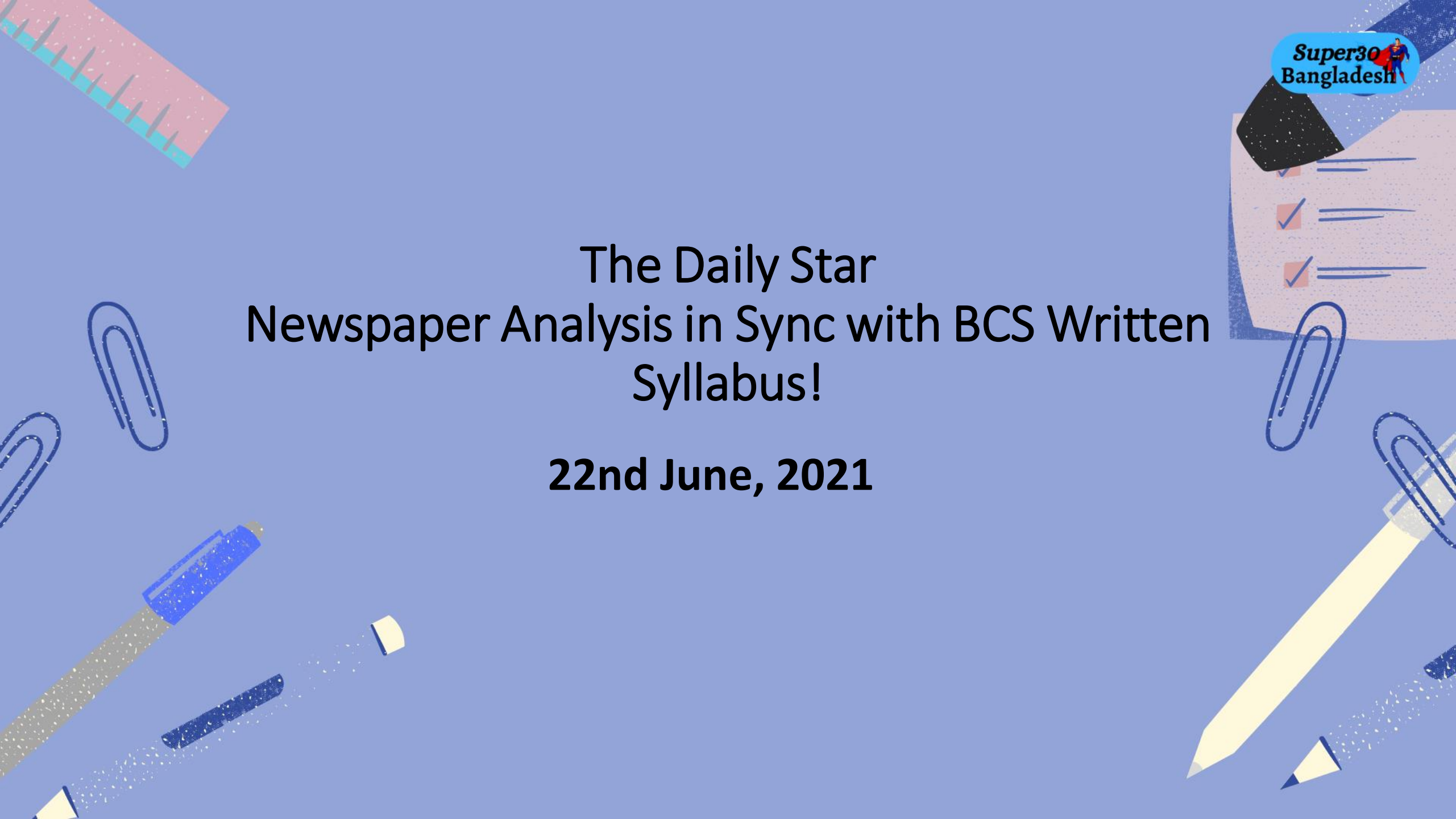


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FDI outlook bleak for Bangladesh

