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# Family planning disrupted

Women reporting increased unintended pregnancies, unsafe abortions amid shutdown

NILIMA JAHAN

Eighteen-year-old Afia, who gave birth to a baby boy through a C-section just 15 months ago, learned she was pregnant again this April.

After consulting with her ob-gyn, she went to a local Marie Stopes clinic for a surgical menstrual regulation (MR), as she and her husband were not willing to continue with the pregnancy, only to find it closed.

Seeing no other way, Afia went to a lesser-known clinic in Mirpur where a doctor performed her MR procedure.

"A few days later, I suffered heavy bleeding and when I visited the clinic again, after examination, the doctors informed me that the procedure had not been done properly," she said.

She had to undergo the procedure a second time.

Due to the circumstances, she didn't receive any post-abortion care and was unable to plan for a suitable long-term birth control method with her ob-gyn as by this time, Mirpur had become a coronavirus hotspot in the capital.

"My husband and I were reluctant to visit a health facility. We were mostly worried for our son," said Afia.

With no reliable contraception, inevitably, she found herself one-month pregnant again at the start of this

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A young man choosing a bicycle at a shop in the capital's Bongshal area. Traders there have seen a sharp rise in their daily sales after the shutdown was withdrawn. They say people are opting for bicycle ride as transport fares have increased and public transport is being avoided in fear of coronavirus infections. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

## SUED UNDER DSA Teacher held for FB post on Nasim

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinaipur

A lecturer of Begum Rokeya University in Rangpur was sent to jail for what officials said was her derogatory comment on Facebook about late health minister Mohammed Nasim.

Sirajam Murina was arrested at her home around midnight yesterday and was sent to jail by a court hours later, police said.

A police team from Tajhat Police Station raided the Bangla teacher's home and picked her up, said Inspector Rabidul Islam.

Registrar of the university Abu Hena Mostafa Kamal along with some of his colleagues went to the police station later and filed a case against her under the Digital Security Act, he said.

Shortly before the arrest, Abu Monnaf Al Kibria Tusher, president of the university unit Chhatra League, submitted a written complaint to police with similar allegations.

Officials said Murina made insulting remarks

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## UNITED HOSPITAL FIRE Isolation unit had no Rajuk approval

Fire probe finds hospital negligent; hospital claims it an accident

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakkha (Rajuk) yesterday submitted a probe report to the High Court saying that there was no approval for the Corona Isolation Unit at United Hospital, which was the site of a deadly fire that claimed five lives on May 27.

Fire Service and Civil Defence, and Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) also submitted two separate probe reports to the High Court, which found that the authorities concerned of United Hospital were negligent in preventing the fire and rescuing the victims.

Deputy Attorney General Amit Talukder placed the probe reports on behalf of Rajuk, Fire Service and Civil Defence, and DMP before the High Court bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim during a virtual hearing on a writ petition in line with its June 2 directives.

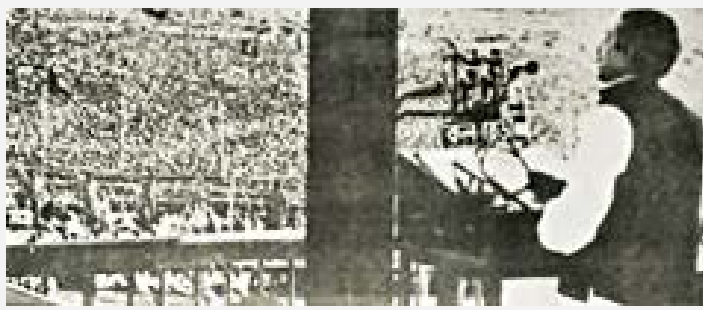
The High Court bench set June 22 as the date to deliver an order on this issue.

Citing the probe reports, Talukder told The Daily Star yesterday that Rajuk in its report said that it had no approval to construct the Corona Isolation Unit in United Hospital.

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

### War crimes trial will begin in September



Bangabandhu addressing a mammoth gathering at Suhrawardy Uddyan on 7 June, 1972.

June 15, 1972

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

#### DETAILED ACTION PLAN FOR WAR CRIMES TRIAL

Home Minister Abdul Mannan today declares that trial of war criminals will begin in September, 1972. The government has a detailed action plan for executing the trial process, he adds. He further says that the government is filing cases after conducting rigorous investigation of each case. The minister denounces the news of bringing 150 prisoners of war (POWs) from India for trial as baseless.

