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 Ecnece 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

City

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.

Reconsider

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

take steps to bring back corpses of expatriate Bangladeshis free of cost through Biman Bangladesh Airlines flights.

special flights to bring back undocumented Bangladeshi migrant workers from Lebanon, who got registered under a special amnesty programme there.

others, addressed the programme.

Capt Nasimul no more

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Captain SM Nasimul Haque, a former pilot of Biman Bangladesh

Airlines, died yesterday. He was 69.

"Captain Nasimul Haque died around 4:45am at his Gulshan residence. He had been suffering from urinary complications and also has been suffering from diabetes for a long time," Naushaba Haque, daughterin-law of Capt Nasimul, told The Daily Star.

He left behind a son, a daughter and a host of relatives and well-wishers to mourn his death, Naushaba also said.

Captain Nasimul was the president of Bangladesh Airlines' Pilot Association for three consecutive terms since 2003, said its President Captain Mahbubur Rahman.

Nasimul was laid to rest at city's Banani graveyard.

Association President Mahbubur Rahman and General Secretary Captain Nazmul Hasan expressed deep shock at the death.

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

Lack of proper monitoring and management; nonimplementation 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

from their post," he said.

Bangladeshi

last week for Sg\$215,000

(\$163,000) in damages,

according to documents

submitted in court and seen

by Joylicious Management,

had locked Hasibur and up

to 20 other workers in their

room on April 19, after one

thought to have contracted

During this time they

were only able to use the

toilet by calling a guard

Some of the men were

running fevers and the

to come and escort them.

room was hot and poorly

ventilated, the documents

After Hasibur reached

workers were transferred to a

new room with an attached

toilet which was also locked

"The plaintiff and his

out to TWC2, a NGO that

supports migrants, the

confined for 43 hours.

fellow migrant workers

dignity and deprived of

rights during the false

claim says

their fundamental human

imprisonment," Hasibur's

Officials found the

dormitory operator had

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Engineering & Supplies, and

Hasibur, who has since

returned to Bangladesh,

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Board. A general diary has been lodged under Mirpur PS, GD No. 253, dated

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the company.

distress.

were robbed of their

from the outside. In total, they were

the virus and was transferred

of their roommates was

to a medical facility.

Staff at his dormitory, run

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by AFP.

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.

Get jobs abroad via legal channels

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 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

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.

government taken for the welfare of Bangladeshi

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

Imran Ahmad and Secretary Ahmed Munirus Saleheen also spoke at the programme.

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

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

 $In augurating \, the \, first \, national \, conference$ 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.

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.

'We will never concede'

But as Trump was still speaking and Congress opened the over Republican incumbents. session, Pence -- dutifully loyal to Trump over four years

A Democratic sweep would result in a 50-50 split in the and quiet since the election -- said he would not intervene. "The Constitution constrains me from claiming

unilateral authority to determine which electoral votes should be counted and which should not," Pence said in a statement With political tensions running at fever pitch, there was a heavy police presence in downtown Washington and

many business owners, fearing clashes, have boarded up doors and windows. "I can't say I respect our election process anymore," said Gail Shaw, 76, who drove down from New Jersey for the

rally. "We will take our nation back. Biden won more than seven million votes more than Trump in the November 3 election and leads him 306-232 in the state-by-state Electoral College that determines elections.

Trump has repeatedly alleged without no evidence that there was vote-rigging but his team has not been able to prove a single case in court.

There is little chance that Trump will succeed in reversing the certification as Democrats already controlled the House of Representatives.

But more than 100 Republican members of the House of Representatives and at least a dozen Republican senators have vowed to object to certification -- threatening to delay the proceedings late into the night -- with lawmakers from Arizona filing a first objection as the joint session of Congress got underway.

The session of Congress comes one day after voters went to the polls in Georgia and appear to have handed a pair

of stunning victories to the Democratic Senate candidates

Senate with Democrats holding the tie-breaking vote in Vice President Kamala Harris.

Biden is due to be sworn in on January 20 and control of the Senate would give his Democrats the levers of power in the executive branch and both chambers of Congress and allow him to push through his legislative agenda.

"After the past four years, after the election, and after today's election certification proceedings on the Hill, it's time to turn the page," Biden said in a statement. "The American people demand action and they want

unity. I am more optimistic than I ever have been that we can deliver both," he said. Georgia has been reliably Republican but Biden also won the state, by about 12,000 votes, and his win there is

one of the victories that Trump has been contesting. Trump's unprecedented efforts to overturn the result have included making a call to Georgia's secretary of state in which he said he wants to "find 11,780 votes" -- one

more than Biden's margin of victory. In Georgia, Democratic candidate Raphael Warnock, the pastor at the Atlanta church where Martin Luther King once preached, was projected to defeat Republican Kelly Loeffler, a 50-year-old businesswoman appointed to the

Warnock, 51, who would be just the third African-American to win a Senate seat from the South, was ahead by 53,430 votes out of nearly 4.4 million cast, or more than one percent.



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China blocks entry

Senate in December 2019.

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

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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BANGABANDHU VISITS SAYERA

AL completes 12 consecutive

Buddhist Monastery Road in the capital's Merul Badda at 10:30am, Dhakeswari National Temple, and at Mirpur Baptist Church at Mirpur-10 at 11:30am.

In the statement, Quader said the government, under the leadership of Sheikh Hasina, has made unprecedented development and progress in the country in the last 12 years and Bangladesh has become a role model of development at the international arena.

The country has set a unique example

in maximum socio-economic indexes, he said, adding that the government has strengthened democracy and good governance. Bangladesh, he said, also made remarkable instances in facing the

disasters. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's wisdom, firmness, honesty and courage have

coronavirus pandemic and different natural

attained global accolades, he said.

He said attainment of these successes has been possible due to united efforts of people and their hundred percent trust in the AL government and their unparalleled support.

The Awami League and grand alliance under the leadership of Sheikh Hasina achieved a landslide victory on December 29, 2008 national election. On January 6, 2009, grand alliance, led by the Awami League, formed government.

Sheikh Hasina became prime minister by surpassing all the South Asian countries for third times when Awami League formed government after winning the January 5, 2014 general elections.

In the general election on December 30 in 2018, the people of Bangladesh again gave their mandate to the Awami League to form government for a record third straight

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina became the prime minister for the fourth time and third in a row.

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"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

HC orders

filed a case in 2005

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vested property, and Chattogram District Administration is 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.'

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

Besides, they urged the government to arrange low-cost

Tateyama Kabir, vice president of the association, among

certificates without getting proper training and they face

should be more vigilant to this end," Hasina said.

Hasina also briefly described various steps of the

Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister

Earlier, Imran Ahmad, on behalf of the prime minister,