**ACROSS COUNTRY TILL APRIL 25** 

with only China

two phases.

Public transports

ambulance, aid operation through air, special flight and

emergency landing will remain out of the purview of the

suspension. Bangladesh now has air communications

communications with different countries from March

16 to March 31. Later it was extended till April 15 in

SUPREME COURT EXTENDS CLOSURE OF ALL COURTS

Meanwhile, the Supreme Court yesterday extended the

ongoing holiday for all the courts across the country

The government primarily suspended air

#### Govt mulling

April 5 the list of prisoners who are being considered for release or bail are under three categories.

"There are more than 3,000 prisoners in the first category who were sentenced to two-year imprisonment or less but served in jail for several months already. The second category includes 1,413 life-sentenced prisoners, and there are 36 disabled prisoners under the third category," he said.

"We are also preparing a list of under-trial prisoners who have been in jail for years for different crimes except murder, terrorism and rape," said another prisons official.

A home ministry official said they are yet to decide whether the prisoners under first category will be exempted or released on bail. It will be decided as per the law minister's response.

Public health specialists have expressed concern that many prisoners might contract coronavirus in the densely populated jails plagued by unhygienic living conditions.

Sources at the department of prisons said there are around 89,000 prisoners at 68 jails across the country, against a capacity of 41,244, posing a high risk of coronavirus outbreak inside the prisons.

#### Switzerland

to evaluate additional response activities to prevent and

mitigate Covid-19 risks in Bangladesh better and faster. Switzerland has further committed 14.4 Million CHF (Tk 126 Crore) to UN's global Covid-19 appeal as well as the International Red Cross and Red Crescent movements.

Muslim countries on their individual capacity yesterday

Palestinian Ambassador Yousef SY Ramadan, Saudi Ambassador Essa Yousef Essa Alduhailan, Egyptian Ambassador Walid Ahmed Shamseldin and Indonesian Ambassador Rina Prihtyasmiarsi Soemarno handed over the food assistance to Dhaka Deputy Commissioner Abu Saleh

Mohammad Ferdous Khan at the state guesthouse Padma. Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen was present at the ceremony.



The newly-installed 28th span of the Padma Bridge. With this, more than four kilometres of the much-anticipated bridge has become visible. PHOTO: COURTESY

### 28th span

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The 6.15-kilometre bridge would have 42 piers and 41 spans. Of them, work of all piers has already been completed.

Thirty-nine spans have arrived from China, 28 of which have been installed

But the company in China that is constructing the remaining two spans was closed for a long time due to the Covid-19 outbreak.

The ships carrying the two spans are expected to start from China on April 20, according to the project

#### including its Appellate and High Court Divisions till April 25 due to the coronavirus outbreak. Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain came up with the decision at a meeting with the judges of the Appellate

Division at his official residence in the capital's Kakrail The Supreme Court has so far extended the court

holiday for three times beginning on March 25, owing to the coronavirus outbreak.

Supreme Court's Registrar General Md Ali Akbar issued two separate circulars in this regard.

In a circular, it has been stated the apex court judges decided that the court functions should not be kept open on a short scale amid the ongoing coronavirus spread.

This is because judges, lawyers, officials and staff members need to gather for running the court activities, which may cause harm to their health, the circular further

Another circular said the ad-interim orders passed by the courts earlier -- giving bails to the accused, stay of trial proceedings of cases and directives for surrender of the accused to lower courts -- will be extended for two weeks after reopening of the courts.

Besides, one or multiple magistrates will remain standby at all the metropolitan and district areas as usual.

They have been asked to be on suty in order to deal with urgent cases such as remand prayers, according to the

### since March 26.

Meanwhile, in a sign of solidarity, ambassadors of four provided six tonnes of food for the poor.

Three die in 24hrs

Meanwhile, three more people, including

two males and a female, recovered in 24

hours till 2:30pm yesterday, taking the total

number of recovery cases to 33. The cases

accounted for 22 percent (108) of the total

confirmed cases. Flora pointed out the

highest percentage of infection was reported

accounted for 19 percent of total cases each.

