

## Ensure stricter vigilance to control price, extortion: PM

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT:**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has instructed the authorities concerned to enhance vigilance in a bid to control the prices of essential commodities and extortion across the country. The prime minister issued this directive while presiding over the cabinet meeting held at her office in Dhaka on Monday, acknowledging the burden on the people due to the exorbitant price hikes of all commodity items. During the meeting, Sheikh Hasina also asked the secretaries

to fulfill their respective responsibilities with self-confidence, self-dignity and determination to ensure the betterment of the country. "Many officials within the government think that only the Anti-Corruption Commission is responsible for eliminating corruption from the country but don't think like this. Secretaries of all ministries and departments will have to work together to this end," she said. While addressing a press conference at the secretariat, Cabinet

Secretary Mahbub Hossain said that all secretaries and officials equivalent to the rank of secretary were present during on Monday meeting. "The secretary meeting with the prime minister is not held based on any specific issue. We wanted to hear from the premier about her instructions to us during the meeting, Hossain said. The prime minister also reiterated her zero-tolerance policy against corruption, asking all secretaries to beef up vigilance at all strategic service points to curb the corruption, he said.



Yesterday Monday Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina chaired the secretary meeting at her office —PID

## Displaced Myanmar nationals won't be allowed to enter Bangladesh: Quader

**STAFF REPORTER**

Awami League General Secretary (AL) Obaidul Quader today said there are no scope of showing generosity to Myanmar and no more displaced Myanmar nationals will be allowed to enter Bangladesh in any circumstances. "It is not possible to show any more generosity on the issue of Myanmar and if someone new comes to Bangladesh from there, he or she will not be allowed to enter the territory of Bangladesh,"

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## PM for patience regarding war-like situation in Myanmar: Law Minister

**STAFF REPORTER**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has instructed the armed forces and paramilitary border guards of Bangladesh to have patience regarding the recent war-like situation in Myanmar between their government forces and insurgents. Law Minister Anisul Huq, in absence of Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan, on Monday said this while responding to a supplementary question from Opposition Chief Whip Mujibul Huq Chunnun in the parliament. "Bangladesh is observing the situation closely and steps will be taken," he said. He said

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## Myanmar approaches to take back BGP members: Hasan

**STAFF REPORTER**

Foreign minister Dr Hasan Mahmud on Monday said Myanmar government has approached to the Bangladesh mission there for taking back its Border Guard Police (BGP) members who fled to Cox's Bazar due to heavy unfights in Rakhine state. "We have uninterrupted communication... and this morning, the Deputy Foreign Minister of Myanmar talked to the Bangladesh Ambassador in that country. Myanmar will take back their BGP members," he told when approached by journalists at the foreign ministry here. Hasan said Bangladesh and Myanmar authorities are discussing the process of taking back the BGP members. "We (Bangladesh and

Myanmar) are discussing whether they (the fled BGP members) will be taken back by air or by boat, we shall find a way," he added. In reply to a query when the BGP members could be deported, the minister said: "That's what we're working on because more (BGP members) are likely to take refuge in Bangladesh." He said that Myanmar security forces members had also entered Indian Territory too before, and they were airlifted from India to Myanmar. Till this morning, 95 people registered who took refuge in Bangladesh after fleeing Myanmar, Dr Hasan Mahmud said. Among the fled BGP members, some are injured and have been admitted to Cox's Bazar Hospital.

## Attack on Syrian US base kills Kurdish fighters as regional tension simmers

**AL-JAZEERA**

A drone strike on a United States base in eastern Syria overnight has killed several fighters from Kurdish-led forces. The United Kingdom-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights (SOHR) said on Monday that seven fighters were killed and at least 18 others injured. The attack follows US strikes on targets in Iraq and Syria over the weekend. Iran-aligned armed groups said they had also struck US bases in Syria as well as western and northern Iraq, as a low-level war with Washington simmers. "This attack in the first response by the Iranian militias to American bases after American airstrikes on militia positions in various areas within areas they control," the observatory said of Monday's incident. The SOHR added that since October 19 "108 attacks" were carried out on bases of the US-led Combined Joint

Task Force across Syria. The US-led coalition was set up in 2014 to fight ISIL (ISIS). The Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) announced a different death toll saying: "Six of our fighters

The strikes extend a series of tit-for-tat attacks as Israel's war in Gaza threatens escalation across the region.

were martyred due to a terrorist attack" with a one-way drone, targeting a "training academy in the Al Omar oilfield". The extending series of strikes illustrates the rising threat that Israel's bombardment of Gaza risks

provoking a regional escalation across the Middle East. That danger rose dramatically late last month when a drone hit a US base in Jordan, killing three soldiers and wounding more than 40. Washington blamed the attack on Iran-backed forces and promised retaliation, which came over the weekend. The US military hit Tehran-backed groups in Iraq and Syria on Friday and Saturday. US and UK forces unleashed attacks against 36 Houthi targets in Yemen on Sunday. The US military's Central Command (CENTCOM) said its forces "conducted a strike in self-defence against a Houthi... land attack cruise missile" and later hit "four anti-ship cruise missiles, all of which were prepared to launch against ships in the Red Sea". Washington has sought to confirm that it hopes not to escalate the regional risk. The Pentagon has insisted

