, Hospital Senior Consultant Dr. Tozammel Haque, Dr. Rokeya Sattar, Dr. Rezaul Karim Shiplu, Dr. Sheikh Masud, Dr. Sajjadur Haider Shaheen, Dr. Rakibul Alam Chayan, Thakurgaon Press Club President Mansoor Ali and others. In the meeting, various problems of the 250-bed general hospital were identified and various important issues were discussed to solve them. Also, during the admission of patients in the hospital, national identity cards will be accepted and several important steps to be taken for proper management were discussed in the meeting.

Israeli troops

Younis's main Nasser hospital because it was unsafe to go out to the cemetery. Another hospital, Al-Khair, was stormed by Israeli troops who arrested staff, according to Palestinian officials. Al-Amal Hospital, run by the Palestinian Red Crescent, was unreachable. The Red Crescent said a tank shell had hit its headquarters on the fourth floor, a civilian had been killed at the entrance and Israelis were firing from drones on anyone who moved nearby, making it impossible to dispatch ambulances. Israel says Hamas fighters operate in and around hospitals, making them legitimate targets. Hospital staff and Hamas deny this. 'GRAVEYARD FOR THE OCCUPATION' The Israeli losses announced on Tuesday were celebrated as a victory by Palestinians. "The resistance said it is going to make Gaza a graveyard for the occupation, and this is what is happening," said Abu Khaled, sheltering in a school in Deir al-Balah, one of the few areas yet to be stormed by Israeli forces. "The more they stay, the more we will suffer for sure - but the more they will suffer too." Israelis spoke of the losses as a necessary sacrifice in a war against Hamas fighters who attacked Israeli towns on Oct. 7, killing 1,200 people.

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1	Fostering Opportunities of Science Education in Public Colleges	EED/Feni/Dev/Sci Edu/23-24/W01	Construction of Six-Storeyed Academic Building with Six-Storeyed Foundation of College Building at Government Zia Mohila College, Feni Sadar, Feni. Category: A3-06-01 (Shallow Foundation).	940354 (OTM)	06 Feb-2024 16:00	07-Feb-2024 12:30

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1.	939342 (e-GP-35)	Installation of Two Stand Sign Board, Traffic sign, Sign post, Single Chevron and Road Marking works of 68+500 to 78+150 of Dhaka (Jatrabari)-Mawa-Bhanga-Barishal-Patukhali (N-8) & 00+500 to 15+770 of Bhanga-Bhatiapara-Mollahat-Fakirhat-Nowpara Road (N-805) National Highway under Road Division, Madaripur during the year 2023-2024	11-02-2024 at 17:00	12-02-2024 at 14:00	12-02-2024 at 14:00

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Tempers Flare in the Heat at Africa Cup as Morocco and Congo Draw 1-1

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A melee broke out between Morocco and Congo players and coaching staff at the end of their 1-1 draw at the Africa Cup of Nations on Sunday. It started after the game when Morocco coach Walid Regragui approached Congo captain Chancel Mbemba, who had already received a yellow card for arguing with the referee. Mbemba clearly disagreed with what Regragui said and made signs for the video referee as players from both teams rushed in and officials struggled to control the pushing and shoving that ensued. "It's the heat. It's a big match between two big nations," Congo coach Sébastien Desabre said. "It's very hot. Very, very, very hot." The temperature in San Pedro was 32 degrees C (90 F) when the game started. Morocco missed the chance to secure a spot in the knockout stage with a game to spare as Congo forward Silas Katompa Mvumpa canceled Achraf Hakimi's early goal for the "Atlas Lions." Hakimi scored from Hakim Ziyech's corner in the sixth minute, but Silas equalized in the 76th for Congo's second successive draw in the tournament. Morocco leads Group F with four points from two games after its opening 3-0 win over Tanzania, followed by Zambia and Congo on two points, and Tanzania on one. The game's first cooling break was

