

Recovery not possible sans united efforts

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actions, unity and international cooperation," she said.

The PM was addressing a high-level event titled "Call for Action: In Support of Multilateralism" held on a virtual platform yesterday.

The Spanish government organised the event in the wake of unique challenges caused by Covid-19 across the world.

Hasina said constructive multilateralism is not an option in a globalised world, but it is the only way out for a rules-based international order and common progress of humankind.

She said history proves that any deviation from this united approach would only bring disastrous effects for humankind.

"However, unless a multilateral effort is taken at the global level, global recovery won't start and it'll never be sustainable," the PM observed.

To face the crisis caused by the pandemic and protect the people's

livelihoods, the Bangladesh government has so far allocated \$14.14 billion, which is 4.3 percent of the country's GDP, she said.

Despite the impact of the pandemic, the country's GDP registered a 5.24 percent growth due to the government's timely interventions.

She said the recent trend of protectionism and xenophobia in some countries may bring further sufferings for innocent people and adversely impact the peaceful multilateral environment.

Hasina said all should guard against this type of activities which are detrimental to international peace, security and global development.

In order to reduce inequality, eradicate poverty and protect the planet by reducing carbon emissions, all need to work together and reinforce their multilateral efforts, she added.

The premier said Bangladesh is a flagbearer of multilateralism and pursues international peace and security by its high presence in the UN peacekeeping and peace-building process.

In the Political Declaration adopted on September 21 on the occasion of the UN's 75th anniversary, all countries had laid emphasis on shared responsibility and collective efforts for unified prosperity and advancing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement, Hasina said.

"However, to achieve the benefits out of these international instruments and understanding, strong multilateralism is required," she observed.

The PM said Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman had also highlighted the importance of collective efforts and the role of the UN in his statement at the UN General Assembly in 1974.

King of Spain Felipe VI was present at the programme. President of Spain Pedro Sánchez, South African President Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa, Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau, New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Arden, and Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Löfven, among others, spoke at the virtual event.

Be judicious while spending state money

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health secretary to collect Tk 5 lakh compensation from four officials of the National Institute of Cancer Research and Hospital (NICRH) for their negligence in preserving and protecting hospital equipment, including intensive care unit ventilators.

The four are AMM Shariful Alam, a director and project director between May 3, 2007 and February 8, 2009; Professor Mollah Obaidullah Baki, a professor between August 16, 2009 and May 19, 2013; Prof Md Moarraf Hossain, a director and project director between December 31, 2014 and June 6, 2019; and Prof Manosh Kumar Bashu, who has been the chief of the anaesthesia department since February 7, 2015.

On January 2 this year, the HC issued a suo moto rule and directive after Supreme Court lawyer Manoj Kumar Bhowmick placed a report by The Daily Star titled "ICU on sickbed" before it, seeking necessary orders on this issue.

The same day, it also ordered the health secretary and the DG of DCHS to form a committee and conduct an enquiry into the allegations of negligence by the NICRH authorities, and submit a report before the court upon its completion.

The HC bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice Md Mostafizur Rahman delivered the verdict after a hearing on the probe report.

In the verdict, the court also ordered three officials of health ministry (service department), directorate general of health services and Cancer and Research Institute to conduct an enquiry into whether Moarraf Hossain had sent letters to the chief technical

managers of National Electro-Medical Equipment Maintenance Workshop and Training Centre (Nememw and TC) in order to activate the ventilators in question.

They will complete the enquiry in 15 days on receiving the verdict.

The HC in its judgment said the demand for medical equipment, machineries and medicines must be determined through an expert committee before their purchase, and their standard and quality must be ensured by the committee in accordance with relevant purchase rules.

It also ordered the health secretary and director general of the DCHS to take necessary steps about the recommendations placed by the Anti-Corruption Commission to the health ministry in order to resist corruption and irregularities in the health sector.

It said the authorities must determine whether structures need to be built to install the equipment and machineries after the demand is finalised. The equipment and machineries will have to be purchased only after the structures are readied.

Competent officials and staffers will have to be appointed and trained to operate and maintain the equipment and machineries.

The appointment of the officials and staffers should be made under the revenue sector, not from outsourcing, as outsourcing appointment has no accountability, the HC said in the verdict.

The court ruled that a high-powered committee must be formed at every hospital to examine the standards and quality of the medical equipment and machineries and to keep them active and functional round the clock.

The tenures of the medical equipment and machineries must be displayed at outside of the rooms where they are installed, it said.

NICRH NEGLIGENCE
The court said if the enquiry committee finds that the claim of Moarraf Hossain of sending letters to activate the ventilators is not true, Tk 5 lakh will have to be collected from him.

