





Non-MPO Teachers

Govt mulls incentive

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The education ministry is planning to provide financial assistance to over two lakh non-government school and college teachers and staff, who are outside the government's monthly pay order (MPO) scheme.

Many non-MPO teachers and staff have not received any salary since the government closed down all educational institutions on March 17 to stem the coronavirus contagion.

Considering their hardship, the ministry has already sent a proposal to the Prime Minister's Office seeking allocation for providing a one-time grant to the non-MPO teachers and staff within the month of June.

Deputy Education Minister Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury told The Daily Star on Friday that they were actively considering the incentive.

INCENTIVE PROPOSAL

Top officials of the ministry said they have prepared two alternative proposals. Under the first one, each non-MPO teacher would get a one-time grant of Tk 8,000 and each staff Tk 4,000, while Tk 5,000 and Tk 2,500 respectively under the second.

"For the Tk 8,000 for a teacher and Tk 4,000 for a staff, the education ministry will need a total of Tk 126 crore. For the other proposal, we will need Tk 79 crore," said a top official.

Across the country, there are 1,51,325 teachers and 85,217 staff at non-government schools and colleges, outside the MPO scheme, as per ministry estimates.

Those listed under MPO get 100 percent basic salary from the exchequer.

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Workers of garment factories use a narrow alley to get to work at Nishchintapur of Ashulia on the outskirts of the capital yesterday. As the country reopens after a long shutdown, social distancing seems to have gone out the window.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN



Mustafa Kamal Syed dies from Covid-19

ASHLEY SHOPTORSHI SAMADDAR

Renowned television personality Mustafa Kamal Syed passed away yesterday afternoon at Square Hospitals in Dhaka.

He was 74.

He was admitted to the hospital on May 11 after showing symptoms of Covid-19, and was undergoing plasma therapy at the hospital after he tested positive for the virus on May 13, said Pavel Islam, senior executive (Programme and Communications), Programme Department, NTV.

Mustafa Kamal Syed's wife has also tested

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Don mask or pay the price, land in jail

DGHS says people can be fined Tk 1 lakh, sentenced to 6 months

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mask use is now compulsory outdoors and in public gatherings, according to a circular issued by the Directorate General of Health Services on Saturday.

There is a fine of up to Tk 1 lakh or six-month jail term or both for anyone caught outdoors without one.

The offenders will be sued under sections 24 and 25 of the Communicable Diseases (Prevention, Control and Eradication) Act 2018, said the circular signed by Additional Director General Prof Nasima Sultana.

The administration and other authorities concerned will "carefully" enforce the orders to combat the spread of coronavirus, it added.

The ban remains on movement of people from 8:00pm to 6:00am unless there is an emergency, it said.

Essential shopping, commuting to and from work, buying drugs, health needs and burials are exempt from the restrictions.

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June 1, 1972

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

BANGABANDHU'S TRIBUTE TO MANIK MIAH

Speaking at a programme organised by the Awami League to commemorate death anniversary of Manik Miah, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman says that he was a great patriot, thinker and political leader who fought his whole life for the emancipation of Bangladesh. He calls upon the Bangalee nation to build a hunger-free Shonar Bangla as dreamed by Manik Miah.

The prime minister further says that Manik Miah was the heart of Awami League. He adds that sometimes there were differences

Bangabandhu speaking at a commemorative programme on the death anniversary of Manik Miah on June 1, 1972.



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Brazil passes France in virus deaths

Leaders disagree on pandemic response

AFP, brasil

The number of coronavirus cases worldwide topped six million yesterday as Brazil registered another record surge in daily infections and divisions deepened on how to deal with the pandemic.

Latin American countries are bracing for difficult weeks ahead as the virus spreads rapidly across the region.

This contrasts to other parts of the world where the pace has eased and permitted a cautious exit from lockdowns that have wrecked economies and stripped millions of their jobs.

In Brazil -- the epicentre of South America's outbreak with nearly 500,000 confirmed cases -- disagreement among its leaders over lockdown measures has hampered efforts to slow a virus that

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'Please help me, I want to go home'

Mizdah shooting survivor pleads from Tripoli

MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA

Tariqul Islam is one of the migrants who have miraculously survived a mass shooting by family members of a human trafficker in the Libyan desert town of Mizdah on Wednesday that claimed 30 lives, including 26 Bangladeshis.

"When the shooting started, I saw people standing around me falling on the ground one after another. Amid a lot of shouting and shooting, I felt something strike me on my arm and I collapsed in a pool of blood with extreme pain. At one stage I lost my consciousness and when I woke up, I found myself in a hospital bed," Tariqul told the Daily Star over phone yesterday.

"I can't believe that I'm still alive," he said before starting to cry profusely.

The 22-year-old from Magura, who ended up as a victim of ransom-seeking traffickers after going with a broker to Libya to seek his fortune, was laying on a bed at the Tripoli Medical Centre when he was narrating the Mizdah massacre.

He said it was after Asr prayers on Wednesday when the trafficker's family turned on the hostages after the gang leader was allegedly killed in an altercation with the migrants.

"There was an altercation between the traffickers and hostages when they demanded more money. After the gang

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Rab arrests pardoned Aslam Fakir for murder

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

Former Jubo League leader Aslam Fakir, who escaped hanging on presidential clemency in 2015, has been arrested again in connection with another murder case.

A team of Rab-8 yesterday arrested Aslam, 50, son of late Sukur Fakir of Luxmipur village in Faridpur's Bhanga upazila, from a rented house in Chowgachha upazila of Jashore.

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PRAYER TIMING JUNE 1

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 4:05 12:45 5:00 6:45 8:15
JAMAAT 4:40 1:15 5:15 6:50 8:45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



A firecracker thrown by protesters explodes under police fire during a protest over the death of George Floyd.

PHOTO: AFP

Race protests escalate

25 US cities under curfew as Trump blames extreme left for violence

AGENCIES

Curfews were imposed on 25 cities across 16 states as clashes over police brutality erupted across America with demonstrators ignoring warnings from President Donald Trump that his government would stop the violent protests "cold."

Minneapolis, the epicentre of the unrest, was gripped by a fifth consecutive

night of violence on Saturday with police in riot gear firing tear gas and stun grenades at protesters venting fury at the death of George Floyd, an unarmed black man, during an arrest in the city on Monday.

Los Angeles, Chicago and Atlanta were among two dozen cities ordering people to stay indoors overnight as more states

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WE DEEPLY MOURN



I am deeply shocked by the demise of my Illustrious Father-in-Law **Mr. Abdul Monem**, founder of renowned largest Construction Group in the country, Abdul Monem Limited (*inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi raji'un*).

We pay deep respects to Late Abdul Monem, a business icon in the country and a legend in his own time. Recognized by the state, he will always be remembered as a role model for his meritorious contributions to the infrastructures and development of the country. At his death, a curtain has been drawn on a colorful chapter of business history, and we all will dearly miss this versatile personality and most patriot son of the soil.

We, all the members of Spectra Group and my Family members express our heartfelt sympathy and sincere condolences to the bereaved family at this hour of deep tragedy.

We all pray to Allah (SWT) to grant his departed soul the highest place in Jannah and give his family members courage and fortitude to bear this irreparable loss.

Engr. Khan Md. Aftabuddin
Chairman, Spectra Group

