Inconclusive

amendment was put to vote and rejected by the House.

Nurul Huq's amendment proposed two grounds for the vacation: a) if the member resigns from the party with whose ticket he is elected and (b) if he fails to vote in the House with that party. Dr Kamal Hossain accepted the amendment in principle but suggested a consequential amendment qualifying the inability of the member concerned to cast his vote with his party in the House. CANADIAN ĤIGH COMMISSIONER

CALLS ON PM Canadian High Commissioner Gordon Riddell calls on Prime Minister Bangabandhu Sheikh Muiibur Rahman at his chamber at the Constituent Assembly building today. He called on Bangabandhu yesterday too.

INVESTIGATION IN MANY CASES COMPLETED

The War Crimes Investigation Agency has completed investigation of a large number of cases against the Pakistani occupation forces including top-ranking officials, informs a spokesman of the agency. Asked about the nature of the charges, the spokesman says those include genocide, murder, torture, rape, loot, wanton destruction and waging war against the people of Bangladesh. He refers particularly to the alarming number of rape cases estimated at about two lakh. Many families are also reluctant to disclose rape cases and other atrocities, he adds. SOURCES: November 3, 1972 issues of Bangladesh Observer, Dainik Bangla and Dainik Ittefag.

Erfan

Detective Branch of police, prayed for another five-day remand in the case filed with Dhanmondi Police Station.

Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Ziaur Rahman granted two-day remand for each.

Dhaka-7 lawmaker Haji Salim's son Erfan, 37, suspended DSCC ward-30 councillor, and his bodyguard Zahidul, 35, were placed on a three-day remand each on October 28.

Navy officer Lt Wasif Ahmad filed the case with Dhanmondi Police Station naming four people.

The two other accused are AB Siddique Dipu, 45, protocol officer of Haji Salim's Madina Group, and Mizanur Rahman, 30, the driver of the car Erfan was in.

All four are now behind bars. Mizanur was on a one-day remand and admitted his role in the assault,

police said. Dipu was placed on a fresh two-day remand on Saturday after completion of the previous three-day

According to the case statement, a vehicle, with the plate "Dhaka Metro-Gha 11-5736", rear-ended his motorcycle in Dhanmondi area when he and his wife were returning to their Dhaka Cantonment home from Nilkhet around 7:45pm on October

A man came out of the SUV and spot. When the car stopped at a nearby traffic light, Wasif knocked on the car's window and introduced himself. At that, all the passengers got off the vehicle and started hurling abuse and assaulting him, the complainant said.

When his wife came to save him, they also assaulted her. They then abandoned the car and left the scene

Some witnesses got the incident on video, which later went viral on social media. In the video, injured Wasif is seen describing the incident to bystanders.

Earlier, police said the incident was not recorded by any CCTV cameras in the vicinity but they have proof of the assault and that they would now look into the roles of the accused and to what extent they were individually involved.

On October 26, Erfan and his bodyguard Zahidul were sentenced to one year in prison for illegally possessing walkie-talkies and foreign liquor, after the Rapid Action Battalion, assisted by an executive magistrate, conducted a raid on Haji Salim's building -- "Chan Sarder Dada Bari" -- at Debidas Ghat Lane in the capital's Chawkbazar area.

Besides, four separate cases were filed against Erfan and Zahidul with Chawkbazar Police Station for carrying illegal firearms and possessing narcotics.

An officer at Chawkbazar Police Station told this correspondent that they have sought a 14-day remand each for Erfan and Zahidul. The hearing will be held on November 4.

China starts oncea-decade census of world's largest population

AFP, Shanghai

Millions of census-takers yesterday began knocking on doors across China for a once-a-decade head count of the world's largest population that for the first time will use mobile apps to help crunch the massive numbers.

Around seven million community workers and volunteers will drive the two-month data-collection effort, visiting homes ranging from residential skyscrapers in downtown Shanghai to remote Tibetan mountain villages.

Mere accidents or murders?

"It's as if every road is turning into The judge said it would be possible a killing trap. People of all ages are to reduce the number of road getting killed on the roads, even the accidents if the drivers followed people standing beside the road are not safe from reckless bus drivers.

roads is getting longer...

About the convicts the court said they had thrown him into the Fuldi river, although he was alive at that

"We do not know how many people are getting killed like Payel," the court added.

At least 37,170 people were killed and 82,758 injured in 26,902 crashes since 2015, according to Bangladesh Jatri Kalyan Samity.