needed. It also allowed tempers to cool – albeit only briefly – after a series of robust challenges. There was another break for treatment to Congo defender Henock Inonga Baka, who had to have his head bandaged to stem a heavy blood flow after he jumped for a set piece and received a blow. When he returned, the referee awarded Congo a penalty after checking video replays for a possible hand ball by Selim Amallah. He also booked the Morocco defender. But Cédric Bakambu hit the post with the penalty. It was just one example of the "Leopards" lacking accuracy in front of goal as they otherwise finished the half strongly. Congo's Inonga Baka went off at the break for Dylan Batubinsika, who almost had an immediate impact with an effort that went just wide of the post. Congo kept pushing, however, and finally scored when Meschack Elia cut the ball back for Silas to fire in the equalizer. "There was room at the end for us to get all three points," the Stuttgart forward said. **TAIFA STARS RUE MISSED CHANCE** Tanzania failed to see out its first win in coach Hemed Suleiman's debut as 10-man Zambia fought back to draw 1-1 in the other Group F match. Simon Msuva fired the Taifa Stars ahead in the 11th minute, and it got worse for Zambia when team captain Roderick Kabwe was sent off before the break with his second yellow card for an acrobatic lunge at

Tanzania forward Mbwana Samatta. The "Copper Bullets" refused to buckle, however, and Patson Daka equalized for Zambia in the 88th minute. Tanzania changed its coach before the game after Adel Amrouche was banned for eight matches for pre-tournament comments he made about Morocco's alleged influence on the African confederation (CAF). **BAFANA BOUNCE BACK** Themba Zwane scored twice and Percy Tau converted a penalty for South Africa to get its campaign back on track with a 4-0 rout of neighboring Namibia. Tau, who missed a penalty in South Africa's 2-0 loss to Mali, scored from the spot in the 14th minute after a VAR call against Namibia defender Riaan Hanamub. Thapelo Morena cut the ball back for Zwane to score in the 25th and the Mamelodi Sundowns star produced a fine solo goal for his second in the 40th. There could have been more goals before Thapelo Maseko completed the scoring for the Bafana Bafana in the 75th. It lifted South Africa to second in Group E, level on three points with Namibia and one point behind leader Mali, which drew with Tunisia 1-1 on Saturday. Namibia's opening 1-0 win over Tunisia was the country's first-ever Africa Cup victory.

Mohamed Salah returning to Liverpool but could head back for Afcon semis

SPORTS DESK

Mohamed Salah is poised to return to Liverpool to undergo his rehabilitation from a muscle injury, but could fly back to the Africa Cup of Nations if Egypt advance to the tournament semi-finals.

dominated the second half. Liverpool take their time before finding groove to ease fears over Salah. "If that's already decided 100%, I don't know, but that's the plan," the Liverpool manager said. "I think it probably makes sense for

people there have to take care of the players who are playing. Let's see." Later, Egypt's FA said in a statement: "Salah will now travel to England to receive treatment with the hope that he will join the Egyptian national team if it qualifies for the semi-finals." Goals from Núñez and Jota extended Liverpool's fine form, with the leaders opening up a five-point gap to Manchester City, who have a game in hand. Klopp conceded his team lacked rhythm in the first half but his side blew Bournemouth away in the second, the manager reserving special praise for the Argentina midfielder Alexis Mac Allister. "Absolutely exceptional performance ... I'm so happy for him," Klopp said. "He's a really good footballer. Defensively he did a job and offensively he is super important for us. All the good things in the first half happened with him." Bournemouth's head coach, Andoni Iraola, praised Liverpool's clinical streak and acknowledged his team could not maintain their optimum levels after a courageous first-half display. "They [Liverpool] kept for 100 minutes at this high intensity," Iraola. "Once we became a little bit weaker and gave them a bit more space, it became really difficult because they took their chances."



Without Salah, Jürgen Klopp's side moved five points clear at the top of the Premier League with a 4-0 win at Bournemouth courtesy of two second-half goals apiece from Darwin Núñez and Diogo Jota. Salah limped off during Egypt's 2-2 draw with Ghana on Thursday and has been ruled out of their final Group B match against Cape Verde on Monday, as well as the last 16 and quarter final, if the record seven-time Afcon champions make it that far. Klopp clarified the plan is for Salah to return from Ivory Coast to ensure he receives the best medical treatment. Diogo Jota scores his second and Liverpool's third goal as the visitors

everybody if he does the rehab with us – or with our people. That's the plan. If that is written in stone already, I don't know. I have spoken with him [Salah] directly after – pretty much the night when it happened – but since then he is in contact with our doctor [Jonathan Power] and the doc tells me the news. I think he will be back, but we'll wait." Asked whether Salah could return to Ivory Coast should Egypt go the distance, Klopp replied: "I'm not a doctor but I would say if he is fit before the final and Egypt qualifies for the final then probably, yes. Why not? Ivory Coast, I'm sure it's a wonderful country, but we have no people from us there. The

