

## Shamim Akhter passes away

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Shamim Akhter Rashid, former member of Rangamati Parbatya Zila Parishad, passed away yesterday at a hospital in Vellore, India, says a press release.

She left behind her daughter Sara Rashid, son Mostafa Rashid Rony and son-in-law Rabiul Alam Munna.

A member of Rangamati district Awami League, Shamim Akhter, wife of late Abdul Rashid, had been suffering from lung cancer for a long time.

She was an editor of the local daily Parbotto Barta.

Her husband, who was a senate member of Chittagong University, was also the editor and publisher of the daily, the press release added.

## Jahanara Rahman no more

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Jahanara Rahman, wife of late Air Commodore Ghazi Lutfur Rahman, passed away on March 12 at Combined Military Hospital (CMH) in Dhaka, says a press release.

She left behind three sons, grandchildren and a host of relatives to mourn her death.

She was laid to rest at Air Force Graveyard in Dhaka after the Juma prayers on Friday.

Relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.



Workers remove posters from the walls of the Home Economics College in the capital's Azimpur yesterday. The wall has been covered by posters of all shapes and sizes to such an extent that even the “no posters” sign on top right has become hard to see. PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

## A helping hand

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countries whose people are struggling to tackle this virus with these measures only,” said Redwan Rony, a final-year student and resident of DU’s Kabi Jasimuddin Hall. “I think the university should suspend classes and examinations temporarily.”

Students said they are afraid of coronavirus spreading through DU halls, as four-bed gono rooms have 25-30 students living together.

DU Vice Chancellor Dr Md Akhtaruzzaman appreciated the effort and said a few teachers met him two days back and briefed him on the initiative.

The authorities said they have taken some preventative measures, including additional treatment facilities at DU medical centres, encouraging foreign residential students to go into self-quarantine if they have recently returned to Bangladesh, and hanging cautionary posters in dorms.

## Justice Abu Sayeed resigned as DU VC on this day in 1971

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Today marks the 49th anniversary of Justice Abu Sayeed Chowdhury’s resignation as the vice chancellor of Dhaka University, says a press release.

On this day in 1971, he quit his job in protest against the killing of two students by the Pakistani occupation army.

This was the only resignation during the period of Non-Cooperation Movement called by Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

## Pro-BNP

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I file a complaint against police?”

However, Bakalia Police Station Officer-in-Charge Nezam Uddin said Masum’s allegation is baseless. “He was not threatened by any law enforcer,” he said.

The OC also mentioned that Masum is not an accused in any case filed with the police station.

When this newspaper asked Masum as to why he did not inform the matter to senior BNP leaders, Masum said he had informed local leaders.

On the other hand, BNP insiders said party leaders came to know about the incident after the withdrawal.

Meanwhile, ruling Awami League-backed Hazi Md Harunur Rashid is continuing electioneering as a councillor candidate of the ward.

Apart from them, one Hazi Md Tayab had submitted nomination form to the EC for candidacy but his application was rejected for being a loan defaulter, said RO Hasanuzzaman.

Rashid is now the lone candidate for the ward.

Asked, if they are planning to declare Rashid elected unopposed, RO Hasanuzzaman said, “We don’t have any plan to do so as of yet.”

If the candidate, whose nomination was cancelled, gets a court order to contest the polls, the situation may change, he said.

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## Students of 2 DU depts

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or boycott academic activities.

“We organised a Facebook poll where students from all five (current) batches opined to boycott all academic activities. Class representatives of the batches have informed the chairperson of this decision in writing and notified other teachers via E mail,” Sarjis Alam, a class representative of the zoology department, said.

Contacted, chairperson of the department Prof Humayun Reza Khan said, “We have no jurisdiction to suspend class, only university syndicate can take such a decision. I have told teachers to attend classes but if the students do not come then classes will be considered automatically cancelled.”

## Still under control

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“Don’t be panicked over the coronavirus issue, rather keep your trust on the government,” Quader said.

He said the government is ready to accept the proposal [given by India] for combating COVID-19 along with the Saarc countries.

