

It's a clear

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dissent and the State is using frequent intimidation and harassment as a tool to stifle Kashmiri journalists, the statement said.

"Many journalists in Jammu and Kashmir have been arrested, detained, and interrogated for reporting under the lockdown, without any legitimate reason given by the authorities," it added.

Additionally, the Indian government has now implemented a New Media Policy 2020 for Jammu and Kashmir, which further increases the government's control over journalists and press in the region.

Article 19 said this policy gives Jammu and Kashmir's Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) the de facto right to exercise pre- and post-publication control over all journalism in the territory for the next five years.

"This is of great concern, considering that a year has gone by with no stop to the violence and ease of the restrictions put on Jammu and Kashmir and this new policy essentially giving the government a leeway to prosecute and discredit any journalist who stand to critique the State," said Faruq Faisal.

Global

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Trump said the coronavirus outbreak is as under control as it can get in the United States.

"They are dying, that's true," Trump said in an interview with the Axios news website. "It is what it is. But that doesn't mean we aren't doing everything we can. It's under control as much as you can control it. This is a horrible plague."

Erosion hits 10 districts

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day. Now, my family of seven has become homeless."

In Manikganj, over 500 houses and various establishments have already been washed away by flood water. A total of 7,645 square metres in six upazilas have gone under water.

In Brahmanbaria, around 50 houses, around four square kilometres of land, one kitchen market, one mosque and five rice mills have been devoured by the river in the last month.

Pradip Chandra Das, a school teacher of Panishwar village under Sarail upazila, said, "We are struggling to prevent river erosion. Many of this area have lost their homes."

In Sunamganj, as flood water recedes, many riverside areas are facing extreme river erosion.

Most of the rivers have become shallow over decades and water recedes slowly, causing erosion, said Md Sabibur Rahman, executive engineer of WDB in Sunamganj.

In Tangail, 780 houses were lost to erosion at six upazilas over the last month. Besides, two educational institutions at Kalihati and Nagarpur upazilas and one religious institution also went into the rivers, according to official data.

The erosion by Pungli river, a branch of the Jamuna, also hit the Tangail town protection embankment had at several points.

In Sirajganj, over 200 houses, a mosque and a huge amount of livestock was lost to flood at Songacha area under Sadar upazila, said locals.

Most of the people could not move their houses, livestock and other valuables as erosion was quick.

"I saw my house and poultry farm of 500 chickens going under water in the span of one and a half hours," said Aminul Islam, a

resident of Pachthakuri village. The sudden erosion was due to the huge pressure of water, said Md Shafikul Islam, executive engineer of Sirajganj WDB.

In Nilphamari, the river devoured 215 houses and around 200 acres of cultivable land in the last five days. Over 500 people displaced by river erosion have moved to safer places.

Aroz Ali, 65, of Char Kharibari shoal, under Dimla upazila, said, "Around 32 houses of our village went under water in the last few days as the Teesta started receding with a circular current."

In Gaibandha, many houses, temples, schools and cropland went under water during the recent floods.

Our Correspondents from Lalmonirhat, Tangail, Manikganj, Brahmanbaria, Nilphamari, Bogura, Pabna and Sylhet contributed to the story.

3 schoolgirls raped

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According to the police official, one of the three victims went out of her home following family feud on the day. On information, rest of the two offered her company and they went to the town's Tiger Pass area together around 8:30pm.

Following their movement, a man asked them about their issue and offered them accommodation for the night. He then called the two accused.

On information, the duo came to the spot and took the girls to a house in Khulshi area. There, they raped the girls overnight and fled the scene in the morning.

Later, the victims lodged a complaint with police with the help of their family members. The law enforcers then arrested the duo early yesterday and produced them before the court.

Dhaka gets first tranche

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And the agreement signed yesterday between ERD Secretary Fatima Yasmin and Japanese Ambassador Ito Naoki and JICA Country Chief Hayakawa Yuho were for the first tranche of the loan, he said.

"Like the others, Japan do not sign agreements for the entire loan amount at once. They do it in phases."

The remaining portion of the loan would be given in two phases soon, he said requesting anonymity as he is not authorised to speak with the media.

The first tranche, which is of \$320 million (35 billion yen), would be used to fund the government's stimulus packages amounting to Tk 103,117 crore, which is about 3.7 percent of the country's GDP, announced to shake off the ill effects of the pandemic.

"This is timely support for Bangladesh amid the COVID crisis," the Economic Relations Division said in a press release yesterday.

The funds will contribute to the health and economic recovery, which will eventually contribute to promoting the country's social and economic stabilisation

and development efforts, it added. The interest on the loan would be 0.01 percent and the repayment period 15 years including a four-year grace period, according to the ERD press release.

The loan would not have any impact on the financing of the projects JICA have already committed, the ERD official said.

Japan is the single largest bilateral development partner of Bangladesh, providing financial support for the country's socioeconomic development. Until June, Japan has provided \$14.23 billion in official development assistance.

