

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation greets PM on reelection

STAFF REPORTER

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has congratulated Sheikh Hasina on her reelection as Prime Minister of Bangladesh. In a greeting letter sent by Co-chair and Trustee of Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Melinda French Gates to the Premier, she wished all the best as Sheikh Hasina began a new term as Prime Minister. "I know that I join everyone at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in expressing how much we value our longstanding partnership with Bangladesh," she said.

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Bangladesh and Egypt to form parliamentary friendly group

STAFF REPORTER

Egyptian Ambassador to Bangladesh Omar Mohim Aldin Ahmed Fahmi on Tuesday called on Jatiya Sangsad (JS) Speaker Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury at her office here. During the meeting, they discussed bilateral issues including parliamentary relations, formation of friendly parliamentary group and functions and development of parliamentary activities of the two countries, said a release. Chaudhury said the 12th parliament will form Bangladesh-Egypt Parliamentary Friendly

Group and it will play an important role in building good relations between the people of the two countries. The two countries will be benefited through exchanging experiences of lawmakers, she said. She said Egypt is a friend of Bangladesh for long and hoped that the friendly relations of the two countries will remain intact in future also. Congratulating Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, the Egyptian envoy said Bangladesh and Egypt have historical relations. JS Whip Iqbalur Rahim and senior officials of the parliament secretariat were present.



Egyptian Ambassador to Bangladesh Omar Mohim Aldin Ahmed Fahmi pays a courtesy call on Speaker of Jatiya Sangsad (JS) Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury at her office in the capital Yesterday Tuesday

Upazila parishad elections to be held in four phases, 1st phase from May 4

STAFF REPORTER

The Election Commission on Tuesday announced that the upazila parishad elections will be held in four phases.

The first phase of voting will be held on May 4, the second phase on May 11, the third phase on May 18 and the fourth (final) phase on May 25. Election Commission Secretary Jahangir Alam gave this information after a meeting held at Agargaon Nirbachan Bhaban in the afternoon. The secretary said that upazila parishad elections will be held in

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Apostolic Nuncio of the Holy See pays courtesy call on FM

STAFF REPORTER

Apostolic Nuncio of the Holy See to Bangladesh Archbishop Kevin S. Randall congratulated Dr. Hasan Mahmud on his appointment as the Foreign Minister, during an introductory courtesy call on Tuesday afternoon at the foreign ministry here. During the meeting, Mahmud stated that Bangladesh is a country of peace, religious harmony, and secularism and reiterated the government's firm commitment to building a peaceful, inclusive and progressive nation. Referring to the protracted Rohingya crisis, he sought support of the international community for a

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Bangladesh doesn't want to engage in war with anyone: Quader

STAFF REPORTER

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader on Tuesday said the ongoing conflict in Myanmar is their internal affairs and Bangladesh does not want to engage in war with anyone. "Efforts are still going on to solve the Rohingya repatriation crisis internationally. . . Not only Myanmar, Bangladesh doesn't want to engage in war with anyone," Quader, also ruling Awami League (AL) general secretary told a media briefing at AL Central office of Bangabandhu Avenue here on Thursday afternoon. He added: "Myanmar has no dispute with us. It is our decision to solve any problem through discussion." Referring to some 54 ethnic communities in Myanmar,

the minister said it is the conflict of other groups with their army and they have already taken control of various places of Myanmar but there is no dispute with us. He said if there raises any issue of Myanmar's conflict with Bangladesh, then Bangladesh government would draw the attention of the United Nations and other international forums as the UN will have a role to play. The minister said, "What is happening on the Myanmar border is their internal matter. Their internal conflict spills over to the border as well. Even shells, mortar shells are falling here leaving two Bangladeshi nationals killed." Replying to a query, the minister said about party nominations for reserved women's seats in the Jatiya Sangsad,

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HC directs to introduce alert system to warn people about air pollution

STAFF REPORTER

The High Court Yesterday Tuesday directed the government to introduce an alert system for issuing urgent cautionary messages in order to save people from unhygienic, severe unhygienic and dangerous air pollution. The court also ordered the authorities concerned of the government to fix a time-bound action plan in order to identify the main sources of air pollution and activities and to curb the pollution and to submit a compliance report to this effect before it.

