

BANGLADESH IN GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE



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Bangladesh in China

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Xinhua

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http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/asiapacific/2021-09/22/c_1310202256.htm

- *Bangladesh blood banks scramble for platelets as dengue cases rise*

Global Times

Blood banks based in **Bangladesh's** capital Dhaka are currently scrambling to refill their stocking shelves with bags of platelets. The need for blood donations, therefore, has heightened intensely and sometimes to a desperate level as dengue patients are involved.

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Bangladesh saw a significant spike in dengue fever cases over recent months, with 15,976 cases and 59 deaths from the mosquito-borne tropical disease registered so far this year, according to the country's Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) on Monday.

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Ashraful Haque, an assistant professor in the Department of Blood Transmission at Sheikh Hasina National Institute of Burn and Plastic Surgery (SHNIBPS), said that as the dengue season is going on, "people are being affected at a massive rate."

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202109/1234800.shtml>

Bangladesh in India

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News 18

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The pilots for Air Force One are chosen by the US Air Force, with a minimum criterion of 2,500 hours of flying fighter jet and other military aircraft, and almost two decades of services for the USAF. Among 12,395 pilots and 329,839 Air Force Personnel, 80 pilots and 89 large flight crew are picked for the services of Air Force One. Joint Base Andrews in Maryland is the official base for the presidential fleet. <https://www.news18.com/news/india/air-india-one-vs-air-force-one-all-you-need-to-know-about-the-flying-white-house-indias-multi-billion-boeing-b777-4231271.html>

- *Bangladesh RMG exporters fear losses due to problems at airport*

Fibre 2 Fashion

Apparel exporters in **Bangladesh** are expecting significant losses for missing freight transport deadlines as the number of scanners and flights at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka is insufficient to meet the demand. Just two explosives scanners are handling 1,200 tonnes of dry cargo every day, of which 85 per cent is garment items.

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However, in comparison to the pre-pandemic period, such flights have increased from 15 a day to 25 at present. Yet, they cannot ship all the cargo and nearly 200 tonnes of goods cannot be shipped in the absence of scanning equipment, said Amin.

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Installation work of new scanners is slow while two new explosives scanners provided by the Japan International Cooperation Agency are presently awaiting European Union validation following a 15-month delay, he added.

https://www.fibre2fashion.com/news/apparel-news/bangladesh-rmg-exporters-fear-losses-due-to-problems-at-airport-276446-newsdetails.htm?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+fibre2fashion+%28Daily+Textile+and+Fashion+Industry+News+-+Fibre2fashion%29

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Kuwait Times

His Highness the Amir's Representative, His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah met **Bangladesh's** Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on fringes of the UN General Assembly 76th session on Tuesday. The two senior officials discussed bilateral relations and issues of mutual significance. His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled also held a similar meeting with Georgia's Prime Minister Irakli Garibashvili in New York. Kuwait's Foreign Minister and State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah and Kuwait's Permanent Representative at the United Nations Mansour Al-Otaibi attended both meetings.

<https://news.kuwaittimes.net/website/prime-minister-meets-bangladeshi-counterpart/>

Bangladesh in Malaysia

- *Timeline: 'He wanted to die rather than go back': a year of migration*
- #### **The Star**

Cold, hunger and danger. These are the conditions people face when they flee their countries, often risking their lives to escape circumstances ranging from poverty to war. Between 2018 and 2020, an average of between 290,000 and 340,000 children per year were born into a refugee life.

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The Haitians are joined by Cubans, Venezuelans and Nicaraguans under the Del Rio International Bridge across the Rio Grande connecting Ciudad Acuña in Mexico to Del Rio, Texas. They sleep under light blankets, while a few have pitched small tents.

<https://www.thestar.com.my/news/world/2021/09/22/timeline-039he-wanted-to-die-rather-than-go-back039-a-year-of-migration>

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<https://www.bernama.com/en/world/news.php?id=2005780>

Bangladesh in Pakistan

- *Polio campaign*
The International News

Pakistan is one of the only two unfortunate countries in the world which have not been able to eradicate polio as yet; the other being Afghanistan.