**POET GOBINDA HALDER CALLS ON BANGABANDHU** Lyricist and poet Gobinda Halder calls on Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman today at his official residence. The lyricist wrote a number of famous songs, including 'Mora Ekti Phulke Bachabo Bole Juddho Kori', 'Ek Sagor Rokter Binimoye Banglar Swadhinata Anlo Jara', 'Purbo Digonte Surjo Utthechhe, Rokto Lal' and 'Padma Meghna Jamuna Tomar Amar Thikana' during the Bangladesh's

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## GONOSHASTHAYA KIT BSMMU to submit test report soon

UNB, Dhaka

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University is going to submit within a day or two the results of performance trial of the coronavirus antibody testing kit developed by Gonoshasthaya Kendra.

"We've already conducted the performance trial. Also, we've almost completed processing data and prepare the final report," BSMMU Vice-Chancellor Prof Kanak Kanti Barua told UNB yesterday.

He said Prof Shahina Tabassum, head of the committee formed to conduct the performance study of the Covid-19 rapid testing kits developed by Gonoshasthaya, informed him that they would submit the report to the Directorate General of Drug Administration within a day or two.

He, however, said they were not going to make any report on the Gonoshasthaya's coronavirus-testing antigen kit as the organisation withdrew it on June 2.

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## Radar reveals ancient buried Roman city



REUTERS, Washington

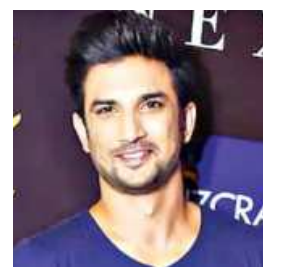
In a glimpse into the future of archaeology, researchers have used ground-penetrating radar to map an entire ancient Roman city, detecting remarkable details of buildings still deep underground including a temple and a unique public monument.

The technology was used at Falerii Novi, a walled city spanning 75 acres (30.5 hectares) about 30 miles (50 km) north of Rome, researchers said.

Falerii Novi was founded in 241 BC during the time of the Roman Republic and was inhabited until around 700 AD in the early Middle Ages.

It marked the first time a complete ancient city was mapped using ground-penetrating radar (GPR), which lets researchers explore large-scale archaeological sites expeditiously without excavation, which can be costly and time-consuming.

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## Actor Sushant Singh Rajput found dead

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK

Bollywood actor Sushant Singh Rajput was found dead at his Bandra residence in Mumbai. He was 34.

He was found hanging at his home and a domestic help alerted the police, reported Indian media outlets.

Rajput was a prominent TV star, thanks to the popular show PavitraRishta, before venturing into films.

He then debuted into

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### PRAYER TIMING JUNE 15

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



People practicing for the upcoming boat race in the Damri river of Sylhet's Jaintapur while locals look on from a bridge. The race is held every year when the river is full of water in the rainy season. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

## Global fears of second wave grow

China reports most cases since April

AGENCIES

China reported its highest daily number of new coronavirus cases in months yesterday with parts of Beijing still under lockdown, offering a second wave warning to the rest of the world as the pandemic rages in South America.

The shock resurgence in domestic infections has rattled China, where the disease emerged late last year but had largely been tamed through severe restrictions on movement that were later emulated across the globe.

It also provides a bleak insight into the difficulties the world will face in conquering Covid-19 -- even as countries in Europe

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পোল্ট্রি, মৎস্য ও ডেইরি শিল্পবান্ধব বাজেট

পোল্ট্রি, মৎস্য ও ডেইরি শিল্পবান্ধব বাজেটের জন্য

মাননীয় প্রধানমন্ত্রীর প্রতি কৃতজ্ঞতা জানাচ্ছি

■ খনাবাদ জানাচ্ছি মাননীয় প্রধানমন্ত্রীর কার্যালয়, অর্থ মন্ত্রণালয়, জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড, মৎস্য ও প্রাণিসম্পদ মন্ত্রণালয়, প্রাণিসম্পদ অধিদপ্তর এবং মৎস্য অধিদপ্তরকে- এ সংকটকালীন সময়ে আমাদের পাশে দাঁড়ানোর জন্য।

■ এই বাজেট কোভিড-১৯ মহামারিতে ক্ষতিগ্রস্ত পোল্ট্রি, মৎস্য ও ডেইরি খাতের ক্ষয়ক্ষতি কাটিয়ে উঠতে এবং খাদ্য ও পুষ্টি নিরাপত্তায় যথেষ্ট সহায়ক হবে।

■ এ সময়েচিত পদক্ষেপ মাছ ও মাংসের রপ্তানী বৃদ্ধিতে এবং পোল্ট্রির রপ্তানী সচিবনার নতুন মার্সা যোগ করবে।

প্রতিনিধি ডিম, দুধ, মাছ ও মাংস খাদ্য করোনায় রোগ প্রতিরোধ ক্ষমতা বাড়ান

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