## New Zealand mosque shooter arrives in Christchurch for sentencing

REUTERS, Sydney

The suspected white supremacist who killed 51 Muslim worshippers last year, a massacre that prompted a global campaign to stamp out online hate, arrived in Christchurch on Sunday ahead of sentencing hearings.

Brenton Tarrant disembarked a New Zealand air force plane at Christchurch Airport on Sunday afternoon, wearing a protective vest and helmet and escorted by armed officers, before being directed into the back of a white van, television footage showed.

He has pleaded guilty to 51 charges of murder, 40 charges of attempted murder and one charge of committing a terrorist act.

## BNP likely

coronavirus case on March 8, the EC has so far held several elections. On March 21, it held by-polls to Dhaka-10, Gaibandha-3, and Bagerhat-4. By-polls to Bogura-1 and Jashore-6 constituencies were held on

Mohammad Shahjahan, vicechairman of the party, said people were struggling for their lives and livelihoods, and the election was not their concern.

"But the Election Commission is planning to declare the ruling party candidates the winners without any contest," he said.

By-elections to Dhaka-18 and Pabna-4 constituencies will take place soon as seats of parliament have fallen vacant recently after the demise of lawmakers Sahara Khatun and Shamsur Rahman Sherif.

By-polls to Sirajganj-1, Dhaka-5, and Naogoan-6, which fell vacant after the death of lawmakers Mohammad Nasim, Habibur Rahman Mollah, and Israfil Alam respectively, will also be held soon.

There are around 4,571 union parishads across the country. The last union parishad elections were held in several phases from March 22, 2016,

to June 4, 2016. According to union parishad election rules, an election should be held 180 days before the tenure of the union parishad is expired.

So, elections should be completed between the last week of September this year and the third week of March next year.

## India to probe

place," Muhammad Faruk Khan, chief of the parliamentary watchdog, told The Daily Star over telephone after the meeting.

The Bangladesh foreign secretary also informed the Jatiya Sangsad body that Shringla has assured him of holding talks about the issue during a meeting between the director generals of Border Guard Bangladesh and the Indian Border Security Force.

Momen also informed lawmakers that the Teesta water-sharing issue was not discussed during Shringla's

Shringla arrived in Dhaka on August 18 on a sudden visit and conveyed a message to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina that Delhi has special relations with Dhaka and it will continue to be its development partner.

This was the first visit by a highlevel Indian official to Dhaka since the Covid-19 pandemic began in mid-March.

The parliamentary watchdog asked the foreign ministry to organise workshops, seminars and increase communications with different countries on a political level to stop propaganda about Bangladesh.

The committee also recommended taking necessary measures to export pharmaceutical items to different countries in the Middle East and take measures to import yarn instead of

#### Resist Pak

by Prime Minister Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman has been finally dropped following the doctor's advice of "complete and undisturbed rest" to Bangabandhu, who had undergone a gallbladder surgery in

London on July 31. SADRUDDIN WILL MEET BANGABANDHU

Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, High Commissioner for Refugee Relief, will call on Bangabandhu on August 27. **CLOTH WORTH TK 5 CRORE TO** BE IMPORTED FROM INDIA MR Siddiqui, trade and commerce

minister, discloses today that the government will import Tk 5 crore worth of cloth from India. The cloth will arrive by air in mid-September. This arrangement is made as an immediate step to tide over the cloth

The minister further informs that the government is planning to boost the country's tea exports. SOURCES: August 25, 1972 issues of Bangladesh Observer, Dainik Bangla and Dainik Ittefaq.



Palestinian fishermen make their way to port to escape an Israeli Navy patrol near Gaza City yesterday. Fishing off the northern part of the strip, adjacent to Israel, is limited to six nautical miles offshore and the Israeli navy regularly fires warning shots or at Palestinians who breach it.

## Southwest suffers due to tide, rain

swept everything away.

and remained stable at one point among the 30 river points monitored in the Ganges basin in 24 hours till 9:00am yesterday, the report said.

Our correspondents from different districts reported on their respective flood situations.

In Bagerhat, tidal water continues to enter the locality with heavy rainfall for the last five days. At least 1,500 families of Sadar, Morelganj, Kachua, Rampal, Fakirhat, Chitalmari, Mollahat, Mongla and Sharankhola upazila are marooned.

