

## Nepal vary of possible third Covid wave as cases begin to mount

Central/Soviet departments as well as the Afghan Regional Department as a labor economist. Before joining the World Bank, he was a senior advisor to the International Employment Agency. Mr. Sevinli holds a Master's degree in Business Administration from the University of California and a Master's degree in Labor Economics from the University of Applied Sciences of Mannheim (Germany).

"I am delighted to start my assignment as Country Manager for the World Bank in Afghanistan and look forward to continuing our strong collaboration with our government counterparts, development partners, and citizens of Tajikistan and Turkmenistan," said Ozan Sevinli. "A top priority will be to ensure that the World Bank continues to provide the best possible support to the people of Afghanistan during their post-pandemic recovery and efforts directed at restoring their economies, protecting human lives and strengthening the healthcare systems."

Since the start of the pandemic in early 2020, the World Bank has been assisting Afghanistan at tackling the COVID-19 pandemic and protecting the poorest and most vulnerable population, which includes \$8.63 million for vaccination of elderly people

in Turkmenistan against COVID-19. In Turkmenistan, the World Bank recently approved a \$20 million loan to support the country's efforts to strengthen its health care system and mitigating the impacts of the pandemic.

Over the last four years the World Bank's financial and analytical support in Turkmenistan has grown by three times from \$366 million in fiscal year 2017 to \$1.2 billion in fiscal year 2021, almost entirely grant-financed, proving strong commitment to the country's development. The \$1.2 billion of \$1.2 billion in a new growth model led by investment and exports in line with the National Development Strategy 2030. The new growth model comprises 24 projects with a total value of \$1.2 billion, including 19 national and five regional projects that focus on energy sector and land reforms, agriculture, infrastructure, trade and trade, investing in education, early childhood development, disaster risk management, water resources management and response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In Turkmenistan the World Bank is a key partner of the World Bank reformed the support of the global knowledge and provision of advisory services and other technical assistance. The Reimbursable Advisory Service (RAS) program.

... We need to preserve what was created through cooperation in the field of child protection. We are ready to further boost this multifaceted cooperation," she pointed out, addressing an online

Other trouble spots in the Middle East. They also emphasized the need to rehabilitate those who have been displaced and help them integrate into normal life. The Russian and Arab children's rights commissioners signed a memorandum of understanding and cooperation in restoring the rights and interests of children, aljazeera.

# 16 on their way to wedding killed by lightning in Bangladesh

DHAKA, Bangladesh  
Lightning killed at least 16 people who were traveling to a wedding party in western Bangladesh and injured several others, including the groom, an official said.

Local government official Sakib Al-Rabby said the bride was on her way with the groom when the incident occurred Wednesday in Sharghat in Chapainawabganj district.

Al-Rabby said the group had just left their home to take a rickshaw because of the thunderstorm when they were struck.

The area is about 150 miles northwest of Dhaka. Each year, the annual monsoon is underway in Bangladesh. Each year more than 200 people, mostly farmers in their fields, are killed by lightning. Experts say, as well as being pulled down by high winds, lightning strikes and global warming are contributing to an increase in the frequency of lightning strikes in the country.

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