## 242 stranded Bangladeshis en route from USA

A special flight carrying 242 Bangladesh citizens stranded in the USA amid the coronavirus pandemic departed for Bangladesh from Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) on May 15.

The chartered A 350-900 airbus of Qatar Airways took off at 11:04pm (Washington local time) from Dulles International Airport.

The flight is scheduled to land at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport at 4:00am (Bangladesh local time) on May 17, Bangladesh Embassy in the USA and officials at HSIA, said.

The aircraft is scheduled to land at Doha International Airport at 7pm (Doha time) on May 16.

After one-hour technical stopover at Doha airport, the plane will leave Doha at 8pm (Doha time).

Bangladesh Ambassador to the USA Mohammad Ziauddin saw off the passengers and wished their safe flight, the embassy said in a release.

The travelling passengers include mostly Bangladeshi students studying in different colleges and universities in the US, Bangladeshi citizens who came to America on tourist and business visa and some government and nongovernment officials.

The passengers also include 49 school and college students who came to the US under Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) program.

Since March 16, Bangladesh imposed ban on schedule passenger flight operation will all countries except for China to contain spread of Covid-19.

In the last week, Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh extended the ban till May 30.

The Bangladesh government has so far operated repatriation flights in different countries including India, Malaysia, Australia and Bangkok.

# Workers of 3 RMG factories demonstrate in Savar

STAR REPORT

Workers of three garments factories in Ashulia demonstrated demanding their salary for April and earned leave allowance yesterday. In addition, worker's leaders formed a human chain in front of Ashulia Press Club to demand immediate welfare measures during the crisis.

Refusing to join work, around 1500 workers of Magpie Composite Z Textile Ltd and Magpie Sweater Ltd Z demonstrated twice, once around their factory site in Ashulia's Kathgora area and then around Bishmail area, where they blocked the Dhaka-Aricha highway for a while.

Police charged batons and fired multiple rounds of tear gas to disperse them both times. Five workers sustained minor injuries during the Dhaka-Aricha highway blockade.

Jane Alam Khan, assistant superintendent of police of Dhaka Industrial Police-1, said police had to fire tear gas to free the roads.

Sabbir Hossen Siddique, a general manager of Magpie Composite Textile Ltd, told The Daily Star they could not pay workers' salaries in time due to delay in banking procedures, as salary for April is being paid by government subsidy money. He assured all dues will be cleared by tomorrow or the

Meanwhile, 100 workers of Sarker Steel Ltd in Dhamrai demonstrated in front of their factory demanding three



Police charge batons on demonstrating workers in Jirabo intersection.

months' arrears, said workers and any comments. police sources.

In another incident, some 400 workers of Food and Fashion Ltd demonstrated in front of their factory in Ashulia's Kaichabari area demanding reinstatement of their jobs and factory reopening.

The unrest began after 800 workers of the factory came to join work yesterday, as per management orders. However, as they reached the premise, they found a notice that said the factory will remain closed for an indefinite period.

Contacted, Tanbir Ahmed, an official of the factory, denied to make

In addition, worker's leaders from at least 22 organisations formed a human chain in front of Ashulia Press Club around 10am yesterday.

They demanded waiving of 40 percent house rent for workers, payment of Eid bonus and clearance of all arrears by April 20.

Rafiqul Islam Sujon, President of Bangladesh Garments and Shilpa Shramik Federation said the decision to waive rent was taken at a meeting last week between worker's leaders, industrial police, local administration, and house owners. However, it is yet to be effective.

#### Covid19 outbreak

physical distancing. Unfortunately this intervention measure has not worked out well in Chattogram and so the rate of contamination has been increasing," he also

He, however, could not say for sure when the outbreak will reach its highest peak.

Dr Mamunur Rashid, an epidemiologist and associate professor of Clinical and Tropical Medicine at BITID, said the trend of contamination rate in Chattogram is not unusual than that of other places in the world.

"The way the number is increasing, it indicates that it is approaching its peak," he said.

