Witness to the killing of Italian priest

of cars and commercial vehicles to replace the Bangla number plates by those in English or face punitive action. The action was taken for the convenience of Pakistani law enforcement agencies who were not familiar with the Bangla script and numerical.

APP also reported that famed Sindi poet Sheikh Ayuz was placed under house arrest under Martial Law regulations. He was described as having "leanings towards the Awami

SITUATION REPORT: JESSORE, KHULNA

Pakistan military government allowed six foreign newspapers, including the New York Times, into occupied Bangladesh this week for a tour with official escorts.

The New York Times correspondent provided an account of the killing of Italian priest Father Veronesi in,

the Catholic hospital grounds of this Troops on a truck reportedly opened smashed and burned city [Jessore] is the fresh grave of an Italian priest. The grave is that of the Rev. Mario Veronesi, 58 years old, who worked at the Roman Catholic mission here for 18 years. Father Veronesi was one of four Italian priests at the Fatima Catholic Hospital here. All were members of the Xaverian order.

"At the Catholic hospital, according to witnesses, two soldiers arrived late in the afternoon as a doctor priest was about to operate on a girl. Witnesses said the soldiers began firing into the house and Father Veronesi walked out with his hands up, They said he was wearing no cassock, but his shirt carried a Red Cross badge. The grounds are clearly marked as a Catholic hospital, At this point, a soldier is said to have opened fire at the priest with a sten gun, killing him instantly.

"The witnesses said that troops then entered the church and shot Jessore which occurred on April 4: "In four persons, including two women.

the offensive in Jessore by 'firing a machine gun at all buildings as it passed along the street near the hospital."

Two days ago, Gen Tikka Khan, military governor of East Pakistan, told foreign newsmen that the army had not desecrated or damaged any religious shrines. Asked by a reporter whether an Italian priest had been killed, he paused and said that an Italian journalist had been wounded. When the Italian ambassador to Pakistan reportedly visited the mission, military authorities informed him that Father Veronesi had been killed by the rebels, not the army.

It was reported that Jessore and Khulna were among the most heavily damaged towns in East Pakistan. Many market areas and buildings are

burned out, the streets deserted. Shamsuddoza Sajen is a journalist and researcher. He can be contacted at sajen1986@gmail.com

US may consider taking a good number

He also expressed optimism that the US, as the largest donor for humanitarian operations for the Rohingyas in Bangladesh, would providing continue necessary assistance to them, including those now settled in Bhasan Char.

US Ambassador to Bangladesh Earl R Miller met the foreign minister at his ministry office on Thursday and discussed the issues.

The US envoy informed the minister that during the upcoming launch of the annual Joint Response Plan (JRP) on May 18 in Geneva, the US is expected to pledge again to make a large contribution to the humanitarian operation for Rohingyas.

Momen also assured the US side of Bangladesh's cooperation on the ongoing investigation into genocide need of Bangladesh is around 4

initiated by the Biden administration.

The minister urged Miller to address the difficulties being faced by a large number of Bangladeshi students to obtain visa interview dates at the US embassy in Dhaka, as many of them may lose admission and scholarships due to delay caused by the pandemic.

The US envoy informed that many interview slots had to be cancelled due to the "lockdown".

He assured Momen of doing the best to make sure all student visa applicants get interview slots on a priority basis once the "lockdown" is over

The main point of the discussion was the process of acquiring AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine from the US to meet the growing needs in Bangladesh.

Momen said while the immediate

against Rohingyas in Myanmar, as re- million doses of vaccine, the US government may consider providing 20 million AstraZeneca vaccine to Bangladesh from its stock.

The US ambassador said his government was sincerely working on the proposal, though it was difficult to

predict a time frame at this moment. He also informed that the United States is yet to provide any AstraZeneca vaccine doses to India, and hopefully Bangladesh will get the vaccine at the same time.

The foreign minister emphasised an early decision in this regard.

He also welcomed Biden's declaration to support intellectual property waiver for vaccines in World Trade Organistion, and expressed optimism that this would enable developing countries, including Bangladesh, to produce US

songs were viewed as spiritual and

by two nations as national anthems:

Bangladesh's "Amar Sonar Bangla"

and India's "Jana Gana Mana". The Sri

Lankan national anthem was inspired

last at his paternal home in Kolkata on

private television channels and

Bangladesh Betar are airing special

programmes, highlighting the life and

Sraban 22 of 1348 (August 7, 1941).

