

Pangolin rescued in Mymensingh



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A pangolin was rescued from Dhobaura upazila of Mymensingh on Saturday night.

Jamal Mia, a farmer of Goloibanga village, noticed the animal first being attacked by a dog. He along with others rescued it right away.

Locals said the pangolin, locally known as "bon rui", might have entered the village from the nearby hilly areas. On information, Nazrul Islam, union parishad member, and Rafiquzzaman, upazila nirbahi officer, rushed to the spot and rescued the endangered animal.

It was handed over to the officials of Mymensingh Divisional Forest Office yesterday, said the UNO.

'BON RUI'

Although at first glance, a pangolin may look like a reptile, it is actually a mammal. These mammals are covered in large, hardened overlapping scales with ridges. The keratin scales make up a hard shell of sorts, making the animal resemble a rui fish. Because of this resemblance, many locals call pangolins, bon rui.

They are nocturnal creatures, preferring to sleep the day away.

According to experts, these animals do not harm people. They live deep in the forests of Sylhet, the Sundarbans and Chittagong Hill Tracts.

Pangolins have been declared protected under the Wildlife Act of 1974.

However, the mammal is being caught and killed indiscriminately as parts of it are used for making traditional medicine or totka, said experts.

Architect Bashirul Haque passes away

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Bashirul Haque, a renowned architect, died at Gonoshasthya Nagar Hospital in Dhaka on Saturday evening. He was 77.

Bashirul was buried at his village home in Brahmanbaria. He left behind his wife and two sons to mourn his death.

His wife Prof Firdous Azim is the chairperson of the Department of English at Brac University.

Bashirul will be remembered for his number of aesthetic designs including Chhayanaut Bhaban, Asa Bhaban, East West University and BCIC Bhaban.

Man killed over land dispute

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A farmer died at Mymensingh Medical College Hospital on Saturday night hours after he had been injured in an attack over land dispute in Tarakanda upazila, said police.

Azizul Islam Mondol (32) was from Malidanga village. There was a dispute over a piece of land between Azizul and his neighbour Shafiqul Islam.

They had an altercation and at one stage, Shafiqul and his men attacked Azizul, leaving him injured. A case was filed.

They asked

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"The test is done in a government laboratory; the technicians, doctors, health staff, ambulance and its driver all work for the government... So there is no scope for any staff to ask for money from a patient."

When asked why he did not lodge any complaint, Zeenat's son said they were wary of consequences.

"We are already in trouble with my mother's treatment, and now we don't want to go to any further trouble," he said.

Contacted, SM Nazer Hossain, vice president of Consumers' Associate of Bangladesh (CAB), said it is the responsibility of the authorities to find the corrupt staffers.

"Asking patients to lodge a formal complaint is a sort of attitude by authorities to avoid a serious allegation against their staff," he said. "Many patients do not know how to lodge a complaint, and many others do not want to go for it fearing further trouble."

Contacted, BITD Director Prof Dr MA Hasan said he did not receive any such complaint. "This cannot happen... there is no scope," he said, adding that he would verify the allegation.

Asked about patients not getting test report in time, Dr Mamun said the samples collected throughout a day are tested the following day, and so it takes time to get the results.

Primary students

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Fitri vacation.

Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education started TV education through the same channel on March 29. According to the DSHE official, there are about 90 lakh students currently enrolled in sixth to tenth grades in schools across the country.

Many guardians welcomed the government move to broadcast recorded lectures of renowned teachers for students through Sangsad Television.

They, however, were sceptical about the effectiveness of the mode of transmission.

After the first day of televised classroom lectures for secondary school students on March 29, guardians proposed that authorities address loud background music and unclear whiteboard. They also proposed the government should air these lectures through Bangladesh Television and if possible through some other private TV channels.

Asked about the background music and unclear board issues, Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education (DSHE) Director General Prof Syed Md Golam Faruk said they would address the issues.

The Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS) 2019 of Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics shows that 50 percent households of the country do not have television sets.

Protectors still

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wear masks and gloves before dealing with arrestees and spray disinfectant regularly around court premises," he said. DC Jafor said they have put up awareness posters at different points of the court.