"It cannot be predicted when it will reach its highest peak as the number of testing is still very little," Dr Rashid

Contacted, a renowned epidemiologist of the country,

preferring anonymity, said had the intervention measures worked out, the number of contaminated cases would have been kept at a nominal stage like in Vietnam, New Zealand , Australia, Bhutan and Nepal. Prof Dr Selim Muhammad Jahangir, former principal of

Chattogram Medical College, said healthcare professionals worldwide are at risk as they have to serve patients from a "Besides, many asymptomatic infected patients hide

their contact history to doctors, which puts doctors at risk"

has to be enforced more strictly, he said.

Contact tracing needs to be ramped up and lockdown

#### Struck by

'We spoke to Rifat several times and arranged an ambulance to carry his brother's body to Chandanish upazila after learning about his financial hardships," said the OC.

Rifat and his other brother were tested negative while nis mother and sister are yet to be tested.

Contacted, DU proctor Prof AKM Golam Rabbani said, I talked with Rifat and the local administration. We are with him. I've already requested the authorities concerned to disinfect their home.

## Wonderful one-minute bazaar

Siddique inaugurated the bazar. The bazar started at 10:00am and ended at 11:00am.

Talking to the reporters, Brig Gen Ahmed Tanvir said, "It's not a relief disbursing programme. We are trying to form a model market for the lower-income people so that they can also get bazar like others."

"Earlier, 1,000 more people were the given support through the market on Wednesday", he added.

In the market, tables were set up in a planned manner. At the entrance of the market, several basins with soaps and water were given. Washing the hands, the poor who came to the market entered maintaining proper social distance.

On the first table shopping bags, masks and soap were kept where people were seen to pick the items on

Packets of rice, potatoes, ladies fingers, arum-lobe, and cowpea vegetables were also kept on the help were also given the items.

different tables and each person took one packet of each items from tables and completed their shopping within one minute.

Along with destitute people, significant numbers of physically challenged people were seen to get the items from the bazar.

Bangladesh Army's Engineering Construction Brigade's Deputy Director Col Abul Hasnat Mohammed Sayem said, "We have bought the vegetables from root-level farmers and vegetables growers in Chattogram in exchange of proper price with an aim to resume the economy from the ground level during the shutdown."

Army officials have said they prepared a list of the 1,000 destitute peoples from different areas and as per the list token were provided to

They were given the food items freely after showing the token. Plus, those who came to the market for

Under the initiative, 20,000 lowerincome and poor people would be given aid, said army officials.

Like the market, Army has a plan to set up few more markets in different points in the city so that the people can respite from the hardships.

Roksana Akhter, 40, mother of three children, who came to the market, said she had been passing hard times for the last one and a half months as her transport worker husband's income went down to

Such kind of initiative brought happiness to her family, she added. Sakhina Begum, who came to the market boarding on a wheelchair, said "I am very happy to have the

items in the crisis moment."

The organisers of the market also said they had a plan to launch "One Minute Eid Bazar" for the poor before Eid so that they can celebrate the holy event too.

### New initiative to check food price hike

When asked about the government's initiative to address acute food shortage in several areas of the country, the Minister says that the government is dropping food items from plane in these areas. So far the government has distributed 237,000 tonnes of food grains, he adds. He assures that the situation will improve soon as 5 lakh tonnes of food supply will arrive at Chittagong Port shortly. CABINET MEETS

The Cabinet meets today. The

have discussed wide ranging issues that there are 18 more wrecks to be including opening fair prices shops in removed to fully activate the port. every union and measures to be taken to check hoarding and smuggling. CHATTOGRAM AND CHALNA

PORT READY NOW

The government today declares that Chattogram and Chalna ports are ready for resuming their operation. The Soviet salvage team has successfully removed mines from the port channels and made those accessible for incoming ships. They have also salvaged three sunken ships cabinet meeting presided over by from the Chittagong Port area. The Bangabandhu is understood to Chittagong Port Authority informs from the Chittagong Port area. The

INDIAN TRADE TEAM ARRIVES

A seven-member Indian trade delegation today arrives in Dhaka. Sanjay Sen, leader of the delegation, says that they want to share the good will of the Indian business community with the people of Bangladesh and explore ways of cooperation to rebuild the war-ravaged economy of the country. He also emphasises on providing technical assistance to the business community of Bangladesh. SOURCE: May 18, 1972 issue of Dianik Bangla.

