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# Take care of embankments

Locals of Khulna's Koyra urge after 80pc of the upazila flooded after Amphan

DIPANKAR ROY

With 70 villages under water now, repair of damaged embankments is the first priority for the people of Khulna's Koyra upazila.

The strong wind from the super cyclone Amphan on the night of May 20, accompanied by the tidal surges of rivers ravaged thousands of homes, educational institutions, farmlands and trees in the upazila.

About 40km out of the 121km embankments, which protect Koyra from water of major rivers such as the Kopotakkho and Shakbaria, broke down at least at 21 spots. Around 80 percent of the upazila got flooded as a result.

On Thursday noon, this correspondent visited the affected areas of the upazila, including the worst-hit Horinkhola, and saw 54 families of the Hindu community collecting whatever belongings they could salvage from the water and moving away to another place.

Debobroto Kumar Mondal, a resident of the Horinkhola, said they were moving because the Kopotakkho river flowing across the area still has high, threatening tides.

"We urge the government to repair the embankments as soon as possible. We do not want relief, we want the [repair of the] embankment," Debobroto pleaded.

Locals of Koyra on their own have started to repair the embankments damaged in the cyclone. Because of the flooding, they have to build dams

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Over 70 villages in the southern region of the country have been flooded as Cyclone Amphan broke 21 dams there. The photo of Modinaghat Launch Terminal area in Koyra upazila of Khulna was taken on Thursday.

PHOTO: DIPANKAR ROY

## Buried WWII plane found on English beach



CNN ONLINE

A British couple have found the wreckage of a crashed World War II fighter plane, believed to be a Bristol Beaufighter TFX aircraft, on a beach in northeastern England.

Debi Hartley, a 51-year-old warehouse supervisor and her partner, Graham Holden, a 54-year-old lorry driver, were walking their dog Bonnie on Monday on a beach in the town of Cleethorpes when they spotted the plane.

The couple did not initially realize what the wreckage was,

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## Month-long wait for getting tested!

AKLAKUR RAHMAN AKASH

The authorities in Savar upazila of Dhaka started asking the city dwellers to wait from a few weeks to even a month before being tested for coronavirus after showing symptoms.

Ready-made garment worker Anisur Rahman, 22, is one of many who faced the crisis.

He went to Savar Upazila Health Complex on Thursday to give samples as he had multiple symptoms of Covid-19. The authorities there wrote his name and other information on a list and asked him to visit them again on June 30.

"I have fever and cough now... What will be the use of going for a test after a month?" Anisur said.

Frustrated, he returned home and consulted a local doctor who prescribed him medicines that physicians are using to treat Covid-19 patients, he said.

"I'm taking the medicine

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## FIRST YEAR OF BANGLADESH BANGABANDHU'S NATION-BUILDING CHALLENGES

### Call for green revolution



Bangabandhu pays a surprise visit to Agricultural Development Corporation on 31 May, 1972.

May 31, 1972

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

BANGABANDHU'S SPECIAL INITIATIVES TO ATTAIN FOOD SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Bangabandhu has taken special initiatives to attain self-sufficiency in food within three years. A high-powered committee of experts has been formed in this regard who will draw up specific development plans for different agricultural zones of the country. The government will also work for promoting double cropping wherever possible. It will also provide shallow tube well, power pump, high-

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## Food officer lands in jail for stealing govt's rice

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogura

Three people, including a government official, landed in Bogura jail yesterday, a day after being detained by police over embezzling 15,000kg government rice.

The three are Gazi Mohammad Shafiqul Islam, 42, officer-in-charge of Local Supply Depot (LSD) in Sabekpara of Gabtali upazila, Sadequul Islam, 40, night guard of the LSD, and Amzad Hossain, 48, a rice miller.

Acting on information that some people were selling government rice, a team of Gabtali police seized a truck loaded with 300 sacks of rice (each sack containing 50 kg) and detained the three in front of the Sabekpara LSD on Friday morning. The team later contacted officials of Anti-Corruption Commission in Bogura.

Yesterday, the ACC filed

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## Jamuna swells rapidly

Low-laying areas in Sirajganj under water; 20-metre embankment damaged

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, from Pubna

The Jamuna has been swelling rapidly over the last one week and has drowned low-laying areas in Sirajganj, threatening flash floods in the district.