The officials were supposed to follow the instruction properly and a committee has also been formed to oversee that. "We would definitely look into the issue to address the situation," he added.

POOR CONDITIONS AT POLICE STATIONS, BARRACKS

The conditions at police stations and barracks were not that good either.

Talking to this newspaper, an inspector-rank official said they received three to four PPE from their authorities, which is not enough to distribute among all on-duty officials at a police station.

The higher authorities instructed them to wear raincoats for safety but it's quite impossible to perform an eight-hour-long duty wearing raincoats in this hot weather, said the inspector. "Most officials, for this reason, perform duty without wearing those," he added.

The condition of police barracks was no better. Around 30 to 40 policemen live in congested rooms. The distance between beds are about six inches -- a far cry from the three-foot gap suggested by health experts.

Masudur Rahman, deputy commissioner of DMP, however, said they instructed officials to maintain hygiene, wash hands and keep their rooms clean. They have also asked cops not to allow guests, family members and outsiders in the barracks, he added.

On March 31, the home minister in a directive mentioned that Bangladesh Police will ensure distribution of hand gloves, masks, sanitisers and PPE among its officials to protect them from coronavirus.

Meanwhile, Inspector General of Police Mohammad Javed Patwary through a text message on Thursday asked officials to ensure their own safety as well as their families, colleagues and subordinates. The IGP also asked officials to remain more cautious about personal hygiene while dealing with people.

DMP has about 34,000 members, according to officials.

Govt to bring back

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respective countries, reports UNB.

He said the government will take steps case by case, considering the ground reality.

Dr Momen said though the number of countries which came up with the request is few, but it is pressure on the government at this critical moment.

"We are under pressure to some extent. All the countries are under pressure," he told reporters.

Dr Momen hoped that the move will not cause any problems in relations with those countries from where workers are being brought back.

Steps are being taken to further strengthen relations with them, the minister added.

He said the foreign minister of Maldives had a phone conversation with him, where he conveyed the situation about the undocumented Bangladesh nationals in that country.

The Maldives foreign minister highlighted the downfall of tourism business and closure of restaurants there, and assured his Bangladesh counterpart of taking good care of the documented nationals.

Maldives initially urged the undocumented nationals to get registered, he said. "We don't think all will return."

Dr Momen did not want to mention the names of other countries and total number of undocumented nationals in those four to five countries.

At the meeting, Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan said expatriate Bangladeshis will be brought back maintaining due scrutiny.

However, a separate decision can be taken for those expatriates who will be found involved in serious crimes, the home minister said.

The returning expatriates will be sent to mandatory quarantine, he also said.

Help repatriation

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Another expelled MCA SB Zaman, who was elected Member of Provincial Assembly (MPA) from Mymensingh constituency, acted in a vindictive manner against Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in the false case brought against him by Yahya regime, and also arranged witnesses in the case and is said to have collaborated with the Yahya regime in various other manners.

FAIR-PRICE SHOPS FOR ESSENTIALS

The government is going to abolish wholesale agencies and middlemen in the trade for essential commodities and some other items. The government will take this action to ensure that people get their necessities at a normal price and also to check profiteering and black-marketing. It is also learnt that the cooperative department is preparing a scheme for supplying essential items like kerosene, edible oil, soap, soda and some other consumer goods through fair-price shops to be set up at the union level on a cooperative basis.

BANGABANDHU SUMMONS ICRC CHIEF

Bangabandhu today summons the chief of International Committee of Red Cross in

Bangladesh and tells him of the grave and pitiable conditions of the Bengalis herded in camps and segregated houses scattered all over Pakistan. He requests the ICRC chief to arrange immediate visits to these camps by ICRC teams to enquire the welfare of the Bengalees and help their repatriation.

SONG OF BANGLADESH

One of the most popular folk singers of America, Joan Baez, has recorded a song called 'song of Bangladesh'. She herself composed the song. Sale proceeds of the record will go to refugees in Bangladesh through UNICEF.