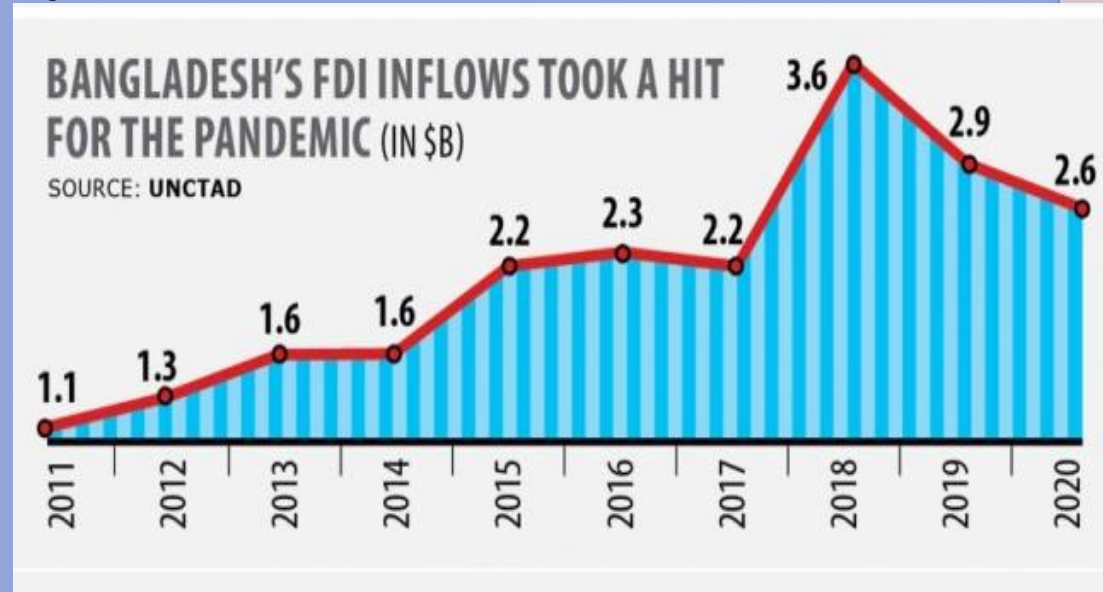
Says UNCTAD's World Investment Report

1. The announced greenfield investment projects in 2020, an indication of FDI trends over the next few years, contracted 87 percent in Bangladesh, said the World Investment Report 2021 of the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), which was released on Monday.

2. "In Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, FDI inflows will take longer to recover, as investment commitments in these countries remained weak," the report said.

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Topic Serial -09— Foreign Policy and External Relations of Bangladesh---Goals, Determinants and policy ,, Foreign Aid,,,



International –page -06

World in worst cascade of rights setbacks

Says UN rights chief

The UN rights chief yesterday called for "**concerted action**" to help recover from the worst global deterioration of rights seen in decades, highlighting situations **in China, Russia and Ethiopia among others.**

"To recover from the most wide-reaching and severe cascade of human rights setbacks in our lifetimes, we need a life-changing vision, and concerted action," **Michelle Bachelet** told the opening of **the UN Human Rights Council's 47th session.**

"Extreme poverty, inequalities and injustice are rising.

