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look for alternative sources as there are still opportunities," the BNP leader said.

He alleged that various statements made by ministers and Beximco authorities about the collection of the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine through the Serum Institute of India have created confusion among people.

"When the health minister said there's a G2G agreement with India to have the vaccine, Beximco authorities said it's a commercial deal with the Serum Institute."

Mosharraf said Bangladesh will suffer losses financially by procuring the vaccine through a third party (Beximco) instead of purchasing it directly from the manufacturer. "The cost of each dose of vaccine will now be almost double. Even if millions of doses are imported, there's a serious doubt whether common people will get it at all."

He said the government could have procured the vaccine at almost half the price it bought it directly, and thus hundreds of crores of taka could have been saved, adding that the government did not make the agreement directly only to help a quarter financially.

Mosharraf said the Enece meeting on Tuesday hastily approved a project of around Tk 6,000 crore to buy the vaccine, creating huge scopes for indulging in corruption.

Abdul Karim no more

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Syed Abdul Karim, retired assistant director of the Department of Agricultural Marketing, passed away at 11:15pm on Tuesday at his Malibagh home in the capital. He was 85.

He died of old age complications, family sources said.

He left behind one son, five daughters, eight grandchildren, and relatives.

He is the father of The Daily Star sub-editor Syed Abdur Rouf.

He was buried yesterday at Jurain graveyard.



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filed a case in 2005

"We got a decree in 2009, where the court ordered Milan to give us registration, but Milan still did not do so, and so, we filed a case for the ownership paper and got a decree in 2018," he said. "Then we prayed to the court to get possession and got the decree in December 2020."

Asked, Rana said the entire property of Jatra Mohan Sen and his son Jatindra Mohan Sengupta was turned into vested property, and Chattogram District Administration is its custodian.

The property was leased to a person who has been running a school there. Keeping both the government and school management in the dark, Farid filed a case with the court, using fake documents, he said.

Denying the allegations, Farhad said all documents with him were genuine.

"As of this moment, we are the property's owners, and we must be compensated, if the government wants to build a museum there."

Reconsider

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Mahtabur thanked Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for naming expatriate Bangladeshis as Commercially Important Persons (CIPs) during a ceremony yesterday.

Yasin Chowdhury, organising secretary of the association, urged the government to create a separate economic zone in the country for expatriate Bangladeshis, so they can safely invest their hard-earned money there.

The association leaders also urged the government to take steps to bring back corpses of expatriate Bangladeshis free of cost through Biman Bangladesh Airlines flights.

Besides, they urged the government to arrange low-cost special flights to bring back undocumented Bangladeshi migrant workers from Lebanon, who got registered under a special amnesty programme there.

Tateyama Kabir, vice president of the association, among others, addressed the programme.

Sharp rise

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was a year of pandemic and operation of vehicles, except those used for emergency uses, remained restricted," he said.

The number of all types of accident victims were 5,227 last year.

Lack of proper monitoring and management; non-implementation of Road Transport Act-2018 and 111 recommendations given by a committee for reducing road crashes; unhealthy competition among drivers and lack of awareness among pedestrians were among the reasons behind the accidents, he said.

DEADLIEST YEAR FOR BIKERS

Among all the vehicles responsible for accidents, the highest 1,127 were motorcycles while 698 were buses, 931 were trucks and 410 were cars and four-wheel drives and the rest are other types of vehicles.

The rate of bike accidents were 19 percent in 2019 while it rose by eight percentage points to 27 percent last year.

Citing the data of Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA), Ilias Kanchan said 17.53 lakh motorcycle licences were issued against 30.32 lakh registered bikes, meaning 12.79 bikers are riding without licence right under the nose of law enforcers.

Although there is the positive practice of using helmets in city areas, this practice is missing in the countryside, he said, adding that use of bikes by unlicensed and young bikers as well as political activists with no regard for the law are the main reasons behind the accidents.

Talking while riding bikes are also a major reason behind accidents, he said. Imposing restriction on use of bikes by teens, and making training and licence mandatory for bikers is necessary for decreasing the number of accidents.

He said among the victims, 25 percent are drivers, riders and transport workers and 21 percent are pedestrians.

The organisation recommended carrying out mass awareness campaigns on road safety, forming monitoring cell, implementation of a decision to incorporate the issue of road safety in text books, training drivers, building service roads along highways for slow-moving vehicles, keeping the footpaths usable and correcting the faults in road designs.

LDA demands

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from their post," he said.