The age groups 21-30 and 41-50

Almost 70 percent of all the cases are

In the bulletin, Prof Abul Kalam Azad,

director general of the DGHS said, "We

want to know the [Covid-19] situation in

every union, in every village and in every

town. For this, we have decided to increase

the number of tests. We will use staffers of

community clinics across the country to

the next few days," he said, adding, "The

staffers in community clinics will be trained

He also said dedicated hospitals with

ventilators will be arranged at the district

At the bulletin, Health Minister Zahid Maleque said the government was

converting 3 new establishments into

Of those, Bashundhara Convention

Center in Kuril will have 2,000 beds, one in

Dhaka North City Corporation 1,300 and

another in Uttara's Diabari will have 1,200

hospitals, which will have 4,500 beds.

[in collecting samples] soon.

level for Covid-19 patients.

"The number of tests will increase within

in that age group

males, she added.

collect samples.

beds, he said.

People aged between 31 and 40

increased for the first time since Sunday.

# Stepping up

food to stray dogs and other animals

they distributed at Initially, Lalmatia, Dhanmondi, Mirpur, Islambagh and adjoining areas of Eden Mohila College. But now, they are providing food at other parts of the city too.

500 dogs every day, and of course, other animals join in on the feast, he

PAW Foundation is currently preparing the meals at their office in Lalmatia and at Uttara Community Center of Dhaka North City Corporation. DNCC Mayor-elect

places, mostly in Narayanganj, and Dhaka's

Mirpur and Basabo areas. It has also spread

to several other districts across the country."

Expressing concern over many still not

maintaining social distancing and moving

freely outside, he said, "We saw many

people have travelled to other places from

Narayanganj. It should not be happening

the government lockdown programme

flee into neighbouring Bangladesh since

Myanmar remain extremely vulnerable

and needed to be protected from further

bloodshed, while ordering Myanmar to

report on its compliance by May 23 and

statement said Myanmar's directive was

policies aimed at repressing the Rohingya

may be evidence of the ongoing genocide

in Myanmar's Rakhine State," said

Param-Preet Singh, associate director of

International Justice Program at the HRW.

The 600,000 Rohingya still in Rakhine

faced "a greater threat of genocide than

ever" and remain largely cut off from

healthcare and desperately needed

humanitarian aid, trapped in villages

and open-air detention centres that HRW

not enough to protect the Rohingya.

Meanwhile, Human Rights Watch in a

"Many of the government's existing

The ICJ said that the Rohingya in

Don't commit

then every six months.

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. We have to stay indoors to the make

Atiqul Islam designated the centre for their operation from last Wednesday (April 8).

There are around 60,000 stray dogs in the city, according to rights organisations.

On Wednesday, PAW wrote a letter to the Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock, requesting authorities to urge residents to not harm the animals and provide them with adequate amounts of food, he added.

Fisheries and Livestock Minister SM Rezaul Karim, in reply, said they will look into the matter.

Both organisations are operating through donations from benevolent individuals and groups.

With all educational institutes being closed, many animal lovers have one question in mind: how are the dogs at Dhaka University (DU) doing? Golam Rabbani, general secretary

of Dhaka University Central Students' Union, said he himself gives food to 300 dogs of DU every day, so that they do not go hungry. Animals often rely on the kindness

of humans for survival, and during this crisis, people are stepping up for the innocent creatures. With more donations and help from those staying at home, these volunteer organisations and individuals can continue looking after the animals.

# Don't lift curbs

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than anywhere else in the world. President Donald Trump, however, said

that with the US infection trajectory "near the peak" and social distancing working well, he was considering ways to re-open the world's biggest economy as soon as possible. He acknowledged the risk of higher death tolls if businesses restart too soon.

"But you know what? Staying at home leads to death also," Trump added, pointing to the massive economic suffering for millions of Americans.