The bench of Justice Mustafa Zaman Islam and Justice Md Atabullah issued the directives following a petition filed by rights organisation Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (Bela) seeking necessary orders to implement the

directives issued by another bench on February 15, 2022 on this issue. According to the petition, the



officials concerned have not issued any cautionary message under the relevant rules to save people though the air pollution in Dhaka was unhygienic, severe unhygienic and dangerous in most of days in last week of December, 2023 and in

January this year. Following a writ petition filed by Bela, the HC on February 15, 2022 directed the

officials to identify the sources of major air pollution in the country, submit a report on government's action plan to curb the pollution and its implementation and to identify and make a list of the activities, which are mainly responsible for air pollution. It asked the authorities to prepare a time-bound mitigation plan for setting up air quality monitoring system in appropriate places and introduce a system to save people from the exposure to unhealthy air. The HC also issued a rule asking the responsibilities to explain why their failure to mitigate air pollution and to save public health should not be declared illegal and against the public interest and why they should

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264 Myanmar's BGP, army personnel take refuge in Bangladesh: BCB

STAFF REPORTER

A total of 264 members of Myanmar's different forces including border guard police (BGP) and security forces have taken refuge in Bangladesh in the past three days as the fighting between the Myanmar army and the rebel Arakan Army escalated at the border between the two countries, said a BCB press release. Another mortar shell from Myanmar landed across the border in Bandarban's Ghumdhum union on Thursday morning but no causality was reported, said Md Anwar Hossain, a member of ward 5 of Ghumdhum. On Monday, at least two people were killed as mortar shells fired from Myanmar landed in a village across the

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Saber opens helpline 333-4 to receive environment related complaints

STAFF REPORTER

Apart from providing information on the services of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, the National Information and Service Helpline '333-4' was launched on Tuesday to receive complaints related to environment. Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Saber Hossain Chowdhury formally inaugurated this service at a meeting on transformation of smart ministry at the Bangladesh Secretariat here. State Minister for Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology Zunaid Ahmed Palak was present at the meeting. During the meeting, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and a2i of ICT Division signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to make the ministry a smart one and facilitate



cooperation and coordination in its overall digital transformation. Environment, Forest and Climate Change Secretary Dr Farhina Ahmed and a2i Project Director (Joint Secretary) Md Mamunur Rashid Bhuiyan signed the deal on behalf of their respective sides. Speaking on the occasion, Saber Hossain Chowdhury said this MoU will widen the range of digital initiatives aimed at improving government services, increasing internal efficiency and enhancing citizen

involvement in addition to setting up facilities for citizens to report complaints to the environment ministry. E-ticket service will be introduced at various tourist centres, including safari parks, in collaboration with the a2i programme, he said. ADP Tracker will be used to implement the ministry's Annual Development Programme (ADP) and review its progress, the environment ministry said. He said artificial Intelligence (AI) will be integrated in

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BB publishes a list of 39 firms to audit banks and finance companies

STAFF REPORTER

Bangladesh Bank (BB) finally has published a list of 39 firms, including 8 new firms authorised to audit banks and finance companies. The central bank prepared a list of 31 chartered accountant firms that canceled some firms due to a lack of efficiency to audit banks and finance companies. After being appealed by several audit firms, the BB allowed more 8 firms after a comprehensive review. The list of audit firms are-A. Qasem & Co, A Wahab & Co, ACNABIN, Ahmed Zaker & Co, Ahsan Manzur & Co, Anil Salam Idris & Co, Arun & Company, Aziz Halim Khair Choudhury, Basu Banerjee Nath & Co,

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Israel presses onslaught in Gaza's Khan Younis as US pursues ceasefire quest

