

## IPH, SSMCH

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sure that their clothes cover their ankle joints."

After widespread criticism on social media and a show-cause notice from the health ministry the next day, he withdrew the order.

He has been attached to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) while Dr Tanvir Ahmed Chowdhury -- officer on special duty at the DGHS -- has been appointed to carry on Abdur Rahim's duties as director of IPH.

Meanwhile, Prof Uttam has also been attached to the DGHS as an officer on special duty after removal from his post.

Dr AKM Mamun Morshed, deputy director of Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital, has temporarily been appointed as its director.

In a letter issued on October 29, Prof Uttam was accused of financial corruption worth around Tk 6.4 crore in the procurement of medical equipment for the hospital.

The health ministry filed a departmental case against him in this regard, according to the letter signed by Secretary of the Health Services Division Abdul Mannan.

According to the letter, Prof Uttam committed corruption in the procurement of eight operation theatre lights, two coblation machines, and two anaesthesia machines with ventilators in the 2018-19 fiscal year.

"As the factuality of the allegations have been proven in primary investigation ... you [Prof Uttam] are accused of misconduct and corruption in accordance with government employee Rules-2018," read the notice.

## Constitution

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1971 and says the people of Bangladesh achieved independence through blood and tears against a very oppressive class of exploiters. And so, it is quite natural that the constitution would shape the future course of their national life and uphold the rights of the oppressed millions against a handful of oppressors.

The constitution is the sum total of the experiences gained over the years and more particularly during the Liberation War. These experiences have been summed up in the constitution as the four fundamental principles of state policy, namely nationalism, socialism, democracy and secularism.

Bangabandhu elaborately defines the principles, emphasising that the intense feeling of the people of Bangladesh to emerge as a nation lies at the core of our nationalism; the objective conditions of Bangladesh will shape the pattern of our socialist transformations; the broad masses who have suffered all through the centuries will experience supreme authority to determine their future democratically through their elected representatives; and to maintain a complete harmony they shun communal tendencies while enjoying their right to freely practice their respective religions.

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## Austria mourns

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by one perpetrator or more than one," said Gerhard Puerstl of the Vienna police.

The shooting erupted just hours before Austria was to re-impose a coronavirus lockdown, with people out in bars and restaurants enjoying a final night out.

Austria had until now been spared the sort of major attacks that have hit other European countries, but Monday's shooting followed a spate of Islamist attacks in France and it triggered an outpouring of solidarity from world leaders.

## Bats 'can predict

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Bats calculate exactly where their prey is going by building on-the-fly predictive models from echoes.

Researchers from John Hopkins University in Maryland said the bats' predictive models are so robust, they can continue to track their airborne prey even when it temporarily vanishes behind echo-blocking obstacles like trees.

The researchers said that while the prediction of possible paths based on visual information has been extensively studied, their project is the first to do so using auditory information.

## Austria, Greece

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weeks with health experts warning the spikes in infections could overwhelm healthcare infrastructure across the continent.

To curb the spike in Germany, Europe's biggest economy, Chancellor Angela Merkel appealed to citizens to help achieve a "turnaround" by respecting a new round of shutdowns from Monday until the end of the month.

Much of Portugal also faces a lockdown from today while France, having imposed its second shutdown last week, is also preparing to further tighten restrictions. England will begin a new nationwide lockdown on Thursday, bringing it into line with other parts of the UK and Europe.



Rescue workers carry a 4-year-old girl, Ayda Gezgin, out from a collapsed building after an earthquake in the Aegean port city of Izmir, Turkey, yesterday. The girl, covered in dust but unhurt, was rescued more than 90 hours after a deadly earthquake which killed at least 107 people.

PHOTO: REUTERS

## Why laws that allow it should not be void?

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should not be declared violation of the fundamental rights of married women and girls to equality, non-discrimination, protection of law, protection of right to life and personal liberty, and why the respondents should not be directed to take necessary action to repeal these provisions.

HC bench of Justice Md Mojibur Rahman Miah and Justice Mohi Uddin Shamim came up with the rule nisi in response to a petition filed on Sunday by Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST), Brac Human Rights and Legal Aid Services, Manusher Jonno Foundation and Naripokkho.

The respondents include the law, justice and parliamentary affairs ministry, the women and children affairs ministry, and the home ministry. All the petitioner-organisations provide support and services to victims and survivors of gender-based violence including rape.

"They challenged the marital rape exception clause in section 375 of the Penal Code 1860 as depriving

married women and girls (aged above 13) the right to seek justice for rape by their husbands, and also related provisions, section 376 of the Code and the explanation to section 9(1) of the Nari o Shishu Nirjaton Doman Ain 2000 (Suppression of Violence against Women and Children Act) to the extent that these sanction the exception," read a joint press release.

