

## Mustafa Kamal no more

CITY DESK

Mustafa Kamal, chairman of Dhaka Sangbadpatra Hawkers Union Limited, passed away at a city hospital in Dhaka, yesterday. He was 70, says a press release.



Kamal, a freedom fighter, was laid to rest at Shaheed Buddhijibi Graveyard at Mirpur. He left behind his wife, a son and five daughters. Sangbadpatra Hawkers Kalyan Union Limited, Sangbadpatra Agent Association, and Sangbadpatra Circulation Managers Association expressed their condolences to the bereaved family.

## Premier Cement hands over seven ventilators to hospital in port city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Amid severe crisis of ICU beds equipped with lifesaving ventilators at most of the hospitals in Chattogram, a group of individuals and business groups have come forward to support coronavirus patients. Premier Cement, as part of its ongoing corporate social responsibility, provided seven ventilators to the recently-introduced Covid-19 unit at Chattogram Maa o Shishu Hospital yesterday. The equipment was handed over to Divisional Commissioner ABM Azad at Chattogram Circuit House. Managing Director of the company Md Amirul Haque told The Daily Star, "Although the number of Covid-19 patients is increasing every day in Chattogram, they are not getting proper treatment due to a lack of facilities." Rezaul Karim Azad, treasurer of Maa o Shishu Hospital, said they had started the coronavirus unit with limited equipment at the beginning of June. Some capable persons already came up with supports and so far donated a total of 20 ventilators to the hospital, he said. Earlier, Chattogram-based S Alam Group, TK Group and several individuals took such initiatives.

## Sheikh Abdul Quaiyum passes away

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Freedom fighter Sheikh Abdul Quaiyum died from Covid-19 at Combined Military Hospital in Dhaka on Tuesday afternoon. He was 66. Quaiyum was admitted to CMH on May 31 after being tested positive for the disease on May 29. He had multiple other underlying health conditions. He left behind his wife, two daughters and a son. He was laid to rest at Rarikhal mosque premises in Munshiganj with state honours. Quaiyum served as the principal of Dharmakoat Ideal High School and College during his career.

## Covid crisis sinks global

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would particularly affect low-income countries and households, as well as threatening progress made on reducing extreme poverty. The number of COVID-19 deaths surged past 477,000 yesterday after doubling in less than two months, according to an AFP tally. China said a new outbreak that has infected 256 people in Beijing since early June is "under control", but fears remain over the risk of community transmission. Experts warned that small, recurrent outbreaks of the virus were likely in future. "There may be an increase in cases in the winter or next spring, but I don't think the outbreak will be as big as the first wave of the pandemic," leading Chinese respiratory expert Zhong Nanshan said. While Europe has recorded the most deaths of any continent, it is reopening from lockdown after seeing the numbers of new cases and fatalities fall.

## Experts stress

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He also said the Nepal Supreme Court recently gave a verdict to use money from migrant workers' welfare fund for their wellbeing during the pandemic. Prof Nasra M Shah of Lahore School of Economics in Pakistan and L. Kumara Ruhunage, former additional general manager of Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment, among others, address the virtual conference.

## Man involved

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Officer-in-Charge Sadip Kumar Das said on November 17, 2019, the money was withdrawn from ATM booths of the bank's Chowmuhoni and College Road branches. Due to the unnatural transaction, bank authorities filed two GDs with Double Mooring and Chawkbazar police stations. "During investigation, police came to know that, Tk 3.30 lakh

were withdrawn from Cumilla's Kandipar Pubali Bank branch booth on November 16, 2019 and Tk 10,000 from Narayanjanj Bangabandhu Road branch booth on November 15 and 21 in a similar way," he said. OC Sadip said Shariful and his associate tried to take money from ATM booths on June 22 in Chattogram but failed, which led to his arrest. Inspector Jahir Hossain (investigation) of Double Mooring

Police Station said, "Earlier, Shariful used to clone debit and credit cards but after his arrest in Dhaka's Banani by Criminal Investigation Department in 2018, he started hacking bank server." He is accused in seven cases filed in Dhaka, Chattogram and Cumilla. Several banks' debit and credit cards, card readers, keyboards, drives, and a locally-made pistol were recovered from his possession, said police.

## Cabinet

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of the PM helped achieve unprecedented successes. The e-mutation programme aims to streamline management of land records with the help of technology. It will play an important role in building a digital Bangladesh by ensuring transparency and accountability in land services, according to authorities. E-mutation is being implemented all over the country except three hill districts. The a2i project of the ICT Division is providing technical support to this end. It is being implemented through the assistant commissioner (land) under management of Land Reform Board.