Due to the water pressure, a portion of the flood protection embankment at the district's Simla area has been damaged.

According to the Water Development Board (WDB), the increased pressure of

water was due to the onslaught water from upstream as a post-Amphan effect. Officials however said the situation is likely to come under control within the next few days.

Jamuna was flowing about 12.25 meters at the hard point of Sirajganj yesterday morning, increasing the water level to 4.23 meters over one week after the cyclone. The water level is increasing rapidly now and the water level is just 1.10 meters below the

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### PRAYER TIMING MAY 31

Fajr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
JAMAAT 4-40	1-15	5-15	6-43	8-05

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



## CHILDHOOD CHIPPED AWAY

A teenager sorts out tobacco leaves on a field in Aditmari upazila of Lalmonirhat. Child labour is rampant and only increasing in the tobacco industry of the district. Some work there to assist their parents while some for wages. Today is World No-Tobacco Day.

PHOTO: DILIP ROY

# Pandemic grips LatAm, US

Brazil's death toll tops that of Spain as India announces major easing of lockdown

AGENCIES

Latin American countries and US are bracing for difficult weeks ahead as the death toll from coronavirus spiked again, with Europe continuing to open up from lockdown yesterday after seeing its number of infections steadily fall.

The virus, which has killed more than 364,000 people and devastated the global economy, is progressing at different speeds across the globe.

India yesterday announced a major relaxation of the lockdown

from early June, except for so-called "containment zones" with high numbers of infections.

A home ministry order said that places of religious worship, hotels, restaurants and shopping malls "will be allowed" to operate from June 8, while educational establishments will be opened "after consultations" with Indian state authorities.

The announcement came even after the world's second-most populous country announced another record daily rise in infections, taking the total to more than 85,000 cases with

almost 5,000 deaths.

Countries in Latin America are bracing for difficult weeks ahead, especially Brazil, where the death toll shot up by 1,124 on Friday and there was a record number of new infections.

Nearly six million people have been confirmed to have contracted Covid-19 across the world, and a vaccine remains elusive.

As the disease spreads across South America, the poor have been hit hard in countries like Brazil, which now

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যরের বাইরে মাস্ক পরা অত্যাৱশ্যক এবং জরুরী।

মাস্ক না পড়লে জরিমানা হতে পারে

- করোনার সারা বিশ্ব আজ বিপন্ন।
- মনে রাখবেন, অসাবধানতায় যে কেউ যে কোন সময় করোনা ভাইরাসে আক্রান্ত হতে পারে।
- সামাজিক দূরত্ব বজায় রাখুন, পরস্পরের মধ্যে কমপক্ষে তিন (৩) ফুট দূরত্ব বজায় রাখুন।
- স্বাস্থ্য অধিদপ্তর কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত সব স্বাস্থ্যবিধি অবশ্যই মেনে চলুন।
- বারবার সাবান পানি দিয়ে কমপক্ষে ২০ সেকেন্ড হাত ধোবেন। অপরিচ্ছন্ন হাত দিয়ে মুখ, নাক ও চোখ হোবেন না।
- নিয়মিত কুসুম পরম পানি, আদা চা এবং পরম স্যুপ পান করুন। লবণ মিশ্রিত কুসুম পরম পানি দিয়ে দিনে ৩-৪ বার গড়গড়া করুন, নাকে মুখে পরম পানির জাপ দিন।
- স্বর, সর্দি, কাশি, গলা ব্যথা হলে বাড়িতেই আলাদা থেকে চিকিৎসা নিন।
- জ্বর কমানোর জন্য প্যারাসিটামল ও সর্দি-কাশির জন্য এন্টিহিস্টামিন (যেমন ফেনোক্সিফেনাডিন, ক্লোরফেনিরামিন ইত্যাদি) খেতে পারেন।

প্রয়োজনে করোনা বিষয়ক হটলাইনসেভে ফোন করুন: ১৬২৬৩; ৩৩৩; ১০৬৫৫; ০১৯৪৪৩৩৩২২ অথবা নিকটস্থ স্বাস্থ্যকর্মী বা হাসপাতালে যোগাযোগ করুন।

**মনে রাখবেন আপনার সুরক্ষা আপনারই হাতে**

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