The legendary poet breathed his

State-run Bangladesh Television,

His compositions were chosen

Rabindranath's 160th birth

nation is digitally celebrating the birth anniversary of Rabindranath, who reshaped Bengali literature, music as well as art of Indian subcontinent with contextual modernism.

On the occasion of the poet's birth anniversary, President Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina issued separate messages yesterday, paying rich tributes to him.

Due to the pandemic, there is no official event on the occasion in the

Nobody influenced the minds of so many Bengali-speaking people before or after Rabindranath. His influence has been compared, by many, to that of Shakespeare in the English-speaking world.

The youngest of 13 surviving of Bengal", Rabindranath's poetic

children of Debendranath Tagore and Sarada Devi, Rabindranath, nicknamed Rabi, was born on 25th of Baishakh in 1268 (May 7, 1861) in Kolkata's Jorasanko Mansion.

His novels, short stories, songs, dance-dramas and essays always speak about the political and personal life of people.

(Song Offerings), Gora (Fair-Faced) and Ghare-Baire (The Home and the World) are his bestknown works and his verse, short stories and novels were acclaimed for their lyricism, colloquialism, naturalism and unnatural contemplation.

Rabindranath became the first non-European to win the Nobel Prize in

Literature in 1913. Sometimes referred to as "the Bard

orks of Tagore. Chayanat will organise programmme titled "Dhar Nirvar Gaan". The show will be broadcast on Chayanat's Facebook group and YouTube channel at 9:00pm today.

4 city areas at risk of dengue

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occasions in the city, which is favourable for the Aedes mosquito's breeding.

However, he said the ongoing restrictions to curb the spread of Covid-19 also creates obstacles for spreading dengue. Schools and colleges are major sites for spreading the virus as the young generation are the main victims.

Similarly, the restrictions on people's movement throughout the country can be a positive.

But still there is risk of dengue and authorities will have to take necessary steps to stop its spread, Manzur said.

"It will be a very big burden for us if dengue cases start to spread as the coronavirus pandemic is going on.

"Authorities will have to take necessary steps to raise awareness so people destroy all breeding sources like abandoned pots and tyres and clean flower pots, cement tanks and drums once every week," he said.

Attention should also be paid to cleaning bus stops, hospitals, vehicles seized by police, etc. in anti-mosquito drives, he added.

Educational institutions have been closed for more than a year due to the pandemic and cleaning operations have to be done in those

places to eliminate breeding sources, he suggested.

Entomologist Kabirul Bashar of Jahangirnagar University said there were no alarming findings in the DGHS survey, but there is still a risk of dengue infection.

If the two city corporations and people are conscious of destroying breeding sources, the number of Aedes mosquitoes will not be high even after rainfall, he said.

But if proper measures are not taken from now, the number of Aedes mosquitoes will increase, Bashar

warned. Awareness building will have to start from now. If it is a public place,

authorities concerned will have to take steps to destroy the breeding grounds and if it is a residence, then the house owner will have to take steps to clean it, he said.

DNCC Mayor Md Atiqul Islam said they were conducting drives at different places to check Aedes mosquito larvae.

"We are also sending text messages to owners of houses identified during our combing operation last year to take necessary steps against Aedes mosquitoes," said Atique.

He said they are also taking actions to identify hotspots of Aedes

mosquitoes.

by his work.

Atique said there was a shortage of mosquito control supervisors and they have already managed 54 supervisors for 54 wards of DNCC, given them necessary training and they are now working at field level.

"There are two entomologists in the DNCC. We have also sought 10 entomologists from the government to conduct their operation as they play a vital role to control [the spread of Aedes mosquito," the mayor said.

said awareness is very He important, and although they were unable to conduct awareness campaigns this year amid the pandemic they are taking steps to raise awareness through social media

and other platforms. Health official of the DSCC Mir Mustafizur Rahman said they are currently conducting an anti-Aedes mosquito drive through three mobile

They were also working at the zone and ward levels to control it even during the "lockdown", he said.

DSCC Mayor Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh held a meeting with officials concerned on Monday and gave directives to take necessary steps to control Aedes mosquitoes, the health official said.

'Extremely low' risk of Dated: 06/05/2021

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Md. Maminul Islam Assistant Engineer (c.c), RHD Dhaka Zone, Dhaka Dhaka Zone, Dhaka

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Md. Sabuj Uddin Khan Additional Chief Engineer (c.c), RHD Dhaka Zone, Dhaka

damage from rocket debris

Says China AFP, Beijing

China said yesterday the risk of damage from a rocket falling back to Earth was "extremely low", after the United States warned it could crash down on to an inhabited area.

