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Some 40 percent of migrant workers are now living in hardship, since the current lockdown in many countries in the Middle East and Southeast Asia has caused losses of their jobs or salaries, OKUP said.

"It is estimated that several hundred thousand migrant workers might be forced to come back following the recession caused by this pandemic." Therefore, Shakirul said, it is imperative that the government announces social protection schemes for the returnee migrants.

Migrants are an integral part of society, not only because some 1 crore migrants send \$18 billion yearly, but they are citizens of this country, he said.

"We urgently call upon the honorable prime minister to announce a social safety net for the families of migrant workers and returnees," he added.

"We also request the Ministry of Expatriate Welfare and Overseas Employment to take measures in this regard as swiftly and comprehensively as possible, in order to ensure the migrants and their families are not left behind overall welfare, food security, and protection."



Holding empty jars, a man walks towards a water tank placed next to a road in Tekjunipara area, where another person is already getting water. The area has been facing a water crisis recently, adding to the residents' coronavirus woes. This photo was taken yesterday. PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Shutdown in

high as the undocumented workers "Understand staying in irregular way is not

Most workers either applied for new passports or renewal of existing ones, he said, adding that the mission's activities regarding the programme will gain pace once the passports from Dhaka arrive..

Unlike other Arab migrant workers' situation in Bahrain is comparatively better, considering the authorities allow foreign workers to live and work without any local sponsorship. In contrast, local sponsorship is mandatory under the controversial "kafala system" to

avail job in countries like Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates.

In Bahrain, to avail such work permit without local sponsor, known as "flexi permit", a foreign worker has to get registered with the country's Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA).

Bangladesh mission official Tauhidul said most of the undocumented Bangladeshi workers are likely to be regularised with the LMRA under flexi permit, although they will have to pay a monthly fee for this.

This is mostly because many companies are unable to offer new jobs to foreign workers due to economic fallout amid the coronavirus pandemic, he added.

DSCC to

The committees are supervised by zonal executive offices with the local ward councilor as adviser.

The initial target was to distribute food to 50,000 families, but it was doubled as more people have plunged into suffering due to the shutdown, Khokon said.

Many people who could run their families for about a month with savings and deposited money are also sliding into helplessness after the shutdown was prolonged, the mayor informed.

Those in need will also be able to get assistance by calling DSCC's hotline number, the mayor said. DSCC has opened a control room in this regard last month. The control room

numbers are: 01709-900703 and 01709-900704. After a family calls to place their demand for aid, DSCC staff will get foods packs straight to their doors under the

"I will continue this food distribution programme till

my last day as a mayor," said the outgoing mayor, whose

tenure ends on May 17. "Even after my tenure, I'll be engaged in party activities and will continue to look out for those in need," Khokon

Food

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given Disaster Management Ministry, Abdur Razzaque said. The meeting also

informed that vegetables from Munshiganj, Narsingdi, Jamalpur, Sherpur, Mymensingh, Cumilla, Jhenaidah, Jashore, Chuadanga, Magura, Meherpur, Bogura, Pabna, Rajshahi, Gaibandha, Rangpur, Dinajpur, Lalmonirhat,

Kurigram, Panchagarh, and Bhola -where there is surplus of production -- are being sent to other districts.

The minister also stressed the need for production, collection, preservation and marketing of quality seeds.

With rain comes risk

down the Covid-19 transmission.

Operations of all types of public transport, except the vehicles involved in carrying goods and emergency services, remain suspended. All educational institutions are shut and many people left Dhaka for their home districts.

In this situation, there is a shortage of manpower to clean water bodies and taking other antimosquito measures, LGRD Minister Tajul Islam said. "And that's why the activities are not going on in full swing," he told The Daily Star on Sunday.

WHAT EXPERTS SAY

The country, especially Dhaka, has been witnessing rains for the last few

If necessary measures are not taken now, this spell of rain will give rise to the density of Aedes population, said Entomologist Kabirul Bashar of Jahangirnagar University.

He also said the construction sites are the most suitable places for Aedes

"I have visited several construction sites in the city a few days back and found a huge number of mosquito after collecting his or her address from larvae there," he told this newspaper hospital.

As there is no activity in the construction sites and many government structures and private houses are empty due to ongoing shutdown, there is huge chance of rise in Aedes population after rains, he said.

Train stations and bus terminals are also suitable places for mosquito breeding as the operations of buses and trains remain suspended, he said.

According to the latest survey of the Communicable Disease Control Division of DGHS, flooded basements, plastic barrels and water tanks at construction sites are the prime breeding grounds for Aedes mosquitoes.

