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Chhatra Union activists filling bottles with hand sanitiser at a makeshift booth in Dhaka University's TSC area yesterday. Activists of the student body distributed the germ killer, prepared by the university's pharmacy department, among rickshaw pullers, hawkers and others for free on the campus throughout the day. PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

FIGHTING CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

# Govt mulls lockdown of vulnerable areas

Also considering closure of malls; bans political, religious, cultural gatherings; kitchen markets to stay open

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is considering placing the most vulnerable areas on lockdown as part of its efforts to contain the spread of coronavirus.

It is also thinking about closure of big shopping malls in cities. Kitchen markets and stores selling daily essentials, however, will stay open.

Crucial meetings, including those of the

cabinet and the Ecnc, would be held, but the meetings considered less important would be avoided.

These measures were discussed at a meeting of National Economic Council (NEC) at the planning ministry yesterday.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who presided over the meeting, gave several directives on how to slow the coronavirus outbreak, meeting sources said.

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# Army given charge of quarantine

DGHS moves to get 1 lakh test kits; IEDCR confirms 4 new Covid-19 cases

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The army has been called into action to contain the spread of coronavirus infection by people flying into the country.

The government yesterday authorised Bangladesh Army to run two quarantine centres -- Ashkona Hajj Camp near the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, and Rajuk Apartment Project near Diyabari of Uttara-18, said a statement of Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR).

All returnees from foreign countries would be screened by the health ministry officials at the airport and selected people would be handed over to the army for quarantine, the ISPR statement said.

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## CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC China offers ray of hope

Reports zero domestic cases; death toll crosses 9,000

AFP, Paris

China yesterday recorded zero domestic infections for the first time since the outbreak emerged marking a major milestone in its battle against the coronavirus pandemic as deaths soared again in Europe.

Spain's death toll jumped by almost a third overnight while Italy and France were set to extend the lockdowns that are keeping tens of millions of people trapped in their homes.

Countries around the globe have tightened

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## BUSHRA HOSSAIN

12th November 1974 - 18th March 2020



We mourn the passing of our beloved Bushra, born 12th November 1974 to Shameem Hossain and late Akbar Hossain.

She breathed her last at Samitivej Hospital Bangkok on Wednesday last.

Bushra leaves behind her Mother, loving husband Rasil, children Jibran and Faizan, brother Saad Hossain, adoring inlaws, niece and nephews.

A kind and gentle soul, she touched the hearts of all who knew her. We request all friends, family, and well-wishers to pray for her departed soul.

Bushra's Qulkhani will be held next Friday 27th March 2020.

All burial and janaza related information will be posted on social media.



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