

Parents put kids

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During the animated speech, Kamal Hossain also said, "We want to enforce the law and wipe out the drugs menace."

This newspaper has a video clip of the speech.

Pradeep was suspended after he was accused in a case for killing Major (ret'd) Sinha Rashed Md Khan. The fallen officer is now behind the bars.

Contacted, Cox's Bazar DC Kamal Hossain on Wednesday said, "Yes, I said that. ... We want to enforce the law and wipe out the drugs menace. We want to enforce the law while staying within the law."

Sinha, who served in the Special Security Force (SSF) and took voluntary retirement from the army two years ago, was killed in police shooting at Shamlapur Police Checkpost on July 31.

The general people of Teknaf, who lived in fear when Pradeep was the OC, recently came forward with allegations that he took hefty sums from locals by threatening to kill them in so-called shootouts with police.

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According to the constitution, the gap between the end of a session of Jatiya Sangsad and the first sitting of the next session shall not exceed a period of 60 days.

Bus runs over

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Police Station, said the woman got down from the bus near Banani Army Club intersection around 12:00pm.

The same bus ran over her right leg after she was hit by the vehicle and fell on the road, said the OC.

Police seized the bus but its driver managed to flee the scene, added the OC.

Afroza's son Al Amin further said her mother was first taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) in critical condition and later shifted to the Nitor for better treatment.

She has been kept under observation there.

Flying-V

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take the highly anticipated aircraft along its next developmental steps.

A team of researchers and engineers tested the aircraft at a guarded airbase in Germany, where they worked with an Airbus team to test takeoffs, maneuvers and approaches, and landing.

"One of our worries was that the aircraft might have some difficulty lifting-off, since previous calculations had shown that 'rotation' could be an issue," Roelof Vos, assistant professor at the aerospace engineering faculty of Delft's University of Technology, who led the project, explained in a statement.

"The team optimized the scaled flight model to prevent the issue but the proof of the pudding is in the eating. You need to fly to know for sure," he said.

Remotely controlling the aircraft, researchers managed take off at a speed of 80 kmh, while the aircraft's flight speeds, angles and thrust were as planned, they noted.

Experts worked hard to optimize the plane: in order to improve telemetry, the team was forced to change the aircraft's center of gravity and adjust its antenna.

There is still work to be done to refine the aircraft before it could take to the skies with passengers aboard: researchers said that the test flight showed that the aircraft's current design allows for too much "Dutch roll," which causes a rough landing.

Experts plan to use the data collected from the test flight for an aerodynamic model of the aircraft, allowing them to program it in a flight simulator for future tests, and to improve flights. The team will conduct more tests on the model, and hope to provide the Flying-V with sustainable propulsion, given that the design lends itself to carrying liquid hydrogen instead of kerosene.

Years gone

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He added that they had written to several authorities, including the prime minister, education minister and the directorate of secondary and higher education in August 2019. "But there has been no progress in regards to the permanence of our jobs," said Md Sadek Hossen, a lecturer of political science who joined at the college in 2014.

Edriss Ali, a fourth class employee who joined at the college in 2009, said, "I did not get permanent recruitment even after working here for 10 long years."

All teachers and staffers of the college demanded the prime minister's intervention to resolve this issue to ensure permanent recruitment of all temporary recruits.

The Daily Star could not contact the then principle of the college Md Elias Khan over phone for comments.

Asked, Dil Afroza Shamim, acting vice-principle of the college, said that the future of all the temporary recruits are uncertain. "I know all the 24 teachers are brilliant and have been providing good service. We can't do anything for them since the college was nationalised."



Protesters take part in a 'no mask' rally against the government's coronavirus disease (COVID-19) measures, in Rome, Italy, yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Violent typhoon heads for Japan packing 'record' winds and rain

AFP, Kagoshima

An extremely powerful typhoon was barreling towards southwestern Japan yesterday as authorities issued evacuation advisories to thousands of residents, warning of unprecedented violent winds, heavy rain and high waves.

Haishen churned near Okinawa in southern Japan on Saturday afternoon and was expected to approach Kyushu late Sunday or early Monday, the meteorological agency said.