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## 10 to die, 6 get life-term for raping housewife in Subarnachar

**NEWS DESK**

A court here on Monday sentenced 10 people to death and six others to life imprisonment in a case filed over raping a housewife in Subarnachar upazila in 2018. Judge Fatema Ferdous of Noakhali Women and Children Repression Tribunal-2 handed down the verdict in presence of 15 convicts before the court this morning. The convicts are-- M. Sohel, 38, M. Hanif, 30, Swapan, 42, M. Chowdhury, 25, Ibrahim Khalil, 25, M. Badshah Alam, 40, Abul Hosen, 40, Mosharraf, 35, M. Jasim Uddin, 32, M. Salahuddin, 32, M. Jasim Uddin, 32, M. Hasan Ali, 45, M. Murad, 28, M. Jamal alias Henju Majhi, 28, M.

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## Celebrating "National Library Day 2024" by District Government Public Library Madaripur

**Mahbubur Rahman**

National Library Day 2024 Celebration Rally, Discussion and Prize Distribution at Madaripur. The event was organized by the Government Public Library, Madaripur. At 10.00 am, the colorful rally left the Independence Square and ended at the Madaripur District Government Public Library. The day started auspiciously by flying the dove symbol of peace in the premises of the District Public Library. On Sunday at 10.30 am, a discussion meeting and prize distribution ceremony was held in the hall of Government Public Library, Madaripur. Under the chairmanship of librarian Mr. Mohammad Saidur Rahman and



moderated by Mr. Masud Sumon, Superintendent of Police Mr. Md. Masud Alam, Additional Deputy Commissioner Md. Saiful Islam, Madaripur Sadar Upazila Chairman - Md. Obaidur Rahman Khan (did not speak), District Education Officer spoke as honored guests in the event. Md. Habib Ullah Khan, Deputy Director Islamic Foundation Abdur Razzak Roni, District Private Library Association President Birmuktijoddha Md. Awlad Hossain, Madaripur Library Association President Mr. Taslima

Khanam, Poet Subal Biswas, Poet Milan Sabyasachi and others. He was also present. All the staff of Madaripur District Government Public Library, readers, parents of winning candidates, representatives of various NGOs, journalists of electronic and print media, leaders of District Private Library Association and about three hundred people from different professions were present in the event. This year's theme of Library Day is "Read Books in Libraries, Build Smart Bangladesh".

## Bangladesh reports zero Covid-19 death, 51 positive cases

**STAFF REPORTER**

Bangladesh Yesterday Monday recorded zero Covid-19 death while it reported 51 coronavirus positive cases. "Bangladesh reported 6.53 percent Covid-19 positive cases as 781 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 49 while zero Covid-19 death was reported here. The official tally showed that the virus killed a total of 29,482 people and infected 20,47,348 so far. The recovery count rose to

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## BSMMU The patient successfully underwent bone marrow transplantation

**STAFF REPORTER**

Bone marrow transplantation of a blood cancer patient was successfully performed at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU). A press conference was organized on this occasion at 'Centre for Blood, Bone Marrow Transplantation and Stem Cell Therapy' Center in F-Block of the University on Monday at 11:30 AM (5 February 2024). The press conference emphasized on permanent and consistent bone marrow transplantation. 'Centre for Blood, Bone Marrow Transplantation and Stem Cell Therapy' focuses on making the center world class. Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical

University Honorable Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Md. Sharfuddin Ahmed and assured the necessary cooperation from the university administration. The



chairman of the hematology department presented the technical subject of bone marrow transplantation. Md. Salauddin Shah. In the

press conference, it was informed that the 'Center for Blood, Bone Marrow Transplantation and Stem Cell Therapy Center' was permanently set up on January 1 in F-Block of

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University for the treatment of cancer patients. First successful bone marrow

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# China's tumbling prices push some exporters to the brink

**REUTERS**  
When Kris Lin, who owns a lighting factory in China, received this year's first order from a close overseas client, he faced a distressing choice: take it at a loss, or tell workers not to come back after the Lunar New Year. "It was impossible for me to lose this order," said Lin, who plans to re-start his factory in the eastern city of Taizhou at around half its capacity after the Feb. 10-17 holiday break. "I could have lost this client forever, and it would have endangered livelihoods for so many people. If we delay resuming production, people might start doubting our business. If rumours spread, it affects the decisions of our suppliers." Prolonged factory deflation is threatening the survival of smaller Chinese exporters who are locked in relentless price wars for shrinking business as higher interest rates abroad and rising trade protectionism squeeze demand. Producer prices have been

falling for 15 straight months, crushing profit margins to the point where industrial output and jobs are now at risk and compounding China's economic woes, which include a property crisis and debt crunch. About 180 million people work in

