

Nixon’s special envoy visits Dhaka

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He, however, rules out US interventions for a Bangladesh-Pakistan rapprochement. His views on Pakistani POWs is, “No country in South Asia will take any action which would make it more difficult to arrive at a solution to the problems that beset Bangladesh, Pakistan and India.”
OCCUPIED AREAS WILL BE VACATED
Indian and Pakistani forces will be withdrawn to their respective sides of the border, except in Jammu and Kashmir, provides the new agreement

between the two countries signed on July 2, 1972. It also states that the line of control resulting from the ceasefire of December 17, 1971 shall be respected by both sides and not sought to be altered by the use of force or threat of force, irrespective of mutual differences and legal interpretations. India and Pakistan also decide to progressively restore communications, including posts, telegrams and travel facilities between the two countries. They agree to settle all bilateral problems through peaceful bilateral negotiations or by any other peaceful means mutually

agreed upon between them.
Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and President ZA Bhutto may have another summit meeting in September.
BANGLADESH BECOMES IBRD MEMBER
Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad announces today that Bangladesh has been accepted as a member of the International Bank of Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) after receiving overwhelming support from member countries.
SOURCES: July 4, 1972 issues of Bangladesh Observer, Dainik Bangla and Dainik Ittefaq.

Bring them back home

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Dr Shah Mohammad Tanvir Monsur, assistant high commissioner of Bangladesh to Guwahati, Assam, who visited the arrested fishermen in jail in Dhubri, said, “They burst into tears when they saw me. They were extremely worried about their family members in Bangladesh as they were the only earners in their families.”
A lawyer has been appointed by the Assam state legal service authority, and the high commission is taking the necessary steps to ensure that they get adequate legal services, he added.
However, as of writing this report, police have not submitted the charge sheet and as a result, no legal procedures can be initiated to release them.

“Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, legal activities have slowed down as the court proceedings are conducted online. For this reason, it is uncertain how much time it would take to get a fair trial unless their cases are considered with sympathy,” said Kirty Roy, a human rights activist based in Kolkata and secretary of Banglar Manabdhikar Suraksha Mancha (MASUM).
On Bokul Mian’s death, Kirty said it was because of the negligence of the administration, and “a clear case of custodial death”.
“We urge them to follow 176/1/A of CrPC [Criminal Procedure Code] and the inquest should be done by the judicial magistrate. In this incident, the NHRC [National Human Rights Commission] guideline for custodial deaths should be followed in true spirit. We also demand that the guidelines of the Minnesota Protocol be followed.”
FAMILIES IN DESPAIR
“Both of my sons are in jail. When their mother got to know about their condition, she fell extremely ill. Please do something to bring my sons back,” said 65-year-old Lal Mia, father of Md Manik Mia and Md Rezaul Karim.
Manik had just gotten married several months earlier.
“I don’t know when he will come back. How shall I survive without him?” asked Salima, his wife.
Losing their lone wage earners, particularly during this downturn,

means their families are suffering financially too.

Anwara Begum, 67, is dependent on her sons Anwar Hossain and Raja Mian, both of whom are also among the imprisoned fishermen.
“Without my sons, I have to pass days on other people’s mercy. If someone gives me a loaf of bread or some rice, I can eat something and share with my two grandchildren. Otherwise we all have to starve.”
PROTESTS ON BOTH SIDES OF BORDER
Rights activists in both India and Bangladesh protested the incarceration of the poor fishermen and demanded their immediate release.

Md Nahid Hasan, chief convener of a local people’s committee on rail-river communication and environmental development, organised a human chain in Kurigram on May 13 demanding the fishermen’s release.
On June 23, Bharat-Bangladesh Gana Sanghati (India-Bangladesh People’s Solidarity) staged a demonstration in front of the National Press Club in Dhaka, the Press Club in Kurigram, and in front of the Bangladesh High Commission in Kolkata demanding their immediate release and repatriation.

MASUM, the Kolkata-based human rights organisation, has submitted an application to the respective government offices in Assam and West Bengal asserting innocence of the Bangladeshi citizens and praying for their release.

