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Europe, North America should learn from Asia

Says WHO as Covid-19 restrictions spread in Europe

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Europe and North America should follow the example of Asian states by persevering with anti-Covid measures and quarantining anyone who comes into contact with infected people, WHO said as a second wave of virus continued to force new restrictions in Europe yesterday.

The coronavirus has killed at least 1,119,590 people since the outbreak emerged in China last December, according to a tally from official sources compiled by AFP at 1100 GMT yesterday. At least 40,416,800 cases of coronavirus have been registered. Of these, at least 27,791,000 are now considered recovered.

On Monday, 4,523 new deaths and 367,553 new cases were recorded worldwide. Based on latest reports, the countries with the most new deaths were India with 587 new deaths, followed by Argentina with 449 and United States with 420.

The WHO's Europe region, which includes Russia, has recorded up to 8,500 deaths in the past week - and half the countries have seen a 50 percent rise in cases, Mike Ryan, SEE PAGE 5 COL 1



Although the Rohingyas are yet to be relocated to Bhasan Char, the economic activities in the island have already taken off and going strong. Around 10,000 buffaloes are being farmed there. This photo of a herd of buffaloes grazing on Bhasan Char was taken recently.

PHOTO: MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA

Cattle rearing takes off in Bhasan Char

MOHAMMAD AL MASUM MOLLA

Cattle rearing is thriving as an important economic activity in Bhasan Char, an off-shore island where the government wants to relocate one lakh Rohingyas from different refugee camps in Cox's Bazar.

Around 1,000 litres of milk is produced in the char every day and the liquid food is transported to the mainland via trawlers for sale, said some locals, who have already moved to the island.

Many rear cattle for meat. There were a few hundred buffaloes grazing on a field while some 20 herders strolling behind the herd. It was a sunny afternoon on October 17 and this reporter, during a brief visit to the char, seized the opportunity to talk to those happily ambling men.

"We are among the first few people who started living in this island a decade ago when there was no big trees and no structure here," said Jamir, 30, one of the herders.

He said there are around 10,000 SEE PAGE 5 COL 3

US ELECTION 2020

Fauci a 'disaster'

Trump attacks the expert as Covid-19 issue takes centre stage in campaign

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President Donald Trump called coronavirus expert Anthony Fauci a "disaster" on Monday, airing his frustration with the scientist during a call meant to reassure campaign staff he has a path to victory on Nov 3 despite trailing in opinion polls.

With less than two weeks until the election, Trump was continuing his campaign rally marathon yesterday with a trip to swing state Pennsylvania, the day after early voting began in another battleground state, Florida.

Record numbers of Americans have already cast ballots in person or by mail -- 30 million, according to one tracker SEE PAGE 5 COL 5

FIRST YEAR OF BANGLADESH BANGABANDHU'S NATION-BUILDING CHALLENGES

PM condoles MCA Hamidur's death



Prime Minister Sheikh Mujibur Rahman attends the namaj-e-janaza of Hamidur Rahman MCA at the Gono Parishad premises on October 21, 1972.

October 21, 1972 SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

HAMIDUR'S DEATH CONDOLED

The Bangladesh Gono Parishad today condoles the death of MCA Hamidur Rahman of Rajshahi. The members stand in silence for two minutes as a mark of respect to the departed soul. The MCA was killed in a road accident in front of the Assembly building yesterday. In his brief speech Prime Minister Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman recalls Hamidur Rahman's services during the SEE PAGE 5 COL 1



POLLS CODE VIOLATIONS

HC grants anticipatory bail to Nixon for 8 weeks

Attaches some conditions

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday granted anticipatory bail to lawmaker Mujibur Rahman Chowdhury, known as Nixon Chowdhury, for eight weeks on some conditions in a case over violations of the electoral code of conduct.

The conditions are that the independent MP from Faridpur-4 will not misuse the privilege of bail and will not intimidate any witnesses in the case or the local administration. The MP will also assist the investigation officer in the inquiry, M Monjurul Alam, a counsel for Nixon, told The Daily Star.

The HC bench of Justice Sheikh Md Zakir Hossain and Justice KM Zahid Sarwar passed the order after hearing a bail petition filed by Nixon on October 18. SEE PAGE 5 COL 1

RAYHAN'S DEATH 'IN CUSTODY'

Suspended constable held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A suspended constable was arrested and placed on a five-day remand yesterday in connection with the death and alleged torture while in police custody of Rayhan Ahmed.

