4 lakh Bangladeshis

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workers in Qatar at the mercy of abusive employers," Steve Cockburn, Amnesty International's head of economic and social justice, said in a statement on Sunday.

The two reforms were first announced by the Emir of Qatar in October, 2019, and were signed into law on Sunday, Amnesty said.

The Qatar Ministry of Administrative Development, Labour and Social Affairs has introduced the laws to "protect the interests of employers and employees", reports The Peninsula, an English daily published from Doha.

According to the Bangladesh Embassy in Doha, more than 80 percent of Bangladeshi male workers in Qatar are involved in the construction sector.

In recent years, Qatar has hired about 2.8 lakh semi-skilled and less skilled workers from Bangladesh mainly for its construction projects aimed to develop infrastructures for the World Cup and to implement their "National Vision-2030", according to the mission.

In 2018, Bangladeshis remitted about $983.91 million from Qatar, whereas last year the amount of remittance sent from the Gulf country was $1.1 billion, shows the government data.

On March 26 this year, Bangladesh Ambassador to Qatar Ashud Ahmed said the Qatar government in the last few years has undertaken several "modern and bold" initiatives to protect rights of migrant workers.

The Qatar government also helped the Bangladesh community fight the coronavirus pandemic, he said in a video message, on the occasion of Bangladesh's 49th anniversary of independence.

"About 4.16 lakh Bangladeshis live in Qatar and a large part of them are migrant workers. Bangladeshis constitute the second-largest expatriate community in the Gulf country," he had said.

The expatriates' welfare ministry data shows 7,129 migrant workers returned from Qatar amid the pandemic from April 1 till August 26 because they had no jobs.

Following Qatar's enactment of the new laws, International Labour Organisation in a statement on Sunday said migrant workers can now change jobs before the end of their contract without first having to obtain a No Objection Certificate from their employer.

To terminate an employment contract and change jobs, workers must provide at least one month's written notice if they have worked with the employer for two years or less, or two months' notice if they have worked with the employer for over two years.

Besides, the new minimum wage will apply to workers of all nationalities and in all sectors, including domestic workers, the ILO said.

In addition to the basic minimum wage, employers must ensure that workers have decent accommodation and food, it added.

Amnesty International said the minimum wage replaces a temporary minimum wage of 750 Qatari riyals set in 2017. However, some nationalities like Nepali and Filipino workers already had higher minimum wages negotiated via bilateral agreements.

Online media policy

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Nayapaltan central office arranged by Dhaka College unit Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal in memory of ex-student leaders Abdul Awal Khan and Shafiul Bari Babu.

The Cabinet meeting, chaired by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, endorsed the National Online Media Policy 2017 (Amendment 2020) incorporating some new provisions on last Monday.

As per the draft amendment to online media policy, newspapers, television channels and radio stations will require to be registered for running their online news portals.

"If the print and online content of newspapers are the same, then they won't need approval (registration). If they bring variation (to contents) in the online versions, they'll require approval," said Cabinet Secretary Khandker Anwarul Islam at a press briefing after the meeting.

Rizvi said the government has long been imposing different restrictions by enacting various laws and acts to give the "one-party Baksal rule" a final shape. "Sheikh Hasina is moving towards the one-party, one-leader and one-country and one newspaper policy of her father which has exposed through her efforts to control the media."

He said the Prime Minister now has no alternative to controlling the media to hang onto power by hiding the misdeeds of her government and party.

The BNP leader urged the young generation to come forward and prepare for a strong struggle to get rid of the situation and "restore" democracy in the country.

People throw stones during clashes with the police after authorities tried to halt the annual Buddhist chariot procession of Rato Machindranath amid restrictions to prevent spread of coronavirus in Lalitpur, on the outskirts of Kathmandu, Nepal yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Canada, Netherlands join Gambia

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crimes related to sexual and gender-based violence, including rape, it said.