“This should be clear that these Bangladeshi nationals are not criminals as they are merely victims in this pandemic. Hence, criminally accusing them is baseless and reflects a grave violation of human rights. Therefore, these charges must be withdrawn immediately and proper arrangements must be made for their repatriation,” states the application.
“This crisis calls for special measures and demands solidarity and sympathy towards victims like these people who have no ill-intention to overstay their legitimate duration and treating them as criminals when they need utmost security from this country is absolutely shameful.”

Gun attack leaves 24 dead in central Mexico

AFP, Guanajuato

Gunmen on Wednesday attacked a drug rehabilitation center in central Mexico, killing at least 24 people and leaving seven wounded, local authorities said.

According to preliminary information, the attackers “entered the scene, forced (the victims) onto the ground and shot them,” said Pedro Cortes, secretary of public security in Irapuato, located northwest of Mexico City in Guanajuato state.

“We have reports that the (armed) subjects arrived in a red vehicle, no further information is known. The preliminary report we have is of 24 dead people and seven wounded,” he added.

Authorities are working on locating the vehicle, Cortes said.

The city of Irapuato said in a statement that three of the wounded were in serious condition, but that no one had been kidnapped during the attack. It added that the area would be off-limits so that an investigation could proceed.

The state of Guanajuato, home to major industry and a number of large auto manufacturing plants, is plagued by organized crime violence.

The state’s wealth has attracted groups such as the powerful Jalisco New Generation and Santa Rosa de Lima drug cartels, which are also involved in extortion, kidnapping and fuel theft.

Guanajuato Governor Diego Sinhue gave his condolences on Twitter and stated that “coordinated intervention by federal and state authorities is necessary as the only way to successfully confront this situation.”

Four more doctors

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Medical College, passed away around 4:00pm on Wednesday while undergoing treatment at the intensive care unit of Asgar Ali Hospital.

Meanwhile, Golam Sarwar died around 4:00am on Wednesday at the intensive care unit of Anwar Khan Modern Medical College, said Mily Dey, director of Bangladesh Doctors’ Foundation (BDF) Trust.

He was the 15th-batch student of CMC, Mily added.

Mohsin was being treated at Impulse Hospital where he breathed his last on Wednesday morning, she said.

According to FDSR, at least 59 doctors have died of Covid-19 so far while eight others died with coronavirus symptoms while BDF said 60 doctors died with Covid-19 infection while 12 others breathed their last showing symptoms.

India to buy

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Tensions between India and China are at their highest in years following a clash last month in a disputed stretch of the border in the western Himalayas in which India lost 20 soldiers.

The two countries, which fought a brief border war in 1962, have since the recent clash moved additional forces and military equipment into key sections of the 3,488-km Line of Actual Control - the ceasefire line separating the two forces.

The green light for the Russian planes followed a visit to Moscow last month by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh where he urged his hosts to speed up deliveries, officials said.
More than half of India’s military hardware is still of Russian origin even though over the last decade India has turned to the United States and Israel for high-tech arms transfers.

The Defence Ministry also approved the purchase of air-to-air missiles developed indigenously that it said will add to the strike capability of the air force.

1,500 died with Covid

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of such reports prepared by Bangladesh Peace Observatory (BPO), an initiative of CGS.

The report was prepared based on news reports published or aired by 25 media outlets, including national and local dailies, online news sites, and television channels.

According to the latest report, highest 451 people died with Covid-19 symptoms in Chattogram division, followed by 338 in Dhaka division, 185 in Khulna, 170 in Barishal and 148 in Rajshahi.

Also, 83 people died in Sylhet, 70 in Rangpur and 55 in Mymensingh showing Covid-19 symptoms, the report said.

The report stated that 84 incidents of spreading rumour over Covid-19 were recorded in the country. At least 87 people, including the highest 35 from Dhaka division, were arrested in connection with those incidents.

Furthermore, 544 people were picked up and another 11,028 fined between March 8 and June 27 for committing various offences related to the virus outbreak, including relief

embezzlement, violation of social distancing rules, arranging social gatherings, selling counterfeit safety gears and oxygen cylinders, and traveling without face masks.