## Unaffordable, inaccessible

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All of its 14 ICU beds have been dedicated for Covid-19 treatment. INACCESSIBILITY ISSUES For patients with illnesses other than coronavirus, SOMCH has 15 and private hospitals have about 40 ICU beds in Sylhet division, consisting of four districts. Since all of these facilities are located in Sylhet city, it is difficult for people from other districts of the division to quickly access ICU support. A 70-year-old heart and kidney disease patient from Moulvibazar's Sreemangal lost her life on May 31, while her family searched for ICU facilities. "As she developed stroke-like symptoms and severe breathing difficulties, we took her to Sreemangal Health Complex, then to Moulvibazar District Hospital, where doctors recommended ICU support and told us to rush to Sylhet," said her relative Mazharul Islam. Reaching the city, they first went to several private hospitals, some of which did not have empty ICU beds, while others denied admittance without a coronavirus negative certificate. By the time they reached SOMCH, doctors declared her dead. Noting that Sreemangal to Sylhet

is about 2.5 hours by road, Mazharul said an ICU facility at Moulvibazar would have saved the woman's life. Dr Anisur Rahman, assistant director of Sylhet Divisional Health Office, said, "Due to the crisis of anaesthesiologists and other trained medical staff for ICU, there is no scope to increase the number of ICU beds for Covid-19 patients in the division." He added, "Two new government isolation facilities -- Shahporan Health Complex and Dakshin Surma Health Complex -- with 31 beds each will be dedicated for Covid-19 patients. But these two facilities have no ICU beds." ICU BEDS FILLING UP FAST Prof AFM Nazmul Islam, former head of Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College's medicine department, said, "Around five percent of all Covid-19 positive cases turn critical and at least two percent of positive cases may require ICU support." As of yesterday, 3,631 people in the division tested coronavirus positive in Sylhet division. Of them, 814 already recovered, 60 patients died and 2,757 are still recovering. Based on these numbers, at least 55 Covid-19 patients may require ICU support in the division any time. Furthermore, as of yesterday, 118 doctors, 79 nurses and 161 other health staff were infected with

Covid-19 while two doctors and a nurse died, according to Sylhet Divisional Health Office. Authorities of different hospitals yesterday said 32 out of the 46 ICU beds for Covid-19 patients are currently occupied -- seven at Mount Adora and 13 at NEMCH and 12 at Shamsuddin. Besides, said Dr Anisur, not all the ICU beds in private hospitals have ventilators. Only six out of the 12 ICU beds for Covid-19 patients in Mount Adora have ventilators, according to hospital authorities. Moreover, the ICU at Sylhet Saheed Shamsuddin Ahmed Hospital is running on oxygen cylinders in the absence of a central oxygen supply system. Even the stock of oxygen cylinders is low compared to the daily demand, as reported earlier this month. Abdul Karim Kim, coordinator of civil society body Sangkhudha Nagorik Andolon in Sylhet, said the government should have increased the number of health professionals for ICU and facilities months ago considering the infection rate. "There are some facilities in private hospitals, but where will the general patients go? ICU beds at government hospitals must be increased as soon as possible," he demanded.

## 2 killed

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on the ground while rest of the gang members managed to flee. The body was sent to Joypurhat Modern Hospital morgue for autopsy. Two members of Rab were also injured during the "gunfight", Rab claimed. Rab also claimed to have recovered two pistols, a one-shooter gun, eight bullets, two magazines, 200 pieces of yaba pills and 502 bottles of Phensidyle from the spot. Meanwhile, in Cox's Bazar, another suspected drug peddler was killed in a "gunfight" with police on Teknaf-Cox's Bazar Highway around 4:00 am yesterday. The dead is Imam Hossen, 30, of Hnila union of the district. While describing the "gunfight" incident, Pradip Kumar Das, officer-in-charge of Teknaf Police Station, echoed the statement of CO Rashid in Joypurhat. Three policemen were injured during the "gunfight", he said. He also claimed to have recovered one locally made gun, three bullets and 20,000 yaba pills. The Daily Star, however, could not independently verify any of the law enforcers' claims. Our Dinajpur and Cox's Bazar correspondents contributed to this report.

