



VIRTUAL COURT New dimension in the judiciary

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A laptop and a smartphone with internet access.

With these, Jamiul Hoque Faisal, a young advocate of the Supreme Court, was able to move a petition, place arguments before the High Court on May 17, and successfully bail out his client in a case filed under the controversial Digital Security Act.

From his home in the haor area of Kishoreganj, Faisal participated in court proceedings through videoconferencing.

Since March 18, Faisal had been staying at his village in the district's Nikli upazila, around 100km from Dhaka.

He was not able to return to the capital for two months because of the pandemic-induced shutdown that ended on May 31.

The regular activities of courts across the country, including the Appellate and High Court Divisions of the Supreme Court, remained closed since the last week of March. The SC had announced a two-week annual vacation on March 13.

Beginning on May 11, in line with an ordinance issued by President Md Abdul Hamid on May 9, virtual courts were introduced in order to deal with urgent cases after a gap of a month and a half.

The courts began to hold hearings of the cases and pass orders over the videoconferencing, without needing the physical presence of lawyers, the accused, and witnesses in one place.

Talking to this newspaper yesterday, Faisal said he moved three cases virtually before he returned to Dhaka on May 31.

He is still taking part in virtual proceedings while the court is functioning through videoconferencing after

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A child plays with the rain drops to his heart's content as it was bucketing in the capital yesterday. Adults prefer to remain indoors amid the pandemic, but it is a bit difficult for children to do so, when it rains like this. The photo was taken on Mohammadpur Ring Road.

PHOTO:
RASHED SHUMON

Four 'drug peddlers' killed in 'infighting'

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Cox's Bazar

Four drug peddlers were killed in a gunfight between two groups of dealers in Teknaf upazila of Cox's Bazar early yesterday, said police.

The dead were Nasir Uddin, 23, of Kharangkhal village, Mohammad Anwar 24, of Purba Maheshkhali Para, Mohammad Ismail, 25, of Satgharia Para, and Anwar Hossain, 22, of Amtoli village in the upazila.

On information, a police team rushed to Nayapara Kharangkhal area where two groups of drug peddlers were involved in the gunfight over yaba trade around 4:00am, said Pradip Kumar Das, officer-in-charge of Teknaf Model Police Station.

Sensing the law enforcers' presence, the criminals opened fired to flee the spot, the OC said, adding that in self-defence, police fired back and found

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Ease approval procedures for pvt hospitals

Zafrullah urges PM in
open letter

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ganoshasthaya Kendra Founder and Trustee Dr Zafrullah Chowdhury has urged the prime minister to take steps to ease the approval procedures for private hospitals and also the rules for blood transfusion to make plasma treatment available to all.

In an open letter to Sheikh Hasina, he has called for eliminating the "discriminatory" duties on imported medical equipment and raw materials for medicines.

"I'm writing this letter as I've failed to meet you. I hope someone at the Prime Minister's Office will bring this to your attention and I'll get an acknowledgement letter. Dear prime minister, I, as a citizen, can expect that," he said at the beginning of the 15-page letter.

Nowhere in the world a patient has to take permission from the health ministry or any government office to get admitted to a hospital. Rather, it is the doctors who decide that -- be it a Covid-19 patient or a general one, he mentioned.

"... but in Bangladesh, the Directorate

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FIRST YEAR OF BANGLADESH BANGABANDHU'S NATION-BUILDING CHALLENGES

Bangabandhu's letter to Indira

July 29, 1972

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

BANGABANDHU WILL UNDERGO SURGERY TOMORROW

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman will be operated upon to remove a gallbladder stone tomorrow at London Clinic. The prime minister is keeping perfect health today. Sir Edward Muir, the Queen's surgeon, will perform the operation. He will be assisted by Sir Francis Avery Jones and Bangabandhu's personal physician Dr Nurul Islam. AR MALLICK CALLS ON INDIRA GANDHI

A personal letter from Bangabandhu to Indira Gandhi is handed over to the Indian prime minister today by Bangladesh High Commissioner to India Dr AR Mallick. He also conveys to Indira a verbal message from the Bangladesh prime minister. Contents of the letter or the message are not disclosed.

