

Nurun Nabi's death anniv

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Today is the 4th death anniversary of AKM Nurun Nabi, former president of the editorial council at The Daily Financial Times, says a press release.

Nurun Nabi, a former district registrar and father of The Daily Financial Times Editor Anwarul Kabir Shahzada, died of cardiac arrest at BSMMU in 2016, at the age of 78.

His family members have requested relatives, well-wishers and countrymen to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.



A man drives his motorbike carrying two pillion passengers who are wearing masks but no helmet. They had pandemic precautions in mind; all they need are some road safety measures. This photo was taken from the capital's Elephant Road on Sunday.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

Donate plasma

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Initially, Dr Khan said they have decided to administer the therapy on 45 Covid-19 patients. However, as Covid-19 infection is increasing, it is obvious that people will be demanding this therapy more and more.

"We, therefore, want an extended emergency access programme. This means, we should go for collection of more plasma and apply to more

people," he said.

Many of the private hospitals too have machines for collecting plasma and those could also be used for this purpose, he said.

However, the government needs to have a protocol for that and a regulatory body. The present plasma therapy sub-committee can be the regulatory body for management of plasma collection, preservation and administration.

"For all this to happen, we need more plasma donors. Young people and members of police who recovered from Covid-19 can easily donate plasma. It will save lives," said Dr MA Khan.

IUB provides aid to 2,500 families

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As part of its activities and commitments to establishing an equal society, Independent University Bangladesh (IUB) has always stepped up to help those in need.

During the devastating COVID-19 pandemic, crores of people are going through a crisis of food and essential household goods. As part of their dutifulness, IUB, in collaboration with Sajida Foundation, has initiative a relief programme, a press release said.

Under the programme, 2,500 underprivileged families in Dhaka's Uttara, Vatura, Badda, Satarkul areas were provided aid packs, the release said.

Each family received eight kilograms of rice, edible oil, potatoes, daal, onion, and some other family goods.

During the distribution of the aid, IUB VC Prof Milan Pagon was present. He was accompanied by the treasurer, registrar, and other senior officials of the university. From Sajida Foundation, Monerul Islam Khan, Director, Support-unit; Rabiul Karim, Divisional manager and others were present.

Followed the relief distribution, Sajida Foundation volunteers discussed health & hygiene issues, particularly emphasising handwashing and using masks on a regular basis, the press release said.



PHOTO: COLLECTED

Prof Muntassir

FROM PAGE 3 the first symptoms of infection," said Prof Mamoon.

"I have fully recovered from the infection now... I express my heartfelt gratitude to the prime minister for the role she played in my treatment," he said.

The noted historian also thanked the doctors and nurses of the hospitals who tried their level best to cure him as well as his well-wishers and friends.

Mother

"I have asked for CCTV footage from the landowner and upon inspection, we will go for action," he said. No general diary has been filed yet, he said.

Contacted, DNCC Ward Councillor-18 Zakir Hossain said, "It is unfortunate that such an incident took place. No matter what, landlords cannot beat their tenants," he said.

"As far as I know, this issue is being handled by Gulshan police. I want a free and fair investigation and police are doing so," he assured.

Biman focuses

Earlier from April, country's leading private airline, US-Bangla, started operating cargo flights using its passenger aircraft.

Reeling from fund crisis due to ongoing global travel restrictions, Sonali Bank in early May approved a loan of Tk 1,000 crore to Biman, which sought Tk 1,500 from the state-owned bank to stay afloat.

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There is no alternative

only be achieved by adopting a socialist economic system. There is no alternative to socialism to save the people of the country, he adds. He urges the members of the NAP and Communist Party to cooperate with the government to build socialism in the country.

Referring to the nationalisation of banks and industries, the prime minister says the government will not allow private ownership of these important national institutions because once it is allowed it becomes really difficult to get rid of such an exploitative system.

The prime minister assures that the government will take serious action against hoarders, smugglers and criminals. GOVT INITIATIVE TO BRING NAZRUL TO BANGLADESH

The government has taken an initiative to bring rebel poet Kazi Nazrul Islam, along with his family members, to Bangladesh. Earlier, the poet's family accepted the government's invitation to shift to

Bangladesh. This year, the poet's birthday will be observed nationally in his gracious presence.

TK 10 CRORE MORE FOR TEST RELIEF

The government will allocate Tk 10 crore more for test relief, informs Relief and Rehabilitation Minister AHM Kamaruzzaman. Earlier, the government undertook test relief programme worth Tk 16 crore under which new roads were built and canals were dug in rural areas. These public works created employment for a large number of jobless people, says the minister. Referring to the food situation the Minister says that the government is trying its best to reach food-scarce regions. He assures that the food situation will improve significantly soon after arrival of food aid from various nations. India tops the list in terms of providing food aid to Bangladesh, followed by the US and the Soviet Union, shares the minister.

SOURCE: May 20, 1972 issue of Dainik Bangla

China supports

FROM PAGE 12 and learn from its experience. WHO is committed to transparency, accountability and continuous improvement," Tedros said.

The review must encompass responsibility of "all actors in good faith," he said.