REUTERS

Israeli forces killed at least 14 Palestinians in airstrikes as they pressed their onslaught in Gaza's main southern city Khan Younis on Tuesday, while the top U.S. diplomat pursued a quest to broker a ceasefire in the four-month-old war. Israel said its forces had killed dozens of Palestinian gunmen throughout Gaza in the past 24 hours with fighting focused on Khan Younis in the south and a threatened assault looming on a nearby border town teeming with displaced people. U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken arrived in Egypt for talks

after a stop in Saudi Arabia during his latest trouble-shooting Middle East swing that Palestinians hope will nail down a ceasefire before Israeli forces storm Gaza's southern fringes where



over a million of Gaza's people are sheltering. It was Blinken's fifth trip to the region since Hamas militants' lightning attack on Israel from Gaza on Oct. 7 triggered the war,

and his first visit since Washington brokered an offer, with Israeli input, for the first extended ceasefire of the conflict. Hamas says it is still weighing the proposal. State Department spokesperson

Matthew Miller said Blinken and Saudi Arabia's ruling crown prince discussed regional steps to achieve an enduring end to the war, tackling the humanitarian disaster in Gaza and limiting regional spillovers of the crisis. Blinken departed Riyadh just after sunrise and arrived in Cairo where he began talks with President

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Inner bar dredging started at Mongla port

HASANUR RAHMAN TANZIR:

Dredging operations have started in the river channel of Inner Bar of Mongla port as the complexity of dredging sand or silt soil (Dike) has been cleared. According to a press

release of the Mongla Port Authority, the dredging project at Inner Bar started in 2021 and about 35 percent of the work is done. Dredging operations were temporarily stopped in 2022 as there was no place to dump the dredging cuttings. As a result of dredging completed at that time, it



is possible to bring ships of 8.5 meters draft to Mongla Port. But since dredging has been stopped for almost a year, due to silt accumulation in some places of the channel, ships with 8.5 meter draft could not come to this port

alternative to regular dredging of the 'naval channel' in order to save the country's second largest sea port. The dredging excavated silt in Inner Bar, which started on March 13, 2021, was stopped midway due to lack of storage space. However, the dredging operation has started from Friday as the place to store the excavated silt has been determined. The soil of this dredging is being kept in Jayamoni area. He also said that the dredging of the Inner bar will continue from this time. Commander Russel Ahmed Khan, chief hydro-grapher of Mongla Port Authority, said that due to lack of storage space for silt excavated through dredging, although dredging was stopped at Inner Bar, the navigable channel was normal. There was no problem with shipping. However, if the regular dredging activities are not continued, there will be a risk to commercial shipping in the future. For this reason, the dredging operation was started from Friday with the decision to dump soil at the old place Jayamoni. Before starting this dredging operation, a survey has been done to see how much silt has accumulated. After completing that survey, this dredging was

regularly. Finally, due to the urgency of the port authorities, the dredging work has started in Poorna from last Monday as the land for dredging has been arranged. Mongla Port Authority Chairman Rear Admiral Shaheen Rahman confirmed this information. He said that there is no

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JS reserved women seats: AL sells 810 nomination forms on first day

STAFF REPORTER

Awami League (AL) on Tuesday distributed 810 nomination forms on the first day for reserved seats for women in the 12th Jatiya Sangsad (JS). The party earned Taka 4.05 crore by selling the nomination forms on the first day. The nomination form selling began at the AL Bangabandhu Avenue central office in the capital at 10 am today. The aspirants collected nomination forms for Taka 50,000 each till 4 pm. AL deputy office secretary Sayem Khan briefed reporters at 4:30 pm after the selling of the nomination forms. He said a total of 810 forms were sold on the first day. Among those, he said, 275 nomination forms were sold to aspirants from Dhaka Division, while 62 forms to Mymensingh Division, 149 forms to Chattogram Division, 26 forms to Sylhet Division, 56 forms to Barishal Division, 77 forms to Khulna Division, 75 forms to Rangpur Division and 90 forms to Rajshahi

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Less rain forecast but historic Southern California storm still threatens flooding and landslides