The Gambia, with support from the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), filed the case with the ICJ more than two years after some 750,000 Rohingyas fled a brutal military campaign in Myanmar's Rakhine state and joined some 300,000 others who fled earlier waves of violence in Myanmar since the 1980s.

The UN Security Council could not take any concrete actions against Myanmar because of opposition from veto powers China and Russia. Gambia filed the case, but not many countries supported it.

The ICJ in January this year issued a rule asking Myanmar to prevent any acts of genocide against the Rohingya and to preserve the evidence of atrocities. The UK welcomed the ICJ decision and European Union called on Myanmar to comply with the order.

In the statement, Canada and Netherlands said the Gambia's application shows the discrimination and persecution of the Rohingya population in Myanmar, which created the conditions for Myanmar's security forces to perpetrate targeted and systemic atrocities against them.

According to the Gambia's application, Myanmar's violations include the commission of genocide against the Rohingyas, mostly by way of the systematic and widespread perpetration of mass murder, sexual violence, torture, forced displacement and denial of access to food and shelter.

Canada and the Netherlands lauded the Gambia's case saying it is a step towards ending impunity for those committing atrocities in Myanmar, and called for the states party to the Genocide Convention to support the Gambia.

Welcoming the decision, the Burmese Rohingya Organzation UK (BROUK) said it is a historic decision that will further the cause of justice for Rohingya victims and survivors of the 2017 genocide, and help hold those responsible for war crimes to account.

"Slowly but surely, the net is closing in on Myanmar's leaders -- they will not get away with this genocide," BROUK President Tun Khin said.

"In supporting the Gambia's genocide case against Myanmar, Canada and the Netherlands are not just standing with Rohingya victims, they are standing on the right side of history," he said urging other governments to demonstrate similar leadership by supporting the Gambia's case.

BROUK said lasting peace and stability in Myanmar cannot be achieved in the absence of justice. Signs are evident that history is repeating itself, it said, adding that in Rakhine, the genocide against the Rohingyas is ongoing.

Rohingya civilians continue to be forced from their homes and placed into cramped internally displaced persons (IDP) camps, cut off from the outside world and denied internet access. Across the country, Rohingyas are denied citizenship and are being denied the right to vote and compete in the upcoming parliamentary elections, Tun Khin said.

It is critical that the international community move quickly to stop the ongoing genocide against Rohingyas in Rakhine State, support independent, impartial accountability efforts, enable Rohingya enfranchisement and support a safe, voluntary and dignified repatriation process, he added.

Star staffer

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Almighty for the salvation and eternal peace of the departed soul of Shyamal Biswas. May the Almighty give his bereaved family members the strength and courage to bear this irreparable loss."

The Daily Star was the first newspaper in the country to opt for work from home ever since the pandemic broke out in March.

With Shyamal, at least 19 journalists and media workers have died from Covid-19 so far in the country while 11 others passed away showing symptoms, according to Our Media, Our Rights, a Facebook group operated by journalists.

More than 800 journalists and media workers are so far infected, it added.

War criminals'

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deliberating a five-day International Criminal Law Conference being held in Milan.

FRANCE WILL GIVE $3M AS GIFT

France will provide three million dollars as gift to Bangladesh, which will be used to finance, among others, studies of the Kurmitola International Airport and Triple Super-Phosphate factory in Chittagong. This is announced by the French Ambassador to Bangladesh Pierre Berthlot after his meeting with the Acting Prime Minister Syed Nazrul Islam in Dhaka today.

STEPS TO SUPPLY FOODSTUFF TO OUTLYING AREAS

Food Minister Phani Bhushan Majumdar says in Dhaka today that a special arrangement is being made to get food grains to outlying areas to ease the situation. He informs that a curfew is being imposed on the borders to stop smuggling. He urges the political parties and others to cooperate with the government to keep the price of foodstuff in control.

SOURCES: September 5, 1972 issues of Bangladesh Observer, Dainik Bangla and Dainik Ittefaq.

Positivity rate

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With the new confirmed cases in 24 hours till 8:30am yesterday, the total number of novel coronavirus cases in the country rose to 319,686. The overall positivity rate is slightly over 20 percent.