Over 5,000 fish enclosures have washed away and 10,727 hectares of crops have been affected by the floods, said local agriculture and fisheries officers. Tahidul, a resident of Chargram

village of Sadar upazila, said water started entering their village after an embankment broke.

"My house, fish enclosure and pond have been submerged," he said. In Satkhira, at least five unions of Ashashuni upazila have also been flooded after an embankment breach.

Locals said even cyclones Amphan, Bulbul or other major ones did not cause much damage to Pratapnagar union. "The whole union was submerged. As a result,

communications with the union headquarters have been cut off."

Shahinur Rahman of the union said, "I have not seen such a horrible situation in the past 40 years. When the tides started flowing in the Kopotaksh and Kholpetua rivers, the water rushed through the broken embankment and

In Khulna, 10 villages in Koyra upazila were inundated leaving around 5,000 people affected. Eight points along the embankment were breached.

In Barishal division, water levels of different rivers have started coming down since yesterday noon. "Water levels of different rivers in

this region are falling. But some rivers are still flowing above danger level. However, I think those will come down too within two days," said Md Hasanuzzaman, executive engineer of Bhola's Water Development Board.

Mehendiganj upazila was the worst affected from overflowing rivers. A bridge, around 144 kms of unpaved roads and 44 kms of paved roads have been damaged, 15,000 hectares of agricultural land and 595 metric tons of fish have been washed away, while at least 50,000 people have been affected, locals said.

In Pirojpur, low-lying areas have been inundated due to tidal surges

over the past few days. Fishes worth around Tk 6 crore have been washed away, said fisheries' officers.

In Jhalakathi, some 700 ponds and fish enclosures have been submerged due to high tide.

In Patuakhali, several thousand people in at least 50 villages remained marooned due to tidal surges, while at least 500 fish ponds in those areas have been submerged

In Sirajganj, floodwater is receding, but the risk of river erosion intensifying.

About 50 metres of river banks along the flood protection embankment at the Dhekuria point near the Shahid M Mansur Ali Eco park in Kazipur upazila have eroded over the last couple of days.

In Manikganj, water level of the Jamuna has slightly increased during that period. But it was still flowing 27cm below danger level at Aricha point yesterday.

In Munshiganj, ferry services on Shimulia-Kathalbari route are being disrupted due to strong currents on the Padma and poor navigability, said officials concerned.

(Our Correspondents from Bagerhat, Barishal, Pirojpur, Manikganj and Munshigani contributed to the report.)

## Court frames charges

the couple were primarily proven and they should be brought under trial in this connection

Rab arrested Papia, her husband -a former Chhatra League leader -- and their two accomplices from Dhaka's Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport on February 22 when they were trying to leave the country.

Rab members recovered seven passports, Tk 2,12,270, fake notes worth Tk 25,600, \$11,481, 420 Sri Lankan rupees, 301 Indian rupees, and two debit cards from their possession.

They later raided Papia's flats in Farmgate and recovered a foreign pistol, two magazines, 20 bullets, five bottles of foreign liquor, Tk 58,41,000 cash, credit and debit cards of different banks.

Three cases were filed against the couple with Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Police Station under the Arms and the Special Powers Acts, while another case was lodged with Biman Bandar Police Station under the Special

Another case was filed against the four -- the couple and their two accomplices -- with Gulshan Police Station under the Money Laundering

Prevention Act. On February 24, Papia and her husband were placed on a 15-day remand each in three cases after they were produced before two separate

Dhaka courts. Their accomplices --Khondaker and Sheikh Taiyaba -- were placed on a five-day remand each in the case filed with Biman Bandar Police Station.

According to the remand prayers, the investigation officers said the accused amassed considerable wealth through illegal arms trade, drugs trade, smuggling, trading of fake currencies, and extortion.

On August 4, the Anti-Corruption Commission lodged a case against Papia and her husband for amassing about Tk 6.24 crore illegally.

## Naogoan-6, Dhaka-5

by-polls in Dhaka-5 and Naogoan-6, announced Mohammad Alamgir, senior secretary to the commission, yesterday.

He made the statement following a meeting of election commissioners at the EC office.

The last date for nomination papers' submission for the aspirants in Pabna 4 is September 2, while the nomination papers will be scrutinised by the commission officials on September 3.

According to the announcement, the last date for withdrawal of candidacy is September 8.

Alamgir said ballot papers will be used in the by-polls in Pabna-4 and Naogoan-6 while electronic voting machines (EVMs) will be used for the by-polls in Dhaka-5.

