





VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, CHILDREN

Incidents shot up in May

MJF finds over 13,000 victims after telesurvey on 53,000

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A total of 11,025 women suffered domestic violence during the countrywide shutdown last month, says a survey report of Manusher Jonno Foundation.

Of them, 4,947 women were subjected to psychological abuse and 3,589 were abused over financial matters.

Disclosing the findings of the survey through a virtual press conference yesterday, the rights organisation said the 11,025 victims were among 13,494 women and children who experienced different forms of violence in 53 districts of the country last month.

The report titled "Violence against Women and Children: Covid-19" said a staggering 4,160 victims admitted that they were abused for the first time in their life. Of them, 2,841 were women and 1,319 children.

The MJF observed that the number of incidents of violence against women and children increased in May by 31 percent compared to the data of April.

According to the study, 97.4 percent of the total 11,323 women victims of different forms of abuses were subjected to domestic violence. In most cases, women were tortured by their husbands.

It said 4,947 women had to endure psychological torture and 2,085 physical torture by their husbands or other family members while 404 suffered sexual abuse at their home.

Apart from the incidents of domestic violence, 179

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A man jumps over a gate in East Rajabazar area yesterday afternoon. The sign hung there reads: "East Rajabazar has been locked down as a 'red zone' by the health department to curb the spread of Covid-19. EXITING IS PROHIBITED." If such disregard for the measures taken by the authorities prevails, cases of Covid-19 will keep shooting up in the coming days.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

Patients most infectious when first sick

WHO clarifies

REUTERS, Geneva

The World Health Organization tried on Tuesday to clear up confusing comments about how often people can spread the coronavirus when they do not have symptoms.

Studies show people with the coronavirus are most infectious just at the point when they first begin to feel unwell, WHO experts said.

This feature has made it so hard to control spread of the virus that causes Covid-19 disease, but it can be done through rigorous testing and social distancing, they said.

"It appears from very limited information we have right now that people have more virus in their body at or around the time that they develop symptoms, so very early on," Maria van Kerkhove, a WHO epidemiologist and technical lead on the pandemic, told a live session on social media.

Japan bans Biman special flights

Move comes as 4 cleared Bangladeshi passengers test positive for Covid-19 there

RASHIDUL HASAN

Japan has barred Biman from operating special chartered flights to repatriate stranded citizens to and from Japan after four Bangladeshi passengers on a recent repatriation flight tested positive for Covid-19 despite having documents certifying that they had tested negative and were safe to travel.

"The Japanese authorities have put restrictions to operate special chartered flights to and from Japan as four of our passengers [who had travelled from Bangladesh] tested positive for Covid-19 while in quarantine in Japan," Biman Managing Director and CEO M Mokabbir Hossain told The Daily Star yesterday afternoon.

Asked whether the South Korean authorities also took the same measures after reports emerged of 12 Bangladeshis testing Covid-19 positive despite health certificates showing that they had tested negative, the Biman MD said, adding, "We didn't operate special flights to South

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FIRST YEAR OF BANGLADESH BANGABANDHU'S NATION-BUILDING CHALLENGES

UN Chief praises Bangabandhu's 7 June speech



Students of Dhanmondi Government Girls' High School handing over Tk 100, collected by saving up their tiffin money, to Bangabandhu for the Prime Minister's Relief Fund on June 2, 1972.

June 11, 1972

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

UNROD CHIEF CALLS ON BANGABANDHU

Victor Umbricht, chief of United Nations Relief Operations in Dacca (UNROD), calls on Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman today at his official residence. He hands over a letter from the UN Secretary General to the prime minister. The UN Chief Kurt Waldheim compliments Bangabandhu on his 7 June speech. Later, Umbricht informs journalists that the UN chief's call for

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ATTEMPTED RAPE

UP chairman fines victim Tk 1 lakh in arbitration

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

In a shocking incident, the victim of an attempted rape was fined Tk one lakh by village arbitrators at Baliadanga of Tebaria union in Natore on Tuesday night.

The victim's father was fined Tk 1,000 for coming late to the arbitration.

The arbitrators handed down the "punishment", alleging the woman had an affair with a man of different faith, who attempted to rape her. The family was given a month's time to manage the money.

Tipped off that an unlawful arbitration was taking place, police raided the village and arrested two -- Ruhul Amin and Sobhan Ali.

The two, however, were released yesterday evening, as no case was filed in this regard, said Jahangir Alam, officer-in-charge of Natore

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FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19

Scientists design remote-controlled ventilator



REUTERS, Warsaw

A team of Polish scientists has designed a remote-controlled ventilator they hope will allow doctors to help critically ill patients breathe, but from a distance, in a bid to make medical personnel safer during the coronavirus pandemic.

If the experimental "RespiSave" ventilator can be shown to work safely on humans, doctors can observe patients' vitals through an application, monitoring their condition and adjusting the machine's settings from anywhere in the hospital, the designers of the project told Reuters.

Doctors would be notified if the ventilator gets disconnected or the patient's condition changes drastically.

Two more cops die from Covid-19

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two more policemen have died of Covid-19 in Bangladesh, raising the total number to 21.

In Bogura, Abdul Jalil, 55, inspector of Kurigram district police breathed his last around 1:30pm on Tuesday. He was undergoing treatment at Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital.

Hailing from Naogaon, the inspector left behind his wife, two sons, relatives and many well-wishers.

He was buried at his

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PRAYER TIMING JUNE 11

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4-05	12-45	5-00	6-50	8-15
JAMAAT 4-40	1-15	5-15	6-55	8-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

MP SHAHID ARREST

Prosecution asks him to be kept detained

DIPLomatic CORRESPONDENT

Kuwait's Public Prosecution has ordered continued detention of Bangladeshi MP Mohammad Shahid Islam, who was arrested by the country's Criminal Investigation Department last Saturday on charges of human trafficking and money laundering, pending further investigation, reports Arab Times on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Shahid Islam alias Kazi Papul, MP of Luxmipur-2 constituency, denied what seven Bangladeshis testified in front of the Public Prosecution that each of them paid 2,500 dinars for the accused [Shahid Islam] to bring them to Kuwait to work as driver for his company.

However, when they arrived into the country they did not find any jobs instead they were asked to find a job for themselves. Migrants also said when the time for renewal of their residence came, he

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A man selling fake hand sanitizer for Tk 200 per litre on a road in the capital's Basabo area yesterday morning. Like him, many are out to make a quick buck by selling fake products at cheaper prices to people trying to guard against coronavirus.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

World in grip of worst recession

Warns OECD, says economy to contract at least 6pc this year

AGENCIES

The global economy will suffer the biggest peace-time downturn in a century before it emerges next year from a coronavirus-inflicted recession, the OECD said yesterday.

The economy will contract at least six percent this year, with the unprecedented loss of income and "extraordinary uncertainty" caused by measures to contain the outbreak, it said.

In the case of a second wave of contagion later in the year, economic output could shrink by as much as 7.6 percent, it warned. In both scenarios, recovery will be "slow and uncertain".

GDP growth should resume in 2021, by 5.2 percent if the virus is contained, and 2.8 percent if there is another infection wave, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) said in its latest outlook, entitled "World Economy on a Tightrope".

The grim warning from OECD came at a time when Europe's most powerful countries urged the European Union to better prepare for the next pandemic after chaotic responses to the coronavirus and the World Health Organization has told Pakistan it should implement "intermittent" lockdowns to counter a surge in infections.

The OECD warned that by the end of next year, "the loss of income exceeds that of any previous recession over the last 100 years outside wartime, with dire and long-lasting consequences for people, firms and governments."

As unemployment rises, private debt levels in some

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