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Among the breeding sources, flooded floor basements account for 11.69 percent Aedes breeding, plastic drums 22.08 percent, plastic buckets 10.39 percent, water tanks 9.09 percent, holes for water metre 9.09 percent, elevator shafts 5.19 percent, mineral water jars 3.90 percent, clay pots 2.60 percent, paint pots 2.60 percent and the rest 15.58 percent, according to the study conducted last month.

Kabirul Bashar suggested taking necessary steps to destroy the breeding sources immediately.

cleaning Besides awareness campaigns should be launched across the country and the Local Government Division will have to take necessary steps to train upazila-level local representatives on proper anti-mosquito drives.

Monzur Chowdhury, another entomologist and former president of Zoological Society of Bangladesh, said the current spell of rain will reduce Culex population but at the same time it will increase Aedes mosquitos.

He suggested conducting antimosquito drives in around 50m radius of a house of a dengue patient

recommended carrying out a survey after the rain in and outside the city where number of dengue cases was high last year.

PREPARATIONS The Public Administration Ministry on Sunday wrote to all other ministries and divisions to send names of their representatives for the Dengue Monitoring Cell within three

days. The ministry issued the letter following a meeting on Dengue issue on April 23 presided over by the chief coordinator on SDG affairs of the Prime Minister's Office

The committee will monitor awareness campaigns and destruction construction sites so that Aedes

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two city corporations like previous year, the letter said.

Meanwhile, LGRD Minister Taiul Islam said they will hold a meeting tomorrow to discuss the plan and progress of combating Aedes mosquitoes and cleaning water bodies

Due to the shutdown, he said, there is a shortage of manpower for cleaning water bodies and taking other anti-mosquito measures. "We will discuss how all the activities relating to dengue can be sped up," he added.

Representatives of all stakeholders including Dhaka North and South city corporations, Wasa, Desa and Rajuk are expected to join the meeting.

WHAT CITY CORPORATIONS SAY Talking to The Daily Star recently, Brig Gen Mominur Rahman Mamun, chief health officer of Dhaka North City Corporation, claimed they were applying larvicidal and adulticidal every day. He said the LGRD minister

in a recent meeting directed all stakeholders to take necessary steps to destroy the breeding grounds. "We have issued letters to them recently, so that they address this properly. Mamun said they also applied

adulticide larvicide and construction sites but it was not possible for their spray men to do the job properly as many places were inaccessible. So, it is the duty of the owners

of the building or the construction authorities to take necessary steps in this regard, he added.

Chief Health Officer of DSCC Brig Gen Sharif Ahmed recently said they are also spraying adulticide and larvicide twice a day. In addition, they are also applying antiseptic through water browsers.

He said they are focusing on of Aedes breeding grounds under the mosquitoes do not breed there.

4 principles compatible

FROM PAGE 12 principles -- nationalism, democracy, socialism and secularism -- are compatible with the teachings of the Prophet and a happy and prosperous nation could be built on these four

Addressing the large congregation, the prime minister says that the Prophet loved all human beings irrespective of their religion and taught people to resist all oppression carried out in the name of religion. He says that the struggle for the realisation of justice, truth and honour are compatible with the teachings of Islam.

Bangabandhu urges the Muslims of Bangladesh to practise Islam and abide by the teachings of the great Prophet to prove themselves better Muslims than others. He says as Bangladesh is the second largest Muslim nation in the world, the Muslims of this new

Islam by following the teachings of Islam. In Bangladesh there will be no attack on any religion and the citizens of Bangladesh will be completely free to practise and profess their respective religions.

WE CAN'T IGNORE BANGLADESH, SAYS INDIRA

Bangladesh has an important role to play in the sub-continent and we can certainly not ignore Bangladesh, says Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi while talking on major Indian and world problems to the press today. Asked about prisoners of war in India-Pak talks, Indira Gandhi says, "We are not the only party." ACCORD ON FLOOD CONTROL

MEASURES

The India-Bangladesh talks for mutual cooperation on sharing of water and power resources reach complete

state will surely display their love for accord over cyclone and flood control measures. The representatives of the two countries discuss in detail the terms of reference and the composition of the Joint River Commission. **VOTERS' AGE LIMIT MAY**

BE LOWERED

Bangladesh government is considering a proposal for reducing the age limit of voters from 21 to 18, enabling young people to have the opportunity of greater participation in the affairs of the state. Recalling the Awami League pledge embodied in the party's election manifesto to reduce voters' age limit, the Local Government and Rural Development Minister Shamsul Huq says that this decision will amount to the fulfillment of a promise the party had made to the people. SOURCES: April 29, 1972 issues of Bangladesh Observer, Dainik Bangla

Left in the lurch

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principles.