If it is proved in the probe that the Nememw and TC officials concealed Moarraf's letters, Tk 5 lakh will have to be collected from each of them (Nememw and TC) officials Md Abdul Kaiyum (joint secretary, now retired) and Md Rezanur Rahman (joint secretary).

The HC bench lifted its January 2 order that directed the government to suspend the retirement financial facilities of Moarraf.

Yesterday, the bench also ordered the health secretary to take departmental action against Prof Manosh Kumar Bashu along with collecting Tk 5 lakh from him.

In the rule, the court asked the government authorities concerned to explain as to why the reported negligence of the NICRH authorities should not be declared illegal.

The NICRH, situated in Mohakhali, is the hospital of choice for patients in the low-income group.

According to an International Agency for Research on Cancer report released last year, about 1.08 lakh people die of cancer while 1.5 lakh are infected with the disease every year in Bangladesh.

Deputy Attorney Generals Amit Talukdar and Sarwar Hossain Bappi represented the state while Kazi Ershadul Alam appeared for The Daily Star.

Awami Jubo

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one lakh tonnes of US wheat for shipment in December 1972 and January 1973.

FM'S EASTERN EUROPE TOUR CONTINUES

Bangladesh Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad reached Sofia yesterday on an official visit. He declared upon his arrival at the airport that he was most satisfied with his talks with leaders of other socialist countries he had visited recently.

Samad expressed warm sentiments of his people towards Bulgaria. The Bulgarian people, the minister said, supported Bangladesh's liberation struggle with a great deal of sincerity and honesty, for which the newborn country is grateful. Bulgaria was one of the first states to establish diplomatic relations with the country immediately after liberation. Azad hoped that this visit would lead to further expansion of the already established friendly relations between the two countries, he added.

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Court frames

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November 19 to start the trial.

On August 6, Abu Sayeed, investigation officer and also an additional SP of Criminal Investigation Department, submitted the charge sheet of the case against GK Shamim and his seven bodyguards.

In the charge sheet, Sayeed said Shamim has Tk 337.3 crore in 180 fixed deposit accounts with different banks, two houses in the capital, and 52 kathas of land worth Tk 41 crore.

Shamim amassed the wealth through tender manipulation at government departments and extortion at bus terminals and cattle markets, the charge sheet added.

Scientists discover

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might be several species, though there was never sufficient proof, he added in a news release from the university.

There were hints such as differences in their size, color and physiology, which had been chalked up to a subspecies rather than an entirely different group.

But DNA sequencing allowed the team to analyze the gliders' genetic makeup, and confirm the theory for the first time. The study was published in the journal Scientific Reports.

"It changes the whole way we think about them," said Denise McGregor, a PhD student at James Cook University and one of the study authors.

The three species' Latin names are now *Petauroides volans*, *Petauroides minor* and *Petauroides armillatus*, according to the study.

Like koalas, greater gliders eat only eucalyptus leaves. They live in forests along the Great Dividing Range, a major mountain range that runs along the east coast from northern Queensland to southern Victoria.

They were once common -- but their numbers have been falling for years, raising concern among conservationists. Habitat loss and fragmentation pose the biggest threats, with contributing factors like natural disasters, logging and climate change, according to Victoria's environmental agency.

These threats have hit many animal populations hard; Australia has the highest rate of species loss of any area in the world. But greater gliders are particularly vulnerable due to their specific diet and dependence on mature trees for shelter, and are now listed as "vulnerable" under the IUCN's Red List of threatened species.

Australia's devastating 2019-2020 bushfire season struck another blow to wildlife, including the gliders -- the fires burnt over 97,000 square kilometers (9.7 million hectares) of land and killed millions of animals, said the study. It marked a major environmental and biodiversity crisis, with scientists afraid entire species may be wiped out by the months of relentless fire.

1,200 stuck with expired

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about 70 percent of Bangladeshi workforce in the Gulf country is involved in this field as unskilled, semi-skilled and skilled workers, according to the Bangladesh mission there.

An official at the Bangladesh Embassy said those who have valid visas were able to go back to Bahrain from Bangladesh maintaining due health guidelines at present.

However, those who saw their visas expired amid the pandemic are unable to do so, the official said, seeking anonymity.

He added the Bahrain government did not give the embassy any assurance on such visa-holders despite repeated communications.

Sheikh Mohammed Tauhidul Islam, labour welfare counsellor at Bangladesh Embassy in Manama, said the number of Bahrain-based expatriates stuck in Bangladesh with expired visas could be around 1,200.

Most of them are migrant workers while the list also includes investors and family visa holders. The embassy collected their numbers from various sources, Tauhidul told this newspaper via WhatsApp on October 28.