Senior Advocate Zi Khan and Barrister Sara Hossain with Barrister Jenefa Jabbar and Barrister Sharmin Akhter appeared for the petitioners. Deputy Attorney General Advocate Nawroz Md Rasel Chowdhury appeared for the respondents.

Jenefa Jabbar, director of BRAC Human Rights and Legal Aid Services (HRLS) programme, mentioned that this is another milestone towards achieving equality for women in private life.

Shaheen Anam, executive director, Manusher Jonno Foundation, said, "Child marriage rate is very high in Bangladesh. Child marriage pushed lives of young girls at risk. We filed the

writ centring the incident of Tangail. We are very pleased and hopeful that the necessary changes will be implemented soon."

Shireen P Huq, member of Naripokkho, said, "[We are] very pleased that the court has recognised the Exception Clause to Section 375 as fundamentally discriminatory, and has responded to the pain that countless women and young girls suffer as a result of forced sexual intercourse by their husbands.

"Criminalisation of marital rape will not necessarily result in countless women thronging courtrooms with complaints against their husbands. However, it will reaffirm for women their right to say 'no' to their husbands, and remind husbands of their obligation to respect that 'no'."

On October 25, a 14-year-old girl from Tangail died reportedly due to excessive genital bleeding at Dhaka Medical College Hospital, just over a month after being married off to a man twice her age who recently returned from the UAE.

## A political conspiracy against

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Gono Bhaban.

In the early hours of this day in 1975, the killers of Bangabandhu had stormed then Dhaka central jail and assassinated the four national leaders -- Tajuddin Ahmad, Syed Nazrul Islam, Mansur Ali and AHM Quamruzzaman -- who led the Liberation War in the absence of Bangabandhu and led the nation to victory in 1971.

The premier said the companions of those who could not accept the independence of Bangladesh and did not recognise independent Bangladesh were involved in these killings and they were the masterminds of these killings.

"It was a political conspiracy against the independence and the

people of the country. It proves that their aim was to change the ideals of the Liberation War."

Hasina said then Gen Ziaur Rahman was the right-hand man of Khandaker Mostaque Ahmed in this conspiracy.

"Killer Mostaque conspired [and] it became clear when he made General Ziaur Rahman the army chief who was with him. So, it naturally becomes clear that Ziaur Rahman was the right-hand man of Mostaque."

She also mentioned that after these killings, the country had deviated from the spirit of the Liberation War.

The PM said it was an irony of history that killer Mostaque could not survive in power for long like Mir Zafar did. He was ousted by Zia when he proclaimed himself the chief administrator and

army chief at the same time.

The main aim of Zia, HM Ershad and Khaleida Zia was to create anarchy and conflict in the country through corruption, terrorism, militancy and killings just to be in power, she added.

The AL chief said her party always comes to power with people's votes. Hasina reiterated that the drive against terrorism, militancy, drugs and corruption would continue.

Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader also spoke at the programme from the AL central office.

A minute's silence was observed at the beginning of the programme to show respect to all martyrs of the Language Movement, Liberation War, August 15, 1975 and other pro-democratic movements.

## 6 more held over Jewel

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The incident happened after spreading rumour of demeaning the holy book, said Momin, also additional district magistrate of Lalmonirhat.

"We did not find any evidence of desecrating the Holy Quran. But our probe team found some important information about the incident. But these will not be disclosed now," he added.

The body visited Burimari Jam-e-Masjid, union parishad office and the crime scene and talked to locals, including the eyewitnesses, Momin told journalists after submitting the probe report yesterday.

The body was formed on 30 October, a day after the incident, in Burimari Bazar area near Burimari Land Port.

Two other members of the committee were Additional Superintendent of Police Raniul Islam and Patgram Upazila Nirbahi Officer Kamrun Nahar.

With the arrest of six people yesterday, the number of arrestees in connection with the murder rose to 16.

The six were held at their homes in Burimari, said Sumon Kumar Mohanta, officer-in-charge of Patgram Police Station.

Of the six, two were named accused and four others were identified from video footage, said the OC.

He added that one of them sustained rubber bullet injuries as police fired rubber bullets to disperse the mob on the evening of October 29.

Senior Judicial Magistrate Begum Ferdousi Begum placed five arrestees on a three-day remand on Sunday evening.

They are: Rafiq Islam, 20, Ashrafur Alam, 22, Bayezid Islam, 24, Masum Ali, 35, and Shafiqul Islam, 25.

Lalmonirhat DB police Inspector Mahmudunnabi, investigation officer of the murder case, told The Daily Star that the five accused arrested on Saturday were produced before the court on Sunday evening.

