

Zahid Maleque visits plant of INCEPTA Vaccines Ltd

STAR REPORT

Health and Family Welfare Minister Zahid Maleque on Thursday visited the plant of country's first life-saving vaccine producing institute INCEPTA Vaccines Ltd at Zirabo in Savar, said a press release.

While visiting the plant he said INCEPTA has advanced to the next step in acquiring ultimate capacity in producing Covid-19 vaccine in the country.

This kind of effort will be supported by the government by giving permission to import seed, bulk as well as other necessary cooperation, he said.

Maleque visited Bulk Facility, R&D Facility, Production Facility and Animal House of INCEPTA.

Lawmaker Benazir Ahmed, Health Secretary Md Abdul Mannan, Director General of Drug Maj Gen Mahbubur Rahman, Chairman and Managing Director of INCEPTA Abdul Mukhtar were present at that time.

Zillur Rahman's

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19th president of the country on February 12, 2009. He discharged his responsibilities as general secretary of AL for 12 years for five different terms.

AL, its associate bodies, other like-minded organisations and socio-cultural and professional bodies have chalked out various programmes to pay homage to the late leader, reports BSS.

Wraths would be placed at his grave at Banani graveyard in the capital. Besides, memorial meetings and milad mahfils will be held at different places.

9 more killed

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One protester was killed in the northeastern town of Loikaw, the Myanmar Now news portal said. One person was shot and killed in the main city of Yangon, social media posts showed. Reuters could not confirm that death.

Demonstrators were also out in the second city of Mandalay, the central towns of Myingyan and Katha, and Myawaddy in the east, witnesses and media reported.

The total number of people killed in weeks of unrest has risen to at least 234, based on a tally by the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners activist group.

The UN human rights office said this week about 37 journalists had been arrested so far. Two more were detained in the capital, Naypyitaw, yesterday, while covering a hearing for an arrested member of Suu Kyi's party, said the Mizima news portal, the former employer of one of them, Than Htike Aung.



Tresemme, the global premium haircare brand, has partnered with FDCB since 2015 to support the local and sustainable fashion industry of Bangladesh through Khadi Future Fabric Show and TRESemme's flagship event TRESemme Bangladesh Fashion Week. The event was held on March 18, 19 and 20 at 12 North Avenue, Gulshan 2, Dhaka.

5 yrs on, no ray of hope

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Her Honours first year final exams. The results came out after her death. She passed the exams, but she was beyond everything.

"What else I could say other than it was our fate that we lost such a daughter. I could at least console myself if her killers are punished," said the mother in a choked voice.

Five years have passed since the brutal murder that created a stir across the country, but there is no progress in the investigation yet. No one is arrested yet in Tonu murder case.

Yar Hossain, father of Tonu, first spotted the body of her daughter in a bush on the night of March 20. He filed a murder case the following day against unknown people.

He noticed that the back of Tonu's head was smashed and there were injury marks on her nose. But the police inquest and the first autopsy reports did not mention about the preliminary evidence of the murder.

The first autopsy on Tonu's body had found no evidence that she had been raped before being killed. It also failed to determine the cause of her death.

Following a court order, Tonu's body was exhumed for a fresh autopsy. But it could neither determine the cause of her death nor confirm if she was raped. However, the fresh autopsy found evidence of "intercourse" before death.

Tonu's parents rejected both the autopsy reports, saying those were full of wrong information.

They also alleged that law enforcement officials were trying to cover up the murder and save the killers.

The Tonu murder case is now being investigated by the Police Bureau of Investigation (PBI) since the Police Headquarters transferred the case to the PBI, Dhaka from the Criminal Investigation Department on September 22 last year. The CID handed case documents to the PBI investigation officer Inspector

Mozibur Rahman on October 21 last year.

A PBI team visited Cumilla Cantonment on November 15 last year and talked with the victim's parents, said PBI sources.

"We have been investigating the case. We are yet to make any progress," chief of PBI, Deputy Inspector General Banaj Kumar Majumder told The Daily Star on Thursday.

The CID during its investigation for over four and a half years made progress in May 2017 when DNA tests detected spermatozoa of three males on Tonu's clothes.

Assistant Superintendent of Police Jalal Uddin Ahmed, also the CID investigation officer, then said DNA sample matching was going on. The CID never revealed what they found in DNA cross matching.

The victim's family saw a ray of hope for getting justice after CID officials through DNA tests confirmed that Tonu was raped before being murdered.

