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Fresh move made to stop toxic ships

Two ministries decide to make Inventory of Hazardous Materials mandatory for ship breakers

MOSTAFA YOUSUF, Chattogram

Two ministries which regulate the shipbreaking industry decided earlier this year to make an Inventory of Hazardous Materials (IHM) mandatory for shipbreakers, in phases, to stop toxic vessels sailing into Bangladesh.

Officials of the Ministry of Industry and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change took the decision in a meeting held on January 24 this year.

Ziaul Hasan, secretary of the environment ministry, said in the meeting that the IHM was made mandatory in the Hong Kong Convention. If it is also done here, it will be possible to keep the environment pollution-free, he said.

The Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009 makes it mandatory for cash buyers and importers to have an IHM -- a document which helps identify the amount, type, and location of toxic substances on board -- done for safe dismantling of ships.

As the IHM is not yet compulsory for importers in issuing clearance to enter Bangladesh's shores, the possibility of pollution is substantial, he said in the meeting, reiterating the fact that it is currently not possible to assess hazardous materials as per The Ship Breaking and Recycling Rules,

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The wholesale market under the second Buriganga bridge on Mitford Road's Babubazar is full of hand sanitizers and masks for sale as the demands for such products have increased with the rising Covid-19 infection rate. Taking advantage of this, salesmen have increased the prices of masks and sanitizers.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Over 7,000 daily Covid cases again

Restrictions to be reviewed Thursday

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With fresh Covid-19 cases crossing 7,000-mark for the second consecutive day yesterday, Cabinet Secretary Khandaker Anwarul Islam said they would make decision on extension of ongoing restriction in a meeting on Thursday.

"It will be evaluated on Thursday. Let's see what the situation turns to," Anwarul said while speaking at a press briefing after yesterday's Cabinet meeting.

As part of measures to curb the spread of the virus, the government has imposed a countrywide restriction on people's movement for seven days starting yesterday.

During the period, all public transport, excluding international flights, will remain suspended and all shopping malls will remain closed. However, shop owners will be allowed to sell their products online

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Gallant freedom fighters to get festival, Victory Day allowances

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Family members of freedom fighters martyred in the Liberation War and those freedom fighters who were wounded in 1971 and received gallantry awards will get festival and Victory Day allowances.

The cabinet yesterday approved the Liberation War ministry's proposal to provide two festival allowances (Tk 10,000 each) and a Victory Day allowance (Tk 5,000) to gallantry award recipients.

It also approved the proposal of giving Tk 2,000 as Pahela Baishakh allowance to wounded freedom fighters, gallantry award recipients, and the families of martyred freedom fighters.

"They [martyrs' families, wounded and gallantry award-holding freedom fighters] are not getting the three allowances which general freedom fighters have been getting," said Cabinet Secretary Khandaker Anwarul Islam while briefing reporters after the cabinet meeting held at the Bangladesh Secretariat. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina joined the meeting virtually

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ROAD TO FREEDOM
THIS DAY IN BANGLADESH LIBERATION WAR HISTORY

Dangerous dissent

More than 100 foreign evacuees arrived in Kolkata on April 6, 1971 after a 34 hour voyage from Chittagong. Photo: Ananda Bazar

APRIL 6, 1971
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2 BANGLAEE DIPLOMATS DEFECT FROM PAKISTAN
Two Bangalee diplomats -- Second Secretary KM Shehabuddin and Amjadul Huq, assistant press attaché at the High Commission of Pakistan in New Delhi -- today announced their decision to defect from Pakistan and pledged allegiance to Bangladesh at a press conference

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Modi thanks Dhaka for excellent arrangements

BSS, Dhaka

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has thanked Dhaka for making an "excellent arrangement" during his March 26-27 state visit.

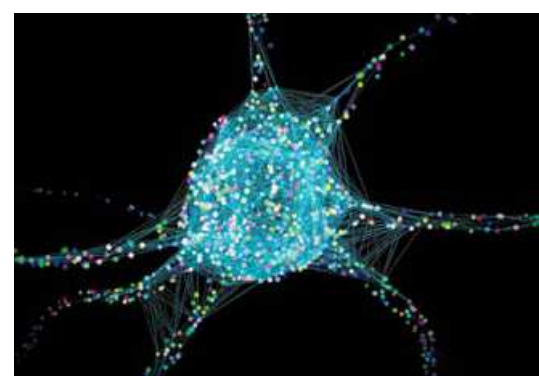
"I write to convey my thanks for the excellent arrangements made during my recent state visit to Bangladesh," he wrote to Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen, a foreign ministry press release said here yesterday.

Modi visited Bangladesh to join the grand celebrations marking the birth centenary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the Golden Jubilee of Independence. He also held a bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

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Scientists connect human brain to computer wirelessly



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The first wireless commands to a computer have been demonstrated in a breakthrough for people with paralysis.

The system is able to transmit brain signals at "single-neuron resolution and in full broadband fidelity", say researchers at Brown University in the US.

A clinical trial of the BrainGate technology involved a small transmitter that connects to a

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272 Lebanon returnees get quarantined

RASHIDUL HASAN

Some 272 Bangladeshi migrant workers returned home from Lebanon yesterday amid a ban on incoming passengers from the Middle East country due to a rapid surge in coronavirus infections.

Except two, the rest were sent to the institutional quarantine for 14 days at the city's Ashkona Hajj Camp, Shahriar Sazzad, in-charge of the health desk

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PRAYER TIMING APRIL 6

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 4-40 12-45 4-45 6-21 7-45
JAMAAT 5-15 1-15 5-00 6-24 8-15

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



A man crosses the street unlawfully through a gap in the divider with a handful of shopping bags. To make movement "easier", locals near Shantinagar's Habibullah College broke two bars of the guard rails. Taking advantage of this, many people now opt to cross the road through the gap risking their lives.

POSTS ON MAMUNUL Jubo League leader held

ASI suspended for defending Hefajat leader

STAR REPORT

A Sunamganj court yesterday granted bail to a local Jubo League leader from Tahirpur, hours after he was detained for allegedly writing about Hefajat leader Mamunul Haque on Facebook.

Meanwhile in Kushtia, an assistant sub inspector of police was suspended for defending Mamunul on Facebook.

Emad Ahmed Joy, 38, the Liberation War affairs secretary of Tahirpur Upazila Jubo League, was detained on Sunday night. He was released after he got bail.

Contacted, Abdul Latif Tarafdar, officer-in-charge at Tahirpur Police Station, said, "Police detained him to avoid clashes and undesired situation in the area. He committed a cognisable offence."

Locals said Emad made a "derogatory Facebook post" about Hefajat leader Mamunul after the latter and a woman were detained by locals at a resort in

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