## Remote working set to stay post pandemic

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multinationals which are seen as symbols of modern capitalism.

Major financial districts, such as London's Canary Wharf and La Defense in Paris, remain extremely quiet, even as governments lift restrictions on social distancing and travel by public transport.

Jes Staley, chief executive of British bank Barclays, has said "the notion of putting 7,000 people in a building may be a thing of the past".

We will find ways to operate with more distancing over a much longer Edelman.

War 2 that led to the development of

was ready the military would be enlisted to distribute it -- and evoked

a spirit of global cooperation.

we have no ego," he said.

Trump added that when a vaccine

"We are working together with

many different countries, and again

period of time," he added.

French car giant PSA, which makes Peugeot and Citroen vehicles, now sees remote working as a benchmark for tens of thousands of its officebased staff.

Twitter has indicated that some of its employees could do their jobs from home on a permanent basis. 'WORK REVOLUTION'

with a mindset shift," said Cydney views on the matter. Roach, global chair of employee

US on track to pass 100k deaths by June 1

CDC director Redfield in his

tweet shared weekly forecast data the

agency culls from models run by 12

top institutions including Columbia

University and the Massachusetts

Institute of Technology. They show

the cumulative reported coronavirus

deaths since February and made

projections for the next four weeks in

"As of May 11, all [12 models]

susceptible to infection.

Manhattan Project during World and make people more, not less,

on the future of work for 10 years, but people were really not very keen to pull the trigger and commit to it fully," she told AFP, adding that the "pandemic has proven that the technology is supportive of this kind of remote working".

"Companies have been debating

Roach said "flexibility is going to take on a bigger meaning", adding that "The revolution is going to come bosses should listen to employees"

Already, around 95 percent of are working remotely.

exceeding 100,000 by June 1," he

are based on varying assumptions

about how Americans are following

social distancing guidelines and

other measures aimed at curbing

the spread of the virus, reports

infected more than 1.4 million

Americans, and killed more than

84,700, according to tracking by Johns

The coronavirus has already

The CDC notes that the models

#### Launch in Tokyo, cheers in Dhaka Known for his penchant for short suffered terribly due to the ongoing

Hitachi IoT backbone application, has gone over the moon in Dhaka.

the The architecture of application for the airCloud Pro in hand, the custodian of an airconditioning system as large as the entire neighbourhood of Banani or as big as the shopping complex of Basundhara would be able to access, manage and troubleshoot the system from anywhere in the world.

The entire operational ecosystem of Hitachi is built as an IoT platform so that millions of devices can be plugged in to be a part of the network, meaning that options are open for air-conditioning systems of multiple networks of apartments and neighbourhoods to get integrated and be managed through a Datasoft developed app.

Maintenance and strategic planning would be carried out through artificial intelligence and machine learning applied to the collected data can further refine operational efficiency.

"It is a proud moment for us here at DataSoft and Bangladesh," Manjur Mahmud, the chief operating officer (COO) of the company, communicated with The Daily Star through WhatsApp, terming it as a very important milestone for Bangladesh's information technology sector.

COO was in a joyous mood yesterday: seemed to have stayed out of trouble "Every single item shown here (in the product launch) is built by our team is such that, with a smartphone at DataSoft. A complete team effort, and they all taste success today."

A team of 27 software professionals worked for nine months to architect a solution for the topflight Japanese company in their core product

For Bangladesh, technology inflow from a highly advanced country like Japan is natural but technology outflow to Japan has so far been unprecedented. The solutions that qualify to enter the Japan market have to be cutting-edge technology and with state-of-the-art quality.

"This did not happen accidentally. We have been consistently investing in next-generation technology for years," said the chief architect behind Datasoft's rise in the global market.

Datasoft, the first software company in Bangladesh to be documented as a CMMI Level 5 software development company and among only 377 companies in the world with such qualifications, also made headlines in 2017 when it, as the first Bangladeshi company, sold IoT solutions for 10,000 smart apartments in Tokyo.

When almost all businesses

pandenne, and found the future more prospective.

"Fortunately, being a tech company, we are fully functional and in full capacity by letting our colleagues work from home," Manjur said.