AP News

Rainfall from one of the wettest storms in Southern California history was to ease off Tuesday, but forecasters warned that floods were still possible and soaked ground raised the threat of potentially deadly landslides. The slow-moving storm that parked itself over the region on Monday, dumping record amount of rain on parts of Los Angeles, could linger into Wednesday, the National Weather Service said. Scattered showers and some possible thunderstorms would bring light to moderate rain, but there was still the threat that many places could see brief, fierce downpours dumping a half-inch to an inch (1.3 to 3 centimeters) of rain in an hour. Authorities warned people to remain on high alert and most of Southern California remained under flood watches. Swollen and fast-moving creeks and rivers "increase the risk for drowning and the need for swift water rescues," the weather service said. The storm plowed through Northern California over the weekend, killing three people who were crushed by falling trees, then lingered over the

south. It was the second storm fueled by an atmospheric river to hit the state over the span of days. On Monday, it deluged Los Angeles with rain, sending mud and boulders down hillsides dotted with multimillion-dollar homes while people living in homeless encampments in many parts of the city scrambled for safety. Near the Hollywood Hills, floodwaters carried mud, rocks and household objects downhill through Studio City, city officials said. Sixteen people were evacuated and several homes were red-tagged. "It looks like a river that's been here for years," said Keki Mingus, whose neighbors' homes were damaged. "I've never seen anything like it." Drake Livingston who lives in the Beverly Crest neighborhood, was watching a movie around midnight when a friend alerted him to flooding. "We looked outside and there's a foot-and-a-half of running water, and it starts seeping through the doors," said Livingston, whose car was found submerged in mud on Monday morning. Downtown Los Angeles received nearly 7 inches (18 centimeters) of rain by Monday night, nearly half the

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Arakan Army seizes two Myanmar junta bases

NEWS DESK

The Arakan Army (AA) claims to have seized two Myanmar junta battalion headquarters in Mrauk U and Kyauktaw townships, Rakhine State. The AA said it seized the Light Infantry Battalion (LIB) 378 headquarters on Monday morning after several days of fighting in historic Mrauk U. Last Tuesday, the AA seized the adjacent LIB 540 headquarters and has been attacking the LIB 377 base in the township. The three battalions have been shelling Mrauk U Archaeological Museum, the historic capital of the Mrauk U Kingdom, residential areas of the town and neighboring villages nearby, according to the AA. The AA said it overran LIB 376 headquarters in Kyauktaw Township on February 2 and other junta bases in Minbya, Kyauktaw and Mrauk U townships are under attack. Clashes continue in Rathedaung, Ponnagyun, Ramree and Ann townships amid regime bombardments from air and sea. The AA is attacking border outposts in Taung Pyo on

the Bangladeshi border in Maungdaw Township. Around 90 regime troops reportedly fled across the border on Sunday and Monday. Bangladesh's Border Guard Force said on Monday that nearly 100 junta border personnel entered Bangladesh to escape the AA's raids. Retreating regime forces have been chased and attacked by the AA with the regime responding with shelling and airstrikes. On Monday, 48-year-old Bangladeshi woman Hosne Ara and a Rohingya man were killed in Bangladesh when a shell from fighting near the border hit a village across the border, the Bangladesh police said. The AA also blamed the junta. It has been attacking the regime across northern Rakhine State and neighboring Paletwa Township in southern Chin State since November 13. It says it has seized around 170 junta positions, including Paktaw town near the Rakhine capital, Sittwe, and the whole of Paletwa Township. Source : Irrawaddy

Ukraine's Donetsk region pounded by up to 2,500 Russian strikes daily - governor

INTERNATIONAL DESK

Russia is firing between 1,500 and 2,500 shells and rockets at Ukraine's war-ravaged Donetsk region every day and is targeting critical infrastructure to make it harder for people to remain there in winter, its governor told Reuters. The eastern province, 57% of which is occupied by Russia, has been at the

forefront of war since 2014, when Russian-backed proxies seized the region's capital city, also called Donetsk, as well as many other large towns. Since Russia launched a full-scale invasion in 2022, this has been where many of the war's most vicious and protracted battles have occurred. "The enemy



shells (the region) from 1,500 to 2,500 times a day," Governor Vadym Filashkin said in an interview on Friday, adding he believed Moscow was still aiming to capture the entire region. "The enemy's shelling is this dense, this heavy, almost every day." The governor said the Kurakhove power plant,