Military experts in the US expect the body of the Long March 5B rocket, which separated from Beijing's space station, to come down some time around today or tomorrow, but warned it was difficult to predict where it will land and when

5 doctors sued

of Investigation (PBI) to investigate the incident. The court also asked the PBI to submit the report by August

12, court sources said Quoting the case statement, plaintiff's lawyer Abdul Baki Miah told The Daily Star that Mahbub took his daughter Kamrun Nahar Rini to the hospital on January 31 and she gave birth to a male child there after her Cesarean operation.

The doctors stitched her abdomen keeping a surgical gauze inside.

She started feeling pain the next day. The doctors, however, treated her at the hospital for the next 22 days with medicines for gastric problems, he said.

As her condition was deteriorating, Rini was taken to a hospital in the capital on February 27. While checking, something abnormal was seen inside her abdomen. Later, doctors at the hospital conducted an operation and found a one foot-sized gauze inside the abdomen.

The lawyer added that an organ of Rini was damaged as the gauze was there for many days, leaving her on the verge of death. Her treatment is

going on, he said. "The victim's father filed the case as he wants justice for his daughter. So, he wants trial of the doctors for their negligence," he added.

Contacted, Dr Khandakar Sadigur Rahman, assistant director of the 250-bed Tangail General Hospital, told this correspondent that a four-member body, formed by the hospital authorities to probe the incident, found that the allegation of the patient's relatives was true.

The probe report also mentioned that the incident was unintentional and such an incident did not happen in the hospital before, he said

"However, we will seek explanations from the accused medical officers and also write to the higher authorities for deciding the next course of action in this regard," he added.

Malaysia FROM PAGE 12

According to the notice, foreign nationals who embark on their journey from Bangladesh, either by direct flight to Malaysia or transiting in Malaysia, will not be allowed to enter the country.

Vessels with a 14-day history of travelling from certain countries, including Bangladesh, will not be allowed to undergo sign-on and signoff procedures in Malaysia.

However, Malaysian crews will be allowed entry but will require to undergo a 14-day mandatory quarantine at gazetted quarantine

Malaysian citizens from Bangladesh are allowed to enter the country, but must undergo a 14-day mandatory quarantine at gazetted quarantine stations, the notice read. According to the notice, Malaysian

citizens will be barred from traveling to certain countries, including Bangladesh.

Entry and exit approval that has been obtained earlier, either through MyTravelPass, MyEntry, or any other mechanism will be VOID and no longer valid.

Following the implementation of the above entry restriction, visa services by the Malaysian High Commission in Dhaka will be temporarily suspended until further

Cutting trees in name

Architect Mubasshar Hussein said, "I was a member of the committee that oversaw the glass tower construction at Suhrawardy Udyan. At one stage, the government allowed marble constructions around the tower without our consent. This was done to facilitate a company that supplied marble stones.'

"And what is the result of that? Now people cannot go near the tower during daytime because the stones get too heated up when the sun shines,' he explained.

He also chalked out a solution to keep the trees unharmed despite construction of restaurants

"The trees can guide the seating arrangement and design of the area. Eco-friendly material like straw can be used to set up stalls. People would welcome it," he said.

"I think more trees are being felled "Those trees needed around 50 years Mubasshar Hussein.

to reach today's stage. And they were felled in one night."

The authorities concerned should have arranged a public hearing over this issue, he said.

"Whenever such projects are initiated, the government forms a committee headed by a bureaucrat. Though efficient in running administration, they are not engineering or architecture experts. This culture needs to go," said the architect.

"Cutting trees has a long-term adverse effect. When concrete structures replace greenery, surface water cannot go underground. So water level under Dhaka is decreasing every day," said Mubasshar.

"The masterminds behind this project should be punished. Even, I have requested the prime minister to punish those who provide such than was necessary," said Mubasshar, evil suggestions to her," concluded

occupying the riverbank, where vessels

are being constructed and others are

Konda Union Parishad Chairman

Saidur

Chowdhury, under whose jurisdiction

this area lies in Keraniganj's Konda

union, said BIWTA set up pillars

demarcating the river boundaries and

yet to take any measure to excavate the

river bank. If the river banks on both

sides are excavated, the river channel

would be wider and safer," he added.

Engineer Md Motiul Islam, also

Dhaka's Circular Waterway Project's

deputy chief director, referred this

writer to Md Gulzar Ali, joint director

to BIWTA's joint director (river safety

and traffic management) Md Jainal

Abedin, who did not respond to

Poribesh Bachao Andolon Chairman

Abu Naser Khan said the problems

Gulzar Ali then referred this writer

(port and transport) of BIWTA.

multiple calls or text messages.

