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next semester.
PUSAB proposed a student should at least get 25 per cent waiver on the amount of tuition fee for the next semester. Financially struggling students should get 75-100 per cent waivers.

If the new semester is conducted online, a student should pay 40 per cent of the fee.

A UGC directive issued on Thursday said all private universities can hold admission tests in June, and the next semester will begin in July.

Universities should not pressurise guardians and students for tuition and other fees during the pandemic, and should waive and reduce fees for financially struggling students, or provide an option to pay in instalments, it added.

Sheikh Kabir Hossain, chairperson of Association of Private Universities of Bangladesh, said if students get remission, authorities will not be able to run the universities and pay teachers and staff.

“The government can help us; it can pay tuition fees on behalf of students. We need to enrol students for financial solvency and to smoothly run the institutes,” Kabir further added.

There are 105 government approved universities, and of them, 96 are currently carrying out their academic activities.

According to the latest (2018) UGC annual report, there were some 3,62,000 students in these universities, with about 16,000 full- and part-time teachers and 12,960 staffers.

All educational institutions have been closed since March 17, and the government has now extended the closure till May 31 to stem further spread of the novel coronavirus.

On April 27, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said all the institutions may stay closed till September if the situation does not improve.

The government has kept almost all offices and factories, barring few garment and other export-oriented units, closed since March 24, and the closure will continue till Saturday, as of now.

Prisoner dies in Sylhet hospital of Covid-19

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A prisoner of Sylhet Central Jail died at the isolation centre of Sylhet Shaheed Shamsuddin Ahmed Hospital on Sunday.

Reportedly, this is the first death of a prisoner with coronavirus infection in the country, said Md Abdul Jalil, senior jail superintendent of Sylhet Central Jail.

The prisoner died on Sunday and the test result that came from the PCR laboratory of Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College the next day showed he was Covid-19 positive, said Dr Anisur Rahman, assistant director (disease control) of Sylhet divisional health office.

Jail Superintendent Md Abdul Jalil said, “The man from Kanaighat upazila of the district was arrested by police in a murder case on March 5 and was sent to jail that day. On May 7, he fell sick and was admitted to the jail hospital.”

“The next day, he was taken to the prison ward of Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital. As he had symptoms of Covid-19, he was then admitted to the isolation centre of Sylhet Shaheed Shamsuddin Ahmed Hospital, where he died on May 10,” he said.

“After his test came back positive, we locked down one block inside the jail and sent 86 inmates to quarantine in a separate building. Twenty-four staff members, including me and the assistant surgeon of the jail hospital, are also in quarantine. We are trying to send samples of everyone, who came in close contact with the deceased, for Covid-19 test,” he said.

“Since the virus is spreading, we stopped allowing visitors at the jail and prisoners are allowed to call their family members over phone,” he added.

Bangabazar

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according to a gazette from the cabinet division.

However, most shopping malls, including the two biggest ones -- Bashundhara City and Jamuna Future Park -- in Dhaka, Chattogram and other major cities have decided not to reopen at present as the number of

Covid-19 cases has been spiralling.

DMP on May 7 issued at least 12 directives for the city dwellers who would visit shopping markets during the pandemic to curb spread of the deadly virus.

It asked to install disinfection tunnels or chambers at the entrance of every shopping mall and also

332 foreigners

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chartered flight of Air India left Dhaka at 11:06am, while the PIA flight left Dhaka airport at 2:41pm with the Pakistan nationals.

Sources at HSIA said some 158 Bangladeshis stranded in Malaysia for around two months are scheduled to return home today by a special flight of Malindo Air. The estimated time of arrival at HSIA is 11:30am.

Furthermore, the government of Kuwait was scheduled to repatriate 300 more Bangladeshi workers yesterday evening by two separate special flights of Jazeera Airways and Kuwait Airways.

The Bangladeshis were imprisoned or in deportation camps in the Gulf state on various grounds, including not having valid documents.

The Jazeera flight was scheduled to land at HSIA around 7:30pm while Kuwait Airways is scheduled to land at 8:00pm, said Toudhid-ul Ahsan.

Kuwait recently repatriated several hundred Bangladeshis. Oman, Bahrain and Saudi Arabia also repatriated several hundred Bangladeshi workers in the last three weeks.

Take steps

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petition with the High Court on May 11 seeking its directive on the respondents to immediately take necessary steps to prevent killing dolphins in Halda river in Chattogram and to protect them.

He submitted the petition as a public interest litigation through email.

In the petition, the lawyer prayed to the High Court to issue a rule asking the authorities concerned to explain why their failure to prevent killing dolphins in Halda river should not be declared illegal.

Abdul Qaium said in the writ petition that a total of 24 dolphins in Halda river were killed since 2017 till date, which has endangered the environment and ecology, according to a report published on The Daily Star online on May 8.

Wait for

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Criminal Tribunal.

March 24 this year was the last day of recording witness testimony, which got deferred. A new date was set on April 22, which was also cancelled due to the countrywide shutdown.