to remain in the region in winter." Filashkin said the town of Avdiivka, home to the largest coking plant in Europe and the target of a massive Russian assault since October last year, was "95-98% gone." "The enemy dropped about 200 guided aerial bombs on Avdiivka alone over the (last month). They are totally destroying it," he said. Local authorities say the number of civilians in the town has dwindled to less than 1,000. Filashkin said he was pleading with those remaining to leave for their own safety. After a glide bomb recently hit an apartment block in the frontline town of Niu-York, it took 10 days to clear the ruins by hand and recover the bodies of five residents, as the shelling was too intense to bring in machinery. "As soon as we began to bring in cranes and excavators to help people, the enemy began shelling." A tall, baritone-voiced figure dressed in black and carrying a holstered pistol, he had a background in law enforcement before serving as Donetsk's deputy governor since 2019. After the invasion broke out, he says he

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Cheater Khokon Chokdar disappeared with 12 crore rupees in Madaripur



Mahbubur Rahman

Malta, Portugal and other European countries were said to be taken, but India was first taken. Going there, the youth found out that no one had a visa to Europe. Later he came back to Bangladesh disappointed. A fraudster named Khokon Chokdar alias Nasir Uddin has disappeared with more than 12 crore rupees by cheating hundreds of

youths from 30 to 35 villages of Madaripur. The victims protested and formed a human chain demanding justice. According to the victim and local sources, Reba Begum is a resident of Jhaulta village in Kalkini municipality of Madaripur. To send his son Mehdi Hasan abroad, broker Khokon Chokdar of Mustafapur area of Madaripur Sadar Upazila

Three brick kilns in Kushtia's Mirpur fined Tk 6 lakh

Kushtia correspondent

A mobile court in Kushtia's Mirpur fined three brick kiln owners Rs 6 lakh. On Tuesday afternoon, the mobile court led by Upazila Assistant Commissioner (Land) Harun Or Rashid raided 3 brick kilns named RHRB, MASH and MAS located in Hauspur of the upazila and imposed a fine of Tk 2 lakh and Tk 6 lakh on each of them for using firewood for burning bricks in violation of the law. At this time, Assistant Biochemist Nareh Chandra Biswas of Department of Environment District Office, SI Mdadul Haque of Mirpur Police Station and others were present.

Celebrating the 57th anniversary of Dwariyapur Sammilani Secondary School the traditional haat of Sripur Tasin Zaman

The 57th anniversary of Dwariyapur Sammilani Secondary School, a traditional haat in Magura, Sreepur, has been celebrated. Tuesday afternoon in the school auditorium Upazila Chairman and School Management Committee President Mia Mahmudul Goni Shahin spoke as the chief guest in the discussion meeting organized on this occasion under the chairmanship of Head Teacher Kazi Imam Hossain. President of Upazila Awami League Abul Kalam Azad, retired professor of Sripur Government College Kartik Chandra Biswas, former head teacher Kazi Sakhawat Hossain, Nirmal Kumar Saha, former member Delwar Hossain and others spoke as special

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Human chain in Narsingdi District Commissioner's office premises demanding the arrest of those involved in Suman's murder

Haldhar Das

In protest against the killing of a young man named Suman Mia alias Kala Suman in Ghoradia of Narsingdi city, his family and local residents formed a human chain to demand the arrest of those involved in the murder.

On Tuesday (February 6) at 12 noon in front of the Narsingdi District Commissioner's office, this human chain was observed under the banner of people from all walks of life of Narsingdi Sadar Police Station.

The family of Suman, who was killed in the human chain, said that the terrorists hacked Suman to death in Ghoradia Molla Bari area of the suburb on the night of February 2, focusing on the sand



business. Choban Mia, father of the deceased, filed a murder case against 10 people including local UP member Jewel Miza and his

associate Soheli Mia, Farhad, Imrul Kayes, Jalil, Razzak, Sajal and Khairul in connection with this incident. ▶▶ SEE PAGE-2

Bangladesh reports zero Covid-19 death, 25 positive cases

STAFF REPORTER

Bangladesh on Tuesday recorded zero Covid-19 death while it reported 25 coronavirus positive cases. "Bangladesh reported 6.96 percent Covid-19 positive cases as 359 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 25 while zero Covid-19 death was reported here. The official tally showed that the virus killed a total of 29,482 people and

