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Homeless after Amphan hit, many families in Koyra living uncertain life in cyclone shelters



DIPANKAR ROY, Khulna

Nurunnahar Begum is 62.

She and her family of eight have been living in Horinkhola Government Primary School, also used as a cyclone centre, in Koyra upazila's Dakkhin Bedkashi for two months now.

Her home along with all her belongings were washed away on the fateful night of May 20, when the embankment along the Kopotakkho river broke at several points due to the impact of Cyclone Amphan.

Later, temporary earthen dykes, known as ring dams, were built further inland from the original embankment as

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In almost neck-deep water, a woman carries dry food and kitchenware on a raft made of banana trees at Kodalkati union in Char Rajibpur upazila of Kurigram. Houses in the region remained under four-five feet of flood water as the Brahmaputra swelled up in the district. The photo was taken on Friday afternoon.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

FLOOD VICTIMS Inadequate sanitation adds to woes

STAR REPORT

Absence of toilet and sanitation facilities has aggravated the sufferings of flood-hit people in different districts.

Many flood victims have taken shelter on roads and dykes after their houses, toilets, and farmlands were inundated by floodwater.

They have set up makeshift houses there, but they cannot build temporary toilets. The women and children are the worst sufferers, the victims said.

Ahela Bewa, a resident of Heliboard area in Kurigram's Chilmari upazila, said they have been living on a road for a couple of days as their houses were flooded.

"We are suffering from acute shortage of food and drinking water. Besides, absence of toilet facility is making the situation worse for us."

She said men urinate and defecate on roadside ditches under the open sky.

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Sombre milestone of two lakh virus cases

Bangladesh poised to surpass Germany

UNB, Dhaka

The country yesterday crossed the grim milestone of 2 lakh novel coronavirus cases with no visible sign of decline in the number of virus infections.

The country reported 2,709 more fresh cases with 24.80 percent infection rate and 34 more deaths in 24 hours till 2:30pm yesterday.

Bangladesh is the 17th country in the world to hit the 2 lakh mark in Covid-19 cases.

The country still remains the 17th worst coronavirus affected country in the world in terms of number of cases.

Germany is in the 16 position with 202,345 cases, having just 279 more than Bangladesh.

Bangladesh's journey to 2 lakh cases took 133 days while the jump from 1 lakh to 2 lakh cases have come in just 30 days.

The country hit the 1 lakh mark in 103 days of reporting the first three coronavirus case on March 8.

The number of coronavirus cases in Bangladesh reached 153,277 on July 2 while 48,789 new cases were added in just 16 days.

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FIRST YEAR OF BANGLADESH BANGABANDHU'S NATION-BUILDING CHALLENGES

Poland to help Bangladesh enter UN



Newly appointed Polish ambassador to Bangladesh calls on Bangabandhu at his official residence on July 19, 2020.

July 19, 1972

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

POLISH ENVOY CALLS ON MUJIB

The newly appointed Polish Ambassador to Bangladesh calls on Bangabandhu today at the Gono Bhaban. He communicates to the prime minister his government's proposal for developing a strong bilateral relation between the two countries. He also shares that Poland is ready to help Bangladesh in her bid to become a member of the United Nations. Referring to Poland's support for Bangladesh during the Liberation War, the Polish

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Pullback of troops not negotiable

India's firm message to China

TNN, New Delhi

The last round of talks between Indian and Chinese military commanders saw the Indian side resolutely and firmly convey that Chinese troops need to vacate intrusions in the Pangong Tso area and nothing short of restoration of pre-May 5 status quo will do.

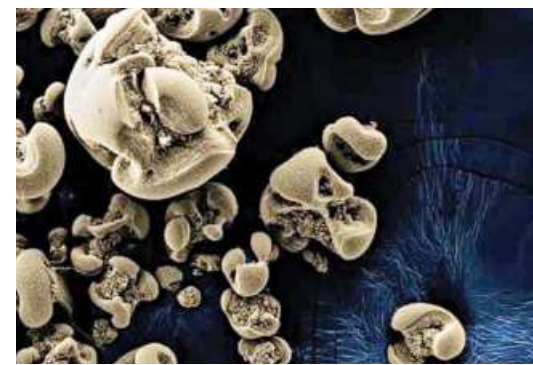
The lengthy discussions on Tuesday were held, as previous exchanges, in a cordial manner but the Indian messaging was insistent in underlining that a Chinese pullback from areas where the People's Liberation Army has intruded is simply non-negotiable.

The tonality of the conversation would not leave any doubt on this score, said a source.

While official statements point to the complicated

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Metal-eating bacteria discovered



INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

Scientists from the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) have discovered a kind of bacteria that eats metal.

The bacteria have reportedly been suspected to exist for over a century but has not been proved.

The tiny microbes were discovered by accident, as scientists were performing unrelated experiments with manganese, a mineral usually found in combination with iron.

Dr Jared Leadbetter, professor of environmental microbiology at Caltech, left a glass jar covered with the substance to soak in his office sink.

He did not return to the office for several months

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M Shaheen Iqbal new Navy chief

UNB, Dhaka

The government yesterday appointed M Shaheen Iqbal chief of Bangladesh Navy after promoting him to the rank of vice admiral from rear admiral.

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PRAYER TIMING JULY 19

Fajr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 4-15 12-45 5-00 6-54 8-15
JAMAAT 4-50 1-15 5-15 6-58 8-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Ex-NICVD director dies from Covid-19

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prof Abul Hossain Khan Chowdhury, former director of National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases (NICVD), died with Covid-19 infection at Square Hospital in Dhaka around 10:15am yesterday.

He was admitted to the hospital with Covid-19 for more than two weeks.

Dr Mily Dey, director of Bangladesh Doctors Foundation (BDF) Trust, said Prof Abul breathed his last at the intensive care unit of the hospital.

He was a 29th batch student of Dhaka Medical College, she added.

With him, at least 72 physicians have so far died after being diagnosed with the infection, while 11 others passed away showing symptoms, according to BDF.

On the other hand, Foundation for Doctors Safety Rights and Responsibility said the number of doctors who

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Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock imposed a 65-day ban on fishing in the Bay of Bengal between May 20 and July 23. The fishermen in Chattogram, however, continued fishing using small boats. The photo was taken in Rashmanir Ghat in Uttar Kattali of the town.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

US sets another virus record

Trump says no mandate for masks; WHO says Brazil outbreak 'plateaued'

AGENCIES

Americans debated mask mandates and the reopening of schools during the coronavirus pandemic on Friday as state and local officials imposed conflicting orders and cases rose by more than 77,000 across the nation for the third day in a row.

Seven states reported record increases in cases: Alaska, Georgia, Louisiana, Montana, Ohio, Utah and Wisconsin. In the state of Georgia, Governor Brian Kemp sued Atlanta's mayor to prevent her from mandating masks.

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot announced a plan to offer both in-person and remote instruction at the nation's third-largest school district, over the objection of the teachers' union, which wants remote learning only.

Americans have become divided along political lines over mask orders, with conservatives more likely than liberals to call the rules a violation of their Constitutional rights.

With school set to resume in a few weeks, local officials across the country have announced a variety of plans to resume teaching.

California Governor Gavin Newsom, who until now has allowed school districts in the nation's most populous state to set their own policies, said on Friday schools could reopen only in counties that for 14 days have stayed off a worsening trends watch list.

As of Friday, 30 of the state's 58 counties were on the list and schools there must remain closed. Among them are Los Angeles, Sacramento and San Diego counties,

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