## Journo Kajol denied bail

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arrested in the case filed over the Facebook post. Ruling party lawmaker Saifuzzaman Shikhor from Magura-1 filed the case against Kajol with Sher-E-Bangla Nagar Police Station in the capital on March 9. Two other cases were also filed against Kajol under the Digital Security Act with Hazaribagh and Kamrangirchar police stations on March 10 and 11. Fifty-three days into his disappearance, Kajol was said to be found on May 3 by Border Guard Bangladesh in Benapole. He was then arrested on charges of trespassing, but was granted bail after being produced before a Jashore court. Later in the evening, he was shown in documents as detained under section 54 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPc). Police informed the court that three more cases against Kajol were pending with different police stations in the capital. The court then sent him to Jashore jail. RIGHTS ACTIVISTS DEMAND WITHDRAWAL CASES Various civil and human rights organisations yesterday demanded his release and withdrawal of the cases against him. They submitted memorandums to Law Minister Anisul Haque and Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal.

The memorandum expressed concern over the case filed against journalist Kajol under the Digital Security Act, his disappearance, and arrest. They requested the law minister to direct the concerned authorities to take necessary steps for his legal release. "We, along with his family, are concerned that Kajol is at risk of contracting the coronavirus. Bangladesh's prisons are overcrowded with more than double the capacity for inmates. It is pertinent to mention here that according to the government decision, at a time when convicts are being released from jail and accused are granted bail, Kajol has been arrested for allegedly infiltrating or sharing a report on Facebook which was published on a national daily. The case filed against him on this charge under the Digital Security Act is also not acceptable," read the memorandum. Those who signed the memorandum are: rights activist Sultana Kamal, retired Justice of the Appellate Division Nizatul Haque, Nijera Kori Coordinator Khushi Kabir, Professor of Economics at Dhaka University Abul Barakat, General Secretary of Bangladesh Hindu-Buddha-Christian Oikya Parishad Rana Dasgupta, Barrister Sara Hossain, and ALRD Executive Director Shamsul Huda, among others.

## Birdem doctors outraged over salary cuts

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income fell drastically due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The RMOs are junior medical officers. They are temporarily enrolled in Birdem, one of the five listed hospitals where medical professionals seeking the FCPS degree undergo a three-year mandatory residency training. In the letter, a copy of which The Daily Star has obtained, the RMOs said some doctors have been infected with coronavirus while treating patients, but the Birdem authorities did not take any initiative to treat them. The RMOs declined to say anything on record, fearing a backlash from authorities. But most of them said they were working extra hours to make up for the senior consultants' absence. "Earlier, we used to work eight hours a day, but now we are working on average 12 hours a day and five days a week," said an RMO. He also alleged after the coronavirus

outbreak in the country, most of the senior doctors remained absent in the hospital. "There are 179 medical officers in the hospital, and 107 of them are RMOs and the rest are senior medical officers," he said. Another RMO said 36 of the admitted patients tested Covid-19 positive in a day. The aggrieved RMOs have also placed a five-point demand in the letter. These are: regularising the RMOs, treating Covid-19 infected physicians and their family members, giving Tk 10 lakh to their family members as compensation in case of death, providing necessary safety equipment to the working doctors, and formulating a written policy for Covid-19 positive and non-Covid-19 patients. Contacted, Prof Dr AK Azad Khan, president of Diabetic Association of Bangladesh that runs the Birdem General Hospital, told this

correspondent that some of their demands were illogical. "As far as I know, RMOs have been enrolled here as part of their training and education. We give them training allowances, not salaries. Information of salary cut is not true. Currently, there is a fund crisis and that's why payment of their remaining allowance is being delayed," said Prof Azad. Nazmul Islam, joint director of Birdem General Hospital, also echoed the view. "We give each of them Tk 30,000 as monthly allowance. Our incomes have drastically dropped. We used to earn Tk 16-18 crore a month, but that has now come down to Tk 2 crore. We will urge the RMOs to have patience," he said. "We realise their pain and will pay their dues soon as they earn very little, but we have nothing to do with their job regularisation," said Nazmul, adding that salaries of both RMOs and senior physicians had been cut.

## Bangladesh's bid for UN

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the UN Security Council have already accorded recognition to Bangladesh. Moreover, six out of 10 non-permanent members of the Security Council have also recognised Bangladesh and some have assured Bangladesh of their support for the country's candidacy in the United Nations. The observers hope that China, a permanent member of the UN, might abstain from exercising its veto power against Bangladesh's application as the country did not stand in the way of Bangladesh's membership in other UN bodies like World Health Organization and International Labour Organization. CABINET MEETS The cabinet meets today. The cabinet meeting presided over by Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman is understood to have discussed several issues including the flood situation in Sylhet, ongoing drive against anti-social elements and relief and rehabilitation work. Bangabandhu will visit the affected areas in Sylhet tomorrow.