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NEWS DESK

The newspaper started its journey in Feni district in 2014 as 'Saptahik Feni Pratyaya'. Which is the Declaration No. 02/14 by the District Commissioner Feni and Registration No. C-682 by Chittagong Post. Under the editorship of senior journalist Siddique Al Mamun, the top organization of journalists working in Feni, "Journalists Union Feni", the newspaper gradually rose to the top of popularity by spreading news in various contexts including history, tradition, education, culture, politics of Feni. After the magazine hit the center of readership, it launched an online portal on 25 April 2021 through a Facebook page called "Feni Prottoy - Feni Prottoy". In continuation of this, the multimedia

version of the newspaper "Feni Prottoy - Feni Prottoy" is moving forward on the online portal after getting the audience's response through the objective news campaign. Representatives, reporters and staff reporters of three parliamentary constituencies, 6 upazilas and 5 municipalities of Feni district have been publishing responsible news with honesty and dedication in public newspapers as well as online. In order to increase experience and skills in online reporting, on January 2nd, "Feni Prottoy - Feni Prottoy" under the supervision of the newspaper's executive editor Jasim Uddin Faraiji, under the chairmanship of editor Siddique Al Mamun, "Feni Prottoy - Feni Prottoy" conducted

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"We hope to continue supporting Bangladesh's development goals as aligned with the SDGs and the government's 8th Five Year Plan," she added.

Upazila parishad elections

four phases like previous years. The upazilas which will fall in which phase will be informed on the website next week considering the tenure of the upazila.

Bangladesh doesn't

Awami League will nominate those who have given up and tried. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina started working over the next election soon after the Jatiya Sangsad (JS) polls and even during her district visits, she uses to write down the names of suitable individuals and use it in time.

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not be directed to control and improve the air pollution. Secretaries concerned of the ministries of cabinet division; local government and rural development; forest, environment and climate change; industries; housing and public works; health and family planning; road, transport and bridges;

264 Myanmar's

border while 106 Burmese paramilitary border guards fled their posts and took refuge in Bangladesh. "One of the two slain people is a Bangladeshi woman while the other is a Rohingya man. They were killed at Japaipali area near the border," deputy commissioner of bordering Bandarban Shah Mujahid Uddin told reporters.

Saber opens

the ministry's institutional memory preservation and planning and policy formulation. Digital solutions will be developed to strengthen enforcement activities on environmental standards and impact assessment, Saber said, adding that online environmental clearance certification and process tracking system will be simplified.

BB publishes a list of 39

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Inner bar

started. Dismissing the fear that this dredging activity will be stopped in the future, he said that the Mongla Port Authority along with the Minister and Secretary of the Ministry of Shipping are trying to keep dredging activities going on in this channel.

700 acres of land in Mongla upazila and 300 acres of land in Banishanta area of Dakop upazila of Khulna were occupied for dumping the dredged sand or silt. Sand was dumped on the land of Jayamoni area of Chila Union of Mongla Upazila.

half meters by dredging. About 70 percent of the silt removed from the dredging sites has re-deposited in the last two years. In this situation, the duration of the dredging project has been extended till June 2024.

JS reserved women

Division. The AL nomination forms can be collected and submitted till 4 pm of next Thursday (February 8). The forms can be collected and submitted from 10 am to 4 pm daily. There are 50 seats reserved for women in the House.

Less rain forecast

yearly average of 14.25 inches (36 centimeters). It was already the third-wettest two-day period since 1877, the service said. The danger wasn't over despite a projected dip in the rainfall, warned Ariel Cohen, meteorologist in charge of the National Weather Service bureau in Los Angeles.

Ukraine's Donetsk

personally participated in about 10 evacuation runs from the town of Volnovakha until it was captured by the Russians less than a month into the invasion. "There were a couple of times I didn't think we would make it out of there," he recalled after the interview.