Following the development, a high level investigation team had quizzed some people at Dhaka Cantonment from October 25 to 27 in 2017.

The CID had claimed to have interrogated more than 200 people, including some army men, but it failed to identify the culprits.

Tonu's mother Anwara said, "I had asked CID officials several times to arrest and quiz Sergeant Zahid and his wife, but in vain. Tonu used to go to their house to give private tuition to their child."

If the couple was quizzed, the mystery surrounding the murder would be unravelled, she claimed.

PBI Inspector Mozibur Rahman, investigation officer of the case, said they visited the place of occurrence and that they were looking into all relevant issues.

Advocate Syed Nurur Rahman, president of Cumilla unit of BLAST, said the Tonu rape and murder case is a sensational one. "We demand a fair probe into the case and highest punishment for those involved."

Bangabandhu

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it was the Bangalees' fault the attack took place, because they had blocked the movement of troops.

In his response, Bangabandhu suggested that in such a volatile time, the army must stay in their barracks.

However, after emerging from the meeting, Bangabandhu reported "some progress". It was the first time he himself said that progress had been made. He, however, remained secretive about what formulas were being discussed to meet his demands. He informed that he would meet with the president again on March 22, 1971.

Nineteen days into the non-cooperation movement in East Pakistan, peaceful protests continued. Bangabandhu in a press statement today urged all to continue the movement in a disciplined and peaceful manner until freedom was achieved.

BHUTTO'S ABOUT-TURN

Following the Mujib-Yahya talk Bhutto said today in Karachi that he had received clarifications that he had requested from the president concerning his role in the negotiations. He indicated that he would discuss with the president and Sheikh Mujib the participation of his Pakistan People's Party in an interim government. He also informed that he and a team of constitutional and economic experts would depart for next day.

Earlier Bhutto had rejected the president's invitation to come to Dhaka. In his memoir Bhutto recalled that Yahya has sent him a message on the night of March 16 to come to Dhaka on March 19. He replied that he would come if he could negotiate face to face with Bangabandhu.

He requested a response from the president in this regard.

On March 18, he received another message from General Peerzada, the president's principal staff officer, to join the Dhaka talk. Bhutto again refused. However, as the discussions appeared to take significant turn with the president's economic advisers being summoned to Dhaka, Bhutto changed his position. He wired the president that his party, PPP, could in no way be left out of a governing coalition, be it interim or permanent. On the evening of March 19 he received a message from Yahya indicating that Bangabandhu was prepared to discuss things. [Richard Sisson and Leo E Rose, War and Secession: Pakistan, India, and the Creation of Bangladesh, UC/ Press, 1990, pp. 119-120]

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22 held over attacks

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the king accused, police sources confirmed.

Meanwhile, the local administration extended support to 90 victim families and for repairing seven temples on behalf of the prime minister.

Sylhet Divisional Commissioner Mashur Rahman and Sylhet Range DIG Mofiz Uddin handed over money, corrugated iron sheets and rice to the victims while visiting the village yesterday.

As emergency support, Tk 3,44,000, 32 bundles of corrugated iron sheets and seven tonnes of rice were given.

During the visit, DIG Mofiz Uddin said communal harmony will be brought back in the area by arresting the attackers soon.

Police were conducting drives after the cases were filed, he said.

Divisional Commissioner Mashur Rahman said, "Those who attacked the village on the birth anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman are nothing but the enemies of the state. Whatever their identities are, they must be brought to justice."

Noagaon village was attacked by Hefajat-e Islam supporters two days after a rally of the Qawmi madrasa-

based Islamist organisation in nearby Derai upazila on Monday in the presence of Hefajat Amir Junayed Babunagari and Joint Secretary General Mamunul Haque.

Another rally is likely to be held in Jamalganj upazila of the district on Sunday where Mamunul Haque is expected to be a special guest.

The organiser -- Khadimul Quran Mahila Madrasa -- has not taken any permission from the authorities concerned till yesterday afternoon, but it started campaigning for the rally.

Meanwhile, a GD was filed by Jamalganj upazila Awami League President Mohammad Ali for using his name in posters. He is the president of the managing committee of the madrasa.

Saiful Alam, officer-in-charge of Jamalganj Police Station, said, "As far we're concerned, they haven't secured proper permission and no rally can be arranged without permission. We've also registered the GD of the president of upazila Awami League."

"As Shalla has recently witnessed mayhem and if the rally is permitted by the authorities, we'll beef up security to fend off any further untoward incident," he said.

