



Kormojibi Nari, a women's rights organisation, stages a rally at the Central Shaheed Minar in the capital yesterday, protesting the recent murder of a 15-year-old girl, who used to sell flowers on the Dhaka University campus. Speakers at the rally demanded maximum punishment for the killer.

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2 govt officials held for stealing

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Dr Mujahidul Islam, director of

the medical college hospital, said after learning of the incident, he checked the account and found no irregularities in the hospital's funds. Saiful told The Daily Star over phone that they were investigating the incident and were yet to find where the funds had been transferred. But he said Amirul and Mahfuzur had been transferring the funds digitally for the last two years, at the beginning of each month.

The DB of Dinajpur is investigating the incident.

Imam Zafar, officer-in-charge of Dinajpur DB, said they were interrogating the arrestees.

Don't give the scope next fiscal year

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"The creation of the opportunity to whiten black money has lightened the gravity of offences that are being committed to evade tax or to have ill-gotten gains," he observed.

Abdul Mazid, former chief of the National Board of Revenue, said, "The Finance Bill 2020 should be reformed because it has created a situation where honest and regular taxpayers are paying 15 to 25 percent tax every year, while tax cheats and

other offenders are whitening their money by paying only 10 percent tax."

Rizwan Rahman, president of Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry, said, "Tax cheats and leaders of criminal gangs are becoming major players in the capital market as they are investing there a huge amount of black money whitened by paying 10 percent tax. They are also investing in real estate, hospitality industry and so on.

"In this way, the business environment is being affected, and honest industrialists and investors, who pay taxes, are being discouraged," he mentioned.

NBR data shows 7,445 individuals whitened Tk 10,220 crore by paying Tk 950 crore as tax in the first six months of the current fiscal year.

According to the Finance Bill 2020, a person can whiten all his or her undisclosed income by paying 10 percent tax.

Have EC probed by judicial council

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secretary of Supreme Court Bar Association, former SCBA secretary Md Bodruddoza, SM Aminul Islam Sanu, Syeda Ashifa Ashrafi Papia, Taimur Alam Khondaker, Md Golam Mostafa, Md Zahirul Islam, Md Aktaruzzaman, Md Mujahidul Islam, Shahab Uddin Khan, Md Kamal Hossain and SM Zulfikure Ali. Most of them are known as pro-BNP lawyers.

Shihab Uddin Khan told The Daily Star that 12 lawyers among the 101 signatories went to the Bangabhaban, official residence of the president, yesterday afternoon and handed the letter to officials on duty to place it before President Hamid.

The lawyers in the letter cited different allegations against the CEC and other election commissioners, including misappropriation of money from the budget allocated for polls-related training, irregularities in recruiting EC staffers, using cars in violation of the relevant rules, irregularities in purchasing electronic voting machines (EVMs),

inaction and failure in taking action against irregularities in different polls, incompetence in discharging constitutional duties and taking financial benefits as "special speakers".

They said the present CEC and other commissioners have failed to perform their constitutional responsibilities and duties and have turned the EC into an organisation which is benefitting by misusing power.

Such grave unethical and finance-related misconduct by the constitutional post holders are the offence that deserves impeachment, they said in the letter, adding that the CEC and other ECs, accused of corruption and gross misconduct, need to be removed through conducting an inquiry by forming the SJC under Article 118(5) of the constitution immediately.

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

involved in the allegations.

Earlier on December 14 last year and January 17 this year, 42 eminent citizens sent two letters requesting the president to constitute the SJC to probe allegations of "serious financial corruption and gross election-related misconduct" against the EC.

In the letter sent on December 14, 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" and Tk 8.08 crore in recruiting staffers for the commission.

Three commissioners have also allegedly been using cars in violation of relevant rules. The letter also said the EC has committed gross misconduct and irregularities in buying and using the electronic voting machines, and in holding the 11th parliamentary election and elections to Dhaka north and South city corporations, and Khulna, Gazipur, Sylhet, Barishal and Rajshahi city corporations.

41,000 register in seven

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People are gradually overcoming their fear about Covid vaccines, he noted.

"There were no side-effects among those who took vaccines in the first two days..."

"There may be mild side-effects, but we should not discourage people by any means," he said at the programme in the capital.