The storm is expected to affect Japan from late Saturday, with winds of up to 290 kilometres per hour (180 miles per hour), making it a "violent" storm -- the top level on the country's classification scale.

"There is a danger of record winds, heavy rain, high waves and storm surge," Yoshihisa Nakamoto, an agency officer, told a news conference, calling for an early evacuation and "maximum caution."

Yuhei Takamura, a government official, told the conference: "A disaster will occur. There is almost no doubt about it."

About 4,600 people in Tarumizu, Kagoshima, were urged to evacuate swiftly, while authorities in other areas of Kyushu were warning their residents to prepare.

Satoshi Sugimoto, another agency official, said the latest typhoon could generate high waves as powerful as a tsunami.

"It's going to be the last chance to flee" when the agency formally issues the nation's highest storm warning, Sugimoto told reporters.

Authorities on Minamidaitojima instructed about 1,300 residents to evacuate as the storm was expected to hit the remote island, east of Okinawa.

"We urge all of our islanders to be on full alert as winds are getting stronger and expected to be violent," Hidehito Iha, a local government

official, told AFP.

Footage showed troops escorting dozens of people at a heliport in Kagoshima, southern Kyushu, after they evacuated from another remote island by a military helicopter.

Toyota said it would suspend operations at three plants in Kyushu until Monday evening, while other companies, including Canon and Mitsubishi Electric, reportedly planned to take similar measures.

The storm grounded nearly 100 flights, public broadcaster NHK said, while some services of Shinkansen bullet trains were set to be suspended in western Japan on Monday.

Meanwhile, Haishen forced the Japan coast guard to suspend its search for dozens of missing sailors from a cargo ship that sank in a separate storm, after two crew members were rescued.

"We resumed our search operation this morning by dispatching an airplane, but it returned without any

clues," a local coastguard official said.

"Now we plan to suspend our entire operation" until Haishen passes over the country, the official told AFP.

The Japan coastguard found a second survivor on Friday after the Gulf Livestock 1, which was carrying 6,000 cows and had 43 crew on board, issued a distress call Wednesday near Amami Oshima island as Typhoon Maysak passed through the area.

A first survivor was found on Wednesday evening, with a second crew member recovered at sea Friday.

The Philippine foreign ministry said the two survivors -- both Filipino -- had been in contact with their respective families.

The crew was made up of 39 Filipinos, two New Zealanders and two Australians.

The boat, which had experienced engine problems before, had been travelling from Napier in New Zealand to the Chinese port of Tangshan.

India, China trade blame

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poorly demarcated Line of Actual Control (LAC) that marks the India-China border is running high with regular face-off among forces.

Singh "emphasised that the actions of the Chinese troops, including amassing of large number of troops, their aggressive behaviour and attempts to unilaterally alter the status quo were in violation" of agreements between the neighbours, said an Indian statement.

India wanted to settle the dispute through talks "but at the same time there should also be no doubt about our determination to protect India's sovereignty and territorial integrity."

Indian Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla said there will be no compromise on India's sovereignty and territorial integrity, and asserted it cannot be "business as usual" in bilateral ties unless there is peace and tranquillity in the border areas.

At the same time, he said India is open to resolving outstanding issues through dialogue.

The Chinese minister took a similarly tough line.

"The cause and truth of the current tension on the border between China and India are very clear, and the responsibility lies entirely with India," said General Wei.

"China's territory cannot be lost," he added, calling on India to "strengthen control of frontline forces" and "refrain from any actions that may cause the situation to heat up."

Meanwhile, US President Donald Trump again offered help to resolve the border dispute between India and China.

Trump told reporters the situation was "very nasty," adding that the two countries were "going at it much more strongly than a lot of people even understand."

A US government source told Reuters in Washington the US assessment is that neither China nor

India are interested in pushing the dispute to the point that they would engage in war.

Trump, asked about the dispute at a news briefing in the White House, said Washington was talking with both countries about what it could do to help defuse the situation.

"We stand ready to help with respect to China and India. If we can do anything, we would love to get involved and help," he said.