Cheater Khokon

gave 7 lakh taka. Similarly Suman Howladar and Mainul Hossain of Baligram also gave Tk 7 lakh. And Md Bachchu, son of Md Eskander Howladar of Kalaimara village of Jaudi Union, took 10 lakh rupees from Md Bacchu Mia saying that the European country would take Patugarl from him.

The recovery count rose to 20,14,572 as 25 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 people while 1.44 percent died, the DGHS statistics showed.

"Weekly Feni

basic and mojo training in journalism with correspondents, reporters and staff reporters, participated

Celebrating the 57th

guests. At the end of the discussion meeting, prayers were held for the souls of all the members of the late managing committee and teachers since the establishment of the school till now. It should be noted that this school was established on February 6, 1967 in Greater Jessore District.

Apostolic Nuncio of

sustainable solution through a safe and sustainable return of the forcibly displaced Rohingyas, temporarily sheltered in Bangladesh, to their homeland, Myanmar, for the sake of peace and stability in the region. The Foreign Minister hoped for a visit by His Holiness Pope Francis to Bangladesh again.

Israel presses

Abdel Fattah al-Sisi. He is then due to fly on to Qatar and Israel. Washington has for weeks sought an elusive deal to secure the release of remaining hostages among those Hamas kidnapped in its Oct. 7 assault, as key to making headway on broader challenges such as the governance of post-war Gaza. The ceasefire offer, delivered to Hamas last week by Qatari and Egyptian mediators, awaits a reply from militants who say they want more guarantees it will stop Israel's blitz on Gaza, against Israeli vows to keep fighting until Hamas is wiped out.

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The victim's mother Monowara Begum and his wife Mita Akhtar said that on the night of the incident, on the way back home from Daspara Mohalla, when they reached the Molla Bari Mosque area, they cut Suman with a knife and seriously injured him. Later the locals rescued him and took him to Narsingdi Sadar Hospital.

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Messi says leg 'getting better' but could miss Japan match

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Lionel Messi said Tuesday his leg injury was "getting better" but the World Cup-winning captain could not guarantee he would be fit to play in Inter Miami's pre-season friendly in Japan this week. Two days ago, furious fans in Hong Kong booed Messi and club co-owner David Beckham, shouting "Refund", after the Argentina great failed to take the field for a sold-out friendly. I don't know if I can (play) or not but I feel a lot better and really want to do it," eight-time Ballon d'Or winner Messi told reporters ahead of their match against Japanese champions Vissel Kobe on Wednesday. "This afternoon we're going to practise, we'll try again. I have a good feeling, compared to how I was." Excitement has been building for the friendly at Tokyo's National Stadium, with Inter

Miami's pink colours adorning parts of the city's trendy Shibuya district. Tickets for the Japan leg of the US Major League Soccer (MLS) club's globe-trotting pre-season tour are costing between 10,000 yen (\$68) and 200,000 yen (\$1,346) with "special experience" packages priced even higher. A crowd of nearly 40,000 in Hong Kong who paid for similarly expensive tickets were involved in angry scenes, jeering and giving thumbs-down signs, after Messi stayed rooted to the bench during their 4-1 win against a local select XI. The Hong Kong government demanded an explanation from the match's organisers. It was really bad luck that I couldn't play in Hong Kong," Messi said. "Unfortunately this happens in football, in any game it can happen that you can't play," he added. "I

always want to participate, I want to play, especially in these games where we travel so far and people want to see our games. I hope we can return and play a game in Hong Kong." The furore came after the 36-year-old Messi came on as a substitute six minutes from the end of Miami's previous match in Saudi Arabia last Thursday. "I played the minutes that I did to see how I felt," he explained. "I later did a MRI scan and it turned out I had an oedema (swelling)." Miami's win in Hong Kong was their first in five pre-season matches. They drew 0-0 in El Salvador, lost to fellow MLS side FC Dallas and then twice to club sides in Saudi Arabia. They have one more friendly, at home to Argentina's Newell's Old Boys next week, before the new MLS season starts on February 21. Source: AFP



New coach Dan Quinn's work with the Commanders is well underway with much more still to do