NEW MARSHAL PLAN FOR BANGLADESH John Stonehouse, Labour MP, will introduce an emergency motion in the House of Commons next week asking the British government to initiate urgent moves with other governments to construct a new Marshal Plan for supporting Bangladesh. In a full-page advertisement carried by Times today, War on Want, a British charitable organisation, asks the British public to send telegrams to Stonehouse supporting his emergency motion.

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Callousness

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teenagers were seen gossiping in the narrow alleyway in East Rajabazar.

Approached, one of them said, "We have been staying at home since the order came into effect. But, actually, we have come here to break the monotony. [We] will go back home soon."

Near Rabindra Sarobar in Dhanmondi-8, another group of youths were milling about cheerfully. One of them said with the most casual nonchalance, "Nothing will happen to me as I follow what I need to follow."

His friend piped in with youthful reassurance, "Corona does not kill the young."

Since the first positive case of Covid-19 reported on March 8, the country has been witnessing a rise in the spread of the infection. As of yesterday, there have been reported 61 cases of Covid-19 in Bangladesh.

The government has stepped up efforts to contain the outbreak, closing educational institutions, shutting down offices and snapping public transportation services. It announced the shutdown and asked people to stay home to lower the risk of exposure.

Although many people are complying with the government orders, some people are not. And for other, especially those living hand to mouth, this order appears to be a harsh reality.

Nasima Akter, a housemaid, is one of them. She was seen standing in a crowd of a dozen of women in Dhanmondi-15 area with the hope of relief from any source.

"If we don't come out, we would die in hunger," she said.

Experts said it's upsetting to see people disobeying the stay-at-home order. By doing so, they are putting not only themselves, but their families and friends at risk as well.

They said staying home is a strain on everyone. It is, however, an effective way to slow the spread of the virus and save lives.

They said after 23 days since the first reported case, the next two weeks would be crucial for a densely populated country, as there is a higher possibility of spreading the virus like it did in several other countries, including Italy, Spain, France, Germany and the US.

The World Health Organisation's former regional adviser Muzaherul Huq said people must stay at home and can only venture out into public spaces when it is absolutely necessary.

"By simply staying at home, people could save more lives than they might ever know," he said, suggesting that people should be motivated to stay indoors.

Law enforcers should also strictly implement social distancing, he added.

Sohel Rana, assistant inspector general of Police Headquarters, said, "Police officials are making people aware through various ways, including social media and the use of loudspeakers."

"We are approaching people humbly, but we will be strict if we find anyone violate [orders] or became violent," he added.

Twelve killed

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Indian army spokesman Colonel Rajesh Kalia said five armed militants were killed early yesterday in the northern Keran area close to the de facto border known as the Line of Control (LoC) that divides the disputed territory with Pakistan.

The clashes also left three soldiers dead and critically injured several more, he said in a brief statement.

The fighting came within 24 hours of another gun battle between suspected rebels and government forces in the southern Kulgam area that left four dead.

Police said all four were militants from the local area. Kashmir has waged a three-decade-long armed rebellion against Indian rule with tens of thousands of lives, mostly civilians, lost in the conflict.

India regularly accuses its arch-rival Pakistan of arming and sending rebels across the heavily militarised border. Islamabad denies the claims.

Disinfect house

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of the Department of Microbiology of Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College, said that the best way to protect the family is to quite simply disinfect the house.

He said that the regularity of cleaning and disinfecting depends on people, particularly the situation and what is happening around them.

Rafiqul said even if no one in the household is ill, one should still clean regularly and disinfect daily as a baseline precautionary measure.

"There is a difference between cleaning and disinfecting," he said. "You should have a regular cleaning routine, which includes removing dirt and dust, and regular household cleaning products are fine for this."

He, however, suggested that families do not have to clean the whole house from top to bottom every day, but rather focus on surfaces that family members come into contact with at a high frequency.

Rafiqul suggested disinfecting doorknobs, light switches, tables, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, sinks and common surfaces with a solution of hot water and any disinfectant effective in killing the virus.

Before you disinfect anything in your house, you should wear gloves. But always wash your hands with soap and warm water after using any cleaning products.

"Having done the disinfecting, one must wash hands with soap and water," he suggested.

The microbiologist advised cleaning the area or item with soap and water or another detergent if it is dirty and then using a household disinfectant.

