

## Look for

FROM PAGE 3

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 Ecece 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

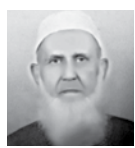
Syed Abdul Karim, retired assistant director of the Department of Agricultural Marketing, passed away at 11:15pm on Tuesday at his Malibagh home in the capital. He was 85.

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.



## HC orders

FROM PAGE 3

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

FROM PAGE 3

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.

## 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, daughter-in-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

FROM PAGE 3

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

FROM PAGE 3

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

FROM PAGE 12

last week for Sg\$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

FROM PAGE 12

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 Ahojan, Dokkho Hoye 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

FROM PAGE 12

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.

## 'We will never concede'

FROM PAGE 12

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

A Democratic sweep would result in a 50-50 split in the 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 Senate in December 2019.

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.

## China blocks entry

FROM PAGE 12

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."

## TENDER NOTICE FOR LIFT (2nd Call)

Sealed Tenders are hereby invited from experienced and eligible Contractors for supply, installation, testing and commissioning of (a) One number 1000 kg. 17 stops 2.5m/sec speed Fire fighter Lift (b) One number of 1600 kg. 16 stops 2.5 m/sec speed Stretcher Cum passenger's Lift (c) Two numbers 1000 kg. 15 stops 2.5 m/sec speed passenger's Lift of 6th Phase for 14 storied Anjuman JR Tower with 3-Basement at 42, Anjuman Mufidul Islam Road, Kakrail, Dhaka. Interested contractors may collect **eligibility criteria, scope of work and other related information** from Project Director, Anjuman JR Tower project. Last date of purchase of Tender is **25.01.2021** up to 4 PM. Eligible Contractors may purchase Tender Schedule from the office of the Project Director by paying a sum of Tk. 10,000/= only in the form of pay order/ Bank Draft in favor of President, Anjuman Mufidul Islam. Tender documents shall be sold only to those contractors who shall be able to show documentary evidence of the eligibility criteria as fixed by Anjuman Authority. **Project Director, A.M.I**

**Lost**  
I have lost my SSC exam transcript on January 3, 2021. Roll No. 109351, Registration No. 1510715955, Dhaka Board. A general diary has been lodged under Mirpur PS, GD No. 253, dated January 4, 2021.  
Natasha Mazumder  
+8801717061319 D-04

**বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক**  
কমন সার্ভিসেস ডিপার্টমেন্ট-১  
প্রধান কার্যালয়  
ঢাকা  
ওয়েবসাইটঃ [www.bb.org.bd](http://www.bb.org.bd)

**স্টাফ বাস ভাড়ার দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক, ঢাকা কেন্দ্রের নিম্নে বর্ণিত বুটের কর্মকর্তা/কর্মচারীদের অফিসে আনা-নেয়ার জন্য ৪০ আসনের একটি মিনিবাস চুক্তি সম্পাদনের তারিখ হতে পরবর্তী ০৩ (তিন) বছর মেয়াদে ভাড়া করার উদ্দেশ্যে প্রকৃত বাস মালিক/সংস্থার নিকট হতে ই-টেন্ডার প্রক্রিয়ায় উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতিতে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছেঃ

| বুটের নাম        | গাড়ির আকার      | গাড়ির সংখ্যা | মডেল                  | দরপত্র জামানত |
|------------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| মতিঝিল-দক্ষিণখান | ৪০ আসনের মিনিবাস | ০১            | ২০১৩ সাল বা তৎপরবর্তী | ৳২০,০০০/-     |

আগ্রহী দরদাতাগণ বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের ওয়েবসাইটে ([www.bb.org.bd](http://www.bb.org.bd)) ই-টেন্ডারিং অপশনে Bidders হিসাবে রেজিস্ট্রেশন সম্পন্নকরতঃ নিজ ক্ষেত্রে প্রবেশপূর্বক আলোচ্য দরপত্রে অংশগ্রহণ করতে পারবেন। উপরে বর্ণিত দরপত্র জামানত (Tender Security) 'মহাব্যবস্থাপক, কমন সার্ভিসেস ডিপার্টমেন্ট-১, বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক, প্রধান কার্যালয়, ঢাকা' এর অনুকূলে যেকোনো তফসিলি ব্যাংকের ইস্যুকৃত ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/প-অর্ডার ১৮/০১/২০২১ তারিখ বেলা ২:০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে কমন সার্ভিসেস ডিপার্টমেন্ট-১ (৭ম তলা, ২য় সললী ভবন) এ দাখিল করতে হবে এবং একই তারিখ বেলা ২:০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত অনলাইনে ([www.etender.bb.org.bd](http://www.etender.bb.org.bd)) দরপত্র জমা দেয়া যাবে। একই তারিখ বেলা ২:৩০ ঘটিকায় দরপত্রে অংশগ্রহণকারীগণ অথবা তাদের প্রতিনিধিদের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেউ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্রসমূহ খোলা হবে।

বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যেকোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা যেকোনো বা সকল দরপত্র বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করে।

ব্যর্থিক ও আর্থিক সেবা পেতে হয়রানির শিকার হলে কিংবা কোনো অভিযোগ থাকলে ১৬২৬৩ নম্বরে ফোন করুন।

মোঃ আবুল কালাম আজাদ  
মহাব্যবস্থাপক  
ফোনঃ ৯৫৩০১৪৮

ডিসিপিঃ ৪৮/২০২১-৬০  
তারিখঃ ০৬/০১/২০২১  
জিডি-৩৫

**Bangladesh Water Development Board**  
Office of the Executive Engineer  
Pabna O&M Division  
Chak Satiyan, Pabna  
E-mail: [xenbwdbpabna@gmail.com](mailto:xenbwdbpabna@gmail.com), Web: [www.bwdb.gov.bd](http://www.bwdb.gov.bd)  
Memo No. T-3/53 Date: 06/01/2021

**Re-e-Tender Notice**

| Sl No. | Tender ID & Invitation Reference No. | Package No. & description   | Location of the works/ supply     | Tender/ proposal document last selling date & time | Tender/ proposal closing & opening date & time |
|--------|--------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| 01.    | 534538, T-3/53; Date: 06/01/2021     | Package No. FFW/W-29/1. Eviction of Unauthorized Occupants and Landscaping at the bank of Ichamoti river in Pabna district and construction of Walkway at the rescued place with the Project Re-Excavation of Small Rivers Khal & Water bodies in 64 Districts 1st Phase 1st Revisited under Pabna O&M Division BWDB Pabna during the FY 2020-21 and 2021-22. | Upazila: Pabna Sadar, Dist: Pabna | 20/01/2021, 16:00 hrs                              | 21/01/2021, 14:00 hrs                          |

This is an online tender where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copy will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank's branches up to banking hours on 20/01/2021.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)) (0176262528-31).

Md. Rafiqul Alam Chowdhury  
Executive Engineer  
ID No. 791231002  
Phone No. 0731-65816

পাসি-৪২৩/২০২০-২০২১  
৬/০১  
GD-34