COORDINATION BODY FOR CITY DEVELOPMENT The government has decided to establish an office to coordinate all the development works of the capital. City governance bodies like WASA and Dhaka Improvement Trust will work in coordination with this capital development authority. The new government body will also be entrusted with the task of preparing a long-term development plan for Dhaka. HAITI RECOGNISES BANGLADESH Republic of Haiti accords recognition to Bangladesh. So far 79 countries have recognised the newly-independent Bangladesh. SOURCES: June 26, 1972 issue of Purbodesh. Maps reveal FROM PAGE 12 The maps also help explain the setting of New Zealand's volcanoes, sedimentary basins, and other geological features, said GNS Science in a news release.

**GOOD NEIGHBORS BANGLADESH** KOICA  
KOICA-GNB CHW Project in Bochaganj Invitation for Tender  
Tender Notice Number- GNB/20/001  
Contact E-mail: KOICA-CHW@gnbangla.org  
Date: 25th June 2020

Package No	Name of Works	Tender security (BDT)
GNB/2020/01 W-1	Construction work of Nafanagar SDC, Bochaganj, Dinajpur: A) Boundary Wall B) Security Guard Room with toilet, C) Generator Room, D) Main Gate, E) Placenta pit, F) Concrete Road.	1,53,808.00
GNB/2020/01 W-2	Construction work of Ishania SDC, Bochaganj, Dinajpur: A) Boundary Wall, B) Security Guard Room with toilet, C) Generator Room, D) Main Gate, E) Placenta pit.	1,43,721.00

1. Client: Good Neighbors Bangladesh (GNB)  
2. Funder: Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA)  
3. Partner: Directorate General of Family Planning (DGFP)  
4. Tender documents collection address: Google drive link: <http://bit.do/FS9K>  
5. Last date, time and place of receiving tender: Date: 14th July 2020, Time: 5:00 PM  
Places: KOICA-GNB CHW Project office, T&T Road/Melagachi, P.O: Setabganj, P.S: Bochaganj, Dinajpur.  
6. Date, time and place of opening of tender: Date: 15th July 2020, Time: 10:00 AM  
Place: KOICA-GNB CHW Project office, T&T Road/Melagachi, P.O: Setabganj, P.S: Bochaganj, Dinajpur.  
7. The tender shall be valid for a period of 120 days after the tender opening and must be accompanied by the tender security specified above. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons whatsoever. Interested tenderers may obtain further information from the undersigned in favour of the Project Director of KOICA-GNB CHW Project from the places mentioned above. The tenderer or their authorized representatives are allowed to visit our providing link to collect documents. Link: <http://bit.do/FS9K>  
\* Eligibility of Tenderer For Each package: \* Reputed Contractors/Construction Firms having general experience in similar nature of construction works for minimum five (05) years \* Must have successful completion of at least one (01) number similar nature of work under any government/semi-Government/autonomous organization in Bangladesh \* During last five (05) years amounting minimum for (30) thirty Lac in a single contract \* Last five (05) years will be counted backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper \* Liquid asset tender publish date to submission date duration 24 hours (10) ten lac at any Government approval bank \* The tenderer must have valid A/B/C category license from Government up to date \* Other required eligibilities and conditions of the tenderer are given in Tender Documents \* Up to date Trade License, Vat, TIN and other documents that client required.  
8. If the quoted amount of the tender is 10% less or above of the official estimated cost, his tender shall be summarily rejected.

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Memo No. PDW/e-GP/Rev./Printed Paper/2019-2020/01R/71(07) Date: 23/06/2020

### e-Tender Notice (OTM) No. 09/2019-2020

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of Printed Paper under the Revenue Budget of MBSTU this tender is as follows:

Sl No.	Invitation Ref	Tender ID No.	Name of work	Tender security (Tk)	e-Tender document price (Tk)	Tender last selling date & time	Closing date & time and opening date & time
01	PDW/e-GP/Rev./Printed Paper/2019-2020/01R	473184	Procurement of Printed Paper under the Revenue Budget of MBSTU.	65,000.00	2,000.00	06-07-2020 at 17.00	07-07-2020 at 11.30

This is an online tender where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank's branches date on 06-07-2020 at 17:00 of receiving tender. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)).

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