The kitchen, or any area where food is prepared or consumed, is one of the best places for germs to cluster. So, it is better not to use reusable grocery bags.

He suggested that personal hygiene is the best way to protect oneself and others.

"Even if we don't go outside, we should wash our hands frequently to keep ourselves safe," Rafiqul suggested.

Rafiqul suggested that it is better to discourage guests not to come to the house during this time.

Getting closer

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Initially, GK attempted to import the reagents from the UK, but as no flights are currently being operating between Dhaka and the UK, it is taking some extra time.

Meanwhile, the organisation has imported them from China considering the urgency of the issue.

Until yesterday, a total of nine people died of Covid-19 and 88 tested positive.

Health experts have strongly urged the authorities to widen the scope of Covid-19 test to understand the extent of its spread in the country.

Widespread testing, social distancing and hand washing are the most important tasks to prevent the spread of the virus, according to health experts.

They say if GK can locally produce the test kit, it will be very helpful for the country amid a global shortage of test kits and personal protection equipment.

A team of Gonoshasthya-RNA Biotech has developed the kit called Rapid Dot Blot, which can detect coronavirus infection in 15 minutes.

The team, led by Bijon Kumar Sil, included Nihad Adnan, Raed Jamiruddin and Firoz Ahmed.

Bijon was among the researchers who had developed a kit to diagnose SARS coronavirus in 2003. Rapid Dot Blot is patented under his name.

GK is eyeing to keep the production cost of a kit within Tk 200 so that a diagnosis can be done at a cost of Tk 300-350.

Identify Covid-19 hotspots

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"This can be done alternatively, for example, by looking at the rates of respiratory diseases and deaths relating to that in certain areas," he said.

The NGOs, who can have grassroots network across the country, can help in this regard. A framework should be prepared for this, Dr Zillur said.

He said social distancing is a major strategy to prevent transmission of the virus, but this needs effective communication and enforcement. However, there seems to be gaps, especially when it comes to social and religious events, he added.

Poor people are coming out of homes in search of livelihood, while there is a lack of hygiene practices in the urban slums. A social safety net programme is crucial for these groups of people to enforce social distancing and promote hygiene practices, the economist said.

He added that the people, especially healthcare professionals, law enforcers and journalists -- who are on the frontlines to address the health emergency -- need mental boosting and financial incentives so they can continue to work. Part of the stimulus package should be allocated for them, he added.

The health sector managers and private health sector need to sit together to decide how the patients beyond coronavirus can access healthcare because there are risks of such patients may not being able to access healthcare because of the focus on coronavirus, Zillur said.

The government has a guideline for addressing Covid-19, but there should be national taskforce for coordination of all activities -- public, private and non-profit bodies, he added.

Civil society leaders said poor people involved in the informal sectors are facing food insecurity, and their number would be about 40 lakh. The government should have special consideration for them, he

added.

Zillur specifically mentioned the small farmers and micro, small and medium enterprises, who are vulnerable to the economic shocks caused by the pandemic and need the government's special attention under the stimulus package.

"A large number of people working in saloons, restaurants and small businesses have no jobs. The challenge is how to help them restart their businesses after the pandemic," he said.

He proposed the formation of a high-level expert panel comprised of government and professionals for designing a short, medium and long-term plan.

Ahsan H Mansur, executive director of the Policy Research Institute of Bangladesh, suggested that the government make an announcement of giving incentives to the small and medium industries and make sure that they are not evicted from the factories or shops in the case of failing to pay rent now.

ActionAid Bangladesh Country Director Farah Kabir suggested that the government ensures a smooth supply chain of the produces of farmers. Otherwise, the prices of the commodities will fall and the farmers will be affected badly.

She also said gender-based violence may increase amid the shutdown, and that the authorities need to think how they can help address it.

BRAC Executive Director Asif Saleh said the next few weeks are very important for Bangladesh as the cases of coronavirus are increasing.

"This is a national disaster. We all must work together in a coordinated way," he said.

Centre for Policy Dialogue Executive Director Dr Fahmida Khatun and former health secretary AMM Nasiruddin also spoke.

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