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care agents, they used to call account holders and tell them that they made the call to activate new (ATM) cards. The fraudsters collected CVV codes and expiry dates of cards in this way and transferred account holders' money to their Skrill, bKash or Nagad accounts," said Najmul Islam.

The CTTC team recovered seven mobile phones and a bulk of fake SIM cards during the drives. It seized a car and froze multiple bank and bKash accounts of the fraudsters, the official added.

"The authorities of the banks that fell prey to the fraudsters lodged complaints with the CTTC, who informed the matter to Bangladesh Bank and finally managed to identify the gang after tracking phone numbers in Dhaka, Faridpur and Cox's Bazar," Najmul continued.

A case was filed with Dhanmondi Police Station in this connection. The arrestees confessed to their crimes during primary interrogation, officials said.

Rajshahi residents

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Commissioner Hamidul Haque asked various religious institutions to keep their premises clean regularly. He also recommended not to use any carpet on the floor.

Hamidul in a recent Facebook post asked residents to avoid gatherings and not to attend any event or go to restaurants or hotels in groups.

Golam Ruhul Kuddus, additional deputy commissioner of Rajshahi Metropolitan Police, said, "We cannot stop people from purchasing essentials. But as a precautionary measure, we asked police officials to monitor the gatherings and arrange queues, maintaining safe distance."

The number of persons who have entered Rajshahi city through land ports from India is 1,868, while 900 people entered through airports since March 1, according to RMP.

Meanwhile, a nurse of Rajshahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH) has been in home quarantine since Saturday after she came in close contact with a relative of an Italy returnee while travelling on a bus.

To screen coronavirus suspects as well as avoid spread of the disease, RMCH has set up a makeshift camp with three doctors in front of its outdoor department.

But patients were seen gathering in front of the camp without following protocol of keeping a six-foot distance.

Kawsar Al Imran, who brought her mother to the hospital yesterday, told The Daily Star, "There's no way we can maintain distance, as people gather in large numbers."

He said hundreds like him waited for three hours under the sun but no doctor was available.

Contacted, Saiful Ferdous, deputy director of RMCH, said, "We're trying our best. We have supplied PPE to them [three doctors] to handle patients. I don't know why they were not on the spot. I will look into the matter."

Meanwhile, to make people aware on how to help prevent the spread of coronavirus, government officials in Rajshahi also launched a campaign on Friday.

As part of the initiative, they went to different areas of the city and handed over leaflets to residents. Wearing masks and hand gloves, the officials also spoke to shop owners and vendors over the issue.

Asked, Rajshahi Divisional Commissioner Humayun Kabir said though no one was being quarantined, they have to be prepared and alert.

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Bomb disposal unit along with local police recovered the silver coloured object from the hole.

Firoj Hossen Molla, officer-in-charge of Sitakunda Police Station, told The Daily Star that they will study the object to determine what it is exactly.

Ferdous Wahid, director of Ferdous Steel Corporation, told The Daily Star that they brought a barge crane to be dismantled at their shipyard.

He said they announced on loudspeaker that they will dismantle a crane boom, which weighs around 300 tonnes. "We evacuated some people as well," he said.

"There was a bang when the crane boom landed from a height of at least 250 feet," he added.

He said he can't say where the smaller pieces which fell nearby came from.

"There was at least 30 minutes between the large piece of metal landing at Mitrapra and the time of our dismantling of the crane boom," he claimed, adding that there is no connection between these two incidents either.

Italy returnees rue

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Returning Bangladeshi expatriates said compensation as per the announcement will help them little, considering the amount of loss they have to count.

They said as a consequence of the lockdown, a large number of Bangladeshis lost jobs in Rome and other major cities.

A few hundred of them returned to Bangladesh while the rest remained stranded there in precarious conditions.

Abdul Hamid, the owner of a pizzeria in Rome, said he is supposed to get 500 euros (about Tk 45,000) a month as compensation for the layoff period.

Hamid had to shut down his shop and allow leave to his two employees, before flying back to Bangladesh on March 15, amid financial hardships.

Even during the lockdown, someone staying at home has to spend what amounts to 320 to 420 euros a month. At a normal time, the expenditure is more, he said.

"It's hard to live in Italy without a decent income," said Hamid (36), who migrated from Mymensingh a decade ago.

Both he and Jahangir said they will not return there until the situation improves.

The compensation is like having something rather than nothing, said another expatriate, who was employed at a motor workshop as a mechanic.