Jewel, a father of two, developed a mental health issue after losing his job in March and he used to take medicines prescribed by a doctor, his wife said earlier.

He went to Burimari with his friend Abu Jubayer Sultan Abbas on a motorcycle to get the medicine, she added.

Jewel, 50, son of late Abdul Wazed Miah in Shalban Mistripara area of Rangpur city, was also a former Dhaka University student.

## Escalation is all they wanted

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Locals said most of them were outsiders who had arrived on Saturday evening and asked them over a loudspeaker to join them in a protest rally.

In the recent Facebook post in question, Shankar Devnath, a head teacher of a local kindergarten school had reacted with a heart emoji. One other local shared the post.

However, police had already arrested the two by Saturday night and yet, attackers gathered on the Korbanpur High School premises and later attacked and torched four houses and a temple on Sunday, said locals.

One of the four houses belonged to Bon Kumar Shib, chairman of Purbo Dhoir union parishad of the same upazila. When the attack took place, locals said he was holding a meeting with religious leaders of the area to inform them that the two had been arrested.

This correspondent visited the spot yesterday and found at least four houses -- belonging to Shib, Liton Kumer, Sawndip Das and one of the two arrestees -- and a family temple vandalised and torched.

"On Sunday noon, I was at Khusghor village [adjacent to Korbanpur]. At around 1:00pm, I suddenly heard a voice over loudspeaker asking people to join a rally," said Jamshed Sarker, member of ward-9 of Purbo Dhoir union parishad.

"Later, around 3:00pm, I came to the rally and saw several hundred people had gathered there. But most were unknown faces," he said.

At around 3:45pm, some people suddenly broke off from the gathering and attacked the Hindu houses, Jamshed told The Daily Star yesterday.

Abdul Mannan, a resident of Jamgarh village, adjacent to

Korbanpur, said, "I noticed that people started gathering at the high school premises since around 1:00pm. Most came from outside the area. But we could not imagine that such a heinous attack would be launched from the rally."

"The union parishad Chairman Bon Kumar Shib is a popular leader in our area and he has completed many development activities here. Some vested quarters may be unhappy over his popularity. That may be a reason behind the attack," said Abul Kalam Bhuiyan, a resident of Khusghor village and general secretary of the union unit Awami League (AL).

Later, on Monday, three cases were filed with Muradnagar upazila's Bangora Police Station in connection with the attacks, said Kamruzzaman Talukder, officer-in-charge (OC) of the police station.

Victims Bon Kumar Shib, Liton Kumer and Sawndip Das filed the three cases against 91, 87 and 84 named and unnamed persons respectively.

Earlier, hours after the attack on Sunday night, police arrested five youths from Korbanpur village for their involvement in the attack.

They are Shanu, 38, Ershad Mia, 40, Enu Mia, 48, Babu Mia, 23, and Helal Uddin, 50.

Police said they seized bamboo sticks, lethal weapons from them.

Of the five, three were sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment and two were sentenced to six months in prison by a local mobile court led by Saiful Islam Komol, assistant commissioner (land) and executive magistrate.

The district administration on Monday formed a three-member probe body to investigate the incident.

## Govt mulling quarantining all coming

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the health minister said, "If people do not become careful and do not maintain health guidelines, those may be the reasons to fear. So, there is no alternative to wearing masks to check a second wave [of the virus]."

The senior secretary of the Local Government Division, Helal Uddin Ahmed, said his department could provide funds for buying and distributing masks among the general people for free, a meeting source told The Daily Star quoting the secretary.

Some other participants of the meeting commented positively on Helal Uddin's proposal.

Around 40,000 passengers enter the country a week. The meeting discussed screening them for Covid-19 at the port of entries and quarantining them, the source added.

The health minister also urged the government departments concerned to take steps to make sure that there are no large gatherings at social events in the coming winter.

On Sunday, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said time has come to reintroduce testing for every inbound passenger at the ports as there is resurgence of Covid-19 transmission across the world.

## At least 17 killed

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press statement from the Parishad.

It presented the information at a press conference at the Chattogram Press Club. Its General Secretary Rana Dasgupta read out the keynote paper and later issued the statement.

The organisation will take to the streets for two hours from 10:00am on Saturday across the country, protesting these incidents and to press for several demands, including the formation of a national minority commission and enactment of the minority protection act, he said.

In his written speech, Dasgupta said communal attacks on religious and ethnic minorities continued even during the pandemic.

"Criminals involved in the attacks, in many cases, gave their identity as leaders and activists of the ruling Awami League or the BNP," he said.

He gave some statistics on such attacks, which the Parishad collected from Bangladesh Minority Watch and different media outlets.

"However, this is not the full picture, it's only a part. Actually, communal violence has become a common phenomenon in Bangladesh," he said.

