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law enforcers and his cohorts as the detectives took him along to recover firearms in Sagufta Housing area, it added

Police claimed to have recovered a pistol and two bullets from the spot. On May 21, another accused in the

case Manik, 32, was killed in a similar incident with Rab members in Pallabi area.

The number of extrajudicial killings in the name of so-called gunfights or shootouts had dropped drastically following an uproar over the killing of Major (retd) Sinha Md Rashed Khan at a Teknaf checkpoint in Cox's Bazar in August last year.

At least four people were killed in such "gunfights" with detectives and Rab in Dhaka in just last six days.

After being attacked three times in last six years, receiving numerous death threats, and even after filing general diaries in this regard, Shahinuddin was attacked once again on May 16 and lost his life this time.

Former lawmaker MA Awal (Lakshmipur-1) was among six persons so far arrested in connection with the murder.

28 more die

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Saturday's 8.41 percent while the mortality rate stood at 1.57 percent, said a handout issued by the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

The new cases of infections were recorded after testing 15,205 samples. With the fresh deaths during the period, the coronavirus fatalities rose

to 12,376 in the country. The total caseload now stands at 789,080 with the new ones, the handout added.

Titanic replica

The centerpiece of a theme park called Romandisea, it will have the same amenities of its namesake, including banquet halls, theaters, observation decks and a swimming pool. Guests will be able to pay to spend the night aboard the ship, which will be permanently docked in a reservoir in the Qijiang River, about 130 kilometers from the provincial capital Chengdu -- several hundred miles from the sea.

An opening date has not yet been set CNN first reported on the project in 2016, when construction workers had just started laying the keel. A recent photo essay by news agency AFP offers a new look at construction progress on the replica

According to the AFP, it's taken 23,000 tonnes of steel and cost one billion yuan (\$153.5 million) to build the replica.

China's ship isn't the only proposed replica of the original Titanic.

In 2018, Australian company Blue Star Line announced work was recommencing on the Titanic II following a lengthy delay. It has been promoted as an identical copy of the famous liner, home to 835 cabins



A Sri Lanka Air Force member, along with police officers, controls a drone camera to monitor and apprehend quarantine regulation violators in a highly populated residential area, during a lockdown due to the increasing numbers of daily Covid-19 cases, in Colombo, Sri Lanka yesterday. PHOTO: REUTERS

Yahya's appeal for US support

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cannot materialise so long as India follows a policy of open and constant interference in our internal affairs. It was not a matter of mere coincidence that the present crisis in Indo-Pakistan relations started when Pakistan was at the threshold of ushering in a democratically elected government," Yahya continued. He emphasised on persuading Indira Gandhi to show a more helpful attitude.

As to the refuge problem, Yahya said, "It is most unfortunate that due to disturbed conditions and for other reasons, a large number of people left their homes in East Pakistan and crossed into India. Their migration has created a human problem which should be treated as such... I have, therefore, in a public statement urged the law abiding citizens of East Pakistan who were compelled and resume their normal duties. American daily.

Farid's wife Hiron Begum said

they had to borrow and spend

around Tk 75,000 to arrange the food

Talking to The Daily Star last

night, Farid said he got Tk 60,000.

The district administration said the

remaining Tk 15,000 would be given

Farid is a resident of Narayanganj

They would not only be welcome "Our plans for national reconstruction but would be afforded necessary protection and assistance by my government."

Yahya urged Nixon to take measures to solve the refugee problem and the related issues. "[It] would be an act of historical significance," concluded Yahya.

DESPITE OFFICIAL ASSERTIONS, **REPORTS TELL OF FIGHTING**

Despite official descriptions of normality in East Pakistan, guerrilla activity and the army crackdown continued, reported the New York Times

The Pakistani army had been able to widen its control of vital installations and major towns and cities. But guerrilla and terrorist activity by Bangalee "insurgents" -- buttressed by Bangalee non-cooperation in general -prevented the army from establishing an effective civil administration in to migrate, to return to their homes most of East Pakistan, added the

It further said Bangladesh forces continued to destroy rail lines and bridges. They were also seizing barges and destroying cargoes of jute, whose export provided the biggest share of Pakistan's foreign exchange.

The Pakistan army, reported the New York Times, continued to carry out bloody reprisals against civilians wherever the "insurgents" were active. The particular targets were said to be young men, intellectuals, members of the now-banned Awami League and minority Hindus.

