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# Biman resumes int'l flights

First flight goes to London after almost 3 months

RASHIDUL HASAN

National flag carrier Biman Bangladesh Airlines resumed its international flights yesterday after around three months.

The maiden flight -- a Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner -- departed Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport for London at 12:02pm with 187 passengers on board, Biman's Deputy General Manager (Public Relations) Tahera Khandaker told The Daily Star.

Passengers flying from Dhaka to London will not require a health certificate declaring that they are not infected with Covid-19, said Air Vice Marshal M Mafidur Rahman, chairman at the Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB).

"But they will have to fill out a health declaration form as per the International Civil Aviation Organization guidelines," he said.

The CAAB chief also said all the London-bound passengers would have to stay in quarantine for 14 days as per the UK policy.

Biman sources said initially it would operate one flight a week on this route every Sunday.

Meanwhile, every passenger of yesterday's flight was provided a "care kit" -- a box containing a hand sanitizer, hand gloves and a face mask, said Tahera.

Besides, passengers were served dry meal instead of the usual dishes in line with the guidelines of the International Civil Aviation Organization, she said.

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Mostofa carrying his wife Sathi Khanam, a kidney patient, out of Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday after they were told that only admitted patients can get tested for Covid-19 there. Sathi, hailing from Barishal, used to get her dialysis done at the Kidney Foundation Hospital in Mirpur-2 but it denied her treatment on Friday and asked for a Covid-19 certificate. The couple went to several hospitals to get Sathi tested.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

## Italian glacier covered to slow melting



AFP, Presena Glacier

A vast tarpaulin unravels, gathering speed as it bounces down the glacier over glinting snow. Summer is here and the alpine ice is being protected from global warming.

In northern Italy, the Presena glacier has lost more than one third of its volume since 1993.

Once the ski season is over and cable cars are berthed, conservationists race to try and stop it melting by using white tarps that

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### WHISTLE BLOWER DOCTORS

## ACC seeks info on those transferred

Probe into substandard PPE purchase on

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) has sought information from the health ministry about the doctors who have been transferred from their workplace on various grounds since late March.

Several doctors were transferred during this period after they raised questions over the standard of masks, gloves and PPEs supplied at the hospitals.

On June 18, the ACC formed a committee to probe into the allegations of corruption in the procurement N-95 mask, PPE and other safety gears.

The committee yesterday issued a letter to the

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

## Evil elements warned



Bangabandhu waving at the crowd in Noakhali on June 22, 1972.

June 22, 1972

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN  
BANGABANDHU VISITS NOAKHALI

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman today visits Noakhali. He is accorded a hearty welcome on his arrival at Majidde Court. Thousands throng the heliport to greet their beloved leader. Later, a public meeting is held at Shahid Bhulu Stadium where Bangabandhu says that the 15-day ultimatum is over and, from now on, the black marketers, smugglers, hoarders

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### RIDE-HAILING SERVICES

## Just 255 cars allowed on roads

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A total of 255 cars, minibuses and ambulances were allowed to operate under the ride-hailing services from yesterday because the authorities decided to give permission only to the vehicles enlisted to provide the services.

Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) decided not to allow motorcycles to resume the service, considering the risks of spreading the coronavirus.

"We have sent letters to the 12 ride-hailing companies in this regard today [Sunday]," BRTA Acting Chairman Yousub Ali Mollah told The Daily Star.

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### CHINESE CORONAVIRUS VACCINE

## Phase-2 human trial begins

REUTERS, Beijing

Chinese researchers have started a second phase human trial of a possible coronavirus vaccine, the Institute of Medical Biology at Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences (IMBCAMS) said yesterday, in efforts to further assess effectiveness and safety.

About a dozen vaccines are in different stages of human tests globally, as the World Health Organization warns the coronavirus pandemic is accelerating and "the world is in a new and dangerous phase".

However, none of the vaccine trials have passed large-scale, late-stage phase 3 clinical trials, a necessary step before

getting regulatory approval for sale.

IMBCAMS began on Saturday a phase 2 human test for its experimental shot, which is among six possible vaccines Chinese scientists are testing in humans, following an on-going phase-1 study that has recruited about 200 participants since May, the institute said yesterday in its social media channel.

The phase-2 trial will determine the shot's dose and continue to evaluate whether the potential vaccine can safely trigger immune responses in healthy people.

IMBCAMS said it expects to use a plant

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### PRAYER TIMING JUNE 22

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4-05	12-45	5-00	6-52	8-17
JAMAAT 4-50	1-15	5-15	6-55	8-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



Without wearing any safety gear, labourers work at an under construction building in the capital's Tejgaon industrial area yesterday. They do not even have any masks on. One could get fined for not wearing a mask.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

## HOSPITAL AT DNCC MARKET Armed Forces to supervise 1,000-bed facility

UNB, Dhaka

The Armed Forces will supervise the 1,000-bed isolation hospital for Covid-19 patients on the ground floor of DNCC market in Mohakhali.

"The Armed Forces will coordinate the overall activities with the assistance of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare," an ISPR press release, signed by its Assistant Director Rashedul Alam Khan, said yesterday.

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## LatAm hits 2m virus cases

India death toll rises to 13,254 as Spain reopens its borders to Europe

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Spain reopened its borders with France yesterday, getting rid of one of the most potent symbols of Europe's battle against the coronavirus, as infections in Latin America surged past two million.

Europeans are just emerging from some of the world's toughest lockdowns, with cars trickling across the reopened Spain-France border early yesterday a day after Italy enjoyed its first top-flight football match in 103 days.

In the United States, which has also been taking stuttering steps to reopen even as 20 states have reported a rebound in infections, President Donald Trump held his first rally in months on Saturday.

He boasted to the audience in Tulsa, Oklahoma, that he had told his team to slow the rate of testing to reduce the number of registered cases.

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**ঘরের বাইরে মাস্ক পরা অত্যাবশ্যিক।**

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