





# India shaken by virus 'storm'

Says Modi as cases hit new record; Delhi extends lockdown; US, UK, EU sending aid

Prime Minister Narendra Modi urged all citizens to be vaccinated and exercise caution, saying the "storm" of infections had shaken India, as the country set a new global record of the most number of Covid-19 infections in a day.

The United States said it was deeply concerned by the massive surge in cases in India and would rapidly send aid.

The European Commission has activated its EU Civil Protection Mechanism and is seeking to send oxygen and medicine to India after receiving a request from Delhi.

"Alarmed by the epidemiological situation in India. We are ready to support," Commission President Ursula von der Leyen wrote on Twitter.

Britain said yesterday it was sending lifesaving medical equipment to India.

"Vital medical equipment, including

SC upholds

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court

yesterday upheld a High

bail to Erfan Salim, son

of ruling Awami League

Salim, in a case filed over

attacking a navy officer in

A full bench of the

SC's Appellate Division

headed by Chief Justice

Syed Mahmud Hossain dismissed a leave to appeal

petition filed by the state,

Erfan to get released from

the apex court order, his

lawyer Sayed Ahmed Raza

challenging the HC verdict.

There is no legal bar for

Dhaka Central Jail following

Lawmaker Haji Md

October last year.

Court verdict that granted

bail

Erfan Salim's

hundreds of oxygen concentrators and ventilators, is now on its way from the UK to India to support efforts to prevent the tragic loss of life from this terrible virus," Prime Minister Boris Johnson said in a statement.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel said earlier yesterday her government was preparing emergency aid for India.

The vast nation of 1.3 billion people recorded 349,691 fresh infections and 2,767 deaths yesterday -- the highest since the start of the pandemic.

Hospitals in Delhi and across the country are turning away patients after running out of medical oxygen and beds.

"We were confident, our spirits were up after successfully tackling the first wave, but this storm has shaken the nation," Modi said in a radio address.

His government has faced criticism that it

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A ferry reaches Shimulia in Munshiganj from Banglabazar in Madaripur yesterday morning. As the government declared that shops and malls can be opened from yesterday, amid the ongoing restrictions on movement, people, many of whom are traders and their employees, started returning to the capital. PHOTO: SAINAD HOSSAIN

### **Another Bangalee diplomat** defects



Another monster. The cartoon was published in

**APRIL 26, 1971** 

BANGALEE DIPLOMAT RENOUNCES

The 28'year'old vice consul of Pakistan in the US renounced his ties with the Pakistani government

told The Daily Star. SEE PAGE 10 COL 2

### ROAD TO FREEDOM THIS DAY IN BANGLADESH LIBERATION WAR HISTORY



Hindusthan Standard on April 26, 1971.

Shamsuddoza Sajen

TIES WITH PAKISTAN REGIME

today, saying he would "not serve a government SEE PAGE 10 COL 4



Covid patient Abul Kalam reaches Dhaka Medical College Hospital from Cumilla in an ambulance yesterday. Failing to get the seventy-five-year-old man admitted to any Cumilla hospital, his family rushed him to DMCH, which took him in.

Missing Indonesian Sub

## All 53 crew killed

AFP, Bali

All 53 crew aboard an Indonesian submarine that disappeared last week were killed, the military said yesterday as it confirmed the vessel had been found in pieces on the seafloor.

Authorities said that they picked up signals early yesterday from a location more than 800 metres (2,600 feet) deep -- far below what the KRI Nanggala 402's steel hull was built to withstand.

They had used an underwater submarine rescue vehicle supplied by neighbouring Singapore to get visual confirmation of the stricken vessel.

"It was broken into three pieces," said Navy Chief of Staff Yudo Margono.

More parts from the doomed submarine were also retrieved, including an anchor and fluorescent orange safety suits for emergencies, authorities said.

The discovery comes a day after the navy had first SEE PAGE 10 COL 1

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WEST BENGAL ASSEMBLY POLLS

## Muslim votes key in 7th phase

PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE

Muslim voters are set to be a key factor as incumbent government of Trinamool Congress (TMC) and its rival Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) lock horns in the seventh phase of West Bengal assembly polls today.

All eyes will also be on some highprofile constituencies in Kolkata, where some key ministers of TMC are contesting.

Voting will be held in 34 out of 36 constituencies as polling for two assembly seats in Samserganj and

Jangipur in Murshidabad district was Murshidabad has 66.27 cancelled following the death of two candidates with Covid-19.

Murshidabad and Malda districts are considered "pockets of Muslim majority voters", where TMC will look to continue its dominance, said election experts.

At the same time, the BJP will want to secure prestigious seats like Bhabanipur, Rashbehari, Kolkata Port and Ballygunge, currently represented by some senior TMC ministers, said

According to the 2011 census,

Muslim population, whereas Malda's population includes 51.2 percent Muslims.

On the other hand, Congress and its left ally Communist Party of India (Marxist), referred as CPIM, will bank on the large number of minority voters in Murshidabad and its neighbouring Malda as the two districts are usually the strongholds of the alliance, especially Congress.