According to a report Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) submitted to the High Court in July last year, 4.79 lakh vehicles without fitness certificates are on the roads across the country.

Around 20 percent of 19,000 kilometers of roads under the Roads and Highways Department (RHD) are in "poor, bad or very bad" conditions, according to an RHD survey, published in July this

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traffic laws.

In the first observation, the court "The procession of death on the said drivers, supervisors and helpers must undergo a dope test before they are allowed to board vehicles. The tests should be carried out at departure, resting and at destination

> Recently, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina also asked the authorities concerned to bring drivers under a dope testing system.

Transport workers must be polite and courteous to the passengers. They need to be given training on how to drive and deal with passengers, it

Bathrooms and toilets with modern facilities should be installed at every three kilometres on the highways for transport workers and passengers. Transport owners will have to pay an annual subscription

Monitoring systems should be beefed up through installing CCTV to watch over traffic movement on the highways, it added.

Turkish FM in Azerbaijan as tensions mount over Karabakh

Turkey's foreign minister arrived in Azerbaijan yesterday for talks over the breakaway region of Nagorno-Karabakh after Baku's arch-enemy Armenia requested security assistance from Russia.

'We are once again in Baku with our brothers to renew our strong support for dear Azerbaijan and exchange on the latest developments in Nagorno-Karabakh," Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said on Twitter.

On Saturday, Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan formally asked Russian President Vladimir Putin to begin consultations on security assistance, invoking the two countries' defence pact.

approaching Armenia's borders and reiterated that Turkey was backing Moscow's defence pact with

Pashinyan said hostilities were

Armenia does not extend to Nagorno-Karabakh and Russia said Saturday

"necessary" help would be provided if the fighting reaches Armenian territory.

At the same time, Russian foreign spokeswoman ministry Zakharova said "concrete formats" of assistance to Armenia would be discussed.

Armenia's request for assistance from Moscow further raised fears of Russia and Turkey getting sucked into the decades-old conflict over

Armenia and Azerbaijan have been engaged in fierce fighting for more than a month over Karabakh, a region of Azerbaijan controlled by Armenian separatists in the wake of the break-up of the Soviet Union.

Fighting continued overnight and Sunday morning, the warring sides

The Karabakh separatist leadership accused Azerbaijan of striking civilian settlements including the strategic town of Shusha.

In Slovakia, the government has

decided to take a different approach

to other European countries and test

its entire population of 5.4 million,

with Prime Minister Igor Matovic

describing the strategy as the EU

But in the lesser privileged

parts of the world with little or no

infrastructure and resources, there

around 1.5 million people displaced

by war live in overcrowded camps or

shelters with poor access to running

water, some feel they do not stand a

we don't dare leave," said 80-year-

should do. If only God would have

old Ghatwa al-Mohommad.

'We're scared of the disease but

'We're so confused about what we

In northwestern Syria, where

nation's "road to freedom".

are fewer options.

chance.

of the virus.

Doctor duped

the popular folk tale about Aladdin and his wish-granting genie that appears when it is rubbed.

"The cheats had struck a deal for much more but the doctor had paid about seven million rupees (\$93,000),

Amit Rai, a senior officer told AFP. He said the men were arrested on Thursday and were remanded in custody ahead of charges being filed.

"The wife of one of these men was also involved in the fraud. She is on

the run," Rai added. In his complaint filed last Sunday, Khan said one of the men pretended to be an occultist and made a "jinn" - a supernatural figure -- appear from the lamp, local media reported.

But when Khan asked if he could ouch the genie or take the lamp home, they refused, saying it might cause him harm, the complaint stated.

Eventually they sold the lamp to him, promising it would bring health, wealth and good fortune.

Khan stated that he later realised the "genie" was actually just one of the men in disguise.

Imported onions

He added that unloading of imported onions started at Chattogram port a

"We have the target to import four lakh tonnes so that we can serve the domestic markets until the next harvesting season," Munshi told The Daily Star.

S Alam Group, TK Group, Meghna Group and City Group have also been importing onions along with the TCB, the minister said.

The country has a demand of over 25 lakh tonnes of onion a year. Nine lakh tonnes have to be imported, mostly from India.

At yesterday's event, 15 reporters of different print and electronic media outlets were awarded for best performance in their respective fields. ERF leaders Saif Islam Dilal, Shamsul Huq Zahid, S M Rashidul Islam, Kazi Faisal Bin Siraj and coordinator of the jury board for the award Serajul Islam Quadir also spoke.