36,334 BANGALEES REMOVED FROM SERVICE BY PAK GOVT
A total of 36,334 Bangalees on the payroll of the Central Government of Pakistan have been removed from their posts. Their services were dispensed with as they opted for Bangladesh. This figure does not include the personnel of the defence service.

RANGPUR, DINAJPUR IN THE GRIP OF FLOOD
Rangpur is in the grip of flood. A sharp rise in the water levels of the River Teesta and Brahmaputra was recorded since yesterday. Standing crops such as jute and Aman paddy in the char and low-lying areas on the banks of the Teesta and Brahmaputra have gone under flood water.

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Health ministry calls meeting with private medical bodies

TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

The health ministry has decided to hold a meeting with the leaders of private medical associations in the wake of allegations against different private hospitals over Covid-19 test and treatment.

Its Health Service Division yesterday wrote to the presidents and the general secretaries of several associations to attend the "views-exchange meeting" on August 9.

Abdul Mannan, secretary of the division, will preside over the meeting on "Prevention of Covid-19, ensuring health service and how to provide more humanitarian assistance to people in this time", said a letter, signed by a senior assistant secretary.

The development comes days after the law enforcement agencies raided several hospitals in the capital and outside

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Indian schoolgirls discover earth- bound 'asteroid'



REUTERS, Ahmedabad

Two teenage girls from India have discovered an Earth-bound asteroid by poring through images from a University of Hawaii telescope, an Indian space education institute said on Monday.

The asteroid is presently near Mars and its orbit is expected to cross that of Earth in about one million years' time, said SPACE India, a private institute where the two 14-year-old girls received training.

"I look forward to... when we will get a chance to name the asteroid," said Vaidehi Vekariya, who added that she wants to become an astronaut when she is older.

The asteroid, currently called HLV2514, may be officially christened only after Nasa confirms its

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MALAYSIA 1MDB SCANDAL

Ex-PM Najib sentenced to 12 years

Court allows delayed
sentence

REUTERS, Kuala Lumpur

Malaysia's former leader, Najib Razak, was found guilty of corruption and sentenced to 12 years in jail yesterday in the first trial over a multi-billion-dollar scandal at state fund 1MDB that stretched to the Gulf states and Hollywood.

In a case widely seen as a test of the nation's resolve to stamp out corruption and which could have big political implications, High

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PRAYER TIMING JULY 29

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AZAN 4:20 12:45 5:00 6:50 8:15
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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

রাজধানী উন্নয়ন কর্তৃপক্ষ
রাজউক ভবন, ঢাকা

ডেঙ্গু ও চিকুনগুনিয়া প্রতিরোধে জরুরি বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা রাজউকের আওতাধীন এলাকার সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, বর্ষা মৌসুমে এডিস মশার বংশ বিস্তারের মৌসুম। ফুলের টব, টায়ার, ভাবের খোসা, প্লাস্টিকের খালি বোতল, নির্মিত/নির্মাণাধীন ভবনের ছাদে জমে থাকা পানি ইত্যাদি কারণে এডিস মশার বংশ বিস্তার ঘটে। ডেঙ্গু ও চিকুনগুনিয়া রোগের প্রাদুর্ভাব রোধকল্পে