On January 27-28, a total of 567 people, mostly healthcare workers from five hospitals in the capital, were vaccinated.

Referring to people's representatives and government officials, the minister said, "We urge them to join the vaccination programme."

He also mentioned that the leaders of the Bangladesh Medical Association and Swadhinata Chikitsak Parishad will take vaccines on February 7.

Support for online registration will be provided at the vaccination centres, Zahid said.

About virus transmission rate, he said, "According to WHO [the World Health Organization], the strength of the virus diminishes slowly after the positivity rate comes down to

three percent."

Meanwhile, the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) has sent 1.8 lakh vaccine shots to Gazipur and 1.56 lakh to Narayanganj.

On Monday, a DGHS official said four lakh vaccine shots had so far been allocated for Dhaka district. These are from the 20 lakh shots that Bangladesh received as a gift from the Indian government.

Except for Dhaka, Narayanganj and Gazipur, the government sent 50 lakh vaccine jabs, purchased from Serum Institute of India, to 61 districts by Sunday for the mass inoculation campaign.

"We have sent vaccine shots to Gazipur and Narayanganj today [yesterday]."

With this, we have completed vaccine delivery to all 64 districts," Dr Shamsul Haque Mridha, member-secretary of the national vaccination committee at the DGHS, told this newspaper yesterday.

Asked, Dr Md Khairuzzaman, civil surgeon of Gazipur, said, "We will receive 1.8 lakh vaccine shots, and training of the vaccination team ends today [yesterday]."

Russian court

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had been recovering from being poisoned with a military-grade nerve agent.

Navalny said Russian state security agents had put the poison in his underpants, something the Kremlin denied. It has suggested that Navalny is a CIA asset, a charge he rejects, and has told the West to stay out of its domestic affairs.

After his arrest, Navalny released a YouTube video making allegations about Putin's wealth that was viewed over 100 million times. The Kremlin said it was false.

Yesterday's hearing focused on Navalny's alleged parole violations over a suspended sentence in a 2014 embezzlement case Navalny says was trumped up.

But Navalny, in a fiery speech to the court, alleged he was jailed because of Putin's concerns about him as a political rival, a suggestion the Kremlin has laughed off, referring to Navalny as a troublesome blogger without wide popular support.

Putin, 68, has dominated Russian politics since 2000 and could rule until 2036 under constitutional changes approved in a referendum last year.

Buet says

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system after an academic council meeting.

"It was decided that the Buet will enrol students through admission tests of its own like previous years," he said.

Buet was supposed to join the cluster admission test system with three other universities -- Chattogram University of Engineering and Technology (Cuet), Rajshahi University of Engineering and Technology (Ruet) and Khulna University of Engineering and Technology (Kuet).

Alamgir said now Cuet, Ruet and Kuet will form a cluster.

Buet was uninterested in joining the cluster admission system when the idea was floated in January last year. But they had shown their interest in November through a letter to UGC.

Since Buet showed the interest, they demanded that their representative would always be the chairman of the admission committee, and the exams be held at Buet only.

But three other universities proposed nominating the chairman and test centre following alphabetic order.

Top officials of four universities in a meeting on January 20 could not reach a consensus on chairmanship of the admission test committee and the test centre, UGC officials said.

On January 23 this year, the UGC announced that universities would hold a uniform admission test in the 2020-21 academic year.

The new method of university admission is aimed at relieving admission seekers of the hassles of travelling to different universities across the country just to be able to sit the tests.

12 more die

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A total of 480,728 patients (89.67 percent) recovered until yesterday morning.

So far, 3,678,649 samples have been tested, including 14,635 in the 24-hour period.

Bangladesh reported its first novel coronavirus cases on March 8 last year and the first death on March 18.

Dhaka urges

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of Malaysia in favour of Rohingya and sought further support from both Malaysia and ASEAN for a durable solution to the Rohingya crisis.

He urged Malaysia to continue the operation of the Field Hospital to the support of the Rohingyas even in a limited form.

Momen noted that recently the First Gentleman of Singapore donated relief materials to the Rohingyas staying in Bhasan Char island.

The Bangladesh Foreign Minister sought Malaysian support to Bangladesh's candidature for ASEAN Sectoral Dialogue Partner.