Trump has offered to mediate between the two nuclear-armed nations in the past. China has said that there is no need for a third party to mediate and India has also appeared cool to the idea.

'Worst is yet to come'

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time for the underfunded healthcare system to prepare for the worst.

But with the economic cost of the restrictions rising, authorities saw no choice but to reopen activities.

Most of India's cases are in western Maharashtra state and the four southern states of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Karnataka.

"Worst is yet to come"

In rural Maharashtra, the worst-affected state with 863,062 cases and 25,964 deaths, doctors said measures like wearing masks and washing hands had now largely been abandoned.

"There is a behavioural fatigue now

setting in," said Dr SP Kalantri, the director of a hospital in the village of Sevagram.

He said the past few weeks had driven home the point that the virus had moved from India's cities to its villages.

"The worst is yet to come," said Kalantri. "There is no light at the end of the tunnel."

Even as testing in India has increased to more than a million a day, a growing reliance on screening for antigens or viral proteins is creating more problems.

These tests are cheaper and yield faster results but are not as accurate. The danger is that the tests may falsely

clear many who are infected with COVID-19.

In Uttar Pradesh, India's most populous state with a limited healthcare system, the situation is already grim. With a total 253,175 cases and 3,762 deaths, the heartland state is staring at an inevitable surge and with a shortage of hospital beds and other health infrastructure.

Sujata Prakash, a nurse in the state's capital, Lucknow, has recently tested positive for the coronavirus. But the hospital ward where she worked diligently refused her admission because there were no empty beds. She waited for more than 24 hours outside the surgical ward, sitting on patients'

chairs, before she was allotted one.

"The government can shower flower petals on the hospitals in the name of corona warriors, but can't the administration provide a bed when the same warrior needs one?" said Prakash's husband, Vivek Kumar.

Others have not been so lucky.

When journalist Amrit Mohan Dubey fell sick this week, his friends called the local administration for an ambulance. It arrived two hours late and by the time Dubey was taken to hospital, he died.

"Had the ambulance reached in time, we could have saved Amrit," said Zafar Irshad, a colleague of the journalist.

Vote-by-mail begins as race turns ugly

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president loses on November 3, they would not be ready to accept a Trump victory as "fairly won." About one in five Trump voters said a similar thing.

As he seeks a second four-year term, Trump has for months sowed doubt among his base about the legitimacy of an election with a significant number of mail-in votes.

Trump -- who himself votes by mail in his adopted home state of Florida -- has repeatedly, and without evidence, said mail-in voting could lead to widespread fraud.

He even has suggested to his supporters that they try to vote twice to test the system -- earning him scorn on social media and from Democrats.

The tense campaign battle heated Thursday when The Atlantic magazine reported -- citing four anonymous sources who said they had firsthand

knowledge of the discussions -- that Trump had referred to US Marines buried in a World War I cemetery in France as "losers" and "suckers" for getting killed in action.

When visiting France in November 2018 for the centenary of the end of the Great War, Trump did not visit the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery near Paris -- officially because bad weather grounded his helicopter.

The backlash was swift, and Trump sent a barrage of tweets to defend himself.

"The Atlantic magazine is dying, like most magazines, so they make up a fake story in order to gain some relevance," wrote the president, who went on to assail the report as "a disgrace" in a briefing to White House reporters.

Trump's allies launched a swift

counteroffensive, flooding social media with images of the president in company of US soldiers -- but others were quick to dig up campaign comments from 2016 when he mocked late senator John McCain, a prisoner of war for years in Vietnam.

The report left Biden as angry as he has appeared on the campaign trail.

"I just think it is sick, it is deplorable, it is so un-American, it is so unpatriotic," Biden said of Trump's quoted remarks, which the Democrat said he believed were accurately reported.

"Who the heck does he think he is?"

Biden turned personal in mentioning his son Beau, a US military veteran and former Delaware attorney general who died of cancer in 2015.

Bangabandhu

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based on was misquoted by a section of the press.

PAK FILM BANNED
Bangladesh government has stopped exhibition of the films of erstwhile West Pakistan origin with effect from August 6, 1972, says a PID handout.