"The risk remains high and we have a long road to travel," Tedros added, saying preliminary tests in some countries showed that at most 20% of populations had contracted the disease but most places that less than 10 percent.

A resolution drafted by the European Union called for an independent evaluation of the WHO's performance and appeared to have won consensus backing among the health body's 194 states.

China has previously opposed calls for a review of the origin and spread of the coronavirus, but Xi signalled Beijing would be amenable to an impartial evaluation of the global response once the pandemic is brought under control.

"This work needs a scientific and professional attitude, and needs to be led by the WHO. And the principles of objectivity and fairness need to be upheld," he told the meeting via video.

Calling the pandemic the most serious global public health emergency since the end of World War Two, Xi said: "All along we have acted with openness and transparency and responsibility."

In his speech, Xi said: "After the research and development of China's coronavirus vaccine is completed and it is put into use, it will be made a global public good."

Make sure

FROM PAGE 12 In the petition, the rights body prayed to the court to issue a rule asking the authorities concerned to explain why they should not be directed to take necessary steps to ensure treatment of patients at the private hospitals and clinics.

It also urged the HC to direct the respondents to show cause why their failure to protect the people from coronavirus outbreak should not be declared illegal and unconstitutional.

Lebanon job market

FROM PAGE 12 "We are receiving reports of clashes between migrants and companies over low wages. It's because the employers are paying in Lebanese Lira, whose value has fallen drastically over the last few months," said Abdullah Al Mamun, first secretary of Bangladesh embassy in Lebanon.

He said the value of 5 lakh Lebanese lira was worth about \$335 before the crisis began in the last quarter of 2019, but presently the same amount worth something between \$100 and \$150.

This is why it has become difficult for the migrants to manage their survival and send remittance home, said Mamun. Rana Ahmed, a migrant in Lebanon, told The Daily Star that many of them had been subsisting on loans from relatives and friends back at home.

He also said the job market for Bangladeshi migrants have narrowed down as Syrian refugees could be hired at a much lower wage.

Some 1.5 million Syrian refugees are living in Lebanon. Many of the migrants, especially some 40,000 undocumented Bangladeshis are facing the toughest time. Migrants are living in the congested rooms lessen their accommodation cost, Rana said.

Most of some 50,000 women domestic workers are undocumented and are facing a shortage of jobs as many Lebanese have left cities for their village homes following the economic setback.

Lebanon has been witnessing civil protests since September last year. The protest erupted against the government's decision to increase taxes on gasoline, tobacco and VoIP calls.

The protest eventually turned into a countrywide revolt against the sectarian political system which is believed to be the cause of the country's stagnant economy, unemployment, and corruption in the public sector, reports international media.

The International Monetary Fund said Lebanon would experience one of the worst recessions in the world this year as its economy might shrink by a staggering 12 percent.

Asked if the Lebanese economy has any chance to recover soon, Bangladesh First Secretary Mamun said it was unlikely given the political situation.

"Tourism is the largest earning source of Lebanon, but the country had been seeing fewer tourists for the last two years. The situation may remain the same this year due to the coronavirus pandemic," he told The Daily Star on Thursday.

Asked about the repatriation of Bangladeshi migrants, Mamun said following the government requests, IOM was working to mobilise support from the donors.

Virus hits Brazil, South Africa

FROM PAGE 12 While restaurants, bars, cafes, hairdressers, and stores were allowed to re-open in Italy yesterday, not all proprietors have jumped at the opportunity to receive customers again.

"Either they're not ready to go or they don't have the economic strength to do so," said Mauro, a construction worker sipping a coffee at the only cafe open at Rome's Piazza Navona.

In Greece, President Katerina Sakellaropoulou was among the first to visit the historic Acropolis of Athens as archaeological sites across the country reopened after two months.

Spain is also set to further ease its lockdown measures, while Germany has already taken several steps towards a return to normality, including the resumption of its top football league -- but with empty stadiums.

With an eye on dampening the economic storm unleashed by the crisis, French President Emmanuel Macron and German Chancellor Angela Merkel were set to present plans to kick-start European Union activity later yesterday.

S AMERICA, AFRICA HIT HARD Despite the optimism in parts of Europe, the deadly pandemic remains on the march having claimed more than 315,000 lives.

The latest data has focussed fears on South America and Africa.

Deaths in Brazil have risen sharply in recent days, and with more than 241,000 infections reached over the weekend, South America's largest country now has the fourth-highest caseload in the world.

While President Jair Bolsonaro has been a staunch opponent of lockdowns, claiming they have unnecessarily hurt the Brazilian economy, experts and regional leaders have warned that healthcare infrastructure could collapse.

The far-right leader alongside several

ministers greeted hundreds of supporters in the capital Brasilia on Sunday in defiance of social distancing measures, telling the crowd that the virus restrictions were too much.

Latin America and the Caribbean have recorded more than half a million infections, almost half of them in Brazil, and there is growing alarm about the impact of the virus on the least privileged in the region.

Ecuador reported the first Covid-19 case in one of its indigenous Amazon tribes, deepening the crisis in one of South America's hardest-hit countries.

