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Migrants need social, legal protection

Foreign Minister Momen on their vulnerabilities abroad during emergency

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh wants social and legal protection of migrant workers in destination countries during emergency situations like the Covid-19 pandemic that has exposed their sheer vulnerability abroad.

"Migrant workers need to be included in the social and judicial protection system of the countries of destination to address the gap. We need to ensure migrants' rights from the early stage of ethical recruitment to wage, health and job protection," said Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen.

The comment comes ahead of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) to be hosted by the UAE on January 18-24. The UN-led forum is going to be held at a time when restrictions on migrants have been increasing due to the pandemic.

About 400,000 Bangladeshi migrants returned home, mostly empty-

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Vehicles illegally parked on a pavement close to the stairs of a footbridge at Kakrail in the capital obstructing pedestrians' movement.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

DEATH IN JAIL CUSTODY Court asks PBI to probe alleged torture

SI Mohiuddin closed

SUSHANTA GHOSH, Barisal

The family of the apprentice lawyer, who died in a prison cell of a hospital after alleged torture by members of Detective Branch of police, was able to file a murder case yesterday with a Barisal court that ordered the Police Bureau of Investigation (PBI) to probe the incident.

Younus Munshi, father of victim Rejaul Islam Reja, 30, lodged the case with Barisal Metropolitan Magistrate's Court against Mohiuddin Ahmed, sub-inspector of Barisal Metropolitan DB Police, and two other members, said Mohsin Montu, a lawyer of the case.



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WHO lauds India's decisive Covid action

SII, Bharat Biotech end spat, pledge smooth rollout of shots

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Director-General of the World Health Organisation (WHO) Tedros Adhanom Gebreyesus yesterday praised India's action and its resolve to end the Covid-19 pandemic as the largest vaccine producer of the world.

#India continues to take decisive

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BANGABANDHU'S NATION-BUILDING CHALLENGES

Vested interest trying to create chaos: Bangabandhu

January 6, 1973

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

BANGABANDHU'S VISIT TO GOPALGANJ Prime Minister Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman receives a warm and hearty welcome when he flies into his hometown Gopalganj today.

Addressing a public meeting at the Gopalganj Stadium, the prime minister declares that all the people are determined to foil the nefarious designs of the vested interests who are conspiring against the interests of

the new nation. These people are conspiring on the eve of the elections to malign the people of Bangladesh, the country and him before the world. Their objective is to damage the prestige of the nation so that no foreign aid comes for the country's development, he adds. He calls upon the people to cooperate with the

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Georgia votes in key US Senate runoffs

Biden promises 'new day'

AFP, Atlanta

After an unprecedented campaign that mobilised President Donald Trump and his successor Joe Biden, the people of Georgia yesterday started voting in two US Senate runoffs that could shape the first years of the new Democratic presidency.

For nearly 20 years Georgia has voted reliably Republican in the presidential election and Senate contests.

But Biden pulled out a shock victory in Georgia in November, one of several states that he flipped to win the White House, and the races for the Senate have come down to the wire in the biggest, most expensive congressional

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BOTCHED BANK ROBBERY

Robbers hurl acid at guard, stab Ansar member

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogura

Robbers carried out acid attack on a security guard and stabbed another after failing to rob a bank in Bogura's Gabtali upazila early yesterday.

The incident happened at the Sabekpara branch of Rupali Bank, said police.

Analysing CCTV footage, Sabina Yasmin, assistant superintendent of police (Gabtali circle), said two robbers in masks and PPE sneaked into the bank from the roof.

One of the criminals disconnected a CCTV camera set up near a staircase outside the gate of the bank and went in. The other robber waited outside.

At that time, Ansar members Masud Rana, 28, and Habibur Rahman, 25, stopped the robber who was waiting outside. At one point, the robber started arguing with the guards. He then took out a bottle of acid from his pocket and threw acid on Habibur. He also stabbed Masud.

As the guards started shouting, the robbers fled using the roof, Sabina said.

The ASP said they were trying to arrest the robbers.

