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stop thinking about my child, my wife, my parents. They also worry about me all the time. This is a war zone we are talking about. But that's the life of a solider and we chose it for us. Duty is above everything," he said.

On top of this, peacekeepers hardly have any leisure. Whatever little they get, they have to spend most of it inside camps because of security concerns. All these take a toll on the mental health of the peacekeepers. Even when burnt out by all the pressure, they can't connect to their families anytime, anywhere. In Mali, mobile connectivity is almost zero outside cities -- connecting with families is not always an option. This is why many peacekeepers suffer from anxiety and stress-related disorders.

"Stress is a major health concern here in the UN compounds in Mali. We try to keep the soldiers cheerful by arranging indoor and outdoor games," said Dr Lt Col Amirul Hasan.

"During the Oryx-2 operation a couple of months ago, I was disconnected with my family for many days. Back home in Bangladesh, they thought something bad had happened to me. Their Eid was totally ruined," Shafin reminisced sorrowfully.

Everything a parent would not want their child to be around can be found in Mali, aplenty. Scarcity of water, security threat, no connectivity, extreme weather, and so on. "But we forget all our hardships every time we succeed in bringing peace to a conflict-prone area. The pleasant nature and the lovely hospitality of the local people act as fuel for us," Maj Shafin said. "This is what gives meaning to our work.

INT'L DAY OF UN PEACEKEEPERS

Today is the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers, observed to pay tribute to the uniformed and civilian personnel's contribution and to honour more than 3,900 peacekeepers who have lost their lives serving under the UN flag since 1948, including 102 last year.

This year, the challenges and threats faced by the peacekeepers are greater than ever, as they are not only having to cope with the Covid-19 pandemic, but also support and protect people in countries they are based in. They are continuing their operations to the best of their abilities and supporting the governments and the local populations, according to UN.

The theme for this year's day is "Women in Peacekeeping: A Key to Peace" to help mark the 20th anniversary of the adoption of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security.

Report steps

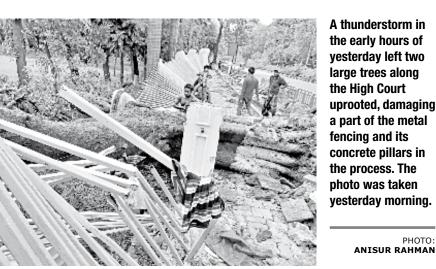
FROM PAGE 3 the committee headed by the Chattogram DC in order to protect the biodiversity, environment and aquatic life of Halda River. In the order, the HC

asked the DC to include representatives from the DC, superintendent of police, naval police, coast guard, DoE, fisheries, water development board and forest office

in Chattogram, upazila nirbahi officers of Hathazari and Ramnagar of the district, and representatives from

Marine Science and Fisheries Facility of Chattogram in the committee to protect biodiversity, environment,

fishes and dolphins of Halda River. Abdul Qaium has submitted the writ petition as a public interest litigation to the HC on May 12 saying that 24 dolphins in Halda river were killed since 2017 endangering the environment and ecology, according to a report published in The Daily Star on May 8.



Malaysia to

FROM PAGE 3 Of the infected, 53 Bangladeshis tested positive, the highest from a country, it said.

Asked about the number of Bangladeshis at the deportation centres, Zahirul Islam, labour welfare counsellor at Bangladesh High Commission in Kuala Lumpur, could not provide a number, but said some 244 Bangladeshis were at Bukit Jalil and Semenyih centres in April, adding that Malaysia has some 12-13 such centres.

Wishing anonymity, an official at the Bangladesh mission said the deportation could take place by special flights amid air travel ban or regular flights once air communication resumes.

According to the Bernama report, Sabri

thanked three countries -- Indonesia, Nepal and Bangladesh -- for agreeing with Malaysian government's proposal to send immigrants home. "The foreign ministry will discuss with its counterparts in the three countries over the move," the report quoted Sabri as saying.

As of yesterday, 354 illegal immigrants who tested positive were taking treatment at the temporary hospital, as per the report.

Meanwhile, The Star yesterday reported, quoting Sabri, that throughout the movement control order period from March 18, some 41 human traffickers were arrested while seven suspected smugglers were taken in by authorities in Malaysia.

Loss of

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minister in Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's cabinet in 1972, Niloufer was venerated as an academician for founding Sunbeams School, one of the leading English-medium educational institutes.

She founded the school in 1974 when English-medium schools were extremely rare, establishing it at her residence with only 15 students, a few chairs and desks and a loan of Tk 10,000 from Janata Bank. She led the institution for 46 years and

built it as one of the country's top schools.

Today, the school has two campuses in the capital: one at Dhanmondi and another at Uttara. Currently, it has more than 1,100 students and 161 teachers are employed.

She is regarded as a pioneer for facilitating English-medium education in the country where students are also taught Bengali language, literature and heritage.

Niloufer served as Sunbeams' "Head of School" till death. She visited the campuses regularly until the start of the pandemic.

After closure of all educational institutions, she used to supervise administrative tasks from home.

During her long resourceful teaching career, she touched the lives of thousands of students who have established their careers all over the world. Her students offered prayers and condolences on social and mainstream media when they learned about her demise.

She was buried after a private namaze-janaza maintaining all necessary health directives.