Cristiano Ronaldo says Ballon d'Or and FIFA Best awards losing credibility

SPORTS DESK

Legendary Portuguese footballer Cristiano Ronaldo believes UEFA's Ballon d'Or and FIFA's The Best awards are losing their credibility. Al Nassr superstar Cristiano Ronaldo made the comments in an interview with a Portuguese sports newspaper after Dubai's Globe Soccer Awards ceremony where he won multiple awards, including the best goal scorer of the year, according to India Today. Notably, Argentina's Lionel Messi won both awards in the 2022-23 season. Messi was one of the favourites to win the Ballon d'Or in the 2022-23 season after his maiden FIFA World Cup triumph in Qatar. Cristiano Ronaldo said, "I think that, in a way these awards are losing credibility. We have to analyse the entire season. It's not to say that Messi didn't deserve it, or Haaland or even Mbappe, I simply no longer believe in these awards and it's not because I won at the globe soccer but these are facts, the numbers are there and the numbers don't deceive." "They can't take this trophy away from me because it's a reality. So it makes me even happier, because the numbers are facts," Ronaldo said. Ronaldo currently plays for Al Nassr in the Saudi Pro League. His team is currently placed second in the league table, seven points behind leaders Al-Hilal after playing 19 matches.

Nahida in ICC Women's ODI Team of the Year

Sports Desk

Bangladesh spinner Nahida Akter, who became the first Bangladeshi to be named the ICC Women's player of the month in December last year, was also rewarded for her stupendous performance in 2023. Nahida Akter (Bangladesh) The Bangladesh spinner took 20 wickets in the year in ODIs, the second-highest for anyone in women's ODIs in 2023. She shone with seven wickets in Bangladesh's series victory over Pakistan at home. Notably, in the second ODI of the series, the game ended in a tie and Nahida was charged with the responsibility of bowling in the Super Over. She took two wickets in five balls to end Pakistan's Super Over, conceding only seven runs, which Bangladesh surpassed to come back into the series after a loss in the first game. In the third ODI in Mirpur, Nahida starred again with a three-wicket haul to help Bangladesh seal a series win. She also had a good home series against India, taking six wickets at an average of 15. We take a look at the ICC Women's ODI team of the Year for 2023. Phoebe Litchfield (Australia) With 485 runs in the year in ODIs, 20-year-old Phoebe Litchfield announced herself to international cricket in spectacular fashion. She was the second-highest run-getter in the year in women's ODIs, averaging

exceptional skills as a player in the ODI format throughout the year. Her standout moment came in the series decider against New Zealand, where she played a stunning unbeaten 140 off just 80 balls, leading her team to a historic victory after a shaky start in the chase. She also led Sri Lanka to a 1-0 series win over Bangladesh in a rain-truncated decider, where she contributed with both bat and ball. Her finest performances, though, came against New Zealand, where she guided Sri Lanka to their first-ever bilateral series win with two fiery centuries. Athapaththu's sublime form throughout the year saw her rack up 415 runs in just eight ODIs, averaging 69.16 and notably scoring at a rate of over 125. She walks into the Women's ODI Team of the Year as one of the two openers. Ellyse Perry (Australia) Although Ellyse Perry could not add to her career ODI century count in 2023, she enjoyed a stellar year, knocking off five fifties in the 10 innings she batted. Perry was Australia's highest run-scorer in the Women's Ashes in three ODI innings, including two fifties and another score in the forties. The senior Australian player once again played a big role in the series in India, reeling off half-centuries in the first two games as Australia took an unassailable lead in the three-match series. Amelia Kerr (New Zealand)