- ১। কোরবানী ঈদে গ্রামের উদ্দেশ্যে যাওয়ার প্রাক্কালে এসির আউটলেটে জমে থাকা পানি, ফ্রিজের নিচে জমা থাকা পানি এবং বাসার অন্যান্য অংশে জমে থাকা পানি অপসারণ নিশ্চিত করতে অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে।
- ২। আসন্ন ঈদ উল আযহায় কোরবানীকৃত পশুর রক্ত ও বর্জ্য দ্রব্য অপসারণ করে মশার বংশ বিস্তার রোধ করুন।
- ৩। নির্মাণাধীন ভবনের কিউরিং চলাকালীন সময়ে পানি জমিয়ে না রেখে ৩ (তিন) দিন পরপর পানি পরিবর্তন করুন।
- ৪। নির্মিত/নির্মাণাধীন ভবন এবং এর আশেপাশের চৌবাচ্চার পানি পরিবর্তন করুন।
- ৫। সরকারি ব্যবস্থাপনায়/ভেডেলপার/সমবায়/মালিক কর্তৃক নির্মিত/নির্মাণাধীন ভবনের ভিতরে ও বাহিরে সব সময় পরিষ্কার পরিচ্ছন্ন রাখুন।

সংশ্লিষ্ট কর্তৃপক্ষ পরিদর্শনকালে ব্যত্যয়/ব্যতিক্রম পরিলক্ষিত হলে আইন অনুযায়ী ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হবে।

প্রকৌশলী মোঃ মোবারক হোসেন
পরিচালক (উন্নয়ন নিয়ন্ত্রণ-১) (চঃ দাঃ)
রাজধানী উন্নয়ন কর্তৃপক্ষ, ঢাকা

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No indication virus seasonal

Says WHO; Moderna, Pfizer eye
year-end vaccine launches

AGENCIES

The spread of coronavirus does not appear to be impacted by seasonality, the World Health Organization said yesterday, warning against false beliefs that summer is safer.

"Season does not seem to be affecting the transmission of this virus," WHO spokeswoman Margaret Harris told reporters in a virtual briefing.

She pointed out that some of the hardest-hit countries are currently in the midst of different season.

While it is summer in the United States, which with nearly 148,000 deaths and close to 4.3 million cases is the hardest-hit country, the second most affected country Brazil, which counts more than 87,000 deaths, is in winter.

And yet, she said, there "seems to be this fixed idea about this virus being seasonal", and that Covid-19 will come in waves.

This is because people are mistakenly viewing the pandemic through "a flu lense, because that is the way the flu behaves."

"What we all need to get our heads around is this is a new virus... and even though it is a respiratory virus and even though respiratory viruses in the past did tend to do these different seasonal waves, this one is behaving differently," Harris said.

Instead of expecting the virus to behave like other viruses that are more familiar, she said people should look at what is actually known about how to stop transmission of Covid-19.

What works, she said, is physical distancing, hand washing, wearing a mask where appropriate, always covering up sneezes and coughs, staying home when

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বিএলআরআই কর্তৃক উদ্ভাবিত পদ্ধতিতে হুইপুষ্টকৃত গবাদি প্রাণী কোরবানি করি, নিরাপদ মাংস নিশ্চিত করি

গৃহপালিত প্রাণীর মাধ্যমে করোনা ভাইরাস সংক্রমণ হয় না

সুস্থ গবাদি প্রাণী চেনার উপায় -

- নাকের উপরের কালো/লাল অংশ বা ম্যাজেল ভেজা ভেজা ও চকচকে থাকবে
- পিঠের উপরের কুঁজ সোজা, মোটা ও টানটান থাকবে
- কান ঝাড়া থাকবে ও লেজ নড়া চড়া করবে
- সাধারণ চাঞ্চল্যভাব ও কিছুক্ষণ পর পর জাবর কাটবে
- পিঠের চামড়া টানটান থাকবে, পশম মসৃণ ও উজ্জল দেখাবে
- চামড়া টান দিয়ে ছেড়ে দিলে দ্রুত পূর্বের জায়গায় ফেরৎ আসবে
- আব্দুল দিয়ে ২০ সেকেন্ড চাপ দিয়ে ধরে থাকলে সুস্থ প্রাণীর চামড়ায় কোন গর্তের সৃষ্টি হবে না
- মুখের সামনে ঘাস জাতীয় খাবার ধরলে নিজে নিজেই জিহ্বা দিয়ে টেনে নিবে

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