"The main purpose of the [communal] attacks is to intimidate religious and ethnic minorities, force them to leave the country and make the country void of minorities," he added.

He further said 10 people from minority communities faced murder attempts, while 11 faced

### 17 MORE DIE

Seventeen more people died from Covid-19 and 1,659 new infections were recorded in the country in 24 hours till 8:00am yesterday.

With this, the total number of deaths has reached 5,983. The death rate is 1.45 percent, according to a press release of the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

Following the confirmation of the latest cases, the total number of novel coronavirus cases in the country rose to 412,647. The total positivity rate now stands at 17.37 percent.

A total of 14,061 tests were conducted in 113 labs across the country during the same 24-hour period. With 1,659 new infections, the positivity rate was 11.80 percent.

Meanwhile, 1,886 patients recovered from Covid-19 during the 24-hour period, raising the total number of recoveries to 329,787. The recovery rate is about 80 percent.

All but one of the 17 deceased were males. All of them died in hospitals, said the DGHS press release.

One each of the dead was aged between 11 and 20, and 31 and 40, four were between 41 and 50, three between 51 and 60 and the rest were above 60 years old.

death threats. Thirty women were tortured, raped and gang-raped, and three of them died by suicide afterwards.

Six women faced rape attempts while 23 were abducted and three remained missing, he said. Twenty-six incidents led to the eviction of minorities from their homestead and lands, and while 73 such attempts were made, he added.

Thirty-four people were told to leave the country while 60 families were forced to leave their villages, he said, adding that seven people were forcefully converted.

Eighty-eight incidents resulted in homes or businesses torched, looted or vandalised, and those left at least 247 people injured.

Meanwhile, four were arrested on false charges of hurting religious sentiments, while 20 families were asked to change their religion during relief distribution by a non-government organisation, said the Oikya Parishad.

Rana Dasgupta alleged that communal attacks carried out in Dinajpur's Parbatipur and Cumilla's Muradnagar were based on fake social media posts from hacked Facebook accounts.

He said six minority students were suspended from different universities between October 26 and 28 on charges of hurting religious sentiment. He demanded the authorities withdraw the suspension and release four who were arrested.

He also condemned the brutal killing of Abu Yunus Md Shahidunnabi Jewel in Lalmonirhat.

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১.	৯৬ বর্গফুট পরিমাপের স্ট্যান্ড ও ফাস্টফুড দোকান	হযরত শাহজালাল আন্তর্জাতিক বিমান বন্দরের বহুতল কারপার্কিং এর নীচ তলা।	
২.	ইজারার মেয়াদ	বহর ভিত্তিক নবায়নের শর্তে ইজারাস্থল হস্তান্তরের তারিখ হতে প্রাথমিকভাবে ০৩ (তিন) বছর (আর্থিক সন হিসাবে)।	
৩.	প্রতি স্টেট ইজারা দরপত্রের নির্ধারিত মূল্য	১০০০/- (এক হাজার) টাকা মাত্র (অফারতথ্যোগে)।	
৪.	নির্ধারিত আনুষ্ঠানিক	আনুষ্ঠানিক হিসাবে বাংলাদেশের যে কোন অফিশিাল ব্যাংক হতে বার্ষিক উদ্ধৃত দরের ১০% (শতকরা দশ ভাগ) হারে ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার পরিচালক, হযরত শাহজালাল আন্তর্জাতিক বিমানবন্দর, ঢাকার অনুস্থলে ইজারা দরপত্রের সাথে দাখিল করতে হবে। অন্যান্য দরপত্র সরাসরি বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।	
৫.	কর্তৃপক্ষের ন্যূনতম গড় ইজারামূল্য (বার্ষিক)	৭৮,২৭,৬৪১/- (আটাত্তর লক্ষ সাতাশ হাজার ছয়শত একাত্তরটি) টাকা মাত্র।	
৬.	দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের স্থান ও সময়	অফিস চলাকালীন নিম্নবর্ণিত স্থানসমূহ হইতে ইজারা দরপত্র জমা করা যাবে। ক) পিএ টি সদস্য (পরিঃ ও পরিঃ) খ) পিএ টি প্রধান প্রকৌশলী গ) পিএ টি পরিচালক (হাশাআবি) ঘ) পিএ টি পরিচালক (সেমসু) ঙ) পিএ টি তত্ত্বাবধায়ক প্রকৌশলী (সিভিল) চ) হাশাআবি'র হিসাব শাখা ছ) সদর দপ্তর, হিসাব শাখা জ) প্রশাসন (সম্পত্তি) শাখা।	
৭.	দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	২৩/১১/২০২০খ্রিঃ অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত।	
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