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Why community centres of Dhaka city corporations are of little use for residents?  
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## Educational institutions to stay closed till Dec 19

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has extended the closure of all educational institutions till December 19 due to the Covid pandemic.

The education ministry and the primary and mass education ministry issued two separate statements to that effect yesterday.

All primary and secondary schools, colleges and universities will remain shut till December 19, according to the statements.

The education ministry directed all schools and colleges to carry on online classes as per its previous instructions. It also said the educational programmes on Sangsad TV will continue as usual.

On March 17, the government closed

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## ABRAR RAHAT'S DEATH Court frames charges against Prothom Alo editor, 8 others

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday framed charges against the Prothom Alo's Editor and Publisher Matiur Rahman and eight others in a case filed over the death of Dhaka Residential Model College student Naimul Abrar Rahat.

The court, however, discharged Prothom Alo's Deputy Editor Anisul Hoque as it found no grounds to frame charges against him.

The other accused are Kabir Bakul, head of events and activation of Kishor Alo; Mahitul Alam Pavel, senior assistant editor of Kishor Alo; and stage decorators Jasim Uddin Topu, Mosharruf Hossain, Md Sujun and Kamrul Hawlader.

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**A bus is burning near Bangladesh Secretariat. Nine such buses were set ablaze at different parts of the city within a span of few hours yesterday. Police say the torching was part of a plan to destabilise law and order.**

PHOTO: COLLECTED

## 9 buses torched in sudden attacks

*Cops claim some attackers identified; 10 held*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least nine buses were torched in different parts of the capital within the span of a few hours yesterday which police suspect was part of a plot to carry out subversive activities.

No casualty was reported.

Law enforcers arrested a suspect with a crude bomb around noon from the capital's Uttara where by-election to Dhaka-18 constituency was being held. Nine more people were picked up from Nayapaltan area.

"Torching of the buses was part of a plot to destabilise law and order through subversive activities," Md Walid Hossain, deputy commissioner of the Media and Public Relations Division of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, told The Daily Star.

Nine buses were set on fire at different places, he mentioned.

The vehicles were torched between 12:30pm and 4:30pm, according to the Fire Service and Civil Defence and witnesses.

Following the arson incidents, police cordoned off the BNP central office at Nayapaltan in the evening.

BNP spokesperson Imran Saleh Prince

said law enforcers picked up seven BNP leaders and activists while the party men were trying to enter the office.

DMP Deputy Commissioner Walid said police arrested a man named Sohail with a crude bomb from Uttara around noon while he was trying to carry out "subversive activities".

The arrestee, who lives in Tongi College Road area, was a hired hand, he added.

Scrutinising CCTV footages and talking to witnesses, police identified several attackers, said the official.

While the buses were set on fire, polling was going on in Dhaka-18 constituency where BNP candidate SM Jahangir Hossain claimed his agents were forced out of several centres by ruling party men and law enforcers.

The arson incidents took place outside the polling areas. The first one happened in front of Modhumita Cinema at Motijheel at about 12:30pm, followed by torching of a bus on Bangabandhu Avenue and another in front of Aziz Super Market at Shahbagh around 1:30pm; one at Shahjahanpur and one near the northern gate of the secretariat around 2:00pm; one in Bongshal area at about

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## AL candidates win by-polls in Sirajganj, Dhaka

*CEC says US can learn things from Bangladesh*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ruling Awami League nominees secured their places in both Dhaka-18 and Sirajganj-1 constituencies in the by-polls amid noticeably low voter turnout.

According to unofficial results, Md Habib Hasan got the most votes in Dhaka-18 and Tanvir Shakil Joy was elected in Sirajganj-1, defeating their rivals with a considerable lead.

Hasan got 75,820 votes while BNP nominee SM Jahangir bagged 5,369. Voter turnout was only 14.18 percent.

There are 5,77,773 voters under 215 polling stations in Dhaka-18, comprising 14 wards and the airport area under Dhaka North City Corporation.

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WASTE TO ELECTRICITY

## China to build power plant for DNCC area

REJAUUL KARIM BYRON and HELEMUL ALAM

A Chinese company will set up the country's first large-scale waste-to-energy plant for Dhaka North City Corporation areas.

