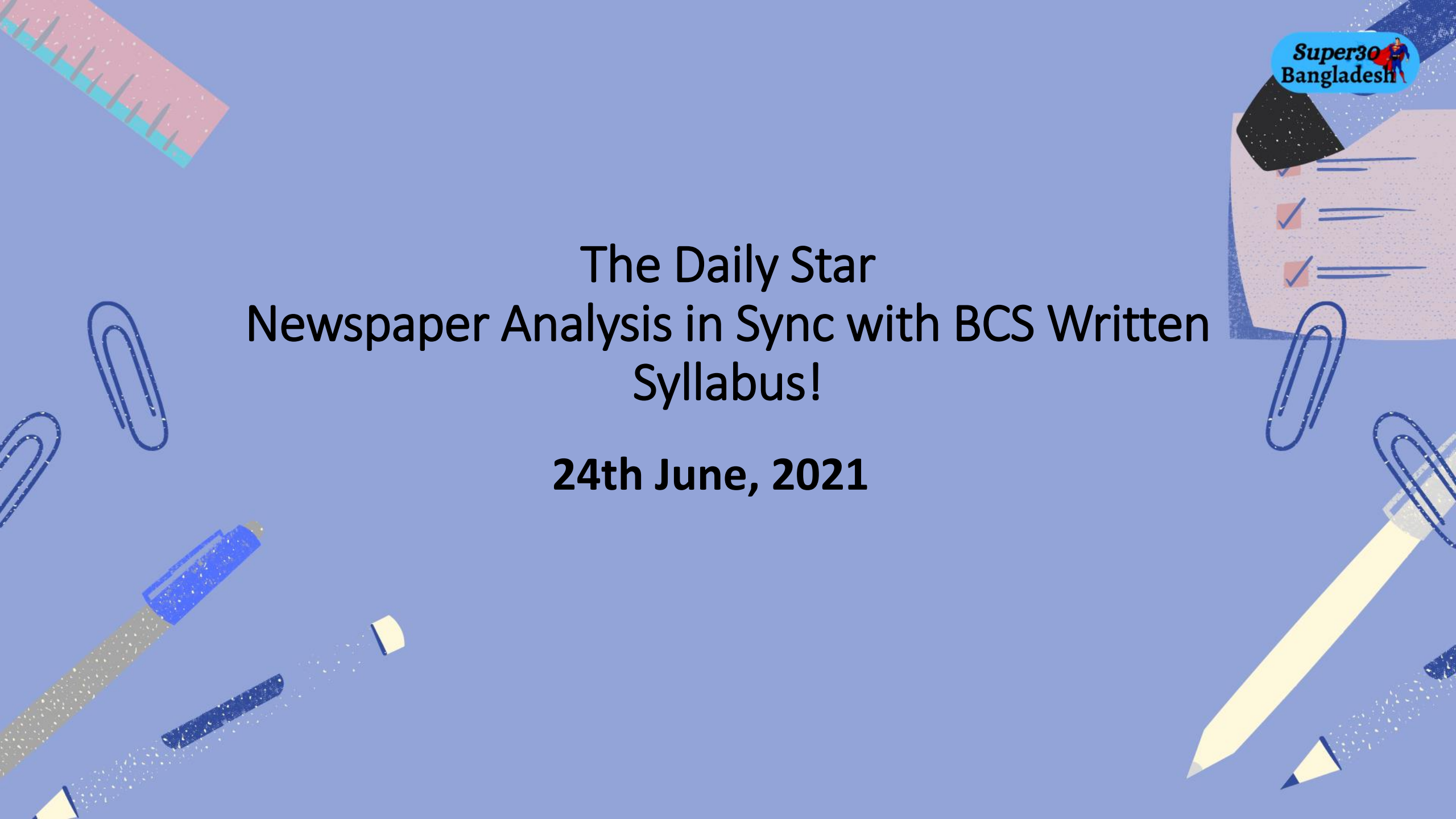


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‘Ecocide’ redefined

New definition puts environmental destruction on a par with genocide, crimes against humanity

After six months of deliberation, a team of international lawyers has unveiled a **new legal definition of "ecocide"** that, if adopted, would put environmental destruction **on a par with war crimes** – paving the way for the prosecution of world leaders and corporate chiefs for the worst attacks on nature.



Its authors want the members of the **International Criminal Court (ICC)** to endorse it and hold big polluters to account in a bid to halt the unbridled destruction of the world's ecosystems.

Any of the ICC's 123 member states can now propose it as an amendment to the court's charter, known as the Rome Statute.

At that point, ecocide would join genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and crime of aggression as the so-called "fifth crime" that could be prosecuted at the ICC.

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- Devastating Climate impacts to become obvious before a child born today turns 30
- By 2050, 410m more city dwellers to face severe water scarcity
- Up to 80m more risk hunger by 2050
- 420m more will be exposed to extreme and potentially lethal heatwaves
- Species extinction, more widespread disease, unliveable heat, ecosystem collapse, cities menaced by rising seas -- these and **other devastating climate impacts are accelerating and bound to become painfully obvious before a child born today turns 30.**
- The choices societies make now will determine whether our species thrives or simply survives as the 21st century unfolds, **the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)** says in a draft report seen exclusively by AFP.
- Conservation and restoration of so-called blue carbon ecosystems -- kelp and mangrove forests, for example -- enhance carbon stocks and protect against storm surges, as well as providing wildlife habitats, coastal livelihoods and food security. **Transitioning to more plant-based diets could also reduce food-related emissions as much as 70 percent by 2050-----Hot Terms- "eco-awakening"**



"Life on Earth can recover from a drastic climate shift by evolving into new species and creating new ecosystems," it says. "Humans cannot."