It was just

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Kabir, director (complaints and enquiry) at the NHRC, said they visited the scene of the incident, Burimari Jame Mosque and adjacent areas, and took testimony of witnesses and locals since yesterday morning.

"After talking to the imam and the khadem at the mosque, we are convinced that the victim, Jewel, did not desecrate the Holy Quran," he

Some of the witnesses gave different versions of the incident and it is being investigated whether the incident was pre-planned or not, mentioned Kabir.

"A rumour about Jewel desecrating the Holy Quran spread... we are working to get answers to a number of questions. The whole thing will be clear to us as soon as we get the answers.

He further said it is also being probed why outsiders were at the scene and where did they come from.

"We are investigating and will submit a report to the commission within a week," he added.

Jewel was beaten up and burnt to death by the mob at Burimari Bazar in Patgram upazila in the district after a rumour about desecrating the Holy Quran inside the mosque spread in the area on Thursday evening.

Jewel, who was from Rangpur, had worked as a librarian at Rangpur Cantonment Public School and College. He had graduated from Dhaka University.

On behalf of his family, police and Burimari Union Parishad filed three cases over the incident. Law enforcers are conducting drives to arrest those involved in it.

Meanwhile, Jewel's family members buried his charred remains at his ancestral home in Pirgachha village vesterday.

'There's no alternative'

The devolved governments of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland have already imposed partial

Britain's infections surged past one million on Saturday.

Just minutes after Johnson, Portugal's Prime Minister Antonio Costa announced a partial lockdown with 70 percent of the population going back under restrictions.

Also on Saturday, Austria brought in a second lockdown of its own, while Greece declared a partial one. The new measures came just a day after France started its second lockdown and Belgium said it would tighten its measures.

Italy has also already reintroduced some restrictions.

This time around in Europe, there have been sometimes-violent protests against the measures.

There was a time when doyens like

Anisuzzaman, Shamsur Rahman and

the Sangbad's literary section, under

Those who used to read that page

back then can still recall Syed Shamsul

Haque's column "Writhkolomer

There were so many writers who

rote in the section and Hasnat was

published for the last two decades

keeping, maintaining the high

literary section, the name of Ahsan

Habib will come to our mind first.

Despite that, the literary pages of

the Sangbad under the editorship of

Abul Hasnat has occupied a unique

Tane", which he wrote regularly.

standard under his leadership.

Hasnat's editorship.

A legacy to lean on

Syed Shamsul Haque used to write in importance of the Sangabad's literary

the man behind their inspiration. The would write poetry under pseudo

While talking about editor of a of the main features of the Sangbad's

Kali O Kalom magazine has also been name Mahmud Al Zaman.

will be nothing left of it," Roger measures over their economic their disposal to counter the spread Stenson, a 73-year-old pensioner in Nottingham, said ahead of Britain's lockdown announcement, echoing widespread concerns about the economic impact.

"You know, closed shops... There will just be nothing left of it, that's the problem."

The United States remains the worst-hit country in the world, with 9.1 million infections, more than 230,000 deaths and fresh spikes in many parts of the vast nation.

Covid-19 has been one of the dominant campaign issues ahead of the presidential election on November 3, with millions of jobs lost and Donald Trump facing intense criticism over his handling of the pandemic.

Trump himself got Covid-19, as did members of his family and staff, "This city will go bust. There but he has been critical of lockdown

place in our hearts. We can debate

over certain things, but in the history

of Bangladeshi newspapers, the

section will remain and Hasnat will be

his editorial position. He never judged a

write-up by the name associated with it

circle like Nirmalendu Goon and he

He was a critic of the arts and had

many friends in that field. Critical

opinion in the field of arts was one

literary section. It is said that perhaps

different newspapers of the country

He has written and edited many

"Jyotsna and Durbipak",

All the writers in the country respected

remembered as its shining star.

but only by the merit of it.

impact, belittled mask-wearing by his Democratic challenger Joe Biden, and organised rallies with thousands of supporters despite warnings about the risk of transmission. The president has accused the

media of overplaying the threat of the virus, but with tens of millions of Americans suffering because of the pandemic, some voters appear to be seeking an alternative. They include Kimberly McLemore,

a 56-year-old from Florida who did not see Trump taking the pandemic

"In good conscience, I cannot vote for this man," the lifelong Republican told AFP, adding that both her parents, who are in their eighties, also voted for Biden -the first time they had voted for a Democrat.