HC DIRECTIVES IGNORED

"But the government authorities are

BIWTA Executive

evicted illegal structures.

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Muhammad

Narrow Buriganga bend

A vessel carrying 29 cattle sank after collision with a passenger vessel on August 18, 2018, according to media

"The turning point is very dangerous. When we approach the turning point, we cannot see any vessel coming from the opposite direction. That is why we have to maintain maximum caution as we cross it," said Altaf Hossain, in-charge master of passenger vessel Sundarban-14.

"We have to keep honking while crossing the zone. The channel is so narrow that we often face difficulties in operating our vessel through that point," he told The Daily Star.

Mohammad Ruhul assistant master of MV Sundarban-10 launch, echoed this, saying the major danger is the narrow turning point, compounded by the fact that many cargo vessels are kept anchored there.

Nurul Haque said, in most cases, owners of sand-laden vessels appoint unskilled drivers who don't have any training to operate these vessels. That is why accidents are occurring frequently, he added.

RIVERBANK GRABBING

Where previously, the Dhaka-Narayanganj highway could be seen easily from the bank of the Buriganga, it now appears distant because most of the land between the river and the highway has been grabbed and illegal structures set up. On a recent visit, this writer

observed a market constructed on the grabbed river land between the highway and Fatullah launch terminal by the Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA), a government body.

of the river adjacent to Postogola-Narayanganj highway to the north of Fatullah launch terminal. It, however, has no permanent structure.

Locals said the government authorities have evicted all the illegal structures there. But no step has been taken to re-excavate the riverbank, they added. The western side of the Buriganga's

of the waterway can be solved if the High Court directives on river boundaries' demarcation are followed properly. The river channel can be widened if

In 2009, the HC's landmark judgement on saving four rivers surrounding Dhaka included directives to demarcate the rivers based on CS records, set boundary pillars, evict grabbers, and dredge the rivers, among others.

the river bank is excavated on the basis

of CS land survey records, he said.

When these were ignored and earth and sand filling continued unabatedly, the HC gave another judgement in 2019 which declared all A weekly cattle market sits every rivers flowing through the country to Tuesday on the filled-up portion be living beings and accordingly, legal rights in case of harm.

The HC also directed the government to remove sand and earth if any river land is illegally filled up and that this cost be realised from the occupying party by the government.

"Keeping the river banks unexcavated is similar to living with cancer. There is no alternative to excavating the river bank to ensure a safe river route," said Naser.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

narrow bend is visibly worse off as

multiple dockyards have been set up

Bangladesh Marine Academy, Barishal

Invitation for Tender (Corrigendum Notice)



It is to inform all concerned that the Invitation for Tender No. OTM-01/2020-21, invited vide this office dated

29.04.2021 is hereby amended as follows;				
Name of work	Notice & SI. No.	Description	Published in tender	Amended
Supply of Boson Store Goods- Lot: 1	Sl. No. 10	Procurement nature	-	Goods
Supply of cookeries and cutleries for cadet mess-Lot: 2	SL. No. 18	Tender last selling date	17-05-2021 (1700 hours)	23.05.2021 (1700 hours)
Supply of sports and misc. items-Lot: 3	SL. No. 19	Tender closing date and time	18.05.2021 on 12.00 Noon	24.05.2021 on 12.00 Noon
Supply of stationery items for cadet and office-Lot: 4	SL. No. 20.	Tender opening date and time	18-05-2021 on or after 12.30pm	24.05.2021 on or after 12.30 Noon
Supply of materials for demonstration hall (For practical classes of cadet – Lot: 5	SL. No. 28	Tender document price	Taka 2000.00 (two thousand) non-refundable DD/PO in favour of the Commandant, Bangladesh Marine Academy, Barishal (Drawable Sonali Bank, Barishal University Branch), Barishal Sadar, Barishal is to be submitted.	Taka 1000.00 (one thousand) Per Lot non-refundable DD/PO in favour of the Commandant, Bangladesh Marine Academy, Barishal (Drawable Sonali Bank, Barishal University Branch), Barishal Sadar, Barishal is to be submitted.

All other terms and conditions of the tender will remain unchanged. This corrigendum notice will be part and parcel of the tender.

Capt. SM Atiqur Rahman BN

Commandant Bangladesh Marine Academy, Barishal

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