Advocate Emad Ullah Sahidul Islam Sahin, a lawyer for the complainant, said, “So far 11 witnesses’ testimony out of 29 has been recorded.”

Ananta’s brother-in-law Advocate Samar Bijoy Shee Shekhar added, “There has not been that much progress in the case. But we will not give up and continue to wait for justice.”

Asked, Debashish Debu, spokesperson of Ganajagaran Mancha in Sylhet, alleged that the state party is not willing to speed up the trial.

“So far, no notable improvement in the case has been made,” he told this newspaper.

Ananta was also an organiser of the mancha. Marking the day, Ganajagaran Mancha in Sylhet along with his family, friends and well wishers launched a documentary on his life and works yesterday afternoon.

‘If anyone interferes

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The interview will be telecast all over the US tomorrow.

Reiterating his firm stance on non-aligned and independent foreign policy, Bangabandhu says, “We may be a small country but we have many achievements to be proud of. We have sacrificed blood for achieving our independence. If anyone interferes in our internal affairs we will resist them.”

Education Minister Professor Yusuf Ali declares today that a common pay scale will be introduced for all primary school teachers this month. He further informs that the government will soon form an education commission to reform the existing education system and make it people-oriented.

COMMON PAYSCALE FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Bangabandhu today demands immediate withdrawal of all foreign troops from North Vietnam. In an interview with BSS, the Bangladesh prime minister says that activities like bombing, seizing ports and expansion of war cannot be conducive to peaceful resolution of the ongoing conflicts in the region. The US government should understand that these activities never bring

any success; rather threaten world peace, he adds.

Expressing solidarity with the people of Vietnam, Bangabandhu says that his government and countrymen fully support the idea that the conflict in Vietnam should be resolved by the people of Vietnam alone and no foreign power should interfere in their internal affairs.

WITHDRAW FOREIGN TROOPS FROM NORTH VIETNAM: BANGABANDHU

The prime minister declares that Bangladesh will not join any power bloc. Regarding Bangladesh’s relationship with India and Soviet Union, Bangabandhu says that these two countries had stood by the people of Bangladesh during the Liberation War and the country sincerely appreciates their support.

When asked about his view on the formation of opposition parties in Bangladesh, Bangabandhu says, “If people don’t vote others I can’t myself create an opposition party. We will hold elections. I have no reservation about people being elected in the elections form an opposition party.”

SOURCE: May 14, 1972 issue of *Dainik Bangla*.

2 killed in ‘gunfights’

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Chakaria-Banshkhali regional road around 3:00am to recover the gun, the inspector claimed.

As soon as they reached the area, cohorts of Sazzad opened fire, forcing the law enforcers to retaliate, he further claimed, adding that Sazzad’s bullet-hit body was later found lying on the ground there.

Three policemen were also injured during the “gunfight” and they were undergoing treatment at Chakaria Upazila Health Complex, the police official said.

Police also claimed to have recovered two long barrel firearms and some ammunitions from the spot.

The body was sent to Cox’s Bazar General Hospital for autopsy and police were preparing to file up three cases in connection with the incident, Safiqul said.

Meanwhile, Tasnim Alam, inspector (investigation) of Kotwali Police Station in Jashore, claimed they launched a drive in Sarapole area of Sadar upazila around 2:00am on information that a group of

drug peddlers was gathering there for trading drugs.

Sensing police presence, the drug peddlers opened fire, prompting the law enforcers to fire back in self-defense, he added.

Babu suffered bullet injuries during the “gunfight” while others managed to flee the scene, he further added.

The injured man was taken to Jashore General Hospital where doctors declared him dead, the inspector said.

Mohammad Swapon, a physician of the hospital, told our Benapole correspondent that the man, who received bullets in his head, had died before he was taken to the hospital.

Two policemen were also injured in the “gunfight” and they were admitted to a police hospital, said the police official.

Police also claimed to have recovered a one shooter gun, 200 yaba tablets and 54 bottles of phensidyl from the spot.

The Daily Star, however, could not independently verify the police claims.

Doctor sued over rape

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refused and forced her to leave. He also physically assaulted her. The doctor left the quarters after locking her in the quarters, the complainant said.

Police rescued her after a call on emergency helpline 999.

Bazlur Rashid, inspector and investigation officer of Sadar Police Station, said they started investigation after the case was filed.

The Daily Star tried to reach the accused for his comments but failed as his phone was found switched off.

But his elder brother Joydeb Roy denied the allegation and said that his brother was a victim of conspiracy.

There were no relationships between his brother and the plaintiff. She lodged the case with an ill motive, claimed the brother.

Nirmal Chandra Das, director of M Abdur Rahim Medical College Hospital, said he learnt of the incident. His office would help police investigation.

Wiping tears

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There are many who belong to Rafiqul’s socio-economic class, or what people call the “middle class”, who cannot ask for money, relief, or any financial support, even if they starve or are unable to support themselves for days.