China's industrial firms fell 2.3% last year, adding to the 4% drop in COVID-hit 2022. An official survey showed manufacturing activity contracting for a fourth straight month in January, while export orders shrank for a 10th month. For Lin, that has meant the \$1.5 million order his client placed was 25% below a similar one last year. It was 10% below production cost. Sluggish exports mean policymakers need to pull other levers to reach their growth target, increasing the urgency of stimulating household consumption, analysts say. "The more 'rebalanced' growth is, the faster that downward pressure on prices and margins will dissipate," said Louis Kuijs, Asia-Pacific chief economist at S&P Global. 'RAT RACE' China has been funneling financial resources into the manufacturing sector, rather than consumers, exacerbating overcapacity and deflation concerns, even in booming higher-end sectors, such as electric vehicles. ►SEE PAGE-2



export-related jobs, commerce ministry data from 2022 shows. Raymond Yeung, chief China economist at ANZ, says fixing deflation should be a higher priority than reaching the expected growth target of around 5% for this year. "Companies cut product prices, then staff salaries. Then consumers won't buy - this could be a vicious cycle," he said. Profits at

## Primary schools closed in Bandarban amid rising tension

STAFF REPORTER

Five primary schools have been declared closed amid the rising tension due to ongoing fighting in Myanmar along the Ghumdum-Tumbru border of Naikkhangchhari upazila in Bandarban district. The closure information has been made in a circular signed by the Deputy Secretary Aktarrunahar of the Ministry of Primary and Mass Education. The five schools are Baishpari Government Primary School, Bhajabnia Government Primary School, Tumbru Government Primary School, Poshchimkul Tumbru Government Primary School, and Dakhsin Ghumdum Government Primary School. The mentioned five government primary schools along the border will remain closed until further orders. If the local situation improves, the District Primary Education Officer, Bandarban Hill District will take necessary measures to open the schools. ►SEE PAGE-2

## 7 robbers arrested with weapons, looted goods and money in Narsingdi police operation



Narsingdi Correspondent

Narsingdi District Detective Police (DB) arrested 7 members of inter-district dacoity gang along with weapons, ammunition and looted goods in a day-long raid. Meanwhile, looted cash of Tk 5 lakh 23 thousand 500, 17 and a half grams of gold and 1 active pipe gun used in robbery, 4 rounds of bullets and 1 private car were recovered from them. Superintendent of Police Mohammad Mostafizur Rahman confirmed this information in a press conference on Monday (February 5-2024) morning at the district police super office. The arrested robbers include Sheikh Farid (35), son of deceased Siddiqur Rahman of Battali Khamarpara village of Raipura upazila, Moktar Hossain (44), son of Chan Mia of Dari Baluakandi village of the same upazila. Al Amin (29), son of deceased Raja Mia of Chararalia village. Abul Kashem (42), son of deceased Raju Mia of Naukaghata village of Shibpur upazila, Nurul Islam (29), son of Ah Rahim of Champaknagar village of Sadar Upazila, Rajib (22), son of

deceased Aynal Mia of Bashkalipura village of the same upazila Shipon Sutradhar is the son of Sadhan Chandra Sutradhar of Bhatpara Dighirpur village of Palash upazila. Superintendent of Police Mostafiz Rahman said that on January 26 (Friday), a gang of 10/12 members broke into the house of Mejbah Uddin Mejur, the plaintiff in the case, at Devalertek, Jessore Bazar under Shibpur police station, at around 3 am. Later, they took people hostage at gunpoint and looted goods worth 19 lakh rupees, 16 pieces of gold ornaments and about 53 lakh rupees kept inside the cupboard. Immediately after the incident, the Superintendent of Police visited the spot and directed the DB Police to quickly arrest the accused. Later, a smart team consisting of Sangeet Force under the leadership of Additional Superintendent of Police (Crime) Anirban Chowdhury, Senior Assistant Superintendent of Police (Shibpur Circle) Mejbah Uddin, Officer-in-Charge (OC) of District Intelligence Police DB Khokon Chandra Sarkar and Sub-Inspector Sadekur Rahman went to various places based on secret. ►SEE PAGE-2

## Govt pushes economy to the verge of absolute collapse: BNP

STAFF REPORTER

The ruling Awami League government has pushed the entire economy of the country towards absolute destruction, BNP Senior Joint Secretary General Ruhul Kabir Rizvi, alleged on Monday. "We are afraid of the lack of democracy, unbridled corruption, money laundering spree, inflationary pressure, declining foreign exchange reserve, current account and fiscal deficits and unprecedented depreciation of money against foreign currency," he said. Citing the country's overall economy, the BNP leader said that the present situation of the country's every major economic indicator is deplorable, pushing the overall economy towards a catastrophic situation. The government is pushing the entire country towards the loan trap as it has taken an anti-people stance by increasing TAX and VAT to pay off the internal debt, he said. At present, the amount of domestic and foreign debt of the government is more than the budget for the two financial years of Bangladesh, Rizvi said. According to the central bank, the government's