During the same period, another 32 people died from Covid-19 in the country.

With them, the total number of deaths from the virus rose to 4,383. The death rate now stands at 1.37 percent, according to a DGHS press release.

Of all confirmed Covid-19 patients in Bangladesh, nearly 2.14 lakh have recovered till yesterday. The recovery rate is about 67 percent.

The rest of 101,323 patients are now undergoing treatment -- mostly at home. These are called active cases.

Of all active cases, only 3,798 were receiving treatment in general beds of hospitals and 316 in ICU beds.

There are 14,474 general beds and 550 ICU beds in hospitals designated for Covid-19 patients across the country.

Among the 32 latest deceased, 31 died at hospitals and one at home. Eight of them were females and 24 males.

Two of the deceased were aged between 41 and 50, 12 between 51 and 60, and the highest 18 were aged over 60.

Nearly half of all deceased were aged over 60. More than 48 percent of them were from Dhaka division.

In the 24-hour period till 8:30am yesterday, 613 people were placed in institutional isolation.

With them, the total number of people under institutional isolation now stands at 19,869.

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১.	দেয়াল ক্যালেন্ডার ও খামের সাইজ, সংখ্যা এবং কাগজ	তিন রঙে ২০২১ সালের ১,৪০,৭০০ (এক লক্ষ চল্লিশ হাজার সাতশত) পিস দেয়াল ক্যালেন্ডার মুদ্রণ ও বাঁধাই এবং তৎসংশ্লিষ্ট ৪২,৪০০ (বিয়াল্লিশ হাজার চারশত) পিস খাম চার রঙে মুদ্রণ ও তৈরি। ক্যালেন্ডারের সাইজঃ ১৯.৫ ইঞ্চি x ১৪.৫ ইঞ্চি, খামের সাইজ ২০ ইঞ্চি x ১৫ ইঞ্চি। ক্যালেন্ডারের কাগজঃ ১২০ গ্রাম ডাবল ক্রাউন অফসেট (পেপার ওয়ান), খামের কাগজঃ ১০০ গ্রাম ডাবল ডিমাই অফসেট (পেপার ওয়ান)।
২.	দরপত্রে অংশগ্রহণের উপযুক্ততা বা যোগ্যতা	ক) দরপত্রে অংশগ্রহণকারী মুদ্রণকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহকে উন্নতমানের দেয়াল ক্যালেন্ডার মুদ্রণ ও বাঁধাই এবং তৎসংশ্লিষ্ট খাম মুদ্রণ ও প্রস্তুতের ৫ বছরের পূর্ব অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে এবং খ্যাতিমান প্রতিষ্ঠানের এরূপ মুদ্রণ কাজে অভিজ্ঞতার প্রমাণাদি উপস্থাপন করতে হবে। খ) মুদ্রণকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানে উন্নতমানের মুদ্রণে সক্ষম ডাবল ক্রাউন ও ডাবল ডিমাই সাইজের অফসেট প্রিন্টিং মেশিনসহ কাটিং মেশিন, যথেষ্ট সংখ্যক দক্ষ জনবল, নিজস্ব বাঁধাইখানা ও নিজস্ব অটো প্লেট মেকিং প্রসেস মেশিন থাকতে হবে। গ) বিগত ৫ (পাঁচ) বছরের বার্ষিক গড়ে ন্যূনতম ৳৮০,০০,০০০.০০ (আশি লক্ষ) টাকা হিসেবে মোট ৪ কোটি টাকার মুদ্রণ কাজে টার্নওভার (কার্যসম্পাদনের প্রমাণপত্র দিতে হবে; **কার্যাদেশপত্র গ্রহণযোগ্য নয়**) থাকতে হবে। ঘ) টিআইএন নম্বরসহ হালনাগাদ আয়কর সনদ, ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন, বৈধ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স ইত্যাদি কাগজপত্র এবং বাণিজ্যিক ব্যাংক কর্তৃক ন্যূনতম ৳৪০,০০,০০০.০০ (চল্লিশ লক্ষ) টাকার আর্থিক সচ্ছলতার সার্টিফিকেট প্রদান করতে হবে। আর্থিক সচ্ছলতার সনদ দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের পরের যে কোনো তারিখের হতে হবে। ঙ) দরপত্র দলিলের টেন্ডার ডাটাশীটের অন্যান্য শর্তাবলী প্রযোজ্য হবে।