This correspondent too interviewed 15 hijras from around the country. They have been sitting idle with no or little money to buy food for the past one month due to the lockdown.

"Our main job is to collect money rom shopkeepers or doing Badhaai. But now, who will give us money when they themselves cannot eat properly? Almost in every alley, there is a barricade. We don't have any way left to survive in these harrowing times," said Jonak from Jurain.

Pakhi from Khulna said, cannot make people understand that we are just like day labourers. We need to pay half our earnings to our gurus [leaders], and the rest is divided

among group members." But now, even their gurus cannot

help them out much, she added. Parbati, a guru of 25 hijras in Jurain, said she has already given some money to her "chalas" (followers).

They give us [money] year-round. So this time, I tried to give each of them Tk 500 to 1,000 based on my ability. I don't have enough savings to survive without any earnings for days. If the situation doesn't get better, we, the gurus, might not be able to survive in the coming weeks," she lamented and expressed her concern for the hijras working under her.

Hijras told this correspondent that

their earnings are usually high during from the government and private Pahela Baishakh and the two Eids. But this time, they were all at home on the Bangla New Year. They fear that Eidul-fitr will go the same.

percent of 51 hijras had to cut down identification cards] to make a list

Brac had a similar finding. They found most hijras are having only one meal a day consisting of rice and lentils and cooking one kilogram of rice instead of three, shared by 12 people.

Most of them are borrowing money from their gurus and other members of their communities and sometimes buying grocery items on credit from nearby shops.

Lara, who also supports her mother in the absence of her father, had to borrow Tk 25,000 to make ends meet.

Innovation's research showed 43 percent of hijras have a loan and the average outstanding loan amount is Tk 13,777. All 51 respondents of the study reported that the current situation compelled them to stop sending money home.

INSUFFICIENT STATE SUPPORT Both the studies state that a majority of hijras are not receiving government

support.

Among the respondents of Innovation's study, 59 percent did not receive any kind of support, while 41

percent received on average Tk 940

individuals.

Of the 22 hijras Brac interviewed, 16 did not receive any state support.

"I heard that the local political Innovation's study showed 86 leader is collecting NIDs [national to provide support submit our NIDs, but seeing that we are hijras, they did not take our cards. Rather they drove us away," the Brac report quoted Sheiuti, a 30-year-old hijra.

The report also mentioned that hijras are getting left out from government support distributed by local political leaders because many of them are not on the voter list. Although they were officially

recognised as the third gender in 2013, only a few hundred were enlisted as hiira in the voter list updated this year in March.

According to the social welfare ministry's website, there are around 9,285 hijras in the country. Parbati told The Daily Star that

the local commissioner had offered to give her 10 relief cards, but she refused.

She cannot distribute such a meagre amount among 200 people of her community, she said.

Pakhi claimed that out of 220 hijras in Khulna division only 27 received some government relief.

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Pandemic

FROM PAGE 12 warned the COVID-19 outbreak constituted a 'Public Health Emergency of International Concern' on January 30, when there were only 82 cases registered outside China.

"The world should have listened to WHO then carefully," he told a virtual press briefing.

Michael Ryan, emergencies director at the World Health Organization, meanwhile, warned that lockdowns might have to be reimposed if countries lift it prematurely.

His warning came as global confirmed coronavirus cases surpassed 3 million yesterday and many countries are taking steps to ease lockdown measures that have brought the world to a standstill over the past eight weeks.

Criminal

FROM PAGE 12 Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Medical College Hospital for autopsy, mentioned the official of the elite force.

He also claimed that one of the Rab personnel was injured in the gunfight.

Lockdown

FROM PAGE 12 Virus numbers in China -- where the disease first emerged late last year -- have dwindled as the country begins to cautiously lift control measures, although fears remain of a potential resurgence and cases imported from

abroad.

Primary schools in Norway also reopened yesterday, along with some businesses in Switzerland, such as hairdressers and florists, while New Zealand prepared to begin its phased exit from lockdown in the evening.

"There is no widespread, undetected community transmission in New Zealand," Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern declared.

Ban on flights

FROM PAGE 12 countries so far operated several special chartered flights amid the flight suspension to repatriate their citizens from here.

The Bangladesh government also facilitated chartered flights to bring back its nationals from a number of countries, including India, Singapore, and Thailand.