## Senegal police clamp down on protesters as opposition rejects election delay

AP NEWS

Police made arrests and fired tear gas at opposition supporters during protests Sunday against the decision by President Macky Sall to postpone Senegal's Feb. 25 elections as federal lawmakers prepared to debate a bill to formalize the postponement. Demonstrators rallied in the capital of Dakar after leading opposition figures and candidates in the presidential election rejected Saturday's announcement of the election postponement. Opposition leaders had called on citizens to defend democracy amid a push for dialogue by West Africa's regional bloc, ECOWAS. Among those arrested as the protests spread in the capital included former Prime Minister Aminata Touré and Anta Babacar Ngom, one of the presidential candidates in the election. The government cut off the signal of the private Walf television channel as it broadcast the protest live. The global Committee to Protect Journalists condemned the signal cutoff in a post on the social media platform X, urging Senegalese authorities to ensure that "journalists can work without hindrance." Analysts say the crisis in Senegal is putting one of Africa's most stable democracies to the test at a time when the region is struggling with a

recent surge in coups. Senegal has been embroiled in political tensions as a result of deadly clashes involving opposition supporters and the disqualification of two opposition leaders ahead of the now-cancelled presidential ballot. Several opposition figures rejected



defend the Constitution," former minister and opposition candidate Thierno Alassane Sall said Saturday in a post on social media platform X. Former mayor of the capital of Dakar Khalifa Sall also asked the citizens to "come together to save our democracy" while another opposition candidate, Déthié Fall, said, "We will start our campaign and we call on all candidates to do the same." The U.S. Department of State noted Senegal's "strong tradition of democracy and peaceful transitions of power" in a post on X, which urged "all participants in (the) electoral process to engage peacefully to swiftly set a new date and the conditions for a timely, free and fair election."

In postponing the election by repealing a decree that set the electoral process in motion, Sall cited a dispute between the judiciary and federal lawmakers over the disqualification process and the reported dual nationality of some qualified candidates. But opposition leaders have argued the Senegalese leader lacks the power to delay the vote. Senegal's constitution empowers the Constitutional Council, Senegal's highest election authority, to reschedule the election in certain circumstances including in the case of "the death, ►SEE PAGE-2

## Teacher arrested for beating and injuring madrasa student in Madaripur



Md. Hemayet Hossain Khan

Madrasa teacher Fakir Muktaruzzaman has been arrested by Dasar Police Station for allegedly beating and injuring Abir Mridha, a 12-year-old student of Adarsh Orphanage and Hafez Madrasa in West Majipara area (Andirpar) of Dasar, Madaripur district. According to the statement of the case and the injured madrasa student Abir

Mridhar, the victim Abir stopped them when two young students of the madrasa shouted yesterday morning (February 4). At that time, unable to stop their shouting, Abir went to his bed in the second floor of the madrasa and slept. In this situation, after some time Madrasa teacher Fakir Muktaruzzaman said to the student Abir Mridha that you fought below, Bhuktbhugi. ►SEE PAGE-2

## Farewell reception for SSC candidates at Nargun High School, Thakurgaon

Thakurgaon Correspondent

The farewell reception for the SSC candidates and the freshman reception for the students admitted in classes VI-IX was held at the famous Vidyapeeth Nargun High School in Thakurgaon. The reception was organized on Monday in the school grounds. In the reception organized by Nargun High School, under the chairmanship of Satyendra Nath Roy, president of the school's managing committee, the chief guest, Sadar Upazila Secondary Education Officer Md. Abdur Rahman, the special guest Union A'League General Secretary and UP Chairman Md. Serekul. ►SEE PAGE-2

## APBN-2 returned mobile money in Mymensingh

Ayub Ali

A raiding party of the Armed Police Battalion-2 located at Muktagachha, Mymensingh, conducted raids in various districts of Greater Mymensingh in a series of raids and recovered Tk 6 lakh worth of hacked mobile, Bikash and Nagat apps. These raids are conducted in the diary of the victimized common people in different police stations. 36 smart phones worth 85 thousand taka were recovered. Additional DIG of Police Ali Ahmed Khan, commander of the force, confirmed this information to reporters at the battalion headquarters in Muktagacha this afternoon. The captain handed over the recovered



mobile phones and money to the mobile owners who were rescued earlier. Additional Superintendent of Police (BQM) Md Afsar Uddin,

OC (Offs) ASM Samsuddin and others were present at this time. The captain said that two people named. ►SEE PAGE-2

## Mir Russell was injured in the terrorist attack in Narsingdi's Shivpur

Haladhar Das

A youth named Mir Russell (27) of Bheramara village of Shibpur upazila of Narsingdi was seriously injured in the terrorist attack. Currently he is under treatment at Shibpur Upazila Health Complex. On the morning of February 2, 4/5 unidentified terrorists attacked near his house from the east and seriously injured him. At that time, the neighbors rushed to rescue him and admitted him to the hospital. He sustained severe injuries to his head, face and left hand in the attack. The. ►SEE PAGE-2