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Dan Quinn landed in the Washington area on Sunday night with wife Stacey and was greeted on the tarmac by general manager Adam Peters and his wife Jennifer. Peters hugged his new coach and congratulated him. "I'm so pumped," Quinn replied. Before even getting on the ground, the Commanders' new football decision makers were already well underway with the start of a lot of work to do. They hired Kliff Kingsbury as offensive coordinator and Joe Whitt Jr. as defensive coordinator, with those moves announced by the team Monday after reaching agreements with them over the weekend. "We're just getting rolling," Quinn said at his introductory news conference. "This wave is going to keep riding for a long time, but we're just catching it right now." Controlling owner Josh Harris turned to Quinn and said, "You've gotten down to work quickly." Harris also alluded to Quinn having "some more tricks up his sleeve" with his coaching staff. There's still plenty more to do in the coming days and weeks. One thing Quinn confirmed Monday is Eric Bieniemy will not return to Washington after one season as offensive coordinator. Bieniemy's

future was murky after players criticized his approach and he interviewed for but did not get the Commanders head coaching job. "We're not going to work together here, but in this coaching brotherhood, I wanted him to know, man I really respect what he's done," Quinn said of Bieniemy, who left the Chiefs to work under defensive-minded coach Ron Rivera in the hopes of earning a head coaching job somewhere around the NFL. "I wish E.B. nothing but the best, and he'll do a great job. I was really pumped that he took his shot this year and went for it, and so I've got a lot of respect for him." Harris, Quinn and recently hired general manager Peters sitting side by side represented the start of a new era for the organization. Now the fun part begins with tons of cap space to spend in free agency, the second pick in the draft and, of course, the pursuit of a new quarterback. "We just got started, so we haven't even had discussions yet as a staff with that," Peters said. "Obviously it's the most important position on the field, and we're going to put a lot of time into it. But as of now, we haven't even gotten started." Speculation began immediately about Kingsbury and potential top pick Caleb Williams, who he worked with at USC last season as senior offensive analyst and quarterbacks coach.

Williams, a Washington area native, posted a message of congratulations to Kingsbury on social media Sunday after the news broke. Kingsbury is back in the NFL after coaching the Arizona Cardinals from 2019-2022, following five seasons in college at Texas Tech. "I know people talk about his acumen with quarterbacks, and that's proven," Quinn said. "But he's also an excellent coach. He's not just a guy that's going to be with the quarterbacks the whole time. I want to make sure I'm clear." UNC's Drake Maye along with Heisman Trophy winner Jayden Daniels of LSU are considered among the top QBs available in the draft. Maye also ran Kingsbury's "Air Raid" offense in college. And several options could be available by trade or free agency in the coming months as Washington tries to find the answer at the position it has lacked for decades. "The right way to develop a quarterback is what Dan and Adam and Kliff come up with," said former executive Rick Spielman, who advised Harris during the search process. "That's the right way." Quinn, focused on his immediate tasks at hand, is first worried about the current roster and not the draft in late April. "That's a little too far down the line for me right now," he said.

Why is there drama between the Commanders and Lions OC Ben Johnson?

Sports Desk

The Washington Commanders hired their new head coach last week in Dan Quinn, but the whole process didn't quite go as planned. A cancelled second interview between the Commanders and Detroit Lions offensive coordinator Ben Johnson has led to battling reports about whether Johnson turned the Commanders

down first or vice versa. To get caught up on the drama and media mudslinging, read on. What went down between Johnson and the Commanders? Johnson, who was considered to be one of the leading candidates for the Commanders top job, interviewed with the Commanders' search committee (which included new owner Josh

Harris and new GM Adam Peters) last month, and the Commanders reportedly wanted to conduct a second interview with him. However, before the interview took place, Johnson withdrew his name from consideration and decided to stay put in Detroit. That seems pretty simple. So why is there drama? According to The Athletic, Johnson texted the Commanders to inform

them of his decision to stay in Detroit while they were literally on a plane traveling to Michigan to meet with him. It's unclear if Johnson knew they were in midair when he sent the text, but it was close enough to the time and date of the interview that the members of the Commanders' search committee were reportedly left with a pretty bad taste in their mouths.

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