The foreign minister hoped that Bangladesh-Malaysia bilateral relations would reach a newer height during her tenure in Dhaka through meaningful cooperation and collaboration in different areas of interest.

Momen mentioned that Bangladesh has been enjoying a brotherly and cordial relationship with Malaysia since independence.

He noted that Malaysia is important to Bangladesh on a wide range of issues such as overseas employment, higher education, science-technology, agro-processing, trade, tourism, energy, etc. and foreign investment.

He suggested that an investment delegation from Malaysia may visit the Economic Zones and Industrial Parks in Bangladesh to invest in Bangladesh where an investment-friendly environment is prevailing.

Big stride

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neutrons and synapses in our brains, they report in the journal Nature Nanotechnology.

The new research looks in part to deal with the fact that as demand for computing capacity grows across the world, it brings the need for more data centres; as data centres grow, so does the energy required to power them, which in turn can make them unsustainable.

"It is clear that we have to find new strategies to store and process information in an energy efficient way," said Alexander Khajetoorians, professor of scanning probe microscopy at Radboud University and the leader of the project.

Artificial intelligence works by recognising patterns in the world by being able to spot, and learn, from what it can see. Currently, that is done through machine learning software that hands off its information to a computer hard drive.

WHO slams critics

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Ryan said many critics were saying they "won't accept the report when it comes out", or that there is "other intelligence available that may show different findings" on how the virus broke out.

"If you have the answers... please let us know," Ryan told a press conference from the WHO's headquarters in Geneva on Monday.

He asked how responsible it was "to say you won't accept a report before it's even written? To say that you have intelligence that has not been provided?"

The WHO mission comes with heavy political baggage -- China refused the team access until mid-January and there are question marks over what the experts can hope to find, one year on.

Beijing is keen to put the focus on

its recovery from the outbreak. The team toured a propaganda exhibition celebrating China's recovery from the pandemic in Wuhan on Saturday.

The mission was going "very well", one of its members said yesterday, as the team visited an animal disease control centre in the city where the first cases were reported.

Ryan was responding to a question which referenced new US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, who earlier Monday told NBC that China was falling "far short of the mark".

"China has to step up and make sure that it is being transparent, that it is providing information and sharing information, that it is giving access to international experts and inspectors," Blinken said.

RHD helps officials stay off

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Debgram-Bhulta-Madanpur Road under PPP Project (Gazipur, Narayanganj).

Officers of two technical projects were allocated at the same floor and kept some space vacant for setting up offices of future projects, according to an official order.

The entire Level-10 of the building was allocated to two technical projects -- SASEC (South Asian Sub-Regional Economic Cooperation) -1 and SASEC-2. Under the projects, roads from the Joydebpur of Gazipur to Rangpur are being widened into four lanes with service lanes on both sides.

WHAT MINISTER AND MINISTRY SAID?

Aid growing allegations that many projects and field-level officials of RHD are not attending field offices regularly, Road Transport and Highway Division on September 10 last year issued a directive saying that all project and field level officials must attend their respective offices regularly.

The division issued the directives hours after Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader had expressed serious discontent over the issue at a meeting with top officials of RHD and SASEC-1 and -2 projects.

"It has been noticed recently that officials involved in different projects and field-level workers do not remain present at the office regularly. For this reason, faults have been found in the works for constructing quality roads and in their maintenance of ongoing projects," reads the order.

The division had also issued

similar directives on April 5, 2018, and February 2, 2019.

Obaidul Quader, on September 13 last year, also raised serious questions about the necessity of a huge number of project offices in the capital. He also asked the officials concerned to inquire about the necessity of permanent buildings for projects while preparing those.

"I am observing that project offices are being built across the city. Wherever I go, I find project and RDH's offices. Are all these offices necessary?" the minister questioned.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Planning Minister Abdul Mannan also on several occasions gave directives so that project offices stay at project sites.

An RHD engineer said although the government is giving repeated directives on project officials to stay at project sites, the authority is promoting project offices in the capital.

"This goes against the spirit of the government's policy," he told The Daily Star, wishing not to be named.

He also said that it was also creating a problem for the other wings of RHD to work properly due to inadequate office spaces.