NEWS DESK

The National Public Library Day-2024 was observed in Rajshahi in a befitting manner on Monday with the call of enlightening people after the best uses of public libraries. Marking the day, the divisional public library and district administration jointly organized a discussion in the conference hall of the divisional public library. "Gronthagare Boy Pori, Smart Bangladesh Gori" was the main theme of the day this year. Additional Deputy Inspector General of Police Bijoy Basak and Deputy Commissioner of Rajshahi Shamim Ahmed addressed the discussion as chief and special guests respectively with assistant director of the divisional public library Masud Rana

in the chair. Additional Deputy Commissioner (Education and ICT) Joya Maria Perera and Rajshahi Divisional Councilor of Bangladesh Library Association Abdullah Al Bashir also spoke. Highlighting the significance of the day the discussants unanimously said the role of the library is immense towards building a knowledgeable and enlightened society. They added that books always make people beautiful, bright and prosperous. Only the people enriched with a prosperous heart can build bright Bangladesh. Bijoy Basak said libraries play a fundamental role in developed society not only for access to information but also as a centre for all types of entertainment. Information can be

retrieved easily online. "We must have public libraries in every union and these libraries will be serving as the bridge between those who are well-informed about access to information and those who aren't," he added. Earlier, they opened the day by releasing balloons and festoons in the sky. Meanwhile, Rajshahi University of Engineering and Technology (RUET) observed the day in its campus in a befitting manner on Monday. In addition to taking out a rally, the technological varsity held a discussion at its conference hall. Vice-chancellor Prof Jahangir Alam, Civil Engineering Faculty Dean Prof M u h a m m a d Quamruzzaman Ripon, ►SEE PAGE-2

Displaced Myanmar

he said. Quader, also the road transport and bridges minister, made the remarks at a press conference held at AL president's Dhanmondi political office here on Monday afternoon.

PM for patience

that on Monday some 78 Myanmar Border Police members entered Bangladesh, some of them with injuries. He mentioned that these personnel have been kept in a school there and the injured persons were given treatment.

Attack on Syrian

that it does not want a war with Iran. However, officials say that further military action is planned. White House National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan told national TV on Sunday that Friday's strikes were "the beginning, not the end, of our response, and there will be more steps - some seen, some perhaps unseen".

10 to die, 6 get life-term

Shoel, 28 and M. Mintu alias Helal, 28, of Subarnachar Madhyam Bagya village. Among the convicts, M. Mintu alias Helal is absconding since the case was filed. According to the case, on December 30, 2018, a 40-year-old woman was beaten and gang-raped in her house while her husband and children were tied up right beside her.

Bangladesh reports zero

20,14,539 as 32 other patients were discharged from the dedicated hospitals during the last 24 hours, the statement added. From the beginning of the pandemic, 98.40 percent Covid-19 patients recovered among the infected

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people while 1.44 percent died, the DGHS statistics showed.

BSMMU The

transplantation was performed at this center. 63-year-old Enamul Haque, a resident of Arai Hazare in Narayanganj, came to the hospital for treatment four months ago with various physical complications. After various tests, the hematology department of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University confirmed that Enamul Haque's body is suffering from multiple myeloma or complex blood cancer disease.

China's

An executive at an automotive moulds factory from the eastern Zhejiang province, who asked not to be named due to the sensitivity of the matter, expects the firm's output and exports to rise, but earnings to fall, describing the intensifying competition in the industry as a "rat race."

Primary schools closed

including resumption of academic activities in the mentioned schools in consultation with the higher authorities. At least two people were killed and a child was injured after a mortar shell, reportedly fired by Myanmar, fell on the Ghumdum border in Bandarban on Monday. The incident took place at around 2:30pm when the shell hit an under-construction house in the Naikhongchhari upazila.

7 robbers arrested

information. A total of 7 people were arrested including 6 gang members involved in the robbery and 1 person who bought the goods. He also said that the operation is continuing to nab the rest of the accused involved in the incident and the arrested have been sent to court.

Govt pushes economy

total foreign debt has reached Tk 7,97,800 crore, while the internal debt stands at Tk 8,15,911 crore, bringing the total local and foreign debts to Tk 16,13,711 crore, he said. The majority of the country's population is enduring hunger and starvation while leaders of the ruling party are engaged in sharing power among themselves.

Senegal police

permanent incapacity or withdrawal" of candidates. His announcement followed a request to postpone the vote made by the opposition Senegalese Democratic Party, whose candidate Karim Wade was among those disqualified.

Teacher arrested

said that I did not fight, he did not listen to this and falsely slandered me and injured me in different parts of the body with the bus kanchi. Jamal Mridha, the father of Abir Mridha, who was injured in the incident, said, "After beating my son, my son Abir ran away from the madrasa and came home and informed about the incident of Mair. I went to the madrasa with my relatives and 4/5 people from the local area.

Farewell reception for

Islam, the school's headmaster Md. Mahub. Alam, Assistant Teacher Sujar Roy, Md. Aktar Hossain, Rezaul Karim, Md. Mamunur Rashid, Ziaur Rahman Zia, Managing Committee Member Md. Kamal Hossain etc. At this time, the guests welcomed the SSC examinees in 2024 with various educational materials and felicitated the students who were admitted in the 6th to 9th class in the current academic year.

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Farhad and Ruddha were arrested with 331 SIMs of Banglalink company which had been falsely registered for fraudulent use.

Mir Russell was injured

injured Mir Russell is the son of Md Manik Mia of Bheramara village. His family members said that preparations are underway to file a case at Shibpur Model Police Station. Besides, earlier on May 16, 2023, an unknown number demanded a subscription of Tk 40 lakh from the mobile number. Mir Russell threatened him with death if he refused to pay the subscription.