The SJC comprises of the chief justice and two other senior-most judges of the Appellate Division to probe the allegations against SC judges, the Election Commission and other constitutional bodies. They can recommend removal of individuals if any allegations are proven.

Leaders speaking at the rally said that 42 eminent citizens had sent a letter to the President and urged for forming SJC to investigate allegations of corruption and other misconduct against the EC.

Leaders said in the letter, the citizens mentioned that members of the EC, under KM Nurul Huda's leadership, have committed misconduct and irregularities, including spending Tk 2 crore for delivering speeches as "special speakers".

Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal leader Khalequzzaman Lipan, Revolutionary Workers Party leader Akbar Khan, Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal (Marxist) AKM Jahirul Haque, Ganasamhati Andolon leader Bacchu Bhuiyan and Gonotantrik Biplobi Party leader Shahidul Islam Sabuz spoke at the rally.

Bangladeshi

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last week for \$215,000 (\$163,000) in damages, according to documents submitted in court and seen by AFP.

Staff at his dormitory, run by Joylicious Management, had locked Hasibur and up to 20 other workers in their room on April 19, after one of their roommates was thought to have contracted the virus and was transferred to a medical facility.

During this time they were only able to use the toilet by calling a guard to come and escort them. Some of the men were running fevers and the room was hot and poorly ventilated, the documents said.

After Hasibur reached out to TWC2, a NGO that supports migrants, the workers were transferred to a new room with an attached toilet which was also locked from the outside.

In total, they were confined for 43 hours.

"The plaintiff and his fellow migrant workers were robbed of their dignity and deprived of their fundamental human rights during the false imprisonment," Hasibur's claim says.

Officials found the dormitory operator had confined the workers with consent from their employer, V. Spec Engineering & Supplies, and imposed a hiring freeze on the company.

Hasibur, who has since returned to Bangladesh, alleged the actions of his employer and the dorm operator put him and his roommates at risk of contracting the virus and caused them emotional distress.

Get jobs abroad via legal channels

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there is no reason to be upset.

The government is providing stimulus packages while Karmasangsthan Bank, Palli Sanchay Bank and SME Foundation are there to provide them loans so that they could start their own businesses.

Hasina said there are many mega projects going on in the country and many people are working there. "They're gaining experience working in these projects and the experience will be helpful for them both at home and abroad."

She also urged the country's people not to step into the path of darkness falling prey to middlemen.

The PM called upon all to get enlisted and wait with patience to get the desired jobs through proper and legal channels.

She said if the migrant workers fall in trouble being instigated by someone, it will be very much painful and dangerous for the persons and their families.

In this regard, she recalled the deaths of some migrant workers in Libya and hoped that such incidents would not happen in the future.

There are no scarcity of jobs and food in the country, the PM said, suggesting that people should go abroad for jobs after getting registered.

Hasina also put emphasis on receiving proper training before going abroad in search for jobs.

She mentioned that there are some people who manage

certificates without getting proper training and they face problems once they land in a foreign country.

"I think that without doing this if anyone takes the training with sincerity, then that person will not face any harassment abroad. All have to pay attention to that, the expatriates' welfare and overseas employment ministry should be more vigilant to this end," Hasina said.

The PM said the government is taking various initiatives to make the country economically stronger and self-reliant. "We're on the path of attaining economic self-reliance, we're constructing 100 economic zones ... there'll be no scarcity of work here also. We'll also have skilled workers, foreign investment is coming," she said.

Hasina also briefly described various steps of the government taken for the welfare of Bangladeshi expatriates.

Bangladesh has set the theme -- "Mujib Borsho er Ahoaban, Dokkho Hoyo Bidesh Jan" (The call of Mujib Year, go abroad after becoming skilled).

Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Imran Ahmad and Secretary Ahmed Munir Saleheen also spoke at the programme.

Earlier, Imran Ahmad, on behalf of the prime minister, distributed education scholarship cheques among the children of Bangladeshi expatriates and commercially important persons crests among the expatriates for sending higher amount of remittance through the legal channel and investing in the country.

Discrepancies in pay

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the Service Reorganisation Committee to submit their reports within the next two months.

Inaugurating the first national conference of Bangladesh Gonokarmachari Sanjukta Parishad (BGSP) at the Engineering Institute today, the prime minister exhorts all grades of government officials to maintain discipline and official decorum. Without discipline, he observes, no nation can develop and march towards progress. He assures that the present transport system in the metropolis would be improved to facilitate the mobility of the low-income group of government officials so that they do not have excuses for late attendance in the office.