As per the election schedule, in this phase, polling will be held in six seats

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### Oman in limbo STAFF CORRESPONDENT Oman's decision to suspend

Migrants'

return from

air communication with

Bangladesh is likely to jeopardise the return of about 20,000 to 25,000 Bangladeshi migrant workers to the Gulf country, according to Oikya Parishad.

The migrant workers have come to Bangladesh on vacation, Oikya Parishad, a platform of recruiting agencies, said yesterday.

Besides, the decision will also delay the process of about 5,000 to 7,000 Omani employment visas obtained different recruiting agencies at present, it said.

M Tipu Sultan, president of the platform, said many of the migrant workers have a few days of their vacations left while many others have issues related to igama expiry.

He urged the expatriates' welfare minister and foreign minister to take effective steps in resuming flight operation with the Gulf country immediately.

"Oman is a big labour market for us," Tipu told this newspaper over the phone.

Meanwhile, reports said that Oman has barred the entry of travellers from Bangladesh as well as India and Pakistan, effective on April 24, as a continuing precaution against the spread of coronavirus.

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জাতির পিতা বঙ্গবন্ধু শেখ মুজিবুর রহমান এর প্রতিকৃতি সম্বলিত ১০০, ২০০, ৫০০ ও ১০০০ টাকা মূল্যমানের নোট লেনদেনে নিম্নবর্ণিত নিরাপত্তা বৈশিষ্ট্য খেয়াল করলে আমরা সহজেই আসল নোট চিনতে পারব :

াকশত টাকা



লুকানো ছাপা ঃ ১০০, ৫০০ ও ১০০০ টাকা মৃল্যমান নোটের সামনের দিকের নিচে মাঝ বরাবর নোটের মৃল্যমান ১০০, ৫০০ ও ১००० এবং ২०० টাকা মূল্যমান নোটে TWO HUNDRED TAKA লুকায়িত অবস্থায় মুদ্রিত আছে, যা নোটটি অনুভূমিকভাবে ধরলে দেখা যাবে।

অতি সৃক্ষ আকারের লেখা ঃ ১০০, ৫০০ ও ১০০০ টাকা মূল্যমান নোটের পেছনের দিকের চিহ্নিত অংশে অতি সৃক্ষ আকারে BANGLADESH BANK এবং ২০০ টাকা মৃল্যমান নোটের পেছনের দিকের চিহ্নিত অংশে অতি সৃদ্ধ আকারে 200 মূদ্রিত রয়েছে, যা আতশী কাঁচ অথবা উন্নতমানের স্মার্ট মোবাইল ফোনের ক্যামেরা প্রয়োজন মত জুম করে কিংবা "Flashlight & magnifying glass" App এর সহায়তায় মোবাইল ফোন ধরে দেখা যাবে।



রং পরিবর্তনশীল কালি (OVI) ঃ ১০০ ও ১০০০ টাকা মূল্যমান নোট এদিক-ওদিক করলে রং পরিবর্তনশীল কালিতে মুদ্রিত অংশ সোনালী হতে সবুজ এবং ৫০০ টাকা মূল্যমান নোটে এটি মেজেন্টা হতে সবুজ রংয়ে পরিবর্তিত হবে। তাছাড়া, ১০০০ টাকা মূল্যমান নোটের পেছনে বাম দিকে থাকা হালকা নীল রংয়ের BANGLADESH BANK লেখাটিও নোট এদিক-ওদিক করলে দেখা যাবে। 1000

SPARK ៖ ২০০ টাকা মূল্যমান নোটের উপরের ডান কোণায় সোনালী থেকে সবুজ রংয়ের SPARK (Optically Variable Magnetic Ink) দারা 200 লেখা রয়েছে, নোটটি নাড়াচাড়া করলে যা সোনালী থেকে সবুজ রংয়ে পরিবর্তন হবে। পাশাপাশি একটি উজ্জ্বল বার উপরে নীচে উঠানামা করবে।



অসমতল ছাপা ঃ ১০০, ২০০, ৫০০ ও ১০০০ টাকা মূল্যমানের প্রত্যেক প্রকার নোটের সামনের ও পেছনের দিকের ডিজাইন, মাঝখানের লেখা, ইংরেজী ও বাংলা সংখ্যায় লেখা নোটের মূল্যমান, ৭টি সমান্তরাল হেলানো সরলরেখা (তবে ২০০ টাকা মূল্যমান নোটে ৮টি সমান্তরাল সরলরেখা) এবং এর ঠিক নীচে অবস্থিত ছোট ছোট বৃত্তাকার/ত্রিভুজাকৃতির ছাপ খস্খসে অনুভূত হবে।

⊔∨ লাইটযুক্ত জাল নোট সনাক্তকারী মেশিন ও মোবাইল ফোন এবং আতশী কাঁচ দ্বারা জাল নোট সহজে পরীক্ষা করা যায়।

নোট জালকারী চক্রের প্রতারণা থেকে নিজেকে রক্ষা করুন এবং এসকল নোট জালকারীকে ধরিয়ে দিন। আসল নোটের বিভিন্ন নিরাপত্তা বৈশিষ্ট্য সম্পর্কে নিজে জানুন এবং অপরকে জানতে সহায়তা করুন।

ব্যাংক নোটের ব্যবহার সম্পর্কে সচ্চতন হোন