With no vaccine yet available, governments have limited tools at us die and end our misery."

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Dhushor Dupure", "Ranur Dhokha-

Bhalobasha", "Rabindra-Chitrakalan",

Shirir Chabir Khoje and "Chotoder

literary works and perhaps for that he

Hasnat was also a key organiser of

I had an opportunity to travel with

and we were travelling to New York.

was never attentive about his own.

Abraham Lincoln", and many more.

Akdin

"Steamer City Diye Jay",

"Muktijudder Golpo",

He had many friends in the poet always tried to improve on other's

Chhavanaut.

Bhubandangay",

"Tuku O

"Harono

We went there to attend the twoday seminar. While most of us met friends and relatives during the breaks

at the seminar, he was the only person who did not go out. He was a man of principle his entire life.

Hasnat was buried at the Mirpur He was a quiet sort of man but Martyred Intellectuals' Graveyard lived his life on his own terms. He yesterday afternoon. His namaz-ejanaza was held at the Baitul Aman Mosque in Dhanmondi.

Bengal Bangla Academy, Foundation, Gyantapas Razzaq Foundation, Jatiya Kobita Parishad, Chhayanaut and Sayamilito Samajik Andolon have condoled the death of Abul Hasnat.

It was probably 2007 or 2008 separate messages, In organisations prayed for eternal peace During the 18-hour long flight, he spoke few words and responded to of the departed soul and conveyed fewer questions. He was obsessed with deep sympathy to the bereaved family members.

3 raped in Chattogram, Bagerhat

followed suit.

Abdul Karim, officer-in-charge of Boalkhali Police Station, said the 35-year-old domestic help worked at Fazal's house at Charkhiiirpur. Fazal asked her to come to her house on Friday night in the name of giving her "Tabarak" of Eid-e-Miladunnabi.

"In the kitchen room, the man raped the woman. She called 999 after were sent to One-stop Crisis Centre at being freed," said the OC, adding that Chattogram Medical College Hospital

police arrested Fazal from his house. In another incident, the 12-yearold schoolgirl was raped by Shimul Dey, a painter, in Barua Tek Para area on Saturday when she was playing outside her house, said the OC.

The victim's mother filed a case against Shimul in this connection.

OC Karim said both the victims

the book he was reading.

In Bagerhat, police held stepfather Ebadat Šheikh, 32, after a rape case was lodged by victim's mother with Bagerhat Model Police Station.

Police arrested him in Bhattapratap area of Bagerhat Sadar upazila, said OC of the police station KM Azizul Islam.

According to the case statement, the victim was alone at home on Saturday afternoon as her mother was away.

When she returned home around 8:00pm, the girl alleged that her stepfather had raped her.

OC Azizul said Ebadat was produced before a Bagerhat court that sent him to jail. The girl was sent to a hospital for

medical tests, he said. correspondents Our

Chattogram and Bagerhat contributed to this report

Private project with state

Chattogram Hill Tracts Affairs, and his brother-in-law Kwe Shwe Hla, who is also the chairman of BHDC, according to the university's website.

Although the university claimed

to be the country's first publicprivate partnership university on its website, the website of University Grants Commission (UGC) listed it as a private university. Dr Fakrul Islam, director of Private University Division at UGC,

said confirmed The Daily Star that Bandarban University is a private university which has been registered under the Private University Act, 2010. Visiting the university, this

correspondent found that two

retaining walls and a drain were

already set up cutting hills to

construct a dam for the water supply Asked, Mong Oyai Ching Marma, Minister brushes assistant engineer of the project, said, "BHDC spent Tk 1.35 crore to construct this dam at Sualok union area. Currently, the dam doesn't have enough water but it will be available

in future.

"The higher authorities undertook minister for the Ministry of this project considering the water supply channel of Bandarban University.

> Asked whether the district council could take up such huge amount project for a private university, ATM Kawser Hossain, chief executive officer of Bandarban Hill District Council (BHDC), said, "We have taken up this dam project following the approval of the Chattogram hill tracts affairs ministry.

> Contacted, Sk Mohammad Rezaul Islam, additional secretary (development) of the CHT affairs ministry, said, "I don't know anything about this. I have to know the details."

> Chattogram Hill Tracts Affairs Minister Bir Bahadur U Shwe Sing could not be reached after repeated attempts over his phone.

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According to rights group Ain O Salish Kendra (ASK), the number of extrajudicial killings has dropped significantly as only nine such cases were recorded since August.

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