

BANGLADESH UPDATE



1,274 New cases in 24hrs



3,88,569 Total cases



5,660 Deaths



3,03,972 Recoveries

GLOBAL UPDATE



1,116,539 Deaths



40,125,633 Total cases



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina unveils the cover of a book titled "Sheikh Russell Amader Abeg, Amader Valobasha" at a programme marking the birth anniversary of her youngest brother Sheikh Russell.

'We want such incidents never to happen again'

Says PM remembering her youngest brother brutally killed on August 15, 1975

Bss, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the government didn't want any recurrence of brutality like that of the killing of her youngest brother Sheikh Russell.

"We want each of our children will be patriots, good human beings and worthy citizens of the country after getting modern education and thus serve the people. And for achieving that particular target, my government has been working tirelessly."

departed souls of Sheikh Russell and other martyrs, including Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Sheikh Russell Jatiya Shishu Kishore Parishad organised the programme at the capital's Bangabandhu International Conference Centre (BICC). Participants were virtually connected to the event from Sheikh Russell Roller Skating Complex and University Laboratory School and College.

Modi to join celebrations

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The minister also praised the new Indian envoy, saying he knows very well all the crucial issues related to Bangladesh. Doraiswami, who arrived in Dhaka through Akhaura on October 5, has been meeting ministers and top officials as part of renewed efforts to sort out all the existing issues, including an air bubble agreement.

Momen said an air bubble between India and Bangladesh will start soon. Dhaka wants Delhi to allow travel through buses and trains as most of the Bangladeshi travellers prefer these modes of transport for their affordability. The two sides also discussed border killings and agreed that it should be brought down to zero, he said.

China beefs up laws to handle epidemics

AFP, Beijing

China has passed a new law to improve its handling of disease outbreaks -- including protecting whistleblowers -- following a cascade of criticism over its coronavirus response and accusations of an early cover-up. The new biosecurity law, approved by lawmakers on Saturday, flags the right to report "acts that endanger biosecurity" and calls for risk prevention systems, ranging from active monitoring to emergency plans. It takes effect from April 15 next year.

Asked about Rohingya relocation to Bhasan Char, Momen said the government had decided to start the relocation much earlier but the UN and a number of aid agencies objected to it. "There is pressure on us. The UNHCR and other agencies are saying that it should be checked whether the island is liveable before the Rohingyas are relocated there."

All set to take in Rohingyas

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Two playgrounds are ready for the Rohingya children. Extra space for playing is also available in every cluster house. There are places for prayers, burials, and markets. Accommodations have also been made available for officials of the government, the UN and different NGOs. The project, funded with public money, was taken after some 750,000 Rohingyas fled a brutal military campaign in Myanmar's Rakhine and took shelter in Cox's Bazar in the months following August 2017. They joined some 300,000 other Rohingyas, who had fled previous waves of violence in Rakhine.

bed hospitals along with two schools and three mosques are expected to cater for the needs of the residents. There are markets along with four warehouses for storing food and other goods, said the officials. Besides, there are two big lakes on the island. A large number of trees that are common in Bangladesh's coastal regions and known to increase natural defence against disasters, including lemon, coconut and kewra, have been planted. The total area of the Bhasan char is around 13,000 acres and out of this, around 6,427 acres are usable. The total project area is 1,702 acres, but cluster houses were constructed on around 432 acres.



The 90-metre tall lighthouse named "Beacon of Hope", left, is perhaps the most indicative structure that showcases the government's belief in the Bhasan Char settlement despite the apprehension and opposition from national and international quarters. The Bay of Bengal seen from the island, top right, and establishments of the project surrounded by greenery, bottom right.

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Child marriage risks skyrocket

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young and was attending school with her friends. "All my dreams were shattered at that moment," she said. "My message to all girls my age would be to delay your marriage and do whatever it takes to fulfil your dreams."

emergencies -- also means many parents feel they have little alternative but to force their girls to marry men who are often much older. These marriages violate girls' rights and leave them at increased risk of depression, lifelong violence, disabilities, and even death -- including from childbirth, given their bodies simply aren't ready to bear children" she said.

New hurdle for fresh migrants

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labour migration for poor workers. Many workers invested money, which are significantly large amounts considering their economic condition, but largely remained unemployed in the past seven to eight months, he said. "If they have to pay additional money now, this will make them economically more vulnerable."

endorsing a visa in the passport. On September 30, Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen told reporters that Saudi Arabia has agreed to reissue about 25,000 new visas. The same day, Expatriates' Welfare Minister Imran Ahmad said the Saudi Embassy will cancel and reissue the visas which were obtained by potential migrants in March but could not be used.

3 'sleeping on rail lines' run over by train

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Three youths, including two siblings, were killed after being run over by a train in Netrakona's Barhatta upazila early yesterday. The dead -- Ripon Miah, 24, his brother Swapan Miah, 22, and their cousin Mokhles Miah, 24, -- were residents of Dashed area where the incident took place. Mazharul Haque, officer-in-charge of Mymensingh Government Railway Police, said the three were crushed under the wheels of Haor Express around 3:30am. The train was bound for Mohonganj of Netrakona from Dhaka.

The victims were running a shallow machine to pump water out of a pond near the railway track in Dashed area, the OC told The Daily Star. Police suspected that they fell asleep on the track sometime on Saturday night and could not hear the train coming due to the sound of the machine. Police later recovered the bodies and sent those to Netrakona General Hospital morgue for autopsies.



PHOTO: STAR

Nixon seeks

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The HC bench of Justice Sheikh Md Zakir Hossain and Justice KM Zahid Sarwar will hold a hearing on the bail petition tomorrow, he mentioned. The lawyer refused to disclose the grounds on which his client prayed for anticipatory bail. The EC filed the case with Charbhadrasan Police Station on October 15 against Nixon for violating the electoral code of conduct during the October 10 by-election for the post of Charbhadrasan upazila chairman.

According to the case statement, Nixon, 42, called Atul Sarkar, deputy commissioner of Faridpur, over mobile phone around 8:00am on October 9 and expressed his displeasure over the appointment of magistrates. On the election day, the assistant commissioner (land) of Bhanga ordered the arrest of one of Nixon's followers for violating the electoral code of conduct. Nixon then used abusive language in a phone conversation with Charbhadrasan Upazila Nirbahi Officer Jasmin Sultana. Nixon also violated the electoral code of conduct by participating in a victory rally after the announcement of the by-polls results, said the case statement.

BAN ON GATHERING

Bhanga UNO Rakibur Rahman Khan wrote to the district administration and law enforcement agencies, saying section-144 would be imposed in the Upazila Health Complex and adjoining areas from 10:00am to 5:00pm yesterday as there was a possibility of violation of law and order if any meeting or rally was held there. Nixon then used abusive language in a phone conversation with Charbhadrasan Upazila Nirbahi Officer Jasmin Sultana. Nixon also violated the electoral code of conduct by participating in a victory rally after the announcement of the by-polls results, said the case statement.

14 more die. Among the 14 dead, 12 were men and two women. One was between 31-40 years old, three within 51-60 and 10 others were above 60 years old, added the release.