Bangabandhu further declares that there would be no class system in the government service. He asks those sitting in the highest echelons of public service to change their outlook and treat their subordinates with dignity.

BANGABANDHU VISITS SAYERA KHATUN HOSPITAL

Before flying to Dhaka, Bangabandhu on the last leg of his tour of Gopalganj visits Sheikh Sayera Khatun Red Cross Hospital at Tungipara, his village home, and one of the areas worst affected by the Pakistan army's atrocities in the Liberation War. He goes around different sections of the hospital and talks to patients receiving treatment there.

The prime minister returns to Dhaka by helicopter at noon today.

COMPLETE IMPARTIALITY IN POLLS ASSURED

Chief Election Commissioner Justice Muhammad Idrees assures people that the Election Commission would maintain complete impartiality and honesty in conducting the country's first general elections planned for March 7, 1973. Announcing the election schedule over radio and television today, the CEC seeks wholehearted cooperation of the people including those who are not voters.

Source: January 8, 1973 issues of Dainik Bangla, The Bangladesh Observer and Ittefaq.

Democrats ahead in Senate race

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mostly stopped for the night, Warnock was ahead of Loeffler by 1.2 percentage points, roughly 54,000 votes, according to Edison Research. Ossoff led Perdue by more than 16,000 votes, or 0.4 percentage points, just shy of the state's 0.5 percent threshold to avoid a recount.

Winning both contests would give Democrats control of the Senate, creating a 50-50 split and giving Vice President-elect Kamala Harris the tie-breaking vote once she and Biden take office on January 20. The party already has a narrow majority in the US House of Representatives.

If Republicans hold the second seat, they would effectively wield veto power over Biden's political and judicial appointees as well as many of his legislative initiatives in areas such as economic relief from the coronavirus pandemic, climate change, healthcare and criminal justice.

The campaign's final days were overshadowed by Trump's attacks on his own election defeat in the state, including a recording of a phone call in which he hectoring Republican Georgia officials to "find" enough votes to make him the winner.

ON TRUMP'S SHOULDERS

Gabriel Sterling, a Republican and a top election official in the state, told CNN that if Democrats won, the losses would "fall squarely on the shoulders of President Trump and his actions since Nov. 3."

The election also signaled a shift in the politics of Georgia and the wider deep South. Black voters, the most reliable Democratic supporters in the region, turned out in numbers unprecedented for a run-off vote.

In a video message, Warnock, whose Ebenezer Baptist

Church is legendary in Georgia because of its role in the civil rights movement under King, recalled his humble upbringing as one of 12 children of a woman who worked in cotton fields.

"Because this is America, the 82-year-old hands that used to pick somebody else's cotton went to the polls and picked her youngest son to be a United States senator," he said.

During the campaign, Republicans had painted Ossoff and Warnock as radicals who would pursue a hard-left agenda. But that message failed to resonate with many white suburbanites who have increasingly abandoned the Republican party under Trump.

Trump's flailing efforts to overturn his own defeat moved to Congress later yesterday, when Vice President Mike Pence was due to preside over the counting of electoral votes to certify Biden's victory.

Trump has called on Pence to throw out the results in states he narrowly lost, although Pence has no authority to do so. Some Republican lawmakers have said they will try to reject some state tallies, a move that stands no chance of success but which could force debate and drag out the certification process.

Trump's supporters plan to rally in the streets of Washington, with the city bracing for potential violence. Police banned the leader of a far-right group from the city and made several arrests as protests ramped up on Tuesday.

Both Republican senators, following the lead of Trump who has never conceded his own loss, predicted they would ultimately win and insisted they would fight on: "We have a path to victory and we're staying on it," Loeffler told supporters in Atlanta.

China blocks entry

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Wuhan in late 2019, prompting accusations of chaotic, secretive handling by Chinese authorities which led to its spread beyond China.

US President Donald Trump called the pandemic the "China virus".

Despite the hail of criticism, Beijing has so far resisted pressure for an independent probe and instead has seeded doubt as to whether the pandemic even started inside its borders.

Beijing foreign ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying confirmed the WHO team had not been admitted as planned, and admitted it was "not just a visa issue".

"The issue of origin-tracing is incredibly complicated," she told reporters at a regular news briefing.

"To ensure the work of the international expert team in China goes smoothly, we have to carry out necessary procedures and make relevant arrangements."

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