Nicaraguan hospital staff have said the country's health system is overwhelmed with patients suffering from respiratory illnesses and relatives say the bodies of loved ones are being carted off in pick-up trucks for "express burials" without their consent.

"Mourners are forced to chase trucks with the coffin to find out where their loved ones are being buried," the opposition National Coalition said in a statement denouncing government secrecy.

Relatives "are threatened by police or paramilitaries so that they do not tell the truth about the causes of death," it said.

There was also grim data in Africa, where the number of infections rose rapidly.

South Africa on Sunday reported 1,160 new coronavirus infections, the highest daily number since the first case was recorded in March, taking the total to 15,515 - the highest on the continent.

In Asia, India extended its lockdown covering 1.3 billion people to the end of May as it reported its biggest single-day jump in infections on Sunday.

DEEP ECONOMIC PAIN The pandemic has left the world economy facing its worst downturn since the Great Depression, with Japan announcing its first recession since 2015 -- new evidence of the deep economic damage.

Canadian family

FROM PAGE 12 out the size and the height of the holes," Ellis said. "We worked on it until late hours of Saturday night, and then we had everything set up for Mother's Day on Sunday."

"It was a great gift." A video they recorded of the moment they embraced was shared on social media and quickly went viral. But Ellis says she was surprised by how fast it took off.

"I just wanted to hug my mom," she said. "We were quite shocked on how quickly it went viral, but thrilled that other people are benefiting from our hug. We loved it."

And while a plastic-covered hug will never be as good as the real thing, it was still comforting -- after weeks of lockdowns and other social distancing measures -- to be able to hold her mother again, Ellis said.

"This allows it to kind of get back to normal. It really gives us a sense of hope that it's not going to be forever," Ellis said.

Homicide suspect

FROM PAGE 12 Sensing presence of the law enforcers, the criminals opened fire on police, prompting them to fire back that triggered a gunfire.

Sujan was caught in the line of fire while the others managed to flee.

Police later rescued Sujan from the spot and took him to Bancharampur Upazila Health Complex where the duty doctor declared him dead.

Five policemen were injured during the incident. They are Assistant Sub-Inspector Monirul Islam, Constables Mofizul Islam, Nurul Amin, Monirul Islam and Mubarak Hossain.

They are undergoing treatment at Bancharampur Upazila Health Complex.

Police also recovered a firearm, four bullets and domestic weapons from the spot.

Sujan was accused in at least six cases, said the OC.

Police sent the body to Brahmanbaria Sadar Hospital morgue for an autopsy.

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Invitation for Tender Notice

Memo No. 46.03.6900.061.18.001.20-862 Date: 17.05.2020

1. Ministry/Division	Local Government Division.
2. Agency	Department of Public Health Engineering.
3. Project name	Bangladesh Municipal Water Supply and Sanitation Project (30 Pourashavas).
4. Procurement nature	Goods.
5. e-Tender ID	460600
6. Description of work	Supplying of Operational Items (liquid Soap and Napkin Paper) for Hand Washing System.
7. Tender closing date and time	02-Jun-2020, 12:00

This is online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. Interested persons/firms can see details in the website www.sprocure.gov.bd

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Department of Public Health Engineering
Mymensingh Division, Mymensingh

Invitation for e-Tender Notice No. e-GP/19-20/51-84, Date: 18.05.2020

1. Ministry/Division	Local Government Division.
2. Implementing Agency	Department of Public Health Engineering.
3. Project/program name	Project for Safe Water Supply throughout the Country.
4. e-Tenders IDs	460848-460881 = 34 Nos. Tender ID.
5. Description of works	Installation of different types of Tube well with Submersible Pump at different Upazila, DPHE, Mymensingh.
6. Name, designation & address of official inviting tender	Muhammad Samiul Hoque, Executive Engineer DPHE, Mymensingh Division, Mymensingh. Tel. No. 091-67636.
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(৪) দরপত্রের সাথে যে কোন তফসিলি বাৎক হতে "ট্রেডিং কর্পোরেশন অব বাংলাদেশ" এর অনুমোদিত বাৎক ড্রাকট বা পে-অর্ডারের মাধ্যমে প্রতিটি কাজের জন্য পৃথক পৃথকভাবে দরপত্র জামানত (অর্নেট মানি) সংযুক্ত করতে হবে।

(৫) দরপত্রের কোনরূপ কাটাকাটি/ঘামামা করা হলে দরপত্র বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।

(৬) টিএসিবি কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শনো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন অথবা সকল দরপত্র প্রত্যাহার/বাতিল করার এবং একই কার্যালয়ের জন্য এক বা একাধিক এক্সেট/টিকাদার নিয়োগের সম্ভাব্য সংরক্ষণ করে।

(৭) একই ব্যক্তির মালিকানাধীন প্রতিষ্ঠান/একই পরিবারের সদস্যদের মালিকানাধীন ব্যক্তির প্রতিষ্ঠান দুইয়ের অধিক কার্যালয়ের জন্য ৩টি বিধায়ের অধিক দরপত্র দাখিল করলে তা বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।

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