Police Bureau of Investigation (PBI) members arrested constable Titu Chandra Das from Sylhet Police Lines, where he was attached after being withdrawn from the outpost, Muhammad Khaled-uz-Zaman, special superintendent of PBI in Sylhet, said.

Sylhet Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Ziadur Rahman granted the five-day remand after PBI inspector and the case's investigating officer Mohidul Islam requested a seven-day remand, he said.

On Monday, three constables -- Shamim, Saidul and Delwar -- of the outpost testified before the court as witnesses.

Rayhan, 33, of Sylhet city's Neharipara died at Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital at 7:50am on October 11 after being admitted by police an hour ago.

His wife filed a case with Kotwali Police Station, accusing several unnamed and stated that Rayhan was tortured inside SEE PAGE 5 COL 5



PRAYER TIMING OCTOBER 21

Fajr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4:50	12:45	4:00	5:36	7:15
JAMAAT 5:25	1:15	4:15	5:39	7:45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Contributions of North South University in the expansion of higher education during Corona pandemic:

North South University is one of the leading and number one ranked private university among all the private universities in Bangladesh. There are a number of activities going on at North South University during the global pandemic Covid-19. These are mentioned below:

It is to be noted that:

- Around 1300 children of the brave freedom fighters of 1971 have been given the opportunity to study at NSU without any fees
- Special scholarship has been given to the students of NSU who lost their parents during Corona pandemic
- Since the establishment of this university, it has provided financial assistance of 150 crore taka to the students till date. Approximately 17 crore taka has been provided as scholarship to meritorious and poor students in this year

It is worth mentioning that:

- In the relief fund of the Honorable Prime Minister, North South University staff members have donated 2 days of their salary amounting to 50 Lacs taka
- Cash contribution of Taka 50 lacs has been arranged for the PM's relief fund
- 10 doctors of NSU are providing medical services without any payment at Shasthya Batayan run by the government of Bangladesh focusing on Covid-19
- In addition, a good number of students from NSU are volunteering in health care activities at the Department of Health since the beginning of Corona
- Few students of NSU are working in IEDCR as volunteers
- NSU provided Covid-19 testing machine (PCR) to the Health Department of the Government of Bangladesh
- NSU has distributed 11000 bags of relief materials through the Bangladesh Army and Police among the affected families during the pandemic

It is to be noted that, in the last summer 2020 semester, a significant amount of tuition fee was waived considering the overall situation of the students and their parents

Considering the overall situation, NSU authority has decided to waive the student's activity fee (library fee, computer lab fee and other fees) and partial waiver of tuition fee which is in total equal to 20% of current semester (Fall-2020) fees

North South University authority hopes that students will focus on their academic activities, taking into account the issues outlined above. NSU wishes overall success of the students and seeks sincere cooperation of all in this regard



NORTH SOUTH UNIVERSITY
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A teenager sleeps on a rickshaw-van near Tejgaon level crossing in the capital while a train passes him at speed. The train and the three-wheeler had inches between them. Many street children in the area often become victims of accidents.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

PCP man shot dead in Rangamati

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

A member of Pahari Chhatra Parishad (PCP) was shot dead by unknown miscreant around 1:30PM yesterday in Babupara area of Baghaichari upazila in Rangamati.

Deceased Ratan Chakma alias Ratna, 22, was the son of Andha Lal Chakma of Hirechar village.

He was the organising secretary of PCP's Kachalong Govt College unit.

Police quoting locals said Ratna was having tea at a stall in Babupara area when criminals on a motorcycle arrived at the scene and fired shots at him.

He died on the spot.

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HC ORDER TO GIVE 5,000 PPE Shikder brothers yet to deliver

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

Sikder Group Managing Director Ron Haque Sikder and his brother Dipu Haque Sikder are yet to comply with the July 20 High Court directive that asked them to give 5,000 personal protective equipment (PPE) each as fine to the Prime Minister's Relief and Welfare Fund.

The fine was handed to them for seeking anticipatory bail from

abroad in a criminal case.

The siblings have not given the PPEs to the Fund as their petition seeking permission from the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court to challenge the HC directive is still pending a hearing at the apex court, their lawyer Muhammad Saifullah Mamun told The Daily Star on Friday.

He said the Appellate Division on August 9 adjourned the SEE PAGE 5 COL 5