Contacted, Chief Engineer Abdus Sabur said a small set of SASEC-1 project and the office of SASEC-2's Project Director will operate in the building as the facility was constructed under this project.

"But, the allocation for offices of other projects, which are being implemented outside Dhaka would be cancelled," he told The Daily Star on January 28.

However, offices of the technical projects will remain, he added.

Tigers return to Tests today

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return to Test cricket after over 10 months and for them the main challenge will be to improve standards in cricket's most elite format.

The Tigers will have their full-strength side against the West Indies, with the inclusion of star all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan, who will return to red-ball cricket despite there being a few concerns over the groin injury he sustained during the third ODI.

The hosts will be looking to continue their spin dominance at home on the ZACS pitch, which is once again expected to favour spinners. There has been talk about providing exposure to up-and-coming seamers but head coach Russell Domingo said the Tigers would not go for an out-and-out pace attack on a spin-friendly wicket.

It is expected that the Tigers will go with a three-spinner attack comprising Shakib, fellow left-arm spinner Taijul Islam and off-spinner Nayeem Hasa. There is also the outside chance of the team picking a fourth spinner in the form of Mehedi Hasan Miraz cannot.

That leaves the question of whether the team management would opt for one or two seamers in the side.

Right-arm pacer Abu Jayed has been the first-choice pacer in the Test side, while recent performances of left-arm seamer Mustafizur Rahman will give the team management some food for thought about the second pacer's spot.

On the batting side of things, there is also uncertainty about the identity

of Tamim Iqbal opening partner with Shadman Islam and Saif Hasan vying for the spot. The presence of skipper Mominul, Shakib and Mushfiqur Rahim provides a lot of assurance in the middle order and the team management may also opt for left-hander Nazmul Hossain at number three.


Liton Das is expected to keep wickets and bat at number seven, making for a formidable batting order against the West Indies bowling attack with the presence of both pace and spin in the line-up.

For the West Indies, Shannon Gabriel, Kemar Roach and Alzarri Joseph will play a big role in the pace bowling department. But their trump card could well be the burly off-spinner Rakheem Cornwall as he picked up a five-for in the three-day warm-up against BCB XI.


Skipper Kraigg Brathwaite, Jermaine Blackwood, and John Campbell also had a good outing with the bat in the warm-up and are expected to play a key role with the willow.

Although the West Indies have played five Tests during the pandemic, they went on to lose four of those. Bangladesh, on the other hand, will be making a comeback to the longest format with this series.

The Tigers, who are yet to bag a point in the ICC Test Championship having played three Tests so far, will be eyeing to open the account against the West Indies. They can look for inspiration at the 2-0 whitewash over the Caribbean outfit in 2018, which included a 64-run win in the first Test in Chattogram.



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৩টি ব্যাংকে 'অফিসার (ক্যাশ)' পদে সমন্বিতভাবে ৩য় পর্যায় নিয়োগ প্রসঙ্গে

ব্যাংকার্স সিলেকশন কমিটি সচিবালয়ের তত্ত্বাবধানে সোনালী ব্যাংক লিমিটেড, বাংলাদেশ কৃষি ব্যাংক ও বাংলাদেশ ডেভেলপমেন্ট ব্যাংক লিমিটেড-এ 'অফিসার (ক্যাশ)' এর ২৫৫টি শূন্য পদে সমন্বিতভাবে ৩য় পর্যায় নিয়োগের লক্ষ্যে বিগত ১৬/১১/২০১৮ তারিখে অনুষ্ঠিত লিখিত পরীক্ষা এবং ১৭/০২/২০১৯ থেকে ১৬/০৪/২০১৯ তারিখ পর্যন্ত অনুষ্ঠিত মৌখিক পরীক্ষায় উত্তীর্ণ প্রার্থীদের সমন্বয়ে প্রণীত তালিকা হতে মেধাক্রম এবং প্রার্থীদের পছন্দের ক্রমের ভিত্তিতে ২৫৫ জন প্রার্থীকে নিয়োগের জন্য প্রাথমিকভাবে নির্বাচন করা হয়েছে। নির্বাচিত প্রার্থীদের রোল নম্বর বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের ওয়েবসাইট (<https://erecruitment.bb.org.bd>) এ আপলোড করা হয়েছে।

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