National Public

Applied Science and Humanity Faculty Dean Prof Abbas Ali and Research and Extension Director Prof Faruque Hossain addressed the discussion. Haque, a resident of Arai Hazare in Narayanganj, came to the hospital for treatment four months ago with various physical complications. After various tests, the hematology department of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University confirmed that Enamul Haque's body is suffering from multiple myeloma or complex blood cancer disease.

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## Egypt Fires Rui Vitória after Disappointing Africa Cup Campaign Costs another Coach His Job

**SPORTS DESK**

Egypt fired Portuguese coach Rui Vitória and his backroom staff Sunday following the team's disappointing performance at the Africa Cup of Nations. The Associated Press said. The Egyptian Football Association thanked Vitória and his assistants after its directors met earlier to discuss the team's performance. Egypt, which has won a record seven Africa Cup titles, failed to win a game in the 34th edition of the tournament and was knocked out by Congo in a dramatic penalty shootout in the round of 16. The Egyptian federation said it was appointing former Egypt and Al Ahly defender Mohamed Youssef as interim coach "until a foreign technical director is selected and the rest of the staff is formed." The federation said its directors will study the resumes of foreign coaches at their next meeting. French coach Herve Renard has reportedly agreed to take over once his contract as coach of the France women's team expires. Renard guided Saudi Arabia to a famous win over eventual tournament winner Argentina at the 2022 World Cup and was the subject of a loan bid from the Ivorian federation to step in for its remaining Africa Cup games after it fired another French coach, Jean-Louis Gasset. Vitória, who was appointed Egypt coach on a four-year deal in 2022, failed to get the best out of the team. The Pharaohs drew all their Africa Cup group games by the same score of 2-2 against Mozambique, Ghana and Cape Verde before its loss on penalties to Congo. After losing Mohamed Salah to a hamstring injury in the second



(From L) Inter Milan's Dutch defender #02 Denzel Dumfries, Austrian forward #08 Marko Arnautovic, Argentine forward #10 Lautaro Martinez, French defender #28 Benjamin Pavard and Italian defender #95 Alessandro Bastoni celebrate their team's 1-0 victory after winning the Serie A football match between Inter Milan and Juventus at the San Siro stadium in Milan

## Patrick Mahomes Sr., Father to Chiefs' Patrick Mahomes, Arrested on Suspicion of DWI in Texas

**SPORTS DESK**

The arrest comes just ahead of his son's Super Bowl LVIII matchup against the San Francisco 49ers on Feb. 11. Patrick Mahomes Sr. has been arrested on suspicion of a DWI. The dad of Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes, and a former MLB pitcher, 53, was booked in the Smith County Jail in Tyler, Texas, on Saturday, according to jail records. He is facing a charge of DWI for the third time or more, per the records, and his bond has been set at \$10,000. Mahomes Sr. did not immediately respond to PEOPLE's request for comment. Never miss a story — sign up for PEOPLE's free daily newsletter to stay up-to-date on the best of what PEOPLE has to offer, from celebrity news to compelling human interest stories.



# Inzaghi Takes Another Step Toward His 1st Serie A Title as Inter Beats Juventus to Go 4 Points Clear

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Inter Milan coach Simone Inzaghi took a potentially decisive step toward his first Serie A title on Sunday. An own-goal by Bianconeri defender Federico Gatti in chaotic circumstances was enough to hand league leader Inter a 1-0 win in the Derby d'Italia and lift it four points above second-place Juventus. Both teams were eager to highlight that nothing would be decided at San Siro, with 15 rounds remaining, but Inter has a game in hand — at home to Atalanta on Feb. 28 — and Massimiliano Allegri's Juventus will now also be nervously looking over its shoulder, with AC Milan only four points behind. Inter started brighter on Sunday and should have taken the lead in the 25th minute. Hakan Calhanoglu played a wonderful, crossfield ball over the top to Federico Dimarco and he crossed

for Marcus Thuram, who appeared to be through on goal before a perfectly timed, last-ditch tackle from Bremer. Juventus went as close at the other end shortly after as Weston McKennie strode downfield before passing to an unmarked Dušan Vlahovic but the in-form forward's first touch was horrible, allowing Benjamin Pavard to get in the block for a corner. Inter took the lead eight minutes from the break. Nicolò Barella whipped in a cross from the right. Pavard missed the ball with an overhead kick and it went through to Thuram for an attempted diving header but instead it bounced in off Gatti's chest. Inter started the second half just as it had begun the first and Dimarco drilled narrowly wide of the post before Calhanoglu thumped the right upright. Juventus also had chances to level in an end-to-end second period and Vlahovic's overhead kick