The expatriate, who preferred not to be named, said the tourist season was a big opportunity for him and many other Bangladeshis to earn extra money.

The expatriate, who hails from Cumilla, said his Italian employer cancelled his work contract following its closure due to the lockdown and asked him to be in contact.

Moin Uddin, another returnee, said many Bangladeshi workers he knows stayed back there due to financial hardships.

There are people who do not have enough money to buy plane tickets. They have no choice but to stay back, said Moin, who is from Noakhali's Sonaimuri upazila.

The expat from Cumilla said there are some 8,000 to 10,000 Bangladeshis living in his neighbourhood, known as Bangla town. They are all in financial crises under the present situation, he said.

Ubaidul Haque, who lives near the leaning tower of Pisa, said he had been without a job for more than two weeks after the nightclub he worked at was shut down.

"Everyone is out of job," said Ubaidul, who hails from Narsingdi.

Those who have stayed back will have to rely on their savings, he added.

"Undocumented workers will have to face bigger problems. No one cares about them," he said.

Badrul Alam, who lives in beachside town Fiumicino, said he returned home because he had to break into his savings. Besides, his family members back in Dhaka were also worried about him.

Upon their return, the expatriates were taken to Dhaka's Hajj Camp on March 15 for a mandatory health checkup. A day later, they were sent to home quarantine.

Italy is home to some two lakh Bangladeshis, including about 50,000 undocumented workers.

The country diagnosed over 47,000 known infections of coronavirus, and more than 4,000 fatalities from the disease, surpassing the number in China.

Overcrowded prisons

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Kamal Hossain, senior superintendent of Chattogram jail.

"We are checking them for symptoms during intake, and if they show any symptoms we will quarantine them. This is what the district civil surgeon recommended to us, considering our situation," said Kamal.

The newly-built Dhaka Central Jail in Keraniganj will not be able to quarantine new prisoners either -- as it is overcrowded already.

"I have over 10,000 prisoners. The jail's capacity is 4,097. We are keeping new intakes under observation but not quarantining," said Iqbal Kabir Chowdhury, senior superintendent of the Dhaka jail.

Similarly, Tangail District Jail's Superintendent Mohammed Abdullah Al Mamun informed this correspondent that he would not be able to quarantine freshly-arrived inmates for 14 days.

The jail he runs currently houses some 1,100 prisoners, while it is made for only 467 prisoners.

"If a new prisoner is showing symptoms, we will quarantine the patient. But otherwise, they are released into the general population," Mamun informed The Daily Star.

Barishal Central Jail too will not be able to quarantine prisoners for 14 days, said jail authorities.

"We can house 50 to 60 prisoners in the quarantine ward, but we get around 30 new prisoners every day. Housing them for 14 days might be a problem," said Proshanto Kumar Banik, the jail superintendent.

"If we observe any symptom in the prisoners, we will send them to Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital

immediately," he added.

The contingency plan in case of an infected prisoner varies from jail to jail. Some have plans of isolation wards in the jail's hospital while others will send them to general hospitals.

Rangpur Central Jail authorities informed The Daily Star it will also only quarantine suspected cases, already housing twice its capacity at around 1,500 prisoners.

The superintendent of Cox's Bazar District Jail also has no space to quarantine the new intakes, as per the prisons department's orders.

"It is not possible to quarantine. We have only kept the 45 prisoners from Myanmar separately," said jail Superintendent Md Mokammel Hossain.

The Cox's Bazar jail houses some 4,500 inmates but was actually built for 530 prisoners only -- meaning they house nearly nine times the amount of prisoners they can actually hold.

While all prisons are crowded, the Cox's Bazar District Jail packs more people per square feet than others.

For example, the Cox's Bazar District Jail, Mymensingh Central Jail, and Narayanganj District Jail are all built on approximately eight acres of land. But while the population of the first is 4,500, the other two accommodate 2,100 and 1,800 prisoners respectively.

Narayanganj District Jail has an official capacity of 300, but houses six times its capacity, jail authorities told The Daily Star.

Mymensingh Central Jail has space for 1,000 prisoners but houses a little more than twice its capacity.

However, both managed to clear out spaces to quarantine the new intakes for 14

Five returnees

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In the last three months, some 8,344 migrants returned to Patuakhali; police and health officials are looking for them, he said.

A mobile court led by Ghior UNO Irine Akter yesterday fined three grocers at Baniajuri Bazar Tk 55,000 for hiking prices of essentials, reports our Manikganj correspondent.