contributing with five wickets in the three-match contest. Beth Mooney (wk) (Australia) Beth Mooney was yet again outstanding in the middle-order in ODIs, making 439 runs at an average over 60. The left-hander began the year with a Player of the Series performance against Pakistan, making scores of 57* and 133. She carried the form to the Women's Ashes, where in the first ODI, she made an unbeaten 81 despite her partners struggling a touch. Mooney also stood as wicketkeeper in four ODIs in the year and will be the wicketkeeper for this ICC Women's ODI Team of the Year 2023. Nat Sciver-Brunt (England) Nat Sciver-Brunt played only six ODIs in the year, but such was the impression that she made that she forced her way into the Women's ODI Player of the Year shortlist and the best XI of the year. With three centuries in the six games, Nat Sciver-Brunt was in outrageous form, and carried England to a famous ODI series win against the Aussies, their first over them since 2013. She starred with a Player of the Series award in the Women's Ashes ODI series, smashing two hundreds while also picking up three wickets. Her strong performances won her the Player of the Series award. She further made another hundred, smashing a 74-ball 120 against Sri Lanka as England won



53.8 with the bat with a century and four fifties. In an Australian side filled with superstars, Litchfield carved out a place of her own with an impressive first year. She began her ODI career with back-to-back half-centuries, but reserved her best for late in the year, where on her maiden tour of India, she stood apart from the rest. Litchfield made 78 and 63 in the first two games of the series and walked away with the Player of the Series award. She also made her maiden ODI ton in the year against Ireland. In four of the 14 ODIs she played in the year, the young sensation was awarded the Player of the Match award. Chamari Athapaththu (Sri Lanka) Chamari Athapaththu showcased

the series 2-0. The top-scorer in the year in women's ODIs, Amelia Kerr was one of the contenders for the ICC Women's ODI Cricketer of the Year 2023. The White Ferns all-rounder made 541 runs during the year, averaging 67.62 with two hundreds and three fifties. She also contributed with the ball, taking eight wickets with her leg-breaks. Kerr shone as one of the few highlights for New Zealand during their June-July series against Sri Lanka, despite the team's 2-1 defeat. She starred in the White Ferns' only win of the series with a century and a wicket. Kerr earned the Player of the Series award in New Zealand's last ODI series of the year against Pakistan, showcasing her skills with two half-centuries and

Nat Sciver-Brunt receives ICC Awards | Women's T20WC 2023 England star all-rounder Nat Sciver-Brunt received two big ICC awards after her superb performances in 2022. Ash Gardner (Australia) With 24 wickets in 13 ODIs, Ash Gardner was the leading wicket-taker in women's ODIs in 2023. While not contributing heavily with the bat during the year, her best came against England in Southampton in an ODI where her all-round showing stood out. Gardner made a fighting 33 off 37 balls coming in to bat in a precarious situation and then went on to three important wickets, including that of Sciver-Brunt and Amy Jones.

Djokovic, Gauff dig deep to make Australian Open semi-finals

SPORTS DESK

Novak Djokovic battled past Taylor Fritz into an 11th Australian Open semi-final and a record-extending 48th at Grand Slams on Tuesday, with Coco Gauff also forced to dig deep in searing heat. The Serbian superstar came through a probing test on Rod Laver Arena against 12th seeded American 7-6 (7/3), 4-6, 6-2, 6-3 to keep his bid for a 25th major crown on track. Djokovic almost always gets the evening slot on centre court, but was bumped to the afternoon on a day where temperatures soared to 32 degrees Celsius (90 degrees Fahrenheit) and the world number one admitted it was hard going. "Physically and emotionally very draining," he said after the three hour and 45 minute slog, adding that he "suffered a lot" in the first two sets. "He was serving well, staying close to the line and kind of suffocating me from the back of the court," he said. "I think I upped my game probably midway through the third set all the way to the end." The 36-year-old will face either Italian fourth seed Jannik Sinner or Russian fifth seed Andrey Rublev



next, with the omens not good for either man. Djokovic has won all 10 previous semi-finals he has played at Melbourne Park, stretching back to his first title in 2008. Error-strewn US Open champion Gauff was also put through her paces before outlasting unseeded Ukrainian Marta Kostyuk after more than three scrappy hours 7-6 (8/6), 6-7 (3/7), 6-2. She will meet either power-

packing defending champion Aryna Sabalenka or ninth-seeded Barbora Krejčíková for a place in the final. But her performance will not strike fear into whoever she plays next, with the 19-year-old struggling on serve and wasting countless opportunities. - Bad match - She admitted it was below-par, giving herself only a 'C' rating. "Hopefully I got the bad match out of the way and I can play even better."