The UN rights chief also pointed to the "**chilling impact**" of a sweeping **national security law introduced in Hong Kong.**

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Section-B

Empirical Issues

Topic Serial-01-The United Nations System

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US violated 2015 nuclear deal

Says Iran's President-Elect Raisi, rules out meeting Biden

1. Iranian President-Elect **Ebrahim Raisi** said yesterday that **the United States** violated the 2015 nuclear deal and **the European Union** failed to fulfil its commitments,
2. He flatly rejected meeting US President Joe Biden, even if Washington removed all sanctions.
3. The US and the EU should fulfil their pledges under the deal, Raisi said in Tehran.
4. The president-elect said **Iran's foreign policy priority** would be **improving ties with Gulf Arab neighbours**, while calling on regional rival **Saudi Arabia to halt its intervention in Yemen immediately**.
5. Iran has subsequently breached the deal's limits on **enrichment of uranium**, designed to minimise the risk of it developing nuclear weapons potential. Tehran has long denied having any such ambition.
6. **Raisi said Iran's ballistic missile programme was non-negotiable**, despite demands by the West and Gulf Arab countries that it be included in the ongoing talks to revive the nuclear agreement.

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Topic Serial-05-Major Issues and Conflicts in the World-,,,,,,,,,,,,,Nuclear Issue and Iran,,,,,

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Russia, Myanmar agree to bolster bilateral ties

1. Myanmar has been in turmoil since the military overthrew civilian leader **Aung San Suu Kyi** and her **National League for Democracy** government in February.
2. Junta leader Min Aung Hlaing has travelled to Moscow for a three-day international security conference kicking off today which brings together defence officials from across the globe.
3. **Russia's Security Council** said its chief **Nikolai Patrushev** had met with **Min Aung Hlaing** and discussed the "**fight against terrorism, issues related to regional security**" and foreign interference in Myanmar.
4. The junta's brutal crackdown on dissent has since killed at least 870 civilians since the February coup.
5. Min Aung Hlaing's visit comes after the UN General Assembly took the rare step on Friday of calling on member states to "**prevent the flow of arms**" into Myanmar.

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Topic-Serial 02, Actors in the World—modern state, types of state, sovereignty, non-state actors, international institutions, relations between state and non-state actors.

Topic-Serial 03, Power and Security-Power, national power, balance of power, disarmament, arms control, geopolitics, terrorism.

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CHINA'S CRACKDOWN ON UYGHURS

Pak PM Imran Khan mum

- He also asked why the world
- was fixated on Xinjiang while ignoring what India was doing in Kashmir,
- Khan told the interviewer, Jonathan Swan, that he would **"absolutely not" allow the US to have the CIA in Pakistan to conduct cross border counter-terrorism missions against al-Qaeda, the Islamic State group, and the Taliban.**
- Pakistan's cooperation is seen as critical to US President Joe Biden's plans to completely withdraw US troops from Afghanistan by September.

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- **Section A-Conceptual Issues**
- **Topic-Serial 02, Actors in the World**
- **Topic-Serial 03, Power and Security**



Editorial-page-08

NHRC needs to grow a backbone

Is the rights commission being kept intentionally weak?

Hot Terms-National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)

- As for the barriers it faces, there are many. **It is vastly understaffed**, brings a bureaucratic approach to solving human rights problems, and has what a former chairman calls an **"inherent weakness"**.
- **The NHRC is not legally permitted to investigate anything related to the disciplined forces, including police.**
- "In India, the human rights commission can at least investigate the police forces. But here, other than writing letters to the home ministry, we cannot even do anything about the police, let alone investigate," says **Dr Mizanur Rahman, who was NHRC chairperson from 2010 to 2016.**
- For example, even as just over half of the overall cases were solved over the last decade, only a fraction of the complaints against law enforcement agencies were resolved.
- **The complaints include extrajudicial killing, custodial torture, custodial death, enforced disappearance, etc.**

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Topic Serial-13-Non-Formal Institutions: Role of Civil Society, Interest Groups, and NGOs in Bangladesh.

Editorial-page-08

Biden's hardball diplomacy a welcome change from Trump's appeasement of Putin

Put mildly, the summit began with pessimistic undertones.

Biden's wish list included setting up

"red lines" against interference in US elections and ransomware extortion of American businesses.