went narrowly over the bar. **FIGHT FOR FOURTH** Charles De Ketelaere is finally showing the form that saw AC Milan shell out over 30 million euros (\$32 million) on the Belgian youngster. De Ketelaere never fulfilled his promise at Milan and was loaned to Atalanta for this season. He scored two goals on Sunday to help Atalanta beat rival Lazio 3-1 and consolidate fourth spot. The 22-year-old converted a penalty in the first half and showed his confidence in the second with a delicious feint past his marker before driving a shot into the bottom near corner to put Atalanta 3-0 up. That took De Ketelaere's tally to seven in his past nine matches. He didn't score at all for Milan last season. Mario Pašalić scored the opener for a dominant Atalanta side. Lazio was looking to replace Atalanta in fourth but didn't really get into gear until the

final 10 minutes, with Ciro Immobile converting a penalty in the 84th. It is a tight battle for fourth and Atalanta moved three points above Bologna and four above Roma and Napoli, with Fiorentina and Lazio a point further back. Napoli kept up the pressure as two late goals saw it fight back to win 2-1 at home to relegation-threatened Hellas Verona, with Khvicha Kvaratskhelia netting the winner three minutes from time. Diego Coppola had headed the visitors in front in the 72nd but Verona was undone seven minutes later by a former player as Cyril Ngonge — who only left the club last month — saw a shot deflected into the back of the net. Ngonge didn't celebrate and it later went down as an own-goal by Verona defender Paweł Dawidowicz. Also, bottom club Salernitana drew 0-0 at Torino.

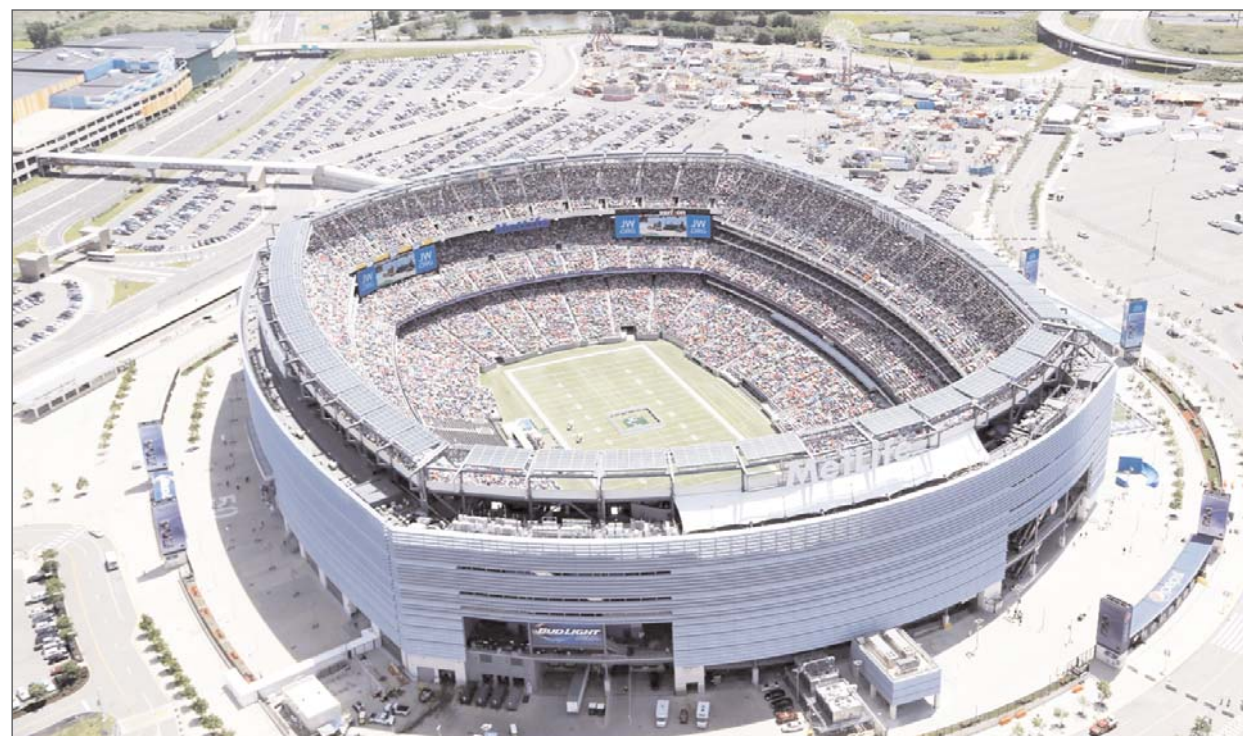
ck Mahomes Sr.'s mugshot. Mahomes Sr. was previously charged with a DWI offense in 2018, according to Bleacher Report. He pled guilty and served 40 days in a county jail. Before that, the athlete faced charges after getting into a one-car accident in 1994, the outlet reported. He was also arrested and charged with public intoxication during a game between Texas Christian University (TCU) and Texas Tech, his son's alma mater, in 2016, per Bleacher Report. Mahomes Sr.'s arrest comes about just ahead of his son's Super Bowl LVIII game against the San Francisco 49ers. Mahomes Sr. was an MLB pitcher from 1992 to 2003. He played for the Boston Red Sox, New York Mets, Texas Rangers, Chicago Cubs and the Pittsburgh Pirates. He also earned himself a spot in the Sioux Falls Canaries Hall of Fame, and he is currently the host of The Big Mahomes