The report found that 172 protests took place across the country between April 26 and June 27. Some 41 percent of the demonstrations was organised demanding unpaid wages and Eid bonuses and 27 percent demanding relief, aid or food.

Sixteen percent of the protests was staged over shutdown rules, lay-offs, and waiver of rents, while six percent was organised against irregularities in the distribution of relief, aid or food, four percent demanding better treatment and proper medical equipment, and four percent against hike in bus fares, the CGS said.

Two percent of the protests were against the proposed national budget, it said.

Besides, 132 incidents of violence related to coronavirus took place between March 1 and June 27, resulting in 18 deaths and 551 injuries, the report added.

All hospitals under watch

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customers are not charged extra.

He said his office is scheduled to receive a report from the health ministry to this effect, and after getting the report, he will submit it to the HC.

The HC bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim is set to hear the issue on Monday, the deputy attorney general added.

Following five writ petitions, the same HC bench on June 15 issued several directives and observed that no patient, regardless of whether they are infected with coronavirus, can be deprived of treatment at any government or private hospital.

If a patient dies or is deprived of treatment at a hospital due to negligence, it would be considered a criminal and punishable offence, the HC said.

The court directed the authorities concerned to take appropriate legal actions against those who show negligence in treatment at hospitals.

The bench also ordered the authorities to ensure that no government or private hospital denies treatment to any patient -- infected with Covid-19 or not.

It asked the government to strictly enforce the directives issued by the DGHS on May 11 and 24 for ensuring treatment of patients at all hospitals.

The government on June 16 filed a petition with the Supreme Court’s Appellate Division challenging the HC observations and directives.

The same day, the apex court

upheld the HC’s three observations and directives that concern ensuring treatment of patients at all public and private hospitals across the country irrespective of whether or not they are infected with coronavirus and stayed others.

The three directives are: submission of reports by the health ministry and the DGHS by June 30 on whether the directives issued by the health ministry to public and private hospitals on May 11 and 24 have been implemented properly; the formation of a monitoring cell to ensure that private hospitals provide proper treatment to patients and that they do not charge extra or unreasonable fees; and fixing and displaying of retail and refilling prices of oxygen cylinders at outlets and shops so that customers are not charged extra.

In its May 11 and 24 circulars, the health ministry says all public and private hospitals must have separate arrangements for treating suspected Covid-19 patients, and private hospitals and clinics cannot deny treatment to patients, Covid-19 or otherwise, if they have the requisite facilities or equipment.

It also says if a private hospital or clinic does not have the requisite facilities or equipment to treat a patient, then it may refer the patients to another hospital, and patients can only be shifted after ensuring treatment at other hospitals in consultation with the Covid-19 hospital control room of DGHS.

It’ll be ‘suicidal’ if not

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The paper said public universities might plunge into various crises, including session jam, due to the shutdown of all universities since mid-March.

No institutions have any moral right to conduct any academic activities which may create discrimination, it said, adding that online classes would certainly widen the discrimination as all students do not have access to internet, devices and others infrastructures.

Teachers said that they were concerned that many universities are trying to introduce online education in an unplanned way as the University Grants Commission (UGC) has asked them to do so.

The UGC after a meeting with the vice-chancellors of public universities on June 25 urged the universities for the third time to ensure online education to avoid possible session jams for Covid-19 shutdown.

The teachers’ network yesterday also sought a free internet package for students.

It also sought a one-time scholarship or a long-term and interest-free loan of Tk 20,000 for at least half of the students at public universities.

Departments will select the students and there should be no irregularities in disbursing the scholarships, said the position paper.

The network said jobs of private university teachers must be protected and their full salaries should be ensured.

In the beginning, online classes can be held for post-graduation students and then it can be expanded for undergraduate students, it said, adding that the ICT capacities of all public should be increased.

The network also demanded the abolition of the Digital Security Act yesterday during the conference.

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Science & Technology University teacher Arifuzzaman Rajib, Bangladesh Agricultural University teacher Kazir S Farid and North South University teacher Sharmee Hossain also took part in the discussion.