He said the embassy has been trying in different ways including "issuing an official note verbale" to negotiate with the Bahrain government so that the latter reinstate the expired visas.

Talking to The Daily Star again on Monday, Tauhidul said as per the directive of the ambassador, the mission has prepared a fresh "note verbale" to send to the Bahrain authorities in a day or two. This might lead to a solution, he added.

UK unhappy at exclusion

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transparency. It is now vital to amend the citizenship laws to ensure that everyone can participate fully in Myanmar's political process," the British minister said.

Nigel urged the Myanmar authorities to ensure free and fair elections are held at the earliest opportunity in those areas where they were cancelled.

"We also condemn the kidnapping of parliamentary candidates by the Arakan Army and call for their immediate release," he added.

Meanwhile, regional rights body Fortify Rights has called upon the international community to condemn the mass disenfranchisement of Rohingyas in Myanmar's November 8 national elections.

"A core principle of elections under international law is universal and equal suffrage and that is not what took place," said Ismail Wolff, regional director of Fortify Rights, in a statement on Monday.

Human rights groups and other observers have expressed serious concerns regarding Myanmar's elections this year, including the disenfranchisement of ethnic minority voters, most notably the Rohingyas.

Other concerns include the government's continued crackdown on the rights to freedom of expression

and peaceful assembly, including the arbitrary arrest and detention of civil society actors and activists.

Myanmar's constitution continues to reserve 25 percent of seats in parliament for unelected military officials and grants the military control of key government ministries in contravention of democratic norms, Fortify Rights said.

Following decades of authoritarian military rule, the international community mostly lauded Myanmar's elections in 2015 as a formative step towards democratisation and restoration of human rights despite the disenfranchisement of hundreds of thousands of ethnic Rohingya voters.

Five years on, the Rohingya suffered genocide and crimes against humanity and the National League for Democracy (NLD) government continues to imprison human rights defenders while also failing to reform key institutions, including the military and judiciary, said the rights body.

"Governments in the region and around the world must urgently step up efforts for international accountability and ensure the root causes of the Rohingya genocide are addressed and refugees are able to return to their homes in a safe, dignified, and voluntary manner," said Ismail Wolff.

Europe's Covid

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Britain, which has imposed a fresh lockdown in England, has the highest death toll in Europe at around 49,000 and health experts have warned that with a current average of more than 20,000 cases daily, the country will exceed its "worst case" scenario of 80,000 deaths.

But France, Spain, Italy and Russia have also reported hundreds of deaths a day and together, the five countries account for almost three quarters of the total fatalities.

Already facing the prospect of a wave of job losses and business failures, governments across the region have been forced to order control measures including local curfews, closing non-essential shops and restricting movement.

France, the worst affected country in the EU, has registered more than 48,700 infections per day over the past week and the Paris region health authority said last week that 92% of the region's ICU capacity was occupied. Facing similar pressures, Belgian and Dutch hospitals have been forced to send some severely ill patients to Germany.

In Italy, which became a global symbol of the crisis when army trucks were used to transport the dead during the early months of the pandemic, daily average new cases are at a peak at more than 32,500. Deaths have been rising by more than 320 per day over the past three weeks.

While the new vaccine being developed by Pfizer and German partner BioNTech will take time to arrive, authorities are hoping that once winter is passed, it will stem further outbreaks next year.

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen on Monday said the European Union would soon sign a contract for 300 million doses of the vaccine, just hours after the drugmaker announced promising late-stage trials.

Mumbai cruise to 5th IPL

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tournament's most successful side, Delhi, coached by Australia great Ricky Ponting, needed a strong start but were reeling at 22 for three instead in the fourth over.

Boult dismissed the in-form Marcus Stoinis with the first delivery while Shikhar Dhawan, the other opener, lost his wicket to off-spinner Jayant Yadav attempting a slog-sweep.

Skipper Shreyas Iyer (65 not out) and Rishabh Pant (56) steadied the innings but Delhi did not get a late flourish and settled for a score which Mumbai chased down easily.

Quinton de Kock fell for 20 and Suryakumar Yadav (19) sacrificed his wicket after a mix-up with Rohit but Mumbai were hardly tested in their

Yet health experts cautioned that the vaccine, should it be approved, was no silver bullet - not least because the genetic material it's made from needs to be stored at temperatures of minus 70 degrees Celsius (-94 F) or below.

Such requirements pose a challenge for countries in Asia, as well as Africa and Latin America, where intense heat is often compounded by poor infrastructure.

Meanwhile, Brazil's health regulator said it had suspended clinical trials of China's Sinovac Biotech Covid-19 vaccine after an "adverse incident" involving a volunteer recipient, a blow for one of the most advanced vaccine candidates.