It is unclear when that will be possible, with New York Governor Andrew Cuomo saying millions in the state -- the hardest hit in the country -- will have to be tested before it can reopen. More than four billion people are

confined to their homes as governments worldwide have imposed never-beforeseen measures to halt the virus, which first emerged late last year in central China. Like Trump, governments in Europe are

under pressure to strike a balance between keeping people safe and keeping already battered economies stable. WHO chief said Friday said there had

been a "welcome slowing" of epidemics in some European countries - Italy, Germany, Spain and France - but there had been an "alarming acceleration" elsewhere including community transmission in 16 countries of Yemen reported its first case of the novel

coronavirus on Friday as aid groups braced for an outbreak in a country where war has shattered health systems and spread hunger Tedros said he was particularly concerned

by the large number of infections reported among health workers.

"In some countries reports of up to 10 percent of health workers being infected, this is an alarming trend," he said.

A new UN supply task force will coordinate and scale up the procurement and distribution of protective gear, lab diagnostics and oxygen to the countries that need it most.

"Every month we will need to ship at least 100 million medical masks and gloves, up to 25 million N-95 respirators, gowns and face shields, up to 2.5 million diagnostic tests and large quantities of oxygen concentrators and other equipment for clinical care," he said.

The World Food Programme - the UN agency that handles logistics - will deploy eight 747 aircraft, 8 medium-sized cargo aircraft and several smaller passenger planes to transport the goods and aid workers needed in the operation which will have 8 hubs, he added.

Tedros urged donors to contribute to WFP's operation which will cost an estimated \$280 million, while the cost of procuring supplies will be "much greater".

He said no country was immune from

the pandemic, urged countries find the loopholes in their health care systems and

Amid this gloom, glimmers of hope may be emerging in some countries. Spain, the third-hardest-hit country, saw

its lowest 24-hour toll in 18 days, after Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez said the "fire started by the pandemic is starting to come under control". It reported 510 deaths yesterday.

And the daily rises in new infections in hardest-hit Italy have slowed dramatically. Still, the Italian government said it would extend lockdown orders until May 3.

#### Pakistan accepts REPATRIATION ACCEPTED IN

The question of repatriation had been accepted in principle by the government of Pakistan, L Marti, head of the International Committee of Red Cross in Bangladesh informed Bangladesh Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad on April 11, 1972. The repatriation procedure, including transport and finance, will be worked out soon.

EIGHT NEW MINISTERS SWORN IN

Eight new members are inducted into the Bangladesh Cabinet today. The strength of the Cabinet thus rises to 23.

GO BACK TO PREVIOUS POSTS

The Bangladesh government has directed the officers who were in the employment of central and provincial governments in Bangladesh on March25, 1971 but were later recruited for work under the Bangladesh government at Mujibnagar to go back to the posts they were holding on March25, 1971. It has also been ordered

that those who were appointed after March

25, 1971 by the occupation regime to the

posts vacated by Mujibnagar appointees

should vacate their posts in favour of Mujibnagar appointees. \$6.3M UNUSED UNHCR FUNDS FOR

BANGLADESH The government of India has decided to hand over to the government of Bangladesh 6.3 million US dollars, the amount remaining from the UN High Commissioner for Refugees fund for the relief of Bangladeshis who took shelter in India during Bangladesh's Liberation War.

About 26,000 tonnes of Indian oil will reach within next few days to meet the present shortage in the country.

#### CANADIAN VACCINE FOR **BANGLADESH**

The Canadian government is shipping five million doses of small pox vaccine to Bangladesh under a 125,000-dollar grant from the Canadian International Agency.