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The sinkhole of unpredictable regulation in Digital Bangladesh

- The telecoms law is going to be amended for the third time to wipe out the residues of notional regulatory independence.
- The authorities have uploaded a draft amendment in their websites ostensibly for public consultation, which will only be in name.
- In all likelihood, this amendment will be passed unchanged keeping the feedback of consultation undisclosed, as usual.
- And then telecoms regulation will further slide into the rabbit hole.
- The Sheikh Hasina-led first Awami League government enacted the telecoms law on July 8, 2001. It gave birth to Bangladesh Telecommunication

Regulatory Commission (BTRC).

- The new-born regulator became functional without financial independence on January 3, 2002.
- Yet BTRC could independently discharge most of its regulatory duties. The telecoms ministry retained the authority of policymaking.
- Soon the home ministry sneaked in to eavesdrop through the first amendment of the law in 2006.
- Bureaucracy, which was legally dethroned from the regulatory empire in 2001, never forgave BTRC.
- Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's second spell at the office began with the much-vaunted "Digital Bangladesh" policy in January 2009. But long before the PM was sworn in, the bureaucracy had rewritten the telecoms law to confiscate BTRC's regulatory power. It became effective through the second amendment on August 1, 2010. And

BTRC was turned into merely a post office of the telecoms ministry.

- **More Hot Terms**-Nationwide Telecommunication Transmission Network" or NTTN
- The state-owned Bangladesh Telecommunication Company Limited (BTCL) is the only NTTN that has some sort of competence in OFC operations.
- Bangladesh has launched Bangabandhu-1, its first commercial satellite, on May 12, 2018.
- Regulatory credibility has already plummeted to its lowest ebb. The chronological exit of Singapore's SingTel, Japan's NTT DoCoMo and India's Airtel write unpleasant texts on the telecoms sector's wall. The government should restore the BTRC's authority to the pre-2010 era. Otherwise, its "Digital Bangladesh" will remain a different goal to achieve.

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Humanity should not be separated by borders or water

We all share one planet, and so essentially we are all neighbours, yet the inequality between affluent nations and impoverished countries is stark.

From **the 350,000+ people at risk of famine in Ethiopia's Tigray**, for example, to people displaced by conflicts in regions such as **Myanmar and Burkina Faso**, it is estimated that this year, **235.4 million people will need** humanitarian assistance and protection.

Despite this, the UK government has cut aid by 42 percent leaving approximately 70,000 people without healthcare services and 10,000 without water in the world's largest refugee settlement in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.

Justifying the need to cut aid, **Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab** said that it was an "**extremely difficult**" but necessary decision as a result of the cost of dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic, while **Home Office Minister Victoria Atkins** said that the cuts were a "small temporary reduction." The truth is, what may seem like a "small temporary reduction" could have a significant impact on those who rely on foreign aid.

The theme of last year's Refugee Day on June 20—Every Action Counts—promoted the message that we can all make a difference in creating a more inclusive and equal world. This year, the theme of "**Together we heal, learn and shine**" has even more significance as we reflect on the previous year of sacrifice, loss and appreciation of the smallest of blessings in our lives... a year that brought out people's altruistic side and united people in efforts to help others and look out for our neighbours. It made many aware of how fortunate we are compared to refugees and displaced people in other regions around the world.

Regardless of how much the UK government contributes, **we can all do our bit by contributing to charity, volunteering, creating awareness campaigns and undertaking our own fundraising efforts.** Above all, it is intrinsic in human nature to show empathy for our fellow humans in the knowledge that, **one day, we or our families too could be in a situation where we rely on the generosity and compassion of others.**

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Bangladesh govt tells Nixon not to contribute to genocide

NAZRUL'S TELEGRAM TO NIXON

Acting president of the Government of Bangladesh Syed Nazrul Islam strongly deprecated renewed US arms supply to Pakistan. In a telegram to **US President Richard Nixon**, Nazrul said the government and people of Bangladesh were most hurt and distressed to learn about the arms supply.

MEMORANDUM TO PRESIDENT NIXON

The US President's Deputy Special Assistant for National Security Affairs Alexander Haig sent a memorandum to President Nixon on military supply for Pakistan and recommended to suspend all shipments temporarily while the government reviews items still in the pipeline.

PAKISTAN CLAIMS CONTACT WITH MUSHTAQUE

An Associated Press report from Dhaka quoted "**informed Pakistani government sources**" as saying that "Martial Law authorities have been in contact with **Khondaker Mushtaque Ahmed**, Vice President of Bangladesh Awami League and the officially designated foreign minister of secessionist Bangladesh government".

Sources close to the exiled Bangladesh government described as a blatant lie the statement reportedly made by the Martial Law authorities in Dhaka. There had been absolutely no contact, the sources said.

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