The UNO also fined Mazharul Islam Razu, a Saudi Arabia returnee, Tk 10,000 for violating home quarantine.

A mobile court fined a woman who returned from Jordan Tk 10,000 as she was roaming around at Pechulia village of Joypurhat Sadar, our Dinajpur correspondent adds.

Health department officials say 72 returnees from different countries have been put in home quarantine in the district.

In eight districts -- including Joypurhat -- under Rangpur division, 539 returnees from abroad have been put in quarantine,

said Dr Mostafizur Rahman, director of DGHS in Rangpur.

Provide safety gears

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following a writ petition filed by Advocate Aklasuddin Bhuiyan, Advocate Ripon Barai and Advocate Mahbulul Islam on behalf of Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh yesterday, seeking necessary orders.

The judges heard the petition, passed the order and issued the rule at their chamber room as they were not assigned to sit in the courtroom yesterday, petitioners' counsel Advocate Manzill Murshid told The Daily Star.

During hearing, Murshed told the court that as per reports published in different newspapers there is shortage of health safety equipment in different hospitals and clinics, and due to that reason, many doctors and nurses are afraid to perform their duties.

Even in some cases, they were avoiding normal patients who have got viral fever, flu, cough etc, he said. Due to the shortage of effective health safety equipment, doctors and nurses are reluctant to serve patients, which ultimately deprive citizens from medical treatment as well as the affected from the right to life as guaranteed under article 32 of the constitution of Bangladesh.

Deputy Attorney Generals Debashis Bhattacharyya and Protikar Chakma represented the state at the hearing.

SC suspends regular

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recommendation to prohibit gathering of people to tackle the spread of coronavirus.

Yesterday, Attorney General Mahbubey Alam also met the chief justice at his office to discuss the situation.

Contacted, Mahbubey Alam told The Daily Star that the chief justice will discuss with his colleagues about suspending the proceedings of the Appellate and High Court Divisions of the SC after March 29 when the divisions will reopen after its ongoing vacation.

On March 19, the SC administration has directed jail authorities not to produce under-trial prisoners before the lower courts during case proceedings till further order, as a precaution.

The prisons do not have an adequate number of hygiene and sanitation facilities for the large number of inmates they're holding, and advised hygiene practices are difficult to follow as a result.

The prisons are also relying on self-reporting and shared thermometers to screen prisoners for fever.

"We are not technologically sound," said Mamun, Tangail jail's superintendent. "Because we have no equipment to check, we are asking prisoners if they have a fever, or if they had a fever in the past week."

"We don't have thermal scanners or infrared thermometers yet, but we have asked the ministry to provide us with those," said the AIG of Prisons Monzur.

Khulna jail Superintendent Omar Faruk, however, informed that they obtained infrared thermometers.

SC ORDER TO NOT PRODUCE UNDER-TRIAL PRISONERS

On Thursday, the Supreme Court administration directed jail authorities not to produce under-trial prisoners before lower courts during case proceedings till further order, as a precaution to coronavirus outbreak.

Supreme Court Registrar General Md Ali Akbar issued the notification under the instruction from Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain.

In the notification, he said producing prisoners under trial from the jails before the courts during hearings of bail petitions and other case proceedings are very risky due to the prevailing situation.

In light of that, under-trial prisoners cannot be carried by prison vans or any other transport and cannot be produced before the courts during case proceedings, it said.

Qulkhwani of Wazed Ali Khan today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Qulkhwani of freedom fighter Wazed Ali Khan will be held after Zohr prayers



today at his village home in Tangail's Dhanbari upazila. Relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to attend the event and pray for the departed soul.

Wazed, also the vice-president of Dhanbari upazila unit of Awami League, died of cardiac arrest at Bhatkura village on Friday. He was 72.

He left behind his wife, three sons, a daughter and a host of friends and well-wishers to mourn his death.

Bangladesh

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the fund to dispatch medical supplies to Nepal, Bhutan, Maldives, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan and Bangladesh.

Foreign Minister Momen said during the conference, Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina suggested that the Saarc Secretariat should coordinate the regional collaboration on fighting coronavirus for the safety and security of the people in the region.

She also proposed for the establishment of an institution in Bangladesh to prevent and fight public health threats in the region in future. Saarc Secretariat can devise a mechanism on how to use the fund, Momen said.

63 noted citizens slam

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statement said, lamenting that "the government is not showing any interest to coordinate these initiatives."