He also said that the decision was made to fulfil the constitutional obligation of filling the vacant seat of a member of parliament.

According to the constitution, an election to fill the seat of a Member of Parliament which falls vacant otherwise than by reason of the dissolution of Parliament shall be held within 90 days of the occurrence of the vacancy.

"Provided that in a case where, in the opinion of the Chief Election reasons of an act of God, to hold such July 14.

election within the period specified in this clause, such election shall be held within ninety days following next after the last day of such period," reads the

The maximum 180-day time limit for Pabna-4 will end on September 28 and for Dhaka-5 on November 1. Elections to the Naogoan-6 will take be held within the first 90 days of the occurrence of the vacancy.

Alamgir said that election will be held strictly following the health directives to prevent the spread of coronavirus No public meeting and door to

door campaign will be allowed during electioneering, he added. Pabna-4 seats of parliament fell

vacant in recent times after the demise of Shamsur Rahman Sherif. Dhaka-5 and Naogoan-6 seats, fell vacant recently after the demise of

lawmakers Habibur Rahman Mollah

and Israfil Alam respectively. The EC will also need to hold byelections of Dhaka-18 and Sirajganj-1 that fell vacant after death Sahara Khatun and Mohammad Nasim.

Since the detection of the first coronavirus case on March 8, the EC has so far held several elections.

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# S Korea ramps up virus curbs

But that has also led to a sharp rise in cases, taking its total past three million.

"We are seeing the virus spread across India," said K Srinath Reddy from the NGO Public Health Foundation of India.

SECOND WAVE IN AUSTRALIA

Australia recorded a further 17 new deaths yesterday but infections in the hard-hit state of Victoria, the site of all the latest deaths, are showing a downward trend, authorities said.

Other than in Victoria, which accounts for over

80% of Australia's Covid-19 deaths due to a second

wave of infections, the country has largely avoided the high casualty numbers of many nations with about 24,500 infections and 502 deaths. Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews said the state, which is almost halfway through a six-week lockdown, had confirmed 208 new infections in the preceding 24 hours. That was higher than the 182

than the weekly average, he said. "We're going to defeat this second wave," Andrews told reporters. He said 11 of the 17 deaths confirmed in the 24 hours to yesterday were linked to virus outbreaks at aged care facilities, reports Reuters.

new cases reported on Saturday, but was still lower

In the state capital Melbourne, production of reality TV series 'The Masked Singer' was halted after "several crew members" tested positive for the virus, the ViacomCBS Inc-owned (VIACA.O) free-to-air broadcaster Ten Network said in a social media post.

reported three new positive cases yesterday. 'DON'T FEEL INVINCIBLE'

Italy -- once the European epicentre of the virus -said Saturday it had registered more than 1,000 new infections in the past 24 hours, the highest level since the end of a punishing lockdown in May.

The story is similar across Spain, Germany and France. The Rome region also said it had recorded a

2016, according to a news release this week from the park.

tracks to colleague Stephen Rowland, a paleontologist

at UNLV. Rowland and a team of colleagues

documented the discovery in a paper published

Grand Canyon, which is known for its abundant fossil

tracks," Rowland said in a statement. "... They are

among the oldest tracks on Earth of shelled-egg-laying

animals, such as reptiles, and the earliest evidence of

alongside a trail, but had seemingly gone unnoticed

until Krill brought it to the attention of geologists.

animals passing on the slope of a sand dune.

on the other side moving together.

The boulder containing the fossil tracks was exposed after a cliff collapsed. It had been in plain sight

Researchers said the footprints show two separate

The pattern of the footprints revealed a distinctive

gait that scientists did not know about in early

animals. Called a lateral-sequence walk, it involves

the rear leg and the front leg on one side of the

animal moving together, alternating with those legs

"Living species of tetrapods, dogs and cats, for

"These are by far the oldest vertebrate tracks in

Intrigued by his finding, Krill sent a photo of the

Cliff collapse reveals

Wednesday in the journal PLOS One.

vertebrate animals walking in sand dunes.

record number of cases in the past 24 hours, a rise health officials blamed on people returning from

Most of those infected are young people who are not showing symptoms, the Italian capital's health official Alessio D'Amato said, warning them to stay

"Don't feel invincible," he urged them.