Agenda items also included nuclear arms control, discussions of Russian violations of human rights (including the jailing of

political dissident Alexei Navalny). **Russia's illegal annexation of Crimea and military operations in industrialised Eastern Ukraine, and Russia's military and political interference in Syria and Belarus.**



It was a different world during Trump's presidency. In March 2020, **Cozy Bear**, a cybercriminal group with ties to Russian Intelligence, hacked software released by **SolarWinds**, an American network monitoring company that services **several major US government agencies and corporations, including the Department of Homeland Security, the Pentagon, the Department of Commerce, the Department of Energy and Microsoft Corporation.** All of Putin's mischief reduces **Russia's credibility** and exhausts her resources, **accelerating the drift into rising China's shadow.** Depending on how desperate Putin gets, that drift may start to have unanticipated effects on the world stage, including Bangladesh—**triggering Cold War de ja vu.**

US President Joe Biden, Russia's President Vladimir Putin, **US Secretary of State Antony Blinken** and **Russia's Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov** attend the **US-Russia summit in Geneva, Switzerland, June 16, 2021.**

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Opinion-Page-09

In praise of Angela Merkel

We criticise more than praise.

Good news is no news. We should praise those Leaders who look dull but have performed spectacularly, and achieved all that they have quietly and without fuss.

Angela Merkel steps down as **Chancellor of Germany after 16 years** at the helm.

Angela Merkel would be recognised in **history as the centrist, no-nonsense builder on that foundation.**

This is no mean feat for **the only woman leader of G7, if not G20. Other than Russian President Putin, who has been de facto leader since 1999,** no one has served longer or dealt with more crises



that have tripped up many of her male compatriots.

Under her stewardship, Germany consolidated its position as the fourth largest economy in the world, compared with Japan slipping from second to third, UK from fourth to fifth, France from sixth to seventh, and Italy from seventh to eighth.

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In praise of Angela Merkel-Contd.

The first major crisis was the 2008 global financial crisis, which hit Germany badly in terms of exports, but also

through the huge damage to the European banking

system because of excessive investments in US financial

derivatives, as well as non-performing loans to South European countries. The 2008/2009 European debt crisis split the European Union into weak debtors and strong creditors.

The second crisis that Merkel survived was the 2015 influx of refugees. Whilst the rising migrants worried many in Europe, Merkel

famously said, "We can do this". This sent a humane message that Germany welcomed the refugees, half of whom were from Syria. **It was Merkel's foreign policy that impressed Asians, in particular, more.** The key tenets were an avowed European and North Atlantic alliance, **a strong belief in multilateralism and trade, and firm conviction that global solutions are resolved best through negotiations, rather than military intervention.**

Over time, this reflected a more independent line than that of the United States.

Merkel's philosophy is best summed up by her brilliant 2019 Harvard Commencement Speech. Her six lessons were: "Take joint



action in the interest of the moderate lateral global world. Keep asking yourselves, "Am I doing something because it is right, or simply because it's possible?" Don't forget that freedom is never something that can be taken for granted. Surprise yourself with what is possible. **Remember that openness always involves risks.** Letting go of the old is part of the new beginning. Above all, **nothing can be taken for granted. Everything is possible."**

ROAD TO FREEDOM: THIS DAY IN BANGLADESH LIBERATION WAR HISTORY

Senator urges Nixon to halt Pakistani ship

Hot terms-

- **The office of Senator Edward M Kennedy**
- In New Delhi, **Indian Foreign Minister Swaran Singh** said today that if the United States was shipping munitions to Pakistan, "it is a clear departure from the assurances given me".
- **the freighter Padma,**
- **BANGLADESH CABINET MEETS**
- **Cabinet meeting of the exiled Bangladesh government was held today.** The members discussed various issues including war strategies and selection and training of freedom fighters. It may be noted that the cabinet used to meet regularly on **Monday and Friday.**

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- **Topic-Serial 16-**
- **The Liberation War and its Background—,,,,,,,,,Role of Major Powers and of the UN,,,,,,,,**

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