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মাস্ক পরুন, সেবা নিন
No Mask No Service

বঙ্গবন্ধু শেখ মুজিব মেডিক্যাল বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়
Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University
শাহাবাগ, ঢাকা।

মুজিব বর্ষে স্বাস্থ্য খাত এগিয়ে যাবে অনেক ধাপ

মার্কিন যুক্তরাষ্ট্রের সংবাদ সংস্থা ব্লুমবার্গ প্রণীত সূচকে 'কোভিড-১৯ সহনশীল র‍্যাংকিং' এ কোভিড-১৯ জনিত প্যানডেমিকের সফল মোকাবিলা, অর্থনীতির পুনরুজ্জীবন ও জীবনমান সচল রাখার ক্ষেত্রে বাংলাদেশ দক্ষিণ এশিয়ায় শীর্ষ এবং সারা বিশ্বে ২০তম অবস্থান অর্জন করায়

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকারের মাননীয় প্রধানমন্ত্রী জননেত্রী শেখ হাসিনা

স্বাস্থ্য ও পরিবার কল্যাণ মন্ত্রণালয়ের মাননীয় মন্ত্রী জনাব জাহিদ মালেক, এমপি

সম্মানিত মন্ত্রিপরিষদ সচিব, মাননীয় প্রধানমন্ত্রীর মুখ্য সচিব ও মাননীয় প্রধানমন্ত্রীর অফিসের সম্মানিত সচিবগণ, স্বাস্থ্য ও পরিবার কল্যাণ মন্ত্রণালয়ের সেবা ও শিক্ষা বিভাগের সম্মানিত সচিববৃন্দ, স্বাস্থ্য অধিদপ্তর ও বঙ্গবন্ধু শেখ মুজিব মেডিক্যাল বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়সহ স্বাস্থ্য ও পরিবার কল্যাণ মন্ত্রণালয়ের অধীন সকল অধিদপ্তর ও বিভাগের সর্বস্তরের কর্মকর্তা ও কর্মচারীগণ, বিশেষভাবে সকল চিকিৎসক, নার্স ও স্বাস্থ্যকর্মী, সশস্ত্র বাহিনী, বিজিবি, পুলিশ ও আনসার বাহিনীর সকল সদস্য, সকল সাংবাদিক ও মিডিয়া কর্মী, রাজনৈতিক, সামাজিক, পেশাজীবী ও ধর্মীয় সংগঠন এবং এনজিওসহ কোভিড-১৯ মোকাবিলায় যুক্ত সকল ফ্রন্টলাইন যোদ্ধাদের জানাই

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World Bank sees global output up 4pc in 2021

Flags downside risks

REUTERS, Washington

The global economy is expected to expand 4 percent in 2021 after shrinking 4.3% in 2020, the World Bank said yesterday, although it warned that rising Covid-19 infections and delays in vaccine distribution could limit the recovery to just 1.6 percent this year.

The World Bank's semi-annual forecast showed the collapse in activity due to the coronavirus pandemic was slightly less severe than previously forecast, but the recovery was also more subdued and still subject to considerable downside risk.

"The near-term outlook remains highly uncertain," the Bank said in a statement. "A downside scenario in which infections continue to rise and the rollout of a vaccine

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Moscow metro hires first women train drivers



AFP, Moscow

The Moscow metro said Sunday it had hired female drivers for the first time in its recent history, following recent changes in controversial Russian legislation prohibiting women from many professions.

The Russian capital's transport system, which oversees the sprawling metro system, said in a statement that "the first female electric train drivers in modern history started working for the Moscow metro."

Built in the Soviet era as a Communist showpiece, the metro's trains were historically operated by men because the work was listed on

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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

New infected in triple digits 5 days in row

UNB, Dhaka

Coronavirus claimed 20 more lives and infected another 991 people in 24 hours across the country till Tuesday morning.

The total number of deaths rose to 7,670 since the first case was reported in the country on March 8. With the new infections, the country's caseload stood at 517,920, said the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

So far, 3,286,885 tests, including 14,629 new ones, have been carried out. The overall infection rate now stands at 15.76 percent and the death rate at 1.48.

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