In Germany, a university has launched a series of pop concerts under coronavirus conditions, hoping the mass experiment with 2,000 people can determine whether large events can safely resume, reports AFP.

But with no vaccine yet, economies in hard-hit regions like Latin America are struggling to contain the staggering costs of the pandemic -- with a rise not only in poverty but political turmoil and crime too. **US ELECTION CRISIS** 

The United States remains the worst-hit country in the world, with nearly 5.7 million infections and deaths approaching 180,000.

The run-up to the presidential election has been dominated by the coronavirus, with President Donald Trump facing intense criticism for his handling of the

The pandemic is set to impact the electoral exercise itself, with Americans expected to vote by mail in massive numbers instead of visiting polling centres. But that has caused another political standoff, with

the postal service warning most states it could not guarantee on-time delivery of mail-in ballots. Trump -- trailing his challenger Joe Biden in polls - has opposed more funding for the cash-strapped In neighbouring New Zealand, health authorities

> help process ballots. He has repeatedly and baselessly linked mail-in

US Postal Service, acknowledging it would be used to

voting to election fraud. Biden's fellow Democrats in the US House of Representatives approved a \$25 billion infusion for the USPS on Saturday, but it is likely to die in the Senate -- which is controlled by the Republicans.

# 72pc hospital beds lying

positivity rate has fallen below 19 percent for the first time in over two months.

The highest positivity rate was 25.23 percent on Positivity rate refers to the percentage of people

who test positive for the virus of those overall who have been tested. During last week, this rate was below 20 percent

on average. In the 24 hours until 8:30am yesterday, 34 patients were reported dead.

Total number of confirmed cases was 2,94,598 Bangladesh was 16th in the list of worst affected countries in the world in terms of the number of

confirmed cases, according to worldometers.info.

them died in hospitals and the rest at home.

Of all confirmed patients, nearly 61 percent have According to officials, 10 of the yesterday's deceased were females while 24 were males and 31 of

One of them was aged between 21 and 30 years, three from 31-40, two from 41-50, six from 51-60 and 22 were from 60-70. One was from Barishal division, two from

Rangpur, four each from Rajshahi and Sylhet, five from Chattogram and 18 from Dhaka. At least 573 people were newly placed in isolation

#### গণস্বাস্থ্য ICU দেশের সেরা ICU \* বাংলাদেশের একমাত্র ইউরোপিয়ান ডিপ্লোমা ইন ইনটেনসিভ কেয়ার মেডিসিনে (EDIC) ডিগ্রীধারী অধ্যাপক নজীব মোহাম্মদ সার্বক্ষনিক ভাবে গণস্বাস্থ্য

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বিভাগীয় কার্যালয়ে আশ্রয় প্রাপ্ত মহিলা সহায়তা কর্মসূচি,			৫০০/− (পাঁচশত) টাকা।	সহায়তা কর্মসূচি, চউগ্রাম এর অনুকুলে		
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- পার্শ্বে),ডবলমুরিং,চট্টগ্রাম। অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে দরপত্র সিডিউল ৫০০/-(পাঁচশত টাকা) ট্রেজারী চালানের মাধ্যমে কোড নং-১-৩০২১-০০০০-২৩৬৬ তে বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক/ সোনালী ব্যাংকে জমা দিয়ে চালানের মূল কপি প্রদর্শন এবং ফটো কপি প্রদান পূর্বক উল্লেখিত কার্যালয় থেকে
- সিডিউল ক্রয় করা যাবে। দরপত্রের সাথে ট্রেজারী চালানের মূল কপিসহ দাখিল করতে হবে। দরদাতাগণকে দরপত্র তফসিলে বর্ণিত প্রতিটি আইটেমের দর অংকে ও কথায় পরিস্কার ভাবে লিখতে হবে। কোন কাটাকাটি হলে
  - পুনরায় লিখে স্বাক্ষর করতে হবে। মালামালের বিস্তারিত বিবরণ ও শর্তাবলী দরপত্র সিডিউলে উল্লেখ থাকবে।
- কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা সকল দরপত্র বাতিল করার এবং সর্বনিমু দরদাতার দরপত্র গ্রহণ না করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন



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example, routinely use a lateral-sequence gait when they walk slowly," Rowland said in a statement. "The Bright Angel Trail tracks document the use of this gait very early in the history of vertebrate animals. We previously had no information about that."

with symptoms, taking the total to 20,619.