Experts fear

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infection" and hospital infection, meaning a non-Covid-19 patient can get infected at the hospital.

"Hospital infection control systems in our country and other countries are not the same. Here, the infection control system at hospitals is very poor and there is very little measure for patient safety," he said.

If a separate hospital is not possible, Covid-19 and non-Covid-19 sections of a hospital should be kept separated strictly and there should be separate health workers for each section, he said. Besides, safety measures at hospitals should be beefed up and strong monitoring should be at place, he added.

Infectious diseases specialist Prof Ridwanur Rahman also echoed him.

He said it would not be possible for many private clinics to ensure separate facilities for patients. A separate section with healthcare providers and testing facilities must be ensured before introducing treatment of both patients, otherwise "crosscontamination" will increase, he said.

Nirupam Das, chief administrator of Bangladesh Doctors' Foundation, said 866 doctors got infected with Covid-19 till yesterday, of which eight died

The initiative may increase people's scope

especially the suspected Covid-19 hospitals." patients, but it may increase infection of doctors and health workers if they are not properly protected, Nirupam said.

Private Medical Bangladesh College Association President Mubin Khan said the instruction to introduce Covid-19 treatment at all hospitals is not right. The government could have instructed those hospitals that have two buildings or necessary infrastructure for ensuring separate sections.

"The wholesale decision may warrant disaster," he said, adding, "The government should have taken the decision through discussing with all the stakeholders but we were not aware about it." The government should reconsider the decision, he added.

He said among 69 private medical colleges, two are providing Covid-19 treatment dedicatedly while three or four will start the treatment soon.

WHAT MINISTRY, DGHS EXPERTS SAY

Dr Liaquat Ali, a medical scientist and member of the government expert panel, said they have given the suggestion to treat Covid-19 at all "mainstream" hospitals as "we don't have the capacity to avail treatment for for Covid-19 treatment, all Covid-19 patients at the dedicated

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He said they have also suggested proper screening of all patients and create separate zones for Covid-19 treatment and for ensuring proper infection prevention measures. "We gave the suggestion for ensuring integrated Covid-19 treatment like other countries in the world," he said.

Contacted, Habibur Rahman Khan, additional secretary (administration wing) to Health Services Division, said hospitals with more than 50 beds must have separate wards and it is possible to control infection if patients are treated at separate wards.

He said doctors and health staffers at both Covid-19 and non-Covid-19 sections use Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) now for protection and when they will formally start treating coronavirus patients, they would take more precautionary measures.

"Covid-19 treatment at all hospitals will start ensuring proper infection control measures. The government providing PPE at government hospitals," said Habibur, also the chief of the health ministry's media cell.

Besides, the authorities of private hospitals would provide their doctors and staffers with PPE as they would take treatment cost from the Covid-19 patients as usual, he added.

Ustad Atiqur

Colleague confesses

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has a delivery to receive. As Delwar came out of the house, microbus driver Habib Mia and hired goon Helal Howlader Shahin dragged him into the vehicle, Selim said in his statement.

When they reached Rupnagar Beribadh area, Shahin strangled Delwar with a rope, while Selim grabbed his

Delwar's body was then dumped on an empty plot of Uttara sector-17 near Beribadh, ĥe said.

Delwar's cellphone was also thrown into a lake in Dishari area, Selim continued.

Police recovered the body of the victim from Beribadh around 4pm on the same day, and the victim's wife Khodeja Akhter identified the body at Shuhrawardy Hospital the next day.

Later, she filed a case with Turag Police Station against unidentified people.

Selim, Habib and Shahin were arrested recently. Of them, Habib and Shahin gave confessional statements before the same court in the case on May 21.

The rickshaw-puller also gave a judicial statement before a magistrate as a witness.

Earlier on May 26, Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) urged the government to ensure justice for Delwar, who it said was killed for his stance against corruption.

They also asked the authorities concerned to bring those responsible for the murder to justice through proper investigation, and to compensate Delwar's family in a fair way.

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Domestic flights

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distancing by keeping a gap of at least a seat between two passengers, unless they are from the same family.

Additionally, front or last row seats must remain vacant on each flight for carrying passengers suspected of contracting the coronavirus. During check-in, passengers' body temperature will be measured.

If any such passenger is found, crew members should immediately contact the destination airport and hand the passenger over to airport health authority immediately after landing.

The guideline also contains instructions on protective gear for airline staffer and cabin crew, social distancing for cabin crew, and mandates that no food and drink be served in flights with less than one-and-a-half hours airtime.

Apart from the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in the capital, the CAAB also asked officials of the country's other two international airports, in Chattogram and Sylhet, and all domestic airports to carry out disinfecting activities on a regular basis.

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Vacancy Announcement

Deadline for application: 11 June 2020

The FAO Representation in Bangladesh is inviting applications of qualified and experienced candidates for the following position to be filled under the "Community-based Climate Resilient Fisheries and Aquaculture Development in Bangladesh (GCP/BGD/055/LDF) funded project. The Incumbents will be recruited as National Project Personnel:

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To apply, visit the FAO employment website at Jobs at FAO and complete the on-line application. Only applications received through online will be considered. Interested and gualified candidates will find the post descriptions from Bdjobs.com also.

