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KHALID BIN NAZRUL, Cumilla

Sixty-five-year-old Monirul Sarker was admitted to Cumilla Medical College Hospital's isolation unit with breathing problems around 9:00pm on Monday. His physical condition continued to deteriorate as his blood oxygen saturation level kept falling. Monirul needed to be shifted to the intensive care unit -- but no ICU bed was vacant at the hospital.

Monirul's relatives tried to arrange for an ICU bed at several private hospitals in the city but ultimately failed.

An ICU bed at the medical college hospital finally fell vacant around 3:30am on Tuesday and Monirul was being prepared to be shifted there.

Before he could, however, he breathed his last. It was a long way and quite some time since leaving his home in Debidwer upazila.

This is an all too common story these days, even in the cities, but especially in district towns and rural areas.

Like Monirul, other Covid-19 patients in critical condition face this situation as they are rushed from hospital to hospital or are left without help as their condition deteriorates while their families desperately try to find available ICU facilities in the city.

The situation is worsened as some private hospitals are refusing to admit patients with respiratory problems, leading to most critical patients ending up at ill-equipped public facilities.

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Two women wading through waist-high water at Shashanpara village in Thakurgaon's Ranisankail upazila yesterday. At least 500 families of the district's Sadar and Ranisankail upazilas have seen their homes inundated with flooding from the nearby Tangon and Kulik rivers.

PHOTO: QUAMRUL ISLAM RUBAIYAT

Swathes of cropland flooded in 4 districts

Teesta flowing above danger level

STAR REPORT

The water levels of the Jamuna, Teesta and Dharla rivers have risen due to the heavy rainfall in the last few days, inundating many areas in Lalmonirhat, Nilphamari, Gaibandha, and Kurigram.

Needless to say, the crisis is taking a heavy toll on the people living in the districts amid the Covid-19 outbreak.

Water level of the Teesta once again crossed the danger mark yesterday, submerging four upazilas -- Dimla and Jaldhaka, Aditmari and Hatibandha -- in Nilphamari and Lalmonirhat.

The river first crossed the danger mark this year June 20.

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Bangladesh avoids US sanctions

Secures one-step upgrade in the US Trafficking in Persons Report 2020

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh has narrowly escaped US sanctions over humanitarian and non-trade related assistance as the country has been upgraded to an upper-tier in the US Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Report 2020 launched by US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo early yesterday.

"The [Bangladesh] government demonstrated overall increasing efforts compared to the previous reporting period; therefore Bangladesh was upgraded to Tier 2," said the report.

The TIP Report is an annual report issued by the US State Department's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons. It ranks governments based on their perceived efforts to acknowledge and combat human trafficking.

Bangladesh had been on Tier 2 Watch List from 2017 to 2019 in the report and was on the verge of being ranked Tier 3 this year. The TIP has four ranks -- Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 2 Watch List and Tier 3.

A country that is put on the Tier 2 Watch List for three consecutive years automatically downgrades to Tier 3 if it does not make significant efforts to combat trafficking.

As per the US law, countries on tier 3 could trigger severe restrictions and even

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FIRST YEAR OF BANGLADESH BANGABANDHU'S NATION-BUILDING CHALLENGES

Additional Tk 30 lakh for flood-affected people



Bangabandhu visits flood-affected areas in Sylhet on June 27, 1972

June 27, 1972

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

BANGABANDHU VISITS SYLHET

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman today visits several flood-affected areas in Sylhet. The prime minister declares allocation of additional Tk 30 lakh for the flood-affected people. Earlier, the government allocated Tk 10 lakh for flood victims. Bangabandhu assures of further assistance if necessary. So far, 22 thanas of Sylhet district are inundated and 50 persons killed due to the flood.

Later, the prime minister attends several public meetings organised at Sunamganj, Habiganj and Moulvibazar. He expresses deep condolences for the loss of lives due to flood. Bangabandhu urges people to work hard to increase agricultural production. He also calls upon them to help the government to eradicate corrupt elements.

Bangabandhu further says that floods remain a big problem for a low-lying country like Bangladesh. He accuses the previous

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Another cop dies from Covid-19

Infections near 10,000-mark

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A frontline fighter, Bangladesh Police has been the worst hit by Covid-19 as the number of its members found coronavirus positive is set to cross the 10,000-mark.

No other force has seen so many infections in the country.

The number of police personnel dying from Covid-19 is also increasing.

Yesterday, another police member, who earlier tested Covid-19 positive, died while undergoing treatment at Central Police Hospital in the capital.

With his death, 37 police personnel have so far died from the virus infections.

Constable Touhidul Islam, 43, contracted Covid-19 while discharging his duties as a member of Airport zone of Dhaka Metropolitan Police's Uttara Traffic Division, says a statement of Police Headquarters (PHQ).

Hailing from Rangpur, Touhidul left behind his wife, a son, and a daughter.

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Scientists create the fastest computer ever

INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

Scientists have created the fastest computer ever. The Japanese supercomputer named "Fugaku" now sits at the top of official rankings of how quickly they can do certain real-world tasks.

