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programmes.

and domestic violence.

Raihan also recommended providing

health coverage and engaging the most

vulnerable youth groups in the healthcare

packages in a bid to meet their basic needs,

taking steps to widen access to distance

learning tools free of cost for students,

extending social safety net to include

unemployed youths and motivating and

engaging youth in skill development

He further suggested providing training

to police personnel on how to respond

and protect victims from social stigma

is a call to action for social justice rather

## Burial ground

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As there was a fear of infection, initially family members of a deceased would not come to the graveyard during burial of their near and dear ones, but since the last couple of weeks the situation has changed, said Shahidul.

"Presence of family members has started to increase since the announcement of the World Health Organization that a deceased person is unlikely to spread the virus," he said.

Still the grim reality remains that the number of deaths due to coronavirus continue to take place in the country and accordingly, volunteers of Hamza Al-Markazul carry on with their social and humane responsibility of performing the last rites of those succumbing to the deadly virus.

Shahidul said they have also handed around 50 bodies (both positive and suspected) to family members who took those to outside the capital.

#### 'A COMBINED EFFORT'

A 17-member group of volunteers are involved in the process. Being informed by the health ministry officials, the team receives the body from a hospital or other places and brings it to the graveyard after disinfecting the body properly.

"We are making sure that the bodies are being disinfected properly at the hospital before bringing those to the burial ground," said the chief social welfare official of DNCC.

She said after being disinfected, a body is put in an airtight bag and then into a coffin. "It is then taken to the graveyard. We are being utmost careful and sincere while performing our duties so that there is no chance of spreading the virus."

They also dig a four feet grave rather than 2.5 feet one. "The germs will get destroyed within a few days after burial," she said.

She said it's a joint effort. "Al Markazul brings the bodies and places those at the grave while our people dig the graves and take care of other procedures to complete the burial."

There are also three imams as well as members of Al Markazul who conduct janazas before the burial.

# city.

# 322 Bangladeshis

FROM PAGE 3 With vesterday's returnees, around 2,327 Bangladeshi nationals stuck in neighbouring country due to suspension of scheduled passenger flights to contain the Covid-19 pandemic have returned, sources at HSIA said.

Most of the Bangladeshis stranded in India went there for medical purposes. In two phases, some 2,000 Bangladeshi

citizens stranded in India have returned to the country by 12 special flights of Biman and US-Bangla Airlines, sources at HSIA said

Of the 12, Biman operated 4 and US-Bangla operated 8 special flights.

In the next phase, Biman and US-Bangla are scheduled to operate 10 flights from India, the Bangladesh High Commission in India said on May 5, splitting the duty

by five flights each.

Schedules for the Biman flights are: from Kolkata on May 10, from Mumbai on May 12, from Bengaluru on May 13 and 15, and from Delhi on May 14. All flights are scheduled to take off at 2:30pm Indian

US-Bangla is scheduled to operate three more flights, all from Chennai, on May 10, 13 and 14.

With restrictions easing on businesses amid the coronavirus outbreak, hawkers in Barishal are opening up their roadside stalls after over a month of closure. Customers are also coming in, albeit in small numbers, to shop for their favourite accessories. The photo was taken from Girja Mahalla area of the

PHOTO: TITU DAS

# Waliur

message, the prime minister said the death of the advisory council member of

She prayed for the eternal salvation of the departed soul and expressed sympathy to the bereaved family.

and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader also expressed profound shock and grief at the death of Waliur Rahman.

common people. While Bangabandhu was

visiting from Bogura to Rajshahi today he

found the embankment surrounding the

Rajshahi city in a dilapidated situation. He

made an immediate inquiry and came to

know that the file of the embankment repair

project had been sitting at the government

office collecting dust. Bangabandhu ordered

the local authority to take immediate action

MALDIVES RECOGNISES BANGLADESH

Maldives today informs Bangladesh's

foreign ministry about its decision to accord

recognition to the newly-independent

had been found absent after the end of the

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SOURCE: May 11, 1972 issue of Dianik

to repair the embankment.

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### Still many left out

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relief is reaching these villages soon," said Ruhul.

According to Jatiya Adivasi Parishad (JAP), there are around 50,000 indigenous families of 20 different ethnic communities in the district. An overwhelming majority of them require some kind of relief, JAP members said.

The district's largest cluster of around 15,000 indigenous families resides in Godagari upazila, with 9,000 families in Tanore and 5,000 in Puthia. The rest are scattered in other upazilas

After the beginning of relief distribution on March 27, Deputy Commissioner Hamidul Haque said in a press conference that around one lakh people needed relief assistance.

As of May 5, around 2,448 tonnes of food grains and Tk 1.08 crore in cash have been distributed among at least 2.75 lakh impoverished people -- nearly thrice the estimated number of the poor -- according to district administration data. 'NO WORK NOW,

#### NO FOOD EITHER'

At least 40 families of the indigenous Gorat community live in Doldola village of Godagari upazila.

nothing to sell off. She has no space in which to raise poultry or livestock.