The Cabinet Committee on Purchase, headed by Finance Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal, in a meeting yesterday approved the 25-year deal with China Machinery Engineering Corporation (CMEC), which will implement the project.

The project will be set up at the Amin Bazar landfill, belonging to DNCC, said Abu Saleh Mostafa Kamal, additional secretary to the cabinet division, at a press briefing after the meeting.

He said this is the first waste-to-energy plant project in the country and power will be sold to the government at Tk 18.295 per kilowatt.

During the 25 years, the government will pay some Tk 15,325.43 crore to CMEC.

Some 42.5 megawatts will be generated every day using around 3,000 tonnes of waste collected from the DNCC areas.

DNCC is providing land for the project, CMEC is the investor while the ministry will purchase the electricity, State Minister for Power and Energy Nasrul Hamid told the Daily Star in August this year.

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We, Bank Asia family, deeply mourn his sad demise. All are requested to pray for peace and salvation of his departed soul. May Allah, the Almighty, grant him Jannah.

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## TRAGEDY IN MEDITERRANEAN 74 dead as boat sinks near Libya

AFP, Tripoli

At least 74 migrants died in a "devastating" shipwreck yesterday off the Libyan coast, the United Nations said, the latest in a spate of migrant vessel sinkings in the central Mediterranean.

This year has seen a resurgence of boats in the central Mediterranean, a well-trodden but often deadly route for

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## Worst day this month

*1,845 test positive for Covid-19, 13 more die*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

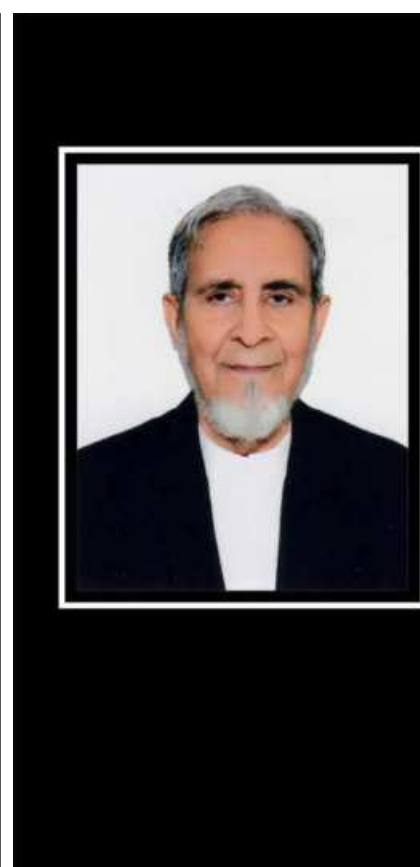
Thirteen people were reported dead from Covid-19 in 24 hours ending at 8:00am yesterday, according to a press release issued by the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

With this, the total number of deaths rose to 6,140, while the death rate stood at 1.44 percent.

Another 1,845 cases were recorded in the same 24 hours taking the total number of cases to 4,27,198, added the release. This was the highest number of cases recorded in a single day in November.

Against a number of

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## আমরা গভীরভাবে শোকাহত

বিশিষ্ট ব্যাংকার, বাংলাদেশে ইসলামি ব্যাংকিং প্রবর্তনের অন্যতম পথিকৃৎ, পূবালী ব্যাংক লিমিটেড পরিচালনা পর্ষদের প্রাক্তন চেয়ারম্যান, বর্তমান স্বতন্ত্র পরিচালক ও অডিট কমিটির চেয়ারম্যান

### মুঃ তায়ীয়ুল হক

১২ নভেম্বর ২০২০ বৃহস্পতিবার সকাল ৮.০০ ঘটিকায় সম্মিলিত সামরিক হাসপাতাল (সিএমএইচ), ঢাকায় চিকিৎসাধীন অবস্থায় ইন্তেকাল করেন (ইন্না লিল্লাহি ওয়া ইন্না ইলাইহি রাজিউন)। তাঁর মৃত্যুতে পূবালী ব্যাংক লিমিটেড এর পরিচালনা পর্ষদ এবং সকল স্তরের নির্বাহী, কর্মকর্তা ও কর্মচারীবৃন্দ গভীরভাবে মর্মান্বিত ও শোকাহত।

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