"Even in this crisis time, we are getting lots of enquiries: everyone wants to build digital customer engagement capabilities," he added.

## Man kills daughter

the shutdown, they said, adding that the family had been suffering poverty for the last few weeks. The couple were fighting on Friday

night, hours before their bodies were found, they said. Noticing that the family had been unusually quiet the next morning, the neighbours checked on them and

found out what had happened. Susanta Kumar Sarkar, officerin-charge of Gangachara Police Station, said it appeared that Hafizul killed his wife and daughter when they were asleep and then

died by suicide. Police sent the bodies to Rangpur Medical College for autopsies.

Police are investigating

#### Scientists have cautioned that it is possible that despite worldwide the United States. efforts, it is possible that an effective vaccine may never be found -- or forecast an increase in deaths in the

Music maestro

nuclear weapons.

Alam, who recorded several hit songs by Azad, said, "He was admitted to the hospital on May 15. He underwent a cardiac surgery at Labaid Hospital in the middle of March.' Azad was buried at his mother's grave at Azimpur

graveyard last night. He is survived by wife singer Selina Azad, and three

daughters currently living in Sydney, Australia. Azad won the National Film Awards as a singer once and as a music director twice. Bangla Academy published

two volumes of his work "Bangla Khayal" in 1999. Born in Bardhaman in 1944, he studied Indian Classical Music at the Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata from where he received a gold medal.

Apart from being a virtuoso singer, Azad was pianist, with which he blended both the Eastern and the Western music. He embarked on his career as a music director in the film "Miss Priyongboda" in 1962 where famous singers

Hemanta Mukherjee, Sandhya Mukherjee, Pratima

Bandopadhyay and Shyamal Mitra recorded songs. After the Kolkata riots, Azad came to Dhaka and joined the then Radio Pakistan as a composer and music director. Simultaneously, he taught classical music at Chhayanaut.

Renowned Nazrul singer Sadya Afreen Mallick said, "We learnt classical music at Chhayanaut under the tutelage of Azad Rahman, who contributed a lot to music. He is a pioneer of Bangla khayal, which was supported by Channel i. He also served as the DG of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy for two terms."

Mahbub ur Rahman said, "I am deeply saddened at the demise of the music maestro. Azad Rahman composed, sang and directed music for many famous patriotic and film songs, including 'Jonmo Amar Dhonno Holo', 'Bhalobashar Mullo Koto', 'Monero Rang-e Rangabo' and 'Shob Kota Janala Khule Dao Na'.'

Singer Khurshid Alam said he recorded several hit songs "Bondi pakhir Moto", "O Chokhe Chokh Porechhe Jokhoni" and "Tomar Duhaat Dhore Shopoth Nilam" -- composed by Azad, who made his debut in the movie "Gopon Kotha" and sang some powerful songs like "Bagh Chena Jaay'".

#### গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার জেল সূপারের কার্যালয় জেলা কারাখার, সুনামগঞ্চ www.prison.sunamganj.gov.bd দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

that some vaccines could backfire coming weeks and a cumulative total

tweeted.

Politico.

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### Request for Proposal (RFP) (RFP-BD-2020-011)



United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Bangladesh is inviting Request for Proposal from interested firms/organizations for supporting Formulation of National Adaptation Plan (RFP-BD-2020-011).

This procurement process will be conducted through online e-tendering system of UNDP. Interested firms/organizations who wish to submit the Proposal must register in the system to access the bidding document (RFP). To register please visit the link: https://etendering.partneragencies.org and use the user name and password provided below to start the registration:

Username: event.guest

Password: why2change

Once registered, bidders must insert under the field "Event ID" the following: "BGD10" in the first box, and "RFP-20-011" in the second box and click the Search button.

The complete user guide and bidding document (RFP) can be found at UNDP Procurement website in the link below: https://procurement-notices.undp.org/view\_notice.cfm?notice\_id=65645

TIME). Link to online conference is provided in the bidding document.

Pre-proposal conference (REVISED) will be conducted online on Monday, May 18, 2020, 2:00 pm (LOCAL BD The deadline (REVISED) for submission of proposal is Sunday, May 31, 2020, 2:00 pm (LOCAL BD TIME).