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শেখ হাসিনার মূলনীতি

গ্রাম শহরের উন্নতি"

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#### তারিখঃ ১১/০৪/২০২০ইং সংশোধীত দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং-০৮/২০১৯-২০

অনিবার্য কারণবশতঃ (কোভিড-১৯) পূর্বে প্রকাশিত দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং-০৮/২০১৯-২০ তারিখঃ ২২-০৩-২০২০ইং এর সকল শর্তাবলী অপরিবর্তিত রেখে নিম্লোক্তভাবে সংশোধন করা হলো।

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এ,এফ,এম তৈয়াবুর রহমান উপজেলা প্রকৌশলী সাটুরিয়া, মানিকগঞ্জ ue.saturia@lged.gov.bd

They distribute food among 400-

## Make a list

has stemmed from the coronavirus outbreak. Barrister Shihab Uddin Khan served the legal notice

to the secretaries to the ministries of planning, LGRD, health, and relief and disaster management, and the director general of Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics, asking them to take necessary steps in this regard. In the legal notice, Shihab alleged that

mismanagement and lack of coordination are reportedly taking place in the distribution of relief materials, including food and medicines, among the low-income and other poor people. Therefore, the financially vulnerable people are being deprived of the daily essentials. The relief materials need to be distributed smoothly

in order to save the lives of the poor, and this task needs to be given to the army personnel, he said in the legal

He told The Daily Star that he would move a writ petition before the High Court, seeking necessary orders if the respondents didn't respond to the notice.

# Clean all

about our accessories. These are very important to take care of."

He said such accessories can also carry the highly contagious virus and spread it into the body. Kaoser said that germs can be transferred from phone

"Our eyes, ears, nose and mouth are very close to each other. So, the risk of transmission is high," he said.

to the hand and it can also transfer into the ears while

Kaoser suggested wiping mobile phones with a cloth soaked in sanitiser or alcohol pads. The physician warned that those who use spectacles should be more aware because people frequently touch

their spectacles, which is close to the eyes, nose and ears. "It [spectacles] should be disinfected frequently," he suggested. Kaoser also suggested that belts, wallets, earrings, and

bangles need to be sanitised in the same manner.

### বিলাইছড়ি, রাঙ্গামাটি পার্বত্য জেলা

"Novel coronavirus has spread to some recently warned are Covid-19 tinderboxes.

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# দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

স্বাস্থ্য ও পরিবার কল্যাপ মন্ত্রণালয়ের স্বারক নং-৪৫,৩০,০০০০,১৫৫,৯৯,০০২-১৭-৮৭৭/১(৮) তারিখঃ ৩১-১২-২০১৯খ্রিঃ মূলে রাঙ্গামাটি পার্বত্য জেলা পরিষদের নিয়ন্ত্রণাধীন বিলাইছড়ি স্বাস্থ্য কমপ্লেক্সের আওতাধীন বিভিন্ন স্বাস্থ্য প্রতিষ্ঠানের জন্য ২০১৯-২০২০খিঃ অর্থ বৎসারের এম,এস,আর, সামগ্রী (ঐছখ, বস্ত্রপতি, কেমিক্যাল রিয়েজেন্ট, লিলেন, স্চীল আসবারপত্র, গল ব্যাভেল কটন) সরবরাহ কালে অভিজভাসম্পন্ন ঠিকানার/সরবরাহকারী/প্রস্কৃতকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে সীলমোহরযুক্ত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচেছ।

١	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	স্বাস্থ্য ও পরিবার কল্যাণ মন্ত্রণালয় (স্বাস্থ্য সেবা বিভাগ)।
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>>	দরপত্র দাখিলের স্থান	উপজেলা স্বাস্থ্য ও পরিবার পরিকল্পনা কার্যালয়, বিলাইছড়ি, রাঙ্গামাটি।
20	দরপত্র সিভিউলের মূল্য	প্রণা (ক) ৭৫০/-, প্রণা (গ) ৭৫০/-, প্রণঃ (গ) ৪০০/- প্রণঃ (ঘ) ৪০০/-, গ্রণাঃ (৪) ৪০০/- এবং গ্রণাঃ (চ) ৪০০/- অফেরকযোগ্য।
28	দরপর সিভিউলের মূল্য পরিশোধের নিয়ম	উপজেলা খাছ্য ও পরিবার পরিকল্পনা কার্যালয়, বিলাইছড়ি, রাঙ্গমাটি এর অনুকৃলে সোনালী বাংক লিঃ এর যে কোন শাখা থেকে কোত নং-১-২৭১১- ০০০০-২৩৬৬ এর ট্রেজারী চালানের মাধ্যমে জমাদান করিয়া জমা সাপেকে সিটিআর সংগ্রহপূর্বক দরপত্র সিঠিউল সংগ্রহ করা যাবে।
3/2	দরপ্রের সহিত দাখিলকৃত ভামানতের পরিমাণ	প্রদশ-ক ও প্রদশ ব এর জন্য ১৫,০০০/- (প্রতি প্রদশ) এবং গ-চ প্রদশ এর জন্য ১০,০০০/- (প্রতি প্রদশ) উপজেলা আছা ও পরিবার পরিকল্পনা কর্মকর্ত্রা, বিলাইছড়ি জনুকৃদে পে-অর্জার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট দাবিল করিতে হবে।