"We want the government to adopt a master plan in coordination with experts, environmentalists, physicians, civil society members and ministries immediately to address the crisis," reads the letter.


To make the master plan work, they suggested to form a multi-functional working committee with civil society members' of different levels to look over the activities of the government.

It further urged the government to publish a white paper of its plans to contain the epidemic, allot funds for it on a priority basis and inform the public of it; ensure supply and management of coronavirus testing kits and other required materials free of cost; and implement strict monitoring at all entry points of the country, map location of potentially vulnerable groups and take region-based measures, and close down all tourist spots.

Its other suggestions include using hotels, resorts and other suitable establishments away from densely-populated areas for quarantine, and setting up temporary hospitals at stadiums, gymnasiums with the help of the army, and coordinate with private hospitals.

It also suggested supplying PPEs to doctors and nurses immediately; take measures to regularly disinfect hotspots of virus spreading including mass transports, jails and slums; ensure paid leaves of garment workers, enforce fair price of daily commodities, provide training to volunteers and equipment to raise awareness and carry out preventive measures.

The signatories to the letter include: Prof Anu Muhammad, Prof Dr Geeti Ara Nasrin; Sultana Kamal, Shaheen Anam, Khushi Kabir, Shahidul Alam, Dr Iftekharuzzaman, Syeda Rizwana Hasan, Rehnuma Ahmed, Ali Riaz, Badiul Alam Majumdar, Samina Luthfa, Barrister Jyotirmoy Barua, Fahmidul Haq along with a number of university teachers and rights activists.



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INVITATION FOR TENDER

Invitation Ref. & Date : BIRDEM/Purchase/10-Group (Medicine & MSR Items)/2020/02		Dated : 22 March 2020				
01.	Name of Works	Supply of Medicine & MSR items for BIRDEM General Hospital for the year 2020-2021				
02.	Details of Work	Group-01: Medicine.	Group-06: Stationery & other Items.			
		Group-02: Surgical Items.	Group-07: Crockery's & Miscellaneous Items.			
		Group-03: Linen.	Group-08: Hardware & Sanitary Items.			
		Group-04: Gauge-Bandage, Dressing & related items.	Group-09: Electro Mechanical items.			
		Group-05: Chemical & Reagents.	Group-10: Cleaning Materials.			
03.	Procurement Method	Open Tender Method (OTM)				
04.	Source of fund	BIRDEM General Hospital				
05.	Name, designation & address of official inviting tender	Director General, BIRDEM General Hospital, Shahbag, Dhaka-1000.				
06.	Name & address of the office selling tender documents	Procurement Section, Room: 230, 1 st floor of OPD Building, BIRDEM General Hospital, Shahbag, Dhaka-1000.				
07.	Date of selling of tender documents	Tender documents will be available from 24 March 2020 to 21 April 2020 on all working days (09.00 am to 01.00 pm).				
08.	Tender closing date	23 April 2020 (From 08.00 AM to 12.00 PM)				
09.	Tender opening date	23 April 2020 at 12.30 Noon (In presence of the tenderers or their authorized agent, if anybody available)				
10.	Price of tender document (For each Group)	Group: 1, 2 & 5 = 5,000/ (Five Thousand) Taka Only. (Each Group)				
		Group: 3, 4, 8 & 9 = 2,000/ (Two Thousand) Taka Only. (Each Group)				
		Group: 6, 7 & 10 = 1,000/ (One Thousand) Taka Only. (Each Group)				
11.	Tender Security	Name of Group	Tender Security Amount (BDT)	Comments		
		Group-01	1,00,000.00		Group-06	10,000.00
		Group-02	50,000.00		Group-07	10,000.00
		Group-03	30,000.00		Group-08	20,000.00
		Group-04	30,000.00		Group-09	20,000.00
Group-05	50,000.00	Group-10	10,000.00	Said amount for each group have to be deposited in the form of Demand Draft or Pay-order from any local commercial bank in favor of BIRDEM General Hospital.		
Eligibility of tenderers						
a.	The tenderers should be manufacturer or their authorized supplier/distributor/dealer or seller of the items.					
b.	Each group & item of the lot shall be evaluated separately.					
c.	The tenderers should have valid & updated trade license, TIN, VAT & Income Tax Certificate.					
13.	Detail specifications, terms & conditions, warranty & After sales services are enumerated in the tender schedule.					
14.	BIRDEM authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.					
Note: In case of holiday or any unavoidable circumstances last date of dropping & opening will be the next working day.						



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