The Fareast nation will provide another \$1.7 billion to Bangladesh under the 41st ODA package for seven ongoing projects.

The projects include the construction of the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib railway bridge that would go over the Jamuna river, the Matarbari ultra supercritical coal-fired power plant and the Dhaka Mass Rapid Transit.

The loan agreement is expected to be signed next week, another ERD official told The Daily Star yesterday wishing not to be named.

Death anniv of Kamaluddin observed

CITY DESK

The 8th death anniversary of Advocate A l h a j Kamaluddin Ahmed Khan, a former member of the Bangladesh Supreme Court Bar Association, was observed on August 1, says a press release.



His relatives, friends and well-wishers were asked to pray for salvation of his soul.

Kamaluddin, father of Anis A Khan, former managing director and CEO of Mutual Trust Bank Ltd, was a philanthropist.

He was born in Chattogram on February 19, 1927. He passed BA from Chittagong College in 1947 and obtained the LLB degree in 1962 from Chittagong Law College.

He was awarded "The Governor of Bengal Medal" in 1942 for his service in Assam during the Second World War. He also served as port commissioner of Chittagong Port and as Honorary Chief Warden of Civil Defence, Chittagong.

He founded Patharghata Girls High School.

KL to deport

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immigration department was informed that the earliest flight available from Kuala Lumpur to Dhaka was at the end of August, said The Star report.

Rayhan is alleged to have made false allegations on Malaysia's treatment of illegal immigrants in its fight against the Covid-19 pandemic when he was interviewed in an Al Jazeera documentary.

He was arrested on July 24 by a team of immigration officers from the Putrajaya office and has been remanded. Rayhan has since apologised.

Rights groups and global journalists' platforms condemned Malaysia's moves to arrest and deport Rayhan for criticising the government's treatment of migrant workers on a news show, saying such moves underscored the country's backsliding on press freedom in recent months, Voice of America reported yesterday.

Combined with the pressure on Al-Jazeera, Rayhan's arrest "clearly shows that the current authorities in Malaysia don't tolerate any independent reporting and consequently have very little respect for press freedom," said Daniel Bastard, Asia Pacific director for Reporters Without Borders (RSF).

Rights groups said Rayhan's arrest will also make the millions of migrant workers in Malaysia all the more reluctant to speak to the press about alleged abuses, raising the risk that they will fester, according to the VoA report.

"Now the implication is that most other migrant workers will be completely afraid of speaking out," said Watshlah Naidu, executive director of Malaysia's Centre for Independent Journalism.

Matthew Bugher, Asia programme director for freedom of expression advocates Article 19, said the arrest will further "stifle the media's ability to bring... abuses to light".

Bangabandhu

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also appeals to people to observe austerity in their day-to-day lives.

EROSION THREATENS CHANDPUR TOWN

Four salt factories have been eaten up by the Meghna erosion in Chandpur. Puraan Bazar is also facing threat of total extinction from erosion. The overall flood situation in the northern part of the country is improving as water is receding.

RELIEF TALKS WITH INDIA

The three-day conference between Bangladesh and India on refugee rehabilitation and relief requirements concludes today. The Indian team is led by Relief and Labour Minister RK Khadilkar while the Bangladeshi side is headed by Relief and Rehabilitation Minister AHM Kamaruzzaman.

SOURCES: August 7, 1972 issues of Bangladesh Observer, Dainik Bangla and Dainik Ittefaq.



NRB Bank Ltd celebrated its seventh anniversary at the bank's corporate head office in the capital on Tuesday. Due to the pandemic, the bank's management decided to celebrate using digital platforms. NRB Bank Managing Director and CEO Mamoon Mahmood Shah and Deputy Managing Director Md Khurshed Alam were present.

INVITATION FOR TENDER

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Tagore

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Academy, Shishu Academy and different government and non-government institutions and cultural organisations have set up programmes on a limited scale.

The wait

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centuries is ending," Modi said in a speech, after taking off a white mask that he wore as a novel coronavirus precaution.

"See the amazing power of Lord Ram. Buildings were destroyed, there was a lot of effort to eradicate his existence, but Ram remains in our mind even today."

জমি বিক্রয়

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The World Health Organization in Bangladesh invites proposals/bids using "Two-envelope system" from the interested Companies in Bangladesh for the following service:

- RFP/BAN/2020/006: For conducting a scoping study for establishment of an education management information systems (MIS) at the Directorate General of Medical Education (DGME), Medical Education and Family Welfare Division, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW), Government of Bangladesh.

Deadline for the submission of RFP: 17:00hrs, 16 August 2020

Interested Companies can view and download the relevant RFP documents from: <https://www.who.int/bangladesh/about-us/procurement-notice>

Interested bidders are requested to submit their financial and technical proposals in two separate sealed envelopes as per the instructions provided in the RFP documents at the Reception of WHO- Country Office for Bangladesh, United House, 10 Gulshan Avenue, Gulshan-1, Dhaka.

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