Turning his attention to BNP, he said a “political virus” like corona has entered the party. “They [BNP leaders] should remove that coronavirus from their home first by

## Man killed over land dispute in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A 55-year-old man succumbed to his injuries yesterday morning after sustaining injuries in a clash between two groups over a piece of land at Patiya upazila on Friday.

Deceased Md Hashem hailed from Banigram area under Kolgaon union.

Assistant Sub-inspector Alauddin Talukdar of Chattogram Medical College Hospital police outpost said, “Hahsam sustained head injuries from the clash and died at the hospital around 10:30am while undergoing treatment.”

Police sources said there had been longstanding enmity between Hashem and his neighbour Habibur Rahman over a piece of land. Around 3pm on Friday, the two and their supporters locked into a clash over the issue.

During the clash, the groups set several houses in the area on fire, leaving three critically injured.

Later, fire fighters doused the blaze and sent the injured to the CMCH for treatment.

OC of Patiya Police Station Borhan Uddin said Hashem’s body was sent to CMCH morgue for autopsy.

## 2 hurt in N’ganj fire

UNB, Dhaka

A couple suffered burns in a fire that originated apparently from a gas leak at Kanchpur in Sonargaon upazila of Narayanganj early yesterday.

Ashraf (45) and his wife Rozina (35) suffered 75 and 63 percent burns respectively.

Inspector Bacchu Miah, in-charge of Dhaka Medical College Hospital police outpost, said they initially assume that there was a leak in the gas pipeline.

The fire started when an oven was being lit in the morning. After bringing the fire under control, the injured were rescued and taken to DMCH, Bachchu said.

## Fire engulfs warehouse

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director (operations and maintenance) of Fire Service and Civil Defence headquarters, said the fire broke out at the warehouse and later spread to three adjoining buildings.

He said there was not enough space to enter the warehouse building to control the fire.

Besides, it was difficult to douse the blaze because of the goods stored there, he added.

“Khan Apparel has a five-storey building

in front of a slum, and the two-storey scrap warehouse is beside the building... Both structures lack any firefighting measures,” the official added.

Meanwhile, fire service formed a four-member committee to investigate cause of the fire. The committee was directed to submit a report in ten working days.

On Wednesday, as many as 400 shanties were gutted after a devastating fire broke out at Rupnagar slum, leaving hundreds of slum dwellers homeless.

## No need yet

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Over electronic voting machines (EVMs) in the city polls, Nurul Huda said EVMs were used in two Dhaka city corporation elections and most of the voters expressed satisfaction over it.

Returning Officer Mohammad Hasanuzzaman, Deputy Commissioner Ilias Hossain and Chattogram Metropolitan Police Commissioner Mahbubar Rahman

were, among others, present at the meeting with Divisional Commissioner ABM Azad in the chair.

Later in the evening, CEC Nurul Huda held a meeting with all mayoral candidates at the Circuit House.

At the meeting, the mayoral candidates raised various demands -- including their security, a peaceful environment for voters and prevention EVMs’ abuse.

## Returnees will be

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International Airport at 8:30am yesterday by a flight of Emirates Airlines.

Meanwhile, the Institute of Epidemiology, Diseases Control and Research (IEDCR) Director Dr Meerjady Sabrina Flora confirmed that primarily no symptom of coronavirus was found in any of the 142 fresh Italy returnees.

“Primarily, we have checked temperature

of all the 142 Italy returnees and found no corona symptom. A detailed screening is underway. We will take a decision regarding their self or institutional quarantine after that,” she said.

Earlier, the Wuhan returnees were kept in quarantine at Ashkona Hajj Camp and were released after 14 days as none of them were found to be infected with the coronavirus.



To raise awareness about coronavirus, Rotary International Bangladesh District 3281 held “District Team Training Seminar 2020” at Brac CDM at Ashulia in Savar yesterday. The programme was addressed, among others, by District Governor-elect Md Rubaiyat Hossain, Governor (nominee) Mutasim Billah Farooqi, former governor Jalal Uddin Ahmed, Zainal Abedin, Shamsul Huda, Ghulam Mustafa, Rowshan Ara and District Secretary Nurul Huda Pintu.

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