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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 Traders there have seen a sharp rise in their daily sales after the shutdown was withdrawn.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 Kartipakkha (Rajuk) yesterday submitted a probe report to the High Court saying that there was no approval for the coronavirus isolation unit at United Hospital, where five people were killed in a fire on May 27.

Fire Service and Civil Defence, and Dhaka Metropolitan Police also submitted two probe reports to the HC, 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 DMP before the HC bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim during a virtual hearing on a writ petition in line with its June 2 directives.

The bench set June 22 for delivering an order on this issue.

Citing the probe reports, Amit told The Daily Star yesterday that Rajuk in its report said the United Hospital had no approval to construct the isolation unit.

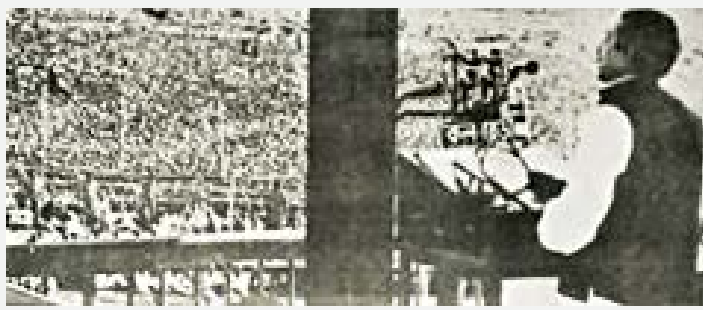
In its report, fire service said there were no staffers on duty to ensure fire safety when the fire broke out in the unit.

Most of the fire extinguishers had

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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 Uttheche, Rokto Lal' and 'Padma Meghna Jamuna Tomar Amar Thikana' during the Bangladesh's

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Virtual courts refuse to hear journo Kajol's bail plea

3 police stations fail to show him arrested

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Around one and a half months into the detention of photojournalist Shafiqul Islam Kajol, his lawyer could not apply for bail yesterday as the three police stations in Dhaka -- where cases against him were filed -- were yet to "show him arrested".

Three separate virtual courts in Dhaka yesterday refused to hold hearings on Kajol's bail petitions as he was not shown arrested in the cases filed with Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Kamrangirchar, and Hazaribagh police stations under the Digital Security Act in March.

Metropolitan Magistrate Md Shahinur did not heed the petition as the investigation officer of the case filed with Kamrangirchar Police Station did not submit any petition to show him arrested in the case.

Similarly, Metropolitan Magistrate Md Jasim refused to hold the hearing

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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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Bangladeshi 'Living Eagle' Saiful Azam passes away

STAR REPORT

Group Captain (ret'd) Saiful Azam, one of the greatest Bangladeshi fighter pilots of all time, breathed his last at Combined Military Hospital in Dhaka around 1:00pm yesterday.

The 80-year-old was undergoing treatment at the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) of the hospital.

Saiful Azam was known to be the only pilot who had flown for three air forces -- Jordan, Iraq, and Pakistan -- at war. He also holds the record of shooting down more Israeli aircrafts than anyone else.

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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 practising 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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