"We work and eat. We have no work now, so no food either. I don't know how long it will take to end this situation. Even if it ends soon, I don't know when our miseries will end after paying off the lenders," she said

Doldola village is also home to at least seven Rabidas families, who make their living as cobblers. They would earn roughly Tk 500 a day.

"I stayed home for the first few weeks of the shutdown. Then, I had to go out to earn for a few hours every morning. My income has come down to Tk 60 a day, this is what I'm living on now," said Dukhu Rabidas.

Kankonhat Municipality Mayor Abdul Majid said some Gorat and Rabidas families might not have received relief yet.

He said Doldola has some 125 families and the local police administration is arranging relief for 100 of them soon.

"It is very difficult to give relief to one and leave the others. We have a shortage of relief supplies," he said.

#### 'IRREGULARITIES'

Niren Chandra Khalku, chairman of the Orao community's organisation Dwighari Raja Parishad, alleged that there were irregularities in relief distribution -- with those needing it the most not receiving aid first.

"Local leaders gave relief materials to the people of their choice -- those who work for them -- first," he said. Out of the 35 people who got relief among 159 families in his village Chhatnipara, at least 12 were well-todo farmers and political activists, he said.

Some 3,500 Orao families in the upazila are deprived of relief, he dded.

Rajkumar Shaw, a member of JAP's central committee, said the situation other ethnic communities for including Munda, Roy, and Rajoar, in the district is no different.

Godagari UNO Nazmul Islam Sarkar, whose upazila has a large number of indigenous families, said these communities should get priority in relief distribution and shouldn't be deprived.

"If they are deprived, there could be two reasons for it -- one is Out of 15,000 extreme poor in unconsciousness, not knowing how the municipal area, he could manage to get relief and from where, and the second is the limitation of government allocations," he said.

#### FROM PAGE 12 personnel, inquire about

their health, take steps to solve their problems and ensure treatment for all irrespective of their

Police Benazir Ahmed has directed the officers

everv unit. The initiative was taken

and those in isolation and quarantine did not feel demoralised, police officials said.

of police personnel infected with Covid-19 reached 1,532 till yesterday noon. Among them are 723 members of Dhaka Metropolitan Police,

Besides, around 4,000 more are in isolation or

As the Central Police Hospital in the capital's

immediately recognise Bangladesh and release Bangalees stranded

Bangabandhu further says that the trial of war criminals will be held in Bangladesh at any cost. The brutality committed by the Pakistan army and their collaborators during the Liberation War will not go unpunished, he adds. The prime minister appeals to the civilised countries to support Bangladesh's decision to try the members of Pakistan army who committed crimes against humanity and says that these war criminals are worse than Nazis.

Bangabandhu says that production in agricultural and industrial units must be increased to overcome the current situation. He urges the people to devote themselves

#### CHANGE BUREAUCRATIC MINDSET

In an order issued by Bangabandhu today their bureaucratic mindset, eliminate red-

DU mulls holiday cuts status and mental health so that the

Prof Sadeka Halim, dean of the social

No perpetrator will go FROM PAGE 12 Bhutto to

# Another

#### related to Covid-19. Farah Kabir, country director of ActionAid Bangladesh, said the pandemic

than returning to the pre-pandemic situation where socio-economic exploitation were prevalent. The society must strive for a better socioeconomic reality, she added.

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Gaibandha district AL and former member of parliament Waliur Rahman Reza caused an irreparable loss to the country and the party, reads UNB.

AL General Secretary and Road Transport

#### positions in the force," the Police Headquarters said in a press release yesterday. Inspector General of

concerned to form teams in

so that the infected cops

Meanwhile, the number

according to PHQ statistics.

quarantine.

FROM PAGE 12 various problems, including lack of access university could provide support to anyone to internet and electronic gazettes. Some if needed. Rajarbagh is struggling to deal DU faculties, however, are conducting with the huge number of surveys on online classes. patients, the police authorities "We are thinking of cutting holidays, have booked a private holding classes on weekends [Friday and Saturday] and arranging additional classes after the reopening of the university," Prof 2 Rohingyas ASM Maksud Kamal, dean of earth and environmental sciences faculty of DU, told to Teknaf Upazila Health The Daily Star. About online classes, he said they were currently conducting a survey on whether the students have electronic gazettes, internet access and financial capability to purchase internet data packages. He said they would be able to know the survey results tomorrow. "Another big challenge is to connect the the incident. Two firearms, five bullets teachers with the large number of students online. Besides, some of our teachers are also not used to taking classes online. We will make a decision considering the overall Three cases were filed in situation and following the university rules," said Prof Kamal. He said they asked the students in the survey questionnaire about their financial

in Pakistan.