Sinovac Biotech on Tuesday stood by its creation, saying: "We are confident in the safety of the vaccine".

The Brazilian regulator Anvisa said it had "ruled to interrupt the clinical study of the CoronaVac vaccine after a serious adverse incident" involving a volunteer recipient on October 29.

It said it could not give details on what happened because of privacy regulations, but that such incidents included death, potentially fatal side effects, serious disability, hospitalization, birth defects and other "clinically significant events."

Sinovac, however, said the incident was "not related to the vaccine", adding it will "continue to communicate with Brazil on this matter."

The public health center coordinating the trials of the vaccine in Brazil, the Butantan Institute, said it was "surprised" by Anvisa's decision.

CoronaVac has been caught up in a messy political battle in Brazil, where its most visible backer has been Sao Paulo Governor Joao Doria, a top opponent of far-right President Jair Bolsonaro.

The Sinovac, Pfizer and Oxford vaccines are all in Phase 3 trials, the final stage of testing before regulatory approval.

chase. Rohit shrugged off the twin setbacks and smashed four sixes in his rollicking knock before holing out with victory in sight.

Delhi's Kagiso Rabada finished as the IPL's leading wicket-taker with 30 scalps, ahead of the Mumbai duo of Jasprit Bumrah (27) and Boult (25).

This year's IPL, originally scheduled to begin on March 29, was shifted to the United Arab Emirates following the Covid-19 outbreak in India.

"We know it's a difficult time, everyone is stuck at home," Bumrah said, putting things in perspective.

"We're lucky that we could come and entertain people. If we could bring smiles to their faces, it's the best thing we could do."

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নিম্নলিখিত শর্ত সাপেক্ষে ২০২০-২০২১ অর্থসালে ঢাকা মেট্রোপলিটন পুলিশের ষোড়া ও ক্যানাইন স্কোয়াডের খাদ্য দ্রব্যাদি ষাণ্মাসিক ক্রয়ের (২য় ষাণ্মাসিক-জানুয়ারি-২০২১ হইতে জুন-২০২১ পর্যন্ত) জন্য সীলমোহরকৃত খামে প্রয়োজনীয় যোগ্যতাসম্পন্ন দরদাতা প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট আইন-২০০৬ এবং বিধিমালা-২০০৮ মোতাবেক উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইতেছে।	
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১৬। দরপত্র খোলার স্থান	উপ-পুলিশ কমিশনার (লজিস্টিক্স) এর কার্যালয়, রাজারবাগস্থ লজিস্টিক্স বিভাগের (কনফারেন্স কক্ষ নং-১৪), ৩য় তলা, ঢাকা। দরপত্রদাতাগণের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্র খোলা হইবে।
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১৮। দরপত্র আহবান কর্তৃপক্ষের নাম	ঢাকা মেট্রোপলিটন পুলিশ।
১৯। দরপত্র আহবানকারীর পদবী	উপ-পুলিশ কমিশনার (লজিস্টিক্স), ঢাকা মেট্রোপলিটন পুলিশ।
২০। দরপত্র আহবানকারীর ঠিকানা	লজিস্টিক্স অফিস, রাজারবাগ পুলিশ লাইনস্, ঢাকা।
২১। দরপত্রদাতার যোগ্যতা	দরপত্রের সাথে যে সকল কাগজপত্রের সত্যায়িত অনুলিপি জমা প্রদান করিতে হইবে। ক) সিটি কর্পোরেশন/পৌরসভার/ইউনিয়নের নবায়নকৃত ট্রেড লাইসেন্স। খ) হালনাগাদ আয়কর পরিশোধের সার্টিফিকেট। গ) হালনাগাদ ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন সার্টিফিকেট। ঘ) সদ্য ব্যাংক সলভেন্সি সার্টিফিকেট। ঙ) হালনাগাদ ব্যাংক স্টেটমেন্ট। চ) দরপত্রদাতা কর্তৃক উদ্ধৃত একক মূল্যের হিসাবে স্বশিষ্ট আইটেমের মোট সভ্য মূল্যের ২৫% Liquid Asset (Working Capital) থাকিতে হইবে মার্চে ব্যাংকের সনদপত্র। ছ) জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্র ও পাসপোর্ট সাইজের রসিদ ছবি অবশ্যই দরপত্রের সহিত দাখিল করিতে হইবে। জ) সংশ্লিষ্ট কাজের/আইটেমের ০১ (এক) বছরের বাস্তব অভিজ্ঞতার সনদ দাখিল করিতে হইবে।
২২। কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে অত্র দরপত্র গ্রহণ/প্রত্যাহান করার ক্ষমতা অত্র সংস্থা সংরক্ষণ করেন।	

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