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A fish trader sitting idle at Karwan Bazar kitchen market as there is no buyer turning up. Dhaka turned into a ghost city on the second day of a 10-day general holiday yesterday, with the streets almost deserted as people shut themselves in their homes. The government declared the holiday to slow down the spread of novel coronavirus.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

## Govt falters in its promise

Failed to publish fresh razakars' list by 50th Independence Day

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The government has failed to keep the promise to publish a fresh list of razakars by the 50th Independence and National Day.

Amid nationwide outrage and angry protests, the Ministry of Liberation War Affairs on December 18 last year suspended the flawed list of razakars three days after its publication.

After huge criticism, Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Huq said they would publish a fresh list by this Independence Day after proper scrutiny.

"We first thought we could publish the list by March 26, but we could not," he told The Daily Star on Tuesday.

"Later, we decided that we would publish the new list by April after the election to the Central Command Council of Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Sangsad. Newly elected leaders of the organisation and renowned local people like physicians and educationists will review and prepare the new list," Mozammel said.

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## FIRST YEAR OF BANGLADESH BANGABANDHU'S NATION-BUILDING CHALLENGES

### Constituent assembly meeting summoned



Padmaja Naidu, Chairman of the Indian Red Cross Society, calls on Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at his official residence on March 28, 1972.

MARCH 28, 1972

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY TO MEET ON APRIL 10

The president of Bangladesh summons the first session of the Constituent Assembly of Bangladesh to meet at 10:00am on April 10 at the Assembly Building in Tejgaon, Dhaka. This will be the first meeting of the members of the Constituent Assembly of the newborn state.

**BANGABANDHU ASSURES REHABILITATION OF DISPLACED WOMEN**  
Prime Minister Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman says today that all efforts are being made to rehabilitate the displaced women

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## CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

### UK PM tests positive

Global death toll crosses 25,000; US tops world in virus cases as Xi offers help to Trump; IMF chief says world is in recession

AFP, Madrid

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson became the first major world leader to test positive for the coronavirus yesterday as the death toll from the pandemic crossed 25,000.

In a grim milestone, the United States overtook China as the country with the most coronavirus cases, while seeing an unprecedented amount of newly unemployed amid fears of a global economic meltdown.

On the economic front, IMF chief Kristalina Georgieva yesterday said the pandemic has driven the global economy into a downturn that will require massive funding to help developing nations.

"It is clear that we have entered a recession" that will be worse than in 2009 following the global financial crisis, she said in an online press briefing.

And Africa's economic powerhouse South Africa yesterday became the latest nation on the continent to start life under lockdown as it reported its first COVID-19 deaths.

Johnson, whose country has seen more than 11,600 declared coronavirus cases and 578 deaths, said he had developed mild symptoms over the previous 24 hours and was self-isolating after testing positive. His Health Secretary Matt Hancock also tested positive for the virus.

Spain reported that its death toll had



hit 4,858 after 769 people died in 24 hours, a record one-day figure for fatalities and far higher than in Italy, which counted 662 deaths in its last daily update on Thursday night.

Europe has suffered the brunt of the coronavirus crisis in recent weeks, with millions across the continent on lockdown and the streets of Paris, Rome and Madrid eerily empty.

Prime Minister Edouard Philippe warned that France -- reeling from the deaths of more than 1,600 people including a 16-year-old girl -- was facing difficult days ahead.

"We find ourselves in a crisis that will last, in a health situation that will not improve any time soon," Philippe said.

But focus is turning from Europe to the United States, where the number of known infections reached almost 86,000 on Friday, higher than both China and hard-hit Italy.

US President Donald Trump, who has been accused of downplaying the enormous scale of the crisis, spoke by telephone with China's Xi Jinping who said the two countries needed to "unite to fight" the pandemic.

"China has been through much & has developed a strong understanding of the Virus. We are working closely together. Much respect!" Trump tweeted after the call.

The warm words were in contrast to

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## OC withdrawn over custodial death of man in Barguna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The officer-in-charge of Amtali Police Station in Barguna was withdrawn yesterday following the death of a 55-year-old man at the police station on Thursday.

Abul Bashar, the OC, was withdrawn and attached to Barguna Police lines in an order signed by the superintendent of police in the district, our Patuakhali correspondent reports quoting Tofayel Ahmed, additional superintendent of police.

The hanging body of Shanu Hawlader, 55, a farmer, was found at the police station on Thursday morning, three days after he was arrested.

Two police officers

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### PRAYER TIMING MARCH 28

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JAMAAT 5-20 1-15 5-00 6-25 8-15

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