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DEALING WITH NATURAL DISASTERS Govt efforts lack transparency

Says TIB report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A research by Transparency International Bangladesh has found that there was a huge lack of transparency and accountability on the part of the government in dealing with the recent natural disasters, including Cyclone Amphan.

The graft watchdog released the report on the research at a virtual press conference yesterday.

The work on data collection, analysis and report preparation for this research was done between May 18 and December 23 to review the progress and challenges in ensuring good governance in dealing with the recent disasters.

The TIB study report titled "Challenges facing good governance in disaster management and ways to overcome those: Recent experiences, including Amphan" found that lower allocations were made to the worst affected districts due to political considerations.

There was a lack of ability, participation and coordination in fighting the disasters. Shelters were used for personal purposes and there were examples of abuse of political power in relief distribution, it added.

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A woman drying clay pots, used for making winter pithas, in the sun in Kalashkanthi Pal Para of Barishal's Bakerganj upazila. Several families in the village have been busy preparing these pots since the onset of winter. They sell each hundred pots for Tk 800 to wholesalers. The photo was taken on Thursday.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

BHASAN CHAR 2nd batch of Rohingyas to be relocated by this month

MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA

The second batch of Rohingya refugees are likely to be relocated to Bhasan Char at the end of this month, officials said.

"A total of 700-1000 Rohingya refugees are scheduled to be relocated on December 28 or 29 and Bhasan Char has been readied to receive them," Commodore Abdullah Al Mamun Chowdhury, director of the Ashrayan-3 Project (the official title of the Bhasan Char project), told The Daily Star yesterday.

The first batch of refugees, consisting 1,642 Rohingyas, were relocated to the char on the 4th of this month.

The Refugee, Relief and Repatriation Commissioner (RRRC) is arranging the relocation process amid concerns of the international community about the island being a risky place for the refugees to live.

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Allegations against EC 'false, ill-motivated'

CEC about 42 noted citizens' statement

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Those who said people are losing faith in elections have an ill motive, Chief Election Commissioner KM Nurul Huda said yesterday, referring to a press conference by 42 distinguished citizens.

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FIRST YEAR OF BANGLADESH BANGABANDHU'S NATION-BUILDING CHALLENGES

Bangabandhu seeks people's cooperation

December 25, 1972
SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

BANGABANDHU'S JESSORE TOUR Prime Minister Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman reiterates his firm determination to deal with miscreants and other anti-social elements with a firm hand and warns them once again that his government would not allow a handful of armed miscreants to play

with the lives and security of the 75 million peace-loving people of the country. Addressing a mammoth public gathering at Jessore Stadium today the prime minister seeks public cooperation in curbing the anti-social activities of

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World readies for 'restricted' Christmas

AGENCIES

Thousands of truckers endured Christmas Eve stranded near a major British port, ensnared in the chaos unleashed by a new coronavirus strain, as Western nations accelerated vaccination programmes.

European nations on Wednesday had started easing travel bans on Britain to contain a new

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ACC can summon anyone over graft

HC observes in ruling on petition filed by deputy attorney general

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court has observed that the Anti-Corruption Commission can issue notice to any citizen asking him or her to appear in person to its office to place statements over corruption allegations.

The HC bench of Justice Md Moinul Islam Chowdhury and Justice AKM Zahirul Huq made the observation in the full text of its order on a writ petition filed by Deputy Attorney General Jannatul Ferdousi Rupa challenging the

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PRAYER TIMING DECEMBER 25

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

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

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আপনার দেখানো পদরেখা ধরে
আমরাও যেতে চাই অনেকটা দূরে

এমন মানুষকে মৃত্যু কি কখনো মুছে দিতে পারে! জীবনজুড়ে আপনার সফলতার স্বাক্ষর, আপনার কাজের পদচিহ্ন ছিলো সব ক্ষেত্রে— ব্যবসা ও শিল্পপ্রতিষ্ঠান নির্মাণে, শিক্ষাপ্রসারে, রাজনীতিতে, সমাজসেবায় কিংবা সাংগঠনিক কর্মকাণ্ডে।

মরহুম এম এ হাশেম ছিলেন দেশের একজন বিশিষ্ট শিল্পপতি, পার্লামেন্টে গ্রন্থপত্র প্রতীকিতা চেয়ারম্যান, সাবেক সংসদ সদস্য, নর্থ সাউথ ইউনিভার্সিটির বোর্ড অব ট্রাস্টি-এর চেয়ারপারসন, আজীবন সমাজসেবক ও অনুসরণীয় ব্যক্তিত্ব। আইডিএলসি পরিবারের পক্ষ থেকে তাঁর রুহের মাগফিরাত কামনা করছি এবং শোকসন্তপ্ত পরিবারের প্রতি সমবেদনা জ্ঞাপন করছি। সমাজের সর্বস্তরের মানুষ আপনাকে কখনো ভুলবে না।

إِنَّا لِلّٰهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ

We Mourn

Mr. M. A. Hashem, Founder Trustee & Former Chairman, Board of Trustees, North South University and Former MP passed away on December 24, 2020 (Inna lillahi wa inna elaihi rajeun)

We gratefully remember the immense contributions of Mr. M. A. Hashem. Members of the NSU Board of Trustees, all teachers and staff members are deeply shocked by his death

We Pray to Almighty Allah for the salvation of the departed soul

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