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COVID-19 EFFORTS PM lauded in Forbes

UNB, Dhaka

Forbes, an American business magazine, featured eight women global leaders, including Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who "deserve to be recognised" for their efforts in dealing with Covid-19 challenges to reshape the future.

Bangladesh, a country of some 161 million people, led by Hasina, is no stranger to crises, the magazine said.

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This scene captured in Kakoli at 10:00am yesterday may not show Dhaka at its busiest, but the number of vehicles converging upon the intersection carries signs that city dwellers are becoming more and more relaxed when it comes to following the stay-at-home guidelines amid the coronavirus outbreak. The nationwide shutdown to curb the spread of the disease was recently extended to May 5.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

BPC plans to rent private tanks

Runs out of storage space as demand for fuel plummets; country unlikely to get benefit of low oil price

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Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) is facing trouble as it can't store imported fuel oil anymore. Its tanks are almost full as the demand for fuel in the country decreased by 60 percent due to the nationwide shutdown since March 26.

BPC secretary Kazi Mohammad Hasan told The Daily Star that with most factories and transportation being shut down for the past month, the demand for fuel oil had significantly dropped. As a result, BPC has been unable to sell off its stockpiles of oil.

To weather the crisis, the state-owned company is planning to store oil in its pipelines and rent private petroleum and power company tanks to store an additional amount of diesel.

BPC officials said that Bangladesh will not be able to take advantage of a historic slump in oil prices in the international market amid the global coronavirus pandemic due to the lack of storage capacity in the country.

BPC usually imports crude oil, namely Arab Light oil and Murban oil, from the

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Nations prepare to ease lockdowns

Spanish children allowed outside as businesses in Italy to resume next week; Belgium, US gearing up for partial reopening

AFP, Madrid

Spanish children were allowed outside yesterday for the first time in six weeks as countries eased lockdown measures and reopen economies gutted by the coronavirus pandemic that has infected nearly three million people worldwide.

Governments from France to Italy and the United States are gearing up for a partial easing of severe restrictions that have kept more than half of humanity indoors for weeks on end.

Coronavirus cases around the world rose to 2.9 million and deaths have doubled since April 10 -- hitting over 203,000 people yesterday -- with well over half of them in Europe, according to an AFP tally.

The daily toll in Western countries appeared to be levelling off and even falling, but fears abound in many places of a second surge after restrictions on movement are lifted.

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German police bust cellar hairdressers



AFP, Frankfurt Am Main

Finding the perfect fringe during these times of confinement may prove to be an expensive gamble after German police went underground to uncover two makeshift hairdressing salons on Saturday.

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FIRST YEAR OF BANGLADESH BANGABANDHU'S NATION-BUILDING CHALLENGES

'Build Shonar Bangla on the principle of socialism'



Bangabandhu addressing a meeting organised by the Awami League on April 27, 1972 on the occasion of the 10th death anniversary of Sher-e-Bangla AK Fazlul Huq.

April 27, 1972

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

FULFIL DREAM OF SHER-E-BANGLA

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Rahman calls upon the Bangalee nation to build a socialist Shonar Bangla as dreamed by Sher-e-Bangla AK Fazlul Huq. In a message to the nation on the 10th death anniversary of the great leader, who fought for the economic emancipation of Bangalee peasantry, Bangabandhu says that Sher-e-Bangla's political acumen, great personality and strength of character will always inspire the Bangalee nation.



Kids among 5 dead after showing symptoms

STAR REPORT

Five people, including two children and a teenage boy, died after showing Covid-19 symptoms in four districts yesterday.

In Jhenidah, a teenage boy, who was undergoing treatment at the isolation ward of Jhenidah Sadar Hospital, breathed his last around 6:30am, said Apurbo Kumar, resident medical officer of the hospital.

The 14-year-old boy of Shailakupa upazila

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PRAYER TIMING APRIL 27

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 4-03 12-45 4-45 6-29 8-00
JAMAT 4-13 1-15 5-00 6-39 8-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

SEHRI,IFTAR TIMING

RAMADAN APRIL SEHRI IFTAR

3	27	6:29
4	28	4:02 6:29
5	29	4:01 6:30

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Locals loot FFP rice in Sylhet

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Locals looted a truck of Food Friendly Programme rice at Kaliganj bazar in Sylhet's Zakiganj upazila yesterday morning after raising allegation that a dealer involved with the programme was conspiring to misappropriate the subsidised staple.

The FFP rice was supposed to be sold to card-holders of Manikpur,

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Validate our test kit, save lives

Zafrullah urges Drug Admin

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At a time when testing for the coronavirus is urgently needed to save lives and arrest the spread of the Covid-19, the government's drug administration seems to have gone down the lengthier route to examine a testing kit developed by Gonoshasthaya Kendra.

"When our team went to the drug administration to hand over our kits for testing, it said we have to go through the CROs [contract research organisations]," said Gonoshasthaya Kendra Founder and Trustee Dr Zafrullah Chowdhury at a press conference at Gonoshasthaya Nagar Hospital in the city yesterday.

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