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৪.	টেন্ডার সিকিউরিটি জমা দেয়ার বিবরণ	টেন্ডার সিকিউরিটি মহাব্যবস্থাপক, এক্সপেন্ডিচার ম্যানেজমেন্ট ডিপার্টমেন্ট-২, বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক, প্রধান কার্যালয়, ঢাকা-১০০০ এর অনুকূলে বাংলাদেশে অবস্থিত যে কোন তফসিলি ব্যাংকের ৳৮০,০০০.০০ (আশি হাজার) টাকার ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার (ফেরতযোগ্য) স্ক্যান করে pdf ফরমেটে online-এ প্রেরণ করতে হবে এবং মূলকপি দরপত্র খোলার (ডাউনলোড) নির্ধারিত সময়ের পূর্বে ডিপার্টমেন্ট অব কমিউনিকেশন্স এন্ড পাবলিকেশন্স (৩০ তলা উচ্চ ভবনের ২৭ তলায় পশ্চিম পার্শ্বে) এর মহাব্যবস্থাপক মহোদয়ের অফিস কক্ষে রক্ষিত টেন্ডার বাক্সে জমা প্রদান করতে হবে।
৫.	ক্যালেন্ডারের নমুনা	দেয়াল ক্যালেন্ডারের কাগজ, বাইন্ডিং এর রড (সাদা রং) ও ওয়াইরো তার (সাদা), খামের কাগজ ইত্যাদির নমুনা (নমুনা ক্যালেন্ডার তৈরি করে) দরপত্র খোলার নির্ধারিত সময়ের পূর্বে ডিপার্টমেন্ট অব কমিউনিকেশন্স এন্ড পাবলিকেশন্স-এ দাখিল করতে হবে।
৬.	সিডিউল প্রাপ্তি, দরপত্র গ্রহণ ও খোলার ঠিকানা এবং সময়	বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের ওয়েবসাইট (www.bb.org.bd) এ আগামী ২৮-০৯-২০২০ তারিখ সকাল ১১.০০টা পর্যন্ত e-Tendering পদ্ধতিতে উন্মোচিত আর্থিক প্রস্তাব সম্বলিত Form পূরণের মাধ্যমে online-এ দরপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে এবং একই তারিখ সকাল ১১.১৫টায় দরদাতা অথবা তাদের প্রতিনিধির উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) ডিপার্টমেন্ট অব কমিউনিকেশন্স এন্ড পাবলিকেশন্স (৩০ তলা উচ্চ ভবনের ২৭ তলায় পশ্চিম পার্শ্বে) এর মহাব্যবস্থাপক মহোদয়ের অফিস কক্ষে online এ প্রাপ্ত দরপত্রসমূহ উন্মুক্ত করা হবে।

প্রয়োজনে বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের দরপত্র মূল্যায়ন কমিটি মুদ্রণ প্রতিষ্ঠান পরিদর্শন সাপেক্ষে মুদ্রণকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের উপযুক্ততা যাচাই করবে। এক্ষেত্রে অসত্য তথ্য প্রদান করলে তাদের দরপত্র বিবেচিত হবে না। বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক যে কোনো বা সকল দরপত্র কোনো প্রকার কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে বিবেচনা কিংবা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করে।

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Bangladeshi

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Chairman of Narayanpur union parishad, Mozibor Rahman, said BSF troops of Battalion-41 opened fire when Chhobil Uddin and his fellows went to Mantrirchar in India's Assam state during the early hours yesterday to bring cattle.