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Cancellation of Invitation for Tender
Reference No. CEDP/IDG/Rajshahi College/OTM/Goods/G-4/2(Cancellation) Date: 02-07-2020
The undersigned has to inform that due to unavoidable circumstances, the Invitation for Tender (Reference No. CEDP/IDG/Rajshahi College/OTM/Goods/G-4, Date: 19-03-2020; and Package No. G-4 (Package Name: Supply and Setting up of Furniture & Fixtures for the ICT Laboratory, Classroom and Library for Rajshahi College) has been cancelled. Re-Invitation of the aforementioned tender will be duly notified.

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Scientists

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and learn about its composition.

The newly discovered planet orbits a star similar to our Sun, and is found about 730 light years away. It is known as TOI 849 b, and conditions there are intense: it is so close to its star that a year takes 18 hours, and the surface temperature is around 1,500C.

That places the planet right in the Neptunian Desert, the region near stars where planets the size of Neptune are rarely found.

“The planet is strangely close to its star, considering its mass,” said David Armstrong from the University of Warwick, the lead author of the study, in a statement. “In other words, we don’t see planets with this mass at these short orbital periods.”

Researchers were able to conclude that it was just a planetary core by conducting detailed measurements, which found that the planet is about 40 times heavier than the Earth, but only 3.4 times as large. That density must mean that it is made up mostly of iron, rock and water, with only small amounts of hydrogen and helium.

“The fact that we don’t see those gases lets us know TOI 849 b is an exposed planetary core,” said Dr Armstrong.

TOI 849 b was first found by Nasa’s Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite, which hunts for planets by looking for the signature dip in brightness that happens when they move in front of their star. It was then further analysed by the HARPS instrument run by the European Southern Observatory, which uses the Doppler effect to measure exoplanets by looking for the wobble in their light that happens as they move nearer and further from us.



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02	Invitation for	Procurement & Commissioning of 04 (Four) Nos. Refrigerated Aircraft Catering High-Lift Van		
03	Invitation for Ref.	30.34.0000.063.07.003.19	Dated: 25-11-2019	
04	Tender document selling date	From 06-07-2020 to 16-08-2020 (During office hours).		
05	Tender receiving date and time	Date: 17-08-2020	Time: 1200 Hrs BST	Note: The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders without assigning any reason thereof. If any unavoidable situation arises during specified date then tender selling/closing/opening date will be shifted to next (working) day without further notice.
06	Tender opening date and time	Date: 17-08-2020	Time: 1500 Hrs BST	
07	Selling address of schedule (local)	(i) Address: a. Manager Finance, Biman Flight Catering Centre, Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Kurmitola, Dhaka. b. Manager Cash & Banking, Balaka Bhaban, Biman Bangladesh Airlines, Dhaka.		
08	Selling tender document (foreign)	(ii) Address: Manager Finance, Biman, Dubai, Bangkok, Singapore, London, Jeddah, Riyadh and Kuala Lumpur.		
09	Receiving tender document	a. BFCC Main Security Gate, Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Kurmitola, Dhaka. b. Biman Balaka Bhaban, Security Counter Gate (Ground Floor), Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Kurmitola, Dhaka.		
10	Price of tender document (USD/BDT)	USD 120.00 (one hundred twenty) or BDT 10,000.00 (ten thousand) only (non-refundable).		
11	(i) Location	(ii) Tender security amount (USD/BDT)	(iii) Supplying period	
	BFCC/Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Kurmitola, Dhaka	USD 30,000.00 (thirty thousand) or eqvt. BDT 25,00,000.00 (twenty-five lac) only (refundable).	One time	
12	Procuring entity & fund	General Manager, BFCC, Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Kurmitola, Dhaka. Biman/BFCC's own fund.		
13	Official inviting tender	Dy-General Manager, BFCC, Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Kurmitola, Dhaka. Phone: 880-2-8901750-64, Ex-13 Fax: 880-2-8901638.		
14	Tender schedule and other related information will also be available at Biman website: www.biman-airlines.com for ready reference.			

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