However, in these trying times, an initiative called the “Tears of Middle Class” has come forward to support such middle-income families through mobile banking services, such as bKash, rocket and Nagad, so that they don’t feel ashamed to receive the money.

The organisation has been operating through a Facebook page and group, and collecting funds from those who want to support their cause.

Since the beginning of April, the organisation has helped around 70 families by sending money to their mobile banking accounts.

According to Tanzina Aktari, the brains behind this initiative, they have created a list of 100 middle-income families in 21 districts of the country. The list has been made with the help of the doctors, teachers and journalists.

“The list includes retired school teachers, private tutors, farmers, artists, businessmen, private service holders, theatre workers, music teachers, madrasa teachers and others who will never seek money from anyone,” said Tanzina, who is also a print media journalist and a news presenter for Bangladesh Betar.

While checking up on her relatives, Tanzina found some of them were struggling to make ends meet. “I found that some of them had lost their jobs due the current situation, some were not given their due salaries, many had to stop their businesses or many had no savings that could help them survive for at least three months at a stretch,” she said.

Although, in the beginning, Tanzina spent her own savings for these people, she later started asking for funds from her personal and professional settings, as she was experiencing more and more people who were silently suffering from financial distress.

“We began by giving each family around Tk 2,000. Later, when the funds finished, we even sent Tk 500 to the families. It was shocking that they were even unable to manage this minimal amount from anyone else,” added Tanzina.

“We know the amount is very little compared to the needs of a family. But we want to help them until the situation gets better,” said Tanzina. “I wish the rich people of our society would come forward and the national and international donor organisations would express their interest. If we had enough funds, we would try to increase the amount so that they can have enough for their house rent, food or other emergencies,” she hoped.

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Govt initiative runs into snag

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getting from the district commissioners’ offices have no mobile financial service (MFS) accounts, and providers are having to open the accounts after matching their NIDs with the EC database, which takes time.

Of the targeted 50 lakh families, Nagad, a joint venture of the postal division and a private firm, will disburse cash assistance to 17 lakh families.

While the market leader bKash will disburse cash to 15 lakh families, Rocket will disburse to 10 lakh and SureCash to the remaining 8 lakh.

“Operators’ technical readiness is also a challenge; some are using the oldest technology. It takes time to check with the EC database and open an account.

However, some [operators] are being prompt,” he added.

If anyone fails to comply with the targets, the government may move to another (operator) but all funds will be disbursed before Eid, said the official. “It is a high priority project by the prime minister and we need to complete it on time.”

The Daily Star also spoke to at least two MFS operators, who have acknowledged the NID number mishap and wish not to be named.

Officials related with the project said in order to remove corruption from the fund disbursement, the government engaged MFS operators to send the funds directly to the families’ mobile banking accounts, adding that the MFS operators will have to send the cash-out charge in addition to the Tk 2,500.

Modi declares Rs 20 lakh cr

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“The package will focus on land, labour, liquidity and law; it will help small business, labourers, farmers,” the PM said. “This will focus on the well-being of migrant workers too.”

Speaking about the coronavirus pandemic, PM Modi said: “A virus has ravaged the world, we have never seen or heard a crisis like this.”

The only way for India to triumph over the crisis was to “strengthen our resolve so that our resolve is even greater than this crisis.”

He said India must realise its potential

as the lead player in the 21st century by focusing on its self-reliance.

He listed what he called five pillars for self-reliance: “Economy with potential for quantum jump, infrastructure, technology-driven system, demography and an intelligence-driven supply system.”

The PM on Monday held a six-hour meeting with Chief Ministers on the road ahead after May 17, when the third phase of the nationwide coronavirus lockdown is due to end.

PM Modi had hinted in the meeting that the lockdown - extended twice - would continue, but with far less restrictions.

Robot dog

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or recognise specific individuals, and no personal data will be collected,” the government said in a statement.

The new measure is an experiment to improve enforcement of social distancing throughout Singapore as it contends with an alarming recent spike in cases.

The pilot project is currently set to run in a limited trial for two weeks at one park during off-peak hours. But if all goes well, authorities will consider expanding the program.

Not long ago, Singapore was being hailed as one of the countries that had gotten its coronavirus response right.

Then the second wave hit. Clusters that government testing appeared to have missed quickly grew and the number of daily cases shot up. Since March 17, Singapore’s number of confirmed coronavirus cases grew from 266 to 21,707 cases, according to data from Johns Hopkins University.

New cases

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suffering and death” if Americans return to work and group leisure activities before the pandemic is under control.

“If we skip over the checkpoints in the guidelines to: ‘Open America Again,’ then we risk the danger of multiple outbreaks throughout the country,” Fauci told the New York Times in an email.

“This will not only result in needless suffering and death, but would actually set us back on our quest to return to normal,” he warned, ahead of planned testimony to a Senate committee yesterday.

The United States logged a second consecutive day of fewer than 900 coronavirus deaths on Monday, just as the World Health Organization warned of the need for “extreme vigilance” against a second wave.



Strengthening of Poultry Research and Development Project
Bangladesh Livestock Research Institute
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