Chhobil Uddin was shot in his abdomen and died on the way to his village, he said.

He used to work as a herder for cattle traders, the chairman said.

Mamun-ur-Rashed, officer-in-charge of Kochakata Police Station, confirmed the death of Chhobil Uddin.

Contacted, Lt Col Mohammad Jamnal Hossain, commander of Border Guard Bangladesh-22, said they heard gunshot. But BGB team found no body on the border.

Covid death

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It is followed by Indonesia with 7,616 deaths from 180,646 cases and Pakistan (6,328 deaths, 297,014 cases).

In terms of deaths, Asia is the fourth most affected region in the world, behind Latin America and the Caribbean (282,979 deaths, 7,514,473 cases), Europe (216,596 deaths, 4,049,902 cases), the United States and Canada (194,915 deaths, 6,244,459 cases).

As the race intensifies for a vaccine against the coronavirus, rich countries are rushing to place advance orders for the inevitably limited supply to guarantee their citizens get immunized first.

The US has urged states to get ready for a potential Covid-19 vaccine rollout two days before the presidential election as the pandemic has killed more than 863,000 people worldwide.

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Open Sculpture Model Design Competition

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Ministry of Liberation War Affairs in association with Public Works Department has undertaken the project "Construction of Swadhinata Stambha at Suhrawardy Udyan, Dhaka (3rd Phase)" to celebrate Silver Jubilee of the independence of Bangladesh. The 7th March Speech of Bangabandhu (Founder and Father of the Nation) and Surrender of Pakistani Army on 16th December will be represented in the form of sculpture to mark the emergence of Bangladesh as a free and prosperous nation within this monumental project. Both the sculptures competition will be national anonymous architectural design competition that will be organized by Ministry of Liberation War Affairs with the able support of Department of Sculpture, University of Dhaka.

Brief	Double-base whole body sculpture of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman to represent his 7th March Speech of 1971 & Sculpture replicating Surrender ceremony of Pakistan Army at the Ramna Race Course Ground in Dhaka (the capital of Bangladesh) on 16th December 1971
Site	Allocated plot at Suhrawardy Udyan, Dhaka
Prizes	First Prize Tk 5,00,000.00 (Taka five lac) and Certificate Second Prize Tk 3,00,000.00 (Taka three lac) and Certificate Third Prize Tk 2,00,000.00 (Taka two lac) and Certificate
Jurors	1. Tapan Kanti Ghosh, Secretary, Ministry of Liberation War Affairs, Chairperson 2. Md. Ashraful Alam, Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, Member 3. A.S.M. Aminur Rahman, Chief Architect, Department of Architecture, Member 4. Hamiduzzaman Khan, Professor, Department of Sculpture, University of Dhaka, Member 5. Nisar Hossain, Dean (Acting), Faculty of Fine Art, University of Dhaka, Member 6. Mojibur Rahman, President, Sculpture Alumni Association, University of Dhaka, Member 7. Mukul Kumar Barai, Chairman, Department of Sculpture, University of Dhaka, Member
Eligibility	The Sculptor (Team Leader) must be a citizen of Bangladesh
Registration	1. Eligible Sculptor/Group of Sculptor will have to pay an amount of BDT 5000/- in cash at PWD City Division Office from 06.09.2020 – 10.09.2020 between 10:00am to 5:00pm. 2. Upon receiving the amount PWD will issue a unique registration code against the participants. 3. The Design Brief will be available both in the websites of MOLWA and PWD.
Queries	Queries will only be addressed in writing form and to the following email: ee_city@pwd.gov.bd, with 'Q-unique registration code' as subject.
Timeline	Registration 06.09.2020 – 10.09.2020 Receiving queries 13.09.2020 – 14.09.2020 Reply to queries 16.09.2020 Submission 04.10.2020, Sunday, 09:00am to 12:00pm at PWD Suhrawardy Udyan site office, Dhaka.
Venue	Suhrawardy Udyan, Dhaka
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