# 2026 World Cup final will be played at MetLife Stadium in New Jersey

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The 2026 World Cup final will be played at MetLife Stadium in New Jersey, beating out Texas and California for soccer's showcase game. FIFA awarded the July 19 championship to the \$1.6 billion venue, which opened in 2010, the culminating match of an expanded 48-nation, 104-game tournament that will be spread across three nations for the first time. Located about 10 miles from Manhattan, MetLife was promoted by both New York and New Jersey, where the stadium was built in the Meadowlands marshes. The land of Bruce Springsteen, Jon Bon Jovi and Frank Sinatra will be the focal point of the globe on that Sunday, when either Lionel Messi's Argentina will try to win its second straight title or a successor will emerge. "It will be a celebration of our diversity and our values," New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy said in a telephone interview. "The bigger picture is what leads up to it and what we leave behind for the decades to come." FIFA made the announcement Sunday at a Miami television studio, allocating the opener of the 39-day tournament to Mexico City's Estadio Azteca on June 11 and the finale to the home of the NFL's New York Jets and Giants. Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones had lobbied for the final to be at his AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas. "The competition was dealing with the perception of the coastal, of a New York, or a Los Angeles," he said. "If this were totally being played to just America and the United States, that wouldn't have been such a formidable thing to overcome. But internationally, that's formidable to overcome." All games from the quarterfinals on are being played in the United States. Semifinals are on July 14 at AT&T and the following day at Mercedes Benz Stadium in Atlanta. Quarterfinals are at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, Massachusetts, on July 9, at SoFi Stadium in Inglewood, California, the following day, and at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Missouri, and Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens, Florida, on July 11. The third-place game will be at Hard Rock on July 18.

The U.S. team will train in suburban Atlanta ahead of the tournament and open at SoFi on June 12. The Americans play seven days later at Seattle's Lumen Field and finish the group stage at SoFi on June 25. Since reaching the semifinals of the first World Cup in 1930, the U.S. has advanced to the quarterfinals just once, in 2002. "It's about making our nation proud," American coach Gregg Berhalter said. "One way to really grow the game and to change soccer in America forever is to perform well and do something that no U.S. team has ever done before." Seventy-eight of 104 matches will be played in the U.S., with 13 games each in Mexico and Canada, and there as many as six matches a day. AT&T will host a tournament-high nine matches. There will be eight each at MetLife, SoFi and Mercedes Benz; seven apiece at Hard Rock, Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, Massachusetts, and NRG Stadium in Houston; and six apiece at Lumen, Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia, Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Missouri, and Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, California. FIFA officials did not publicly explain their site-decision process. Philadelphia's final match will be a round-of-16 meeting on July 4, the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Philadelphia's Citizens Bank Park hosts baseball's All-Star Game, likely on July 14. Santa Clara is the only U.S. site that will not host a game after the new round of 32. AT&T will host two round-of-32 matches. FIFA expanded the World Cup from 32 to 48 nations, increased matches from 64 and announced the 16 sites in 2022. Murphy learned of the decision while at a watch party in a MetLife Stadium suite. He was not discouraged by a British tabloid report on Jan. 17 that said the final would be at AT&T. "We did everything we could to put our head down, focus on the job at hand, kind of push out the noise, and that turned out to be a winning formula," Murphy said. Mexico will play its second match at Guadalajara's Estadio Akron on June 18 and return to Azteca on June 24. Mexico City will host five matches, with four each at Monterrey's Estadio BBVA and Guadalajara. Canada will play its opening first-round match in Toronto on June 12, then at B.C. Place in Vancouver, British Columbia, on June 18 and 24. Each Canada venue will host 13 games. A nation will



This is an aerial view showing MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J., June 20, 2014. The 2026 World Cup final will be at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J., on July 19. FIFA made the announcement Sunday, Feb. 4, 2024, at a Miami television studio, allocating the opener of the 39-day tournament to Mexico City's Estadio Azteca on June 11

need to play eight matches to win the title, up from seven since 1982. All 11 of the U.S. stadiums are home to NFL teams. Hard Rock will host this year's Copa América final on July 14, while MetLife was the site of the 2016 Copa América final. Both the 1970 and 1986 World Cup finals were at Azteca. When the U.S. hosted the 24-nation, 52-game tournament in 1994, the final was at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California, the opener at Chicago's Soldier Field and the semifinals at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford and the Rose Bowl. With the additional teams, the length of the tournament will grow from 29 days in the shortened 2022 schedule in Qatar and 32 days for the 2018 tournament in Russia. Only one match will involve a team that has not had at least three off days. FIFA divided the group stage into East, Central and West regions and intended to make travel shorter for group winners. The stadiums in Arlington, Atlanta and Houston have retractable roofs that are expected to be closed because of summer heat, and Inglewood and Vancouver have fixed roofs. Artificial turf will be replaced by grass in Arlington, Atlanta, East Rutherford, Foxborough, Houston, Inglewood, Seattle and Vancouver. Several of the venues are expected to widen their surfaces to accommodate a 75-by-115 yard (68-by-105 meter) playing field, including AT&T, MetLife and SoFi.