Fugaku was awarded the top spot on the Top500 list, which ranks the world's fastest supercomputers, its creators said.

It is also now at the top of other rankings that test how quickly it would perform in real-world applications, how well it can conduct certain artificial intelligence tasks, and how well it can perform with data-intensive processes.

No supercomputer has ever scored at the top of the three rankings -- known as Top500, HPCG, and Graph500 -- before, the creators said.

In the Top500 ranking, it achieved a score of 415.53 petaflops. That is compared with the 148.6 petaflop score achieved by its nearest competitor, Summit, which is based in the US and is based on IBM hardware.

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Govt plans to set up six more universities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is planning to establish six more public universities in four districts, which have no such universities.

In a letter on Thursday, the education ministry's Secondary and Higher Education Division sought the University Grants Commission's opinions on setting up five universities in Narayanganj, Natore, and Meherpur.

One of them will be a general university named after Father of The Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in Narayanganj. Two

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PRAYER TIMING JUNE 27

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha

AZAN 4:05 12:45 5:00 6:54 8:17

JAMAAT 4:40 1:15 5:15 6:57 8:45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



Commuters, mostly garment workers, cramming into a human hauler on Dhaka-Aricha highway in Savar yesterday. Transport services have been openly flouting the government rule to carry fewer people to combat the spread of coronavirus.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

4 more die with Covid symptoms in Cumilla

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cumilla

Four people died with Covid-19 symptoms in the last 24 hours until 8:00am yesterday at the isolation unit of Cumilla Medical College Hospital (CMCH).

All four of them were aged between 46 and 65 years. They were admitted to the hospital with cold, cough, fever and breathing shortness, said CMCH officials.

Dr Mukta Rani, assistant surgeon at the hospital, said samples were collected from all four of the patients for Covid-19 tests but they died before their test results arrived.

The dead are Chandina upazila's Idrish Mia, 60, Abdul Mannan, 65; Sadar upazila's Hanufa Begum,

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সতর্কীকরণ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, ইদানিং লক্ষ্য করা যাচ্ছে বাংলাদেশ পরিসংখ্যান ব্যুরোর জনগণের ও গৃহগণনা ২০২১ প্রকল্পের আওতায় আউটসোর্সিং পদ্ধতিতে জনবল নিয়োগের ত্রুটি প্রতিরোধিত হয়েছে এবং অনেক ক্ষেত্রে ত্রুটি নিয়োগপত্র প্রদানপূর্বক দেশের বেকার যুব/যুবা মহিলাদেরকে প্রদোষন দেখিয়ে কতিপয় কুচক্রী মহল বিশুল পরিমাণ টাকা হাতিয়ে নিচ্ছে। এ কাজে কুচক্রী মহল বাংলাদেশ পরিসংখ্যান ব্যুরোর এবং জনগণের ও গৃহগণনা ২০২১ এর নাম এবং গোপনো কর্তৃপক্ষের অনুমতি ব্যতিরেকে ব্যবহার করছে মর্মে প্রকল্প কর্তৃপক্ষ অবগত হয়েছে। আউটসোর্সিং পদ্ধতিতে নিয়োগের নামে এ ধরনের আর্থিক লেনদেন অবৈধ এবং আইনভঙ্গ দৃষ্টান্ত। এ বিষয়ে আরো জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, প্রকল্প কর্তৃপক্ষের সাথে আউটসোর্সিং পদ্ধতিতে জনবল সরবরাহের বিষয়ে এ পর্যন্ত কোন আউটসোর্সিং প্রতিষ্ঠানের সাথে এখন পর্যন্ত চুক্তি স্বাক্ষরিত হয়নি, কোন প্রতিষ্ঠানের সাথে এ বিষয়ে চুক্তি সম্পাদিত হলে তা বিবিএস এর ওয়েবসাইটে বিজ্ঞপ্তি আকারে প্রকাশ করা হবে। চাকরির প্রদোষনে পড়ে কুচক্রীমহলে কোন ধরনের টাকা/বিনিময় প্রদান না করার জন্য সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলকে অনুরোধ করা হলো। এছাড়া, এ ধরনের কুচক্রীমহলের অপরাধের বিষয়ে নিবন্ধিত থানা/আইন প্রয়োগকারী সংস্থাকে অবহিত করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে।

বর্ষিতাবস্থায়, সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলকে সতর্ক করা যাচ্ছে যে, বাংলাদেশ পরিসংখ্যান ব্যুরোর জনগণের ও গৃহগণনা ২০২১ প্রকল্পে আউটসোর্সিং/কোন ধরনের নিয়োগের প্রদোষনে পড়ে আর্থিক লেনদেন করলে তার দায়ভার সংশ্লিষ্ট ব্যক্তিকে বহন করতে হবে। বাংলাদেশ পরিসংখ্যান ব্যুরো এবং জনগণের ও গৃহগণনা ২০২১ প্রকল্প কর্তৃপক্ষ কোনভাবেই এ ধরনের কেলেঙ্কারির দায়দায়িত্ব বহন করবে না।

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