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Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus yesterday directed authorities to resolve the land rights issue of the Korean Export Processing Zone (KEPZ) by early next month and consolidate all investment promotion agencies under one umbrella to enhance foreign investment in Bangladesh.

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Gaza ceasefire deal 'very close'

Negotiators were meeting in Qatar yesterday hoping to finalise details of a plan to end the offensive in Gaza, after US President Joe Biden indicated a ceasefire and hostage release deal was imminent. Qatar's foreign ministry spokesperson Majed Al-Ansari told a news conference that talks on the final details were underway and this was the closest point to a deal reached over the past months. "We do believe that we are at the final stages... certainly we are hopeful that this would lead very soon to an agreement," Ansari said. Hamas said the talks had reached the final steps and that it hoped this round of negotiations would lead to a deal. A Palestinian source close to the talks told Reuters he expected the deal to be finalised by yesterday if "all goes well".

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Nahid Rana is 'pure gold'



Former New Zealand pacer Danny Morrison, mostly known for his over-the-top commentary, is back in Bangladesh after six years for the ongoing edition of the Bangladesh Premier League T20. The 58-year-old, on Monday, spoke to The Daily Star's Samsul Arefin Khan regarding his views on the omission of Liton Das and Shakib Al Hasan from the Champions Trophy squad, Bangladesh's pace unit revolution and much more. Following are the excerpts from the interview:

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TikTok preparing for US shut-off on Sunday

TikTok plans to shut off its app for US users on Sunday, when a federal ban on the social media app could come into effect, The Information reported on Tuesday, unless the Supreme Court moves to block it.



If TikTok shuts off for all US users, the outcome would be different from that mandated by the law. The law would mandate a ban only on new TikTok downloads on Apple AAPL O or Google GOOGL O app stores while existing users could still continue using the app for some time.

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Don't think about 'minus 2 formula' again: Fakhrul

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday warned that no one should think of the so-called "minus two formula" again or engage in any actions excluding the party as part of a plot.

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