RMG worker gang raped

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officer-in-charge of Sreepur Police Station.

The accused also looted gold ornaments worth Tk 1.5 lakh and the mobile phone of her friend, according to the case statement.

The girl was sent to Gazipur Shaheed Tazuddin Ahmed Medical College Hospital for medical tests, the OC added.

Police already arrested Suzan and Babul. They were sent to jail via a court, he said.

"We are conducting raids to arrest the rest," he added.

Meanwhile, Madaripur police arrested four men on Thursday night for allegedly raping a schoolgirl.

The accused are Abdur Rahman Akhan, 26, Rabik Munshi, Murad Sardar, and Alauddin Kabiraj, of the same district.

The victim's father filed a case with Madaripur Sadar Police Station against the four on Thursday night.

According to police and locals,

Abdur Rahman Akon brought the student to Baishakhi Residential Hotel in the old market area of Madaripur town on Thursday night.

Later, he raped the student more than once by showing the temptation of marriage. When the student fell ill in the evening, she was admitted to Madaripur General Hospital.

When the matter became suspicious, the hospital authorities detained him and informed the police.

Sohidul Islam, inspector (investigation) of Madaripur Sadar Police Station, said, "On information, we rushed to the spot and got to know the incident. We arrested Abdur Rahman from the hospital and later we arrested other three including Alauddin Kabiraj, manager of Boishaki Residential Hotel."

All the accused were produced before a court around 11:30am yesterday and the court sent them to jail, he added.

(Our Gazipur and Faridpur correspondents contributed to the report)

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Hong Kong's fragile coral reefs boosted by 3D printing

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and the small number of coral reefs are some of the city's best-kept secrets. Around 84 species of coral are found in Hong Kong's waters, scientists say, more diverse than those found in the Caribbean Sea.

Most can be found on remote inlets, far from the sediment-filled Pearl River Delta and its busy shipping channels.

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e-Tender Notice No. 01/2020-21

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of following works:

Sl. No.	Name of scheme	Tender ID No.	Package No.	Tender/proposal document last selling/downloading date & time	Tender/proposal closing date & time	Remarks
1.	Goods, Supply of Furniture for additional classrooms and Teacher's rooms of Government Primary School's Constructed under NBIDGPS-1 Project of PHULPUR & HALUAGHAT upazila under Mymensingh District FY-2020-2021	546369	e-Tender NBIDGPS-1/G1.0019	07-April-2021 17:00	08-April-2021 14:00	OTM
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Europe restarts

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population will enter a new month-long, limited lockdown from today, after the country recorded its highest new caseload in nearly four months.

Man throws acid on wife

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Chandana's elder sister, said Chandana and Ananda, a resident of Tanti Bazar area of the capital, got married around 10 years ago and they have a son.

A few years ago, Ananda became addicted to gambling. During the lockdown following the pandemic, he fell heavily into debt, leading to a feud with Chandana, who then left their home in the capital and started living with her parents in Bhatamatha village.

Over the recent months, Ananda had been asking Chandana to come back to him, but Chandana kept refusing to do so, Ajit said.

On Friday, Ananda went to her home and locked into an altercation with her over the matter. At one point, he allegedly poured acid on her. As her mother Putul tried to save her, Ananda allegedly threw acid on her as well, said Ajit.

Hearing their screams, neighbours rushed there and admitted them to Brahmanbaria General Hospital. Ananda managed to flee.

Nazmul Haque, a duty doctor at the emergency unit of the hospital, said both the mother and daughter had 15 percent of their bodies burnt.

"They are out of danger," he said.

Contacted, Nahid Hasan, additional superintendent of police (Kasba-Akhaura circle), said preparations to file a case against Ananda was underway last night.

"Legal action will be taken once the case is filed," he added.

OBITUARY

In the name of Allah the Beneficent the Merciful

With a profound sense of grief we announce the sad demise of Mr. M. A. Kalam, former owner of Tung Fong Chittagong.

He passed away peacefully in his sleep in the morning of 18th March 2021.

May Almighty Allah grant him an eternal abode in Heaven.

He left behind his wife Mrs. Walia Kalam and his 6 children - Dr. Zubair Kalam, Sanjida Hussain, Tarek Kalam, Dr. Fahmida Khan, Shoaib Kalam and Manize Kalam.

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The complete offers are due at the Contracting Office: Embassy Annex, American Embassy, Baridhara, Dhaka. on or before April 19, 2021.

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