TCB IMPORTED GOODS BEING SOLD AT HIGH PRICE
The TCB imported consumer goods are selling in the market at prices two or three times higher than the TCB's selling rates. For example, one pound tin of Bebelac, a popular brand of milk food imported from Holland, is being sold in Dhaka retail shops at Tk 15 whereas the same was released by the TCB to the allottees at a price of Tk 5.

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

Another war hero

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Abul Bashar, personal assistant to Lt Col (ret'd) Chowdhury.

He tested negative for coronavirus and was receiving treatment at the hospital for other complications.

Abu Osman Chowdhury left behind his two daughters, grandchildren, other relatives and a host of well-wishers.

He was also the vice-chairman of Sector Commanders' Forum (SCF), a platform of sector commanders in the country's Liberation War.

Abu Osman Chowdhury's daughter Nasima Tarique said her father was scheduled to go abroad for better treatment but his physical condition deteriorated from Friday night.

Abu Osman Chowdhury was buried at the Army graveyard at the city's Banani with state honour. He was shown due honour on behalf of the Army, said Haroon Habib, secretary general of SCF.

Abu Osman Chowdhury was born on January 1, 1936 at Madnargaon village in Faridganj upazila of Chandpur.

After passing BA from Comilla Victoria College, he joined the Pakistan Army in 1958 and got commissioned. In April 1968, he was promoted to Major.

In 1971, Abu Osman Chowdhury was posted in Chuadanga, under Kushtia district as a Major of the Pakistan army and the Commander of 4th Wing East Pakistan Rifles (EPR).

He left for Kushtia with his family on March 23, 1971 to attend an official meeting. He was staying at Kushtia Circuit House on the night of March 25-26 when the news of Operation Searchlight reached him.

Sensing imminent danger, he left Kushtia on early morning of March 26, 1971 and headed to Chuadanga via Jhenaidah while local political workers had already revolted.

Later Bengali soldiers raised the flag of Bangladesh at EPR 4 Wing Headquarter in Chuadanga.

Later the 4th wing of EPR, led by Major Abu Osman Chowdhury and reinforced with Police and Ansar personnel and local youth, attacked 27 Baluch of Pakistan Army stationed at Kushtia and eliminated almost 2 companies.

On 10 April 1971, the Bangladesh government appointed him as the Regional Commander for the South-West.

In late May, Chief of Army Staff MAG Osmani divided the south-west battlefield into two and formed Sectors 8 and 9.

Abu Osman Chowdhury was appointed in charge of Sector 8. Initially, the area of operation of that sector was Kushtia, Jessore, Khulna, Barisal, Faridpur and Patuakhali districts.

On November 7, during the 1975 coup, a group of renegade soldiers went to Abu Osman Chowdhury's residence at Gulshan to kill him. Unable to find him, they murdered his wife. He retired from the Bangladesh Army in 1976.

TRIBUTES POUR IN
Tributes and condolences continue to pour in for Abu Osman Chowdhury.

Immediately after the death of Liberation War hero, President Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina as well as top leaders of different political parties and other organisations expressed profound shock and sorrow.

In a message of condolence, the president said the nation with profound respect will recall the contribution of Abu Osman Chowdhury to the 1971 Liberation War forever.

The head of the state prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul and conveyed deep sympathy to the bereaved family.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina expressed deep shock and sorrow at the death of the valiant freedom fighter.

In a condolence message, the prime minister with profound respect recalled the outstanding contributions of Abu Osman Chowdhury to the country's great Liberation War.

"The country and nation have lost a valiant freedom fighter at the death of Abu Osman Chowdhury, and his contributions to the Liberation War will be remembered forever," she said.

Besides, in separate condolence messages, Jatiya Sangsad Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, Deputy Leader of Parliament Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury, Agriculture Minister Muhammad Abdur Razzaque, Posts and Telecommunications Minister Mustafa Jabbar, Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Haque, State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Mahbub Ali, Sector Commanders Forum, Forum for Secular Bangladesh and Trial of War Criminals of 1971, mourned the death of Osman.