বৈশেষ জ্ঞাতব্যঃ

১৬। দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার নামঃ ডাঃ রশ্মি চাকমা।

১৭। দরণর আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার পদবীঃ উপজেলা স্বাস্থ্য ও পরিবার পরিকল্পনা কর্মকর্তা। ১৮। দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্মকর্তার কার্যালয়ের নামঃ উপজেলা স্বাস্থ্য ও পরিবার পরিকল্পনা কর্মকর্তার কার্যালয়, বিলাইছড়ি

২০। কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ছাড়াই যে কোন দরপত্র অথবা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ/বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করে।

২১। বিস্তারিত শর্তাবলী দরপত্র সিভিউলের সহিত সংযুক্ত থাকবে।

উপজেলা স্বাস্থ্য ও পরিবার পরিকল্পনা কর্মকর্তা বিলাইছড়ি, রাঙ্গামাটি পার্বভ্য জেলা

১৯। দরপর আহবানকারী কর্মকর্মার যোগাযোগের বিবরণঃ মোবাইল নম্বর: ০১৫৩৩-৫০২৩৭৪, ই মেইল নম্বর: <u>rashmi</u>-

ডাঃ রশ্মি চাকমা

### Vegetable growers Al-Amin, a farmer who has been farming for the last 32

years in Narayanganj's Sonargaon, this year cultivated ladies' fingers, asparagus beans, red spinach and malabar spinach on 45 decimal lands. He used to sell his vegetables directly at a kitchen

"Let alone the Jatrabari market, I cannot even sell my vegetables at the local market now," he said, adding that he was afraid of losing Tk 50,000 this season

market in the capital's Jatrabari area in the previous

customers owe me around Tk 25,000 but they are not repaying me because of the crisis." Visiting two big wholesale markets in the capital, our

He also said, "What is even more painful is many

correspondents found that vegetables were being sold at a cheaper price than the usual. Per kg tomato was sold Tk 10, ladies' finger at Tk 20-Tk 30, snake gourd at Tk 15-Tk 20 and brinjal at Tk

Ahmedul Haque, a banker who visited Shantinagar Kitchen Market, said many people were prone to spend more money on dry items and foods that could be

stored for longer period considering the recent situation. "That is why the demand of vegetables is downward," Rokan Uddin, a vegetable wholesaler at Karwanbazar, said due to the fear of coronavirus spread, people were

avoiding open kitchen markets. "That is why retailers are buying less and we too are collecting less from local farmers," he said, adding that this created an imbalance in the whole supply chain.

In Jashore, the situation of vegetable farmers is so bad

that some broke down in tears, reported our Benapole correspondent. Rabiul Islam Robi, a farmer in Noapara upazila of Jashore, said, "We are counting a loss of Tk 12 each kg Potol [pointed gourd]. We used to sell those at Tk 40 per

kg earlier, but now we barely able to sell it at Tk 28 per

Sukkur Ali, another farmer in the district, said if the loss continued they would not be able to cultivate vegetables next season.

Asked, KAS Murshid, director general of Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS), said the government could initiate micro-credit loan for vegetable growers to encourage them in the coming days.