Bangladesh. Maldives is the fourth Muslim Referring to the post-war crisis, country to recognise Bangladesh. So far 69 countries have recognised Bangladesh. ABANDONED SHOPS OPENS Abandoned organisations in the capital open to this effort. today. These properties were taken into government custody as the lawful owners

the government officials are asked to change tapism and thus reduce hassles faced by

"When I went to the local leaders, they took a copy of my national identity card, and said they will help. The help did not come in one month so far," said Basona Bala, a local resident.

Basona had a goat which would have sold for at least Tk 7,000 under normal circumstances. Three weeks ago, she was forced to sell it for just Tk 3,000.

After the potato harvest in the area in mid-April, some potatoes were left behind in the fields by farmers who deemed those not fit to be sold.

Basona and her three children gathered these discarded potatoes from a nearby field. She earned Tk 600 by selling two maunds of the potatoes. The rest she kept for the family to eat.

After buying food and paying off loans, Basona has nothing left now.

"There has been no rice these last two weeks. I borrowed rice but neighbours cannot always help. So, I borrowed money again to buy rice."

Unlike Basona, Sukho Bala had that far every day."

government relief for only 1,500. He, himself, has helped 4,000 others while various organisations have helped an additional 2,500, he added.

Rabindranath Hembrom, president of the Santals' social organisation Pargana Parishadin Godagari, said he heard in the news that relief was being delivered to everyone's homes.

"In reality, we can't get relief even by running after it.'

At least 7,000 Santal families in Godagari are yet to receive any relief; in his own village, Sagrampara, only 20 out of 250 families received relief, he said.

"Everyone thinks we are untouchable and keeps us away. No one listens to our needs."

On April 26, Rabindranath went to the Upazila Nirbahi Officer's office, which is 12km away, but was unable to see him.

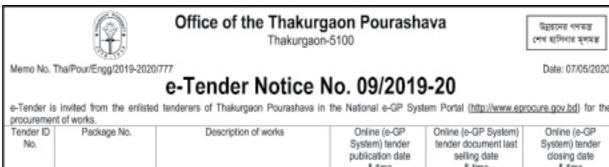
"Someone at the UNO's office asked me to wait. After three hours, he asked me to come later. But I can't go

Rajshahi DC Hamidul Haque said many poor families could not be brought under the relief distribution due to incidents of repetition. "Some of the extremely poor people needed relief multiple times as they have been idle for over a month."

He said new allocations of relief materials were being released to cover people who were yet to receive relief.

Three UP chairmen and members told this correspondent that many poor people were deprived because the distribution system is influenced by local politicians.

As per the rules, they said, UP chairmen and members prepare the list of beneficiaries and distribute relief. But local politicians have been choosing their own beneficiaries among people they know and local government representatives were forced to share the relief materials with them.



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hospital to treat its members.

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Complex and later to Cox's Bazar General Hospital, where they succumbed to their injuries around 5:00am, OC Prodip said, adding that two policemen were also injured during

and 158,000 yaba pills were recovered from the spot, the police official said.

this connection with Teknaf Police Station.

#### Oceans

FROM PAGE 12 Earth's average surface

temperature has risen just over one degree Celsius since the pre-industrial era, a widely used benchmark for

previous sea-level rise estimates have been too low," co-author Stefan Rahmstorf, head of Earth system analysis at the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK), told AFP.

#### Virus inflicts huge FROM PAGE 12

His optimism came even as the virus spread within the White House, with the press secretary of Vice President Mike Pence testing positive.

Neighbouring Canada also shed three million jobs, bringing its unemployment rate up to 13.1 percent, two days after the European Union forecast a massive recession in the bloc. DISINFECTING DRONES

In India, drones sprayed disinfectant on the streets of Ahmedabad yesterday, hours after security forces clashed with residents who flouted a toughened lockdown.

science faculty, admitted that the DU might face a session jam if the Covid-19 situation did not improve soon.

"To minimise the academic losses, we can give the students handouts and other course materials through their respective Facebook groups which may help them get in touch with their studies. The number of classes will be increased after the university reopens," she told this newspaper.

She said the university would not resume academic activities until the Covid-19 situation became normal.

Pro-VC (administration) Prof Muhammad Samad said many teachers have no training in taking classes online.

"We must think whether our teachers and students have the necessary technical support. Many senior teachers do not have experience on taking classes online. We have to keep the number of financially incapable students in mind. Even if a single student cannot afford online classes, he will be deprived of his rights," he added.

#### Turkish doctors FROM PAGE 12

isolated and treated, the Turkish government says tracing has helped to contain the outbreak and limit the number of deaths.

Even if some observers have questioned the reliability of official figures, Turkey's death toll seems relatively low given the number of infections -- with 3,641 fatalities recorded and more than 133,700 cases, according to data released Thursday.

Health Minister Fahrettin Koca said on Monday he believed tracing was "at the heart of (Turkey's) success" in the fight against the disease.

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