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INTER-DISTRICT BUSES Govt plans 4 terminals on city fringes

Aims to cut traffic jam by phasing out Gabtoli, Mohakhali, Sayedabad

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has primarily selected four sites on the periphery of the capital to set up four bus terminals to stop inter-district buses from entering the city.

After setting up these four terminals, it will phase out the three existing inter-district terminals at Mohakhali, Gabtoli and Sayedabad, which will become city bus terminals under the new system.

The four new terminals will be built at Savar's Birulia and Hemayetpur, Keraniganj's Teghria and at Kanchpur.

The move was made to stop inter-district buses from entering Dhaka city, which worsens the traffic congestion, said the two city corporation mayors while visiting one of the spots in Savar yesterday.

With an aim to increase discipline in the capital's public transport, the government in 2018 had formed a 10-member bus route rationalisation committee to bring all public buses under a fixed number of companies.

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Trash collectors dumping waste collected from nearby households at a roadside ditch in Beribandh area of the capital's Hazaribagh. As piles of garbage fill up the yard, a lot of the waste is burned, which causes air pollution. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Partex Group chairman MA Hashem passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

MA Hashem, eminent industrialist and founder of Partex Group, passed away early today.



He was 78. The former member of parliament had been in critical condition and undergoing treatment at Evercare Hospital in Dhaka since December 16 after testing positive for Covid-19.

He breathed his last at 1:20am, said Arif Mahmud, head of medical service of Evercare Hospital Ltd.

His son Aziz Al Kaiser also confirmed the demise of the entrepreneur who built industries in several sectors since he began his journey as a businessman at the beginning of 1960.

Scientists achieve quantum teleportation



INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

Quantum teleportation - sending qubits of photons through a fiber-optic cable - has been demonstrated by researchers for the first time.

The achievement could be used to develop a quantum internet service, which would revolutionise data storage and computing; scientists also claim it will usher in a new era of communication.

Scientists sent qubits through 44 kilometers of fiber-optic network with a 90 percent degree of

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FIRST YEAR OF BANGLADESH BANGABANDHU'S NATION-BUILDING CHALLENGES

Work to establish a happy society: Bangabandhu

December 24, 1972

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

SWADHIN BANGLA BETAR WORKERS' ROLE LAUDED

Prime Minister Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman today makes a fervent appeal to all to work for the establishment of a happy and exploitation-free society on the ashes left by the enemy. He says the lakhs of shaheeds of the Liberation War would never come back. But those toiling people who survived the war must be enabled to enjoy the fruits of independence. He asks all to work in

this spirit.

The prime minister speaks at a function at the Gono Bhaban organised by the Swadhin Bangla Betar Karmi Samity, a body of artists, announcers and others who had been connected with the Swadhin Bangla Betar, which used to operate from Mujibnagar during the months of the Liberation War. Appreciating their role in the Liberation War, Bangabandhu says in an



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Farmers fear crop loss as cold spell lingers on

STAR REPORT

As the cold spell lingers on, farmers are in fear of incurring losses because their crops might be affected by the bitter cold.

Now, they are applying different tactics to protect their crops, specially Boro seedlings and potato.

"I keep my entire seedbeds covered with clothes or polythene at night and uncover these when the sun is visible," said Animesh Barman, a farmer of Thakurbathina village in Thakurgoan Sadar upazila.

He has prepared the seedbeds on five decimals of land.

"We will have to do it until the weather improves. If the cold spell lingers on, it will be difficult for us to protect the seedlings," said Shahidul Islam, another farmer of Panditpara village of the same upazila.

"We have to spray

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KSA'S SUDDEN FLIGHT BAN 100 Bangladeshis sent back from Abu Dhabi Airport

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Around 100 Bangladeshi workers heading to Saudi Arabia were forced to return from Abu Dhabi Monday night following the sudden decision of the Saudi government to suspend all international flights, including to and from Dhaka.

According to the workers, they were flying to Saudi Arabia via Abu Dhabi from Dhaka on Sunday, Shariful Hasan, head of Brac migration programme, said yesterday.

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US under siege from Covid-19

Hospitals overwhelmed before holidays as Trump rejects Covid relief bill

AGENCIES

Americans were warned again not to travel for Christmas as the latest Covid-19 surge left hospitals struggling to find beds for the sick and political leaders imposed restrictions to try to curb new infections, making for a grim holiday season.

A new, even more contagious variant of the coronavirus quickly spreading across Britain caused more fear in Americans already weary from nine months of the pandemic and prompted talks among top

US officials to ban travel from the United Kingdom.

The United States is already grappling with a nationwide spike in infections that added more than a million new cases in just six days, according to a Reuters tally, a total of more than 18 million since the pandemic began.

In California, an epicenter of the latest surge, intensive care unit (ICU) beds were scarce and hospitals said they lacked enough doctors and nurses to care for patients.

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BSF kills another Bangladeshi amid zero killing talks

STAR REPORT

India's Border Security Force shot dead a Bangladeshi citizen along the border in Mymensingh Tuesday night while the director general of the force was participating in a conference with their Bangladeshi counterparts where the top agenda was to stop border killings.

Khairul Islam, 40, the man who was killed, was a cattle trader of Gubrakura village in Haluaghat, Mymensingh, reports our correspondent in the district.

Khairul was shot in Gubrakura area along the border by BSF personnel patrolling near the international border pillar 1124 around 8:30pm, according to police and Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) officers.

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PRAYER TIMING DECEMBER 24

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 5-25 12-45 3-45 5-24 7-00
JAMAAT 6-00 1-15 4-00 5-27 7-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Today is the 47th Death Anniversary of Begum Firdaus Rizvi

We request all relatives, friends and well-wishers to remember her in their prayers and to pray for eternal peace of her soul

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Mr. Anisuzzaman Chowdhury, Chairman, Executive Committee, United Commercial Bank Limited will attend as **Special Guest**.

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