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It is a pity that while countries such as **Bangladesh**, Bhutan, India, and even sub-Saharan Africa have all eradicated polio, we being the fifth target country in the world are still struggling.

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The fact that there has been only one wild poliovirus case reported in 2021 compared to 84 cases at the same time last year is encouraging and gives us hope that the eradication of polio is within our reach. We must not squander this opportunity and must strive to achieve full eradication.

<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/894254-polio-campaign>

Bangladesh in Qatar

- *Pakistan ‘used and binned’ by England over cancelled tour*
Gulf Times

Pakistan Cricket Board chairman Ramiz Raja said yesterday he felt “used and then binned” after England cancelled a white-ball tour for their men’s and women’s teams next month. The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) cited “increasing concerns about travelling to the region” just days after New Zealand also pulled out of a tour to Pakistan over security concerns.

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A rapid improvement in security in recent years has led to the return of international cricket, with Zimbabwe, Sri Lanka, the West Indies, South Africa and **Bangladesh** touring in the past six years.

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“They had a chance to repay a debt, uphold their honour and side with a cricketing nation that has undergone the kind of challenges others cannot even begin to contemplate. “Instead, citing a mealy-mouthed statement, they did the wrong thing.”

<https://www.gulf-times.com/story/700851/Pakistan-used-and-binned-by-England-over-cancelled-tour>

Bangladesh in Singapore

- *Is China's pledge to cut overseas coal funding a game-changer?*
CNA

BEIJING: China's pledge to stop funding overseas coal has been welcomed as a climate landmark that could dry up funding for smoke-billowing plants in poor countries.

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Lenders are also taking note of resistance to Chinese-funded coal projects in countries including **Bangladesh**, Kenya and Vietnam.

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Importantly, it is unclear whether it will cover private players - or only freeze funding from public banks - as well as when it will kick in, and if it will halt projects already being built.

<https://www.channelnewsasia.com/sustainability/chinas-pledge-cut-overseas-coal-funding-game-changer-2194906>

- *UK Covid travel update: The traffic light system and testing changes in full*
Yahoo News SG

Transport Secretary Grant Shapps delighted travellers with his announcement on Twitter on Friday.

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Turkey, Egypt, the Maldives, Sri Lanka, Oman, **Bangladesh**, Pakistan and Kenya will come off the red list from 22 September.

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"Based on the scientific evidence, with fewer than 1% of people returning from low-risk countries testing positive for Covid (lower than the UK's rate), we urge ministers to keep this policy under review, eliminating all testing for fully vaccinated travellers as soon as possible in the future, in line with most other European countries."

<https://sg.news.yahoo.com/uk-covid-travel-review-next-123615095.html>

Bangladesh in UK

- *China, U.S. climate pledges give COP26 boost but 'extra mile' sought*
Mail Online

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 22 (Thomson Reuters Foundation) - China and the United States have this week boosted momentum ahead of November's COP26 key climate summit with new energy and funding pledges to tackle planetary warming, but analysts said they lacked detail and far more was needed to meet global goals.

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Saleemul Huq, director of the International Centre for Climate Change and Development in **Bangladesh**, said climate finance and action to slash emissions "need to be scaled up considerably" before COP26.

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The world's two super-powers will need to show they are serious about their new commitments, said Greenpeace's Li.

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/reuters/article-10017509/China-U-S-climate-pledges-COP26-boost-extra-mile-sought.html>

- *Artist shatters stereotypes with portraits of resilience*
Eastern Eye

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Most of the time, they are seen as either a victim of the government’s collapse, or a victim of a flood or natural disaster. “But they still have beauty in their lives, they have loving relationships and they have spirituality in their lives,” said Nowrose, who holds an MS in women’s and gender studies. “These are the things that give them strength to go on. This is important for people who are telling stories to know. They must recognise these aspects and show people as complete human beings instead of just being a victim.”

<https://www.easterneye.biz/artist-shatters-stereotypes-with-portraits-of-resilience/>

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