It further wrote that the Pakistan army had been enlisting, and in many cases arming, anti-Awami League segments of the population to try to suppress the Bangalee "insurgence". These minority segments included non-Bangalee Bihari Muslims and supporters of traditionalist, religiously

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However, from May 15 onwards, his

family found his phone switched off.

After failing to communicate

Later, Shahbagh police was

about Hafizur

On Sunday, Shahbagh police

unidentified body being found at the

Shaheed Minar on Saturday night and

that they had kept the body at the

then identified his brother's body.

Habibur rushed to the morgue and

According to the police report,

Contacted, Habibur said, "'My

Mamunur Rashid, officer-in-charge

of Shahbagh Police Station, told The

Daily Star that around 8:30pm on

Saturday, they received information

that a man slit his own throat in the

Shaheed Minar area after taking a

crescent dagger from a coconut seller

Hafizur's body had a slit throat, and

stab wounds in the face, forehead and

brother had an accident. That's all I

Habibur about an

with him or trace his whereabouts,

they filed a general diary with Brahmanbaria's Kasba Police Station.

FROM PAGE 12 China-Bangladesh companies for the project, meaning the authorities have to extend the

deadline for its completion. Asked about the reasons behind the delay, the railways minister said something exceptional had happened regarding the project.

It was approved by the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council before any feasibility study was carried out and designs were finalised. And this led todelays, the minister mentioned.

Besides, it took a considerable amount of time to acquire land. And above all, the pandemic caused delays, he said.

Sujan also said they have to extend the project deadline.

Seeking anonymity, a BR official said that usually, the feasibility study of a project is carried out before its approval. But in this case, the study was done after the project's approval, and it took one and a half years to complete the study.

The BR is implementing 39 projects involving Tk 1,41,883.70 crore, most of which are funded by loans from various countries and agencies.

Deadlines of 24 of those will expire in June this year, show BR documents. Only four of the projects are likely

to be completed by June while one got cancelled, according to BR officials.

Scrutinising project documents, this newspaper found 19 of the 24 projects have already been revised at least once and some multiple times.

Asked why such a big number of projects have to be revised, the Railway Construction Corporation minister avoided a direct reply and said journalists should appreciate that of Bangladesh will implement the they are carrying out activities during this pandemic. Works of different mega projects are now going on, and Chinese and Indian engineers and workers are of Gemcom Group, the parent involved in different projects. Since many of them could not come to Bangladesh due to the pandemic, implementation of the projects is being hampered, he said. The minister also claimed that the Director Ashadul Haque.

Missing DU student found After his body was discovered at Shaheed Minar, police went to the spot and took it to DMCH with the help of pedestrians. He was listed as an unidentified body.

Police filed a case in this connection, the OC said, adding, "If his family accuses anyone, the case will be investigated."

"This is very sad news," Prof Dr AKM Golam Rabbani, Dhaka University proctor, told The Daily Star.

He said the university had requested Shahbagh police to search for Hafizur after he went missing.

"It is very difficult to determine the cause of his death in such a short time. However, law enforcers will investigate the matter.'

Pfizer, Astra jabs

effective against symptomatic disease from the B1617.2 strain three weeks after the first dose, compared with about 50 percent against the B.1.1.7 strain.

Some 12,675 genome-sequenced cases were included in the analysis, but only 1,054 were of the variant identified in India. The study included data for all age groups from April 5 to cover the period since the strain emerged.

Minister, high-ups blame costs of projects did not increase due ioint-venture to deadline extension in all the cases. rather those went up due to changes

in scope of work. Railways Secretary Salim Reza said the ministries, especially the finance ministry, have to make many decisions to keep the country's economy going, and one such decision was not to issue work orders for now.

As the government sticks to austerity amid the pandemic, it last month asked all the ministries, except for the health and the agriculture ministries, not to issue work orders for any physical work during the remainder of the current fiscal year.

"But it [the Tk 1,202.49-crore project] has been exempted from that order... You have to consider the situation. Works of the projects are going on even during this pandemic.

Salim said they have to face various challenges while implementing the projects.

Dhirendra claimed that the cost of a railway project doesn't go up because of deadline extension, rather it increases due to changes in scope of work.

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The physical work of the project will be carried out under two packages -one for the railway track and the other for bridges.

A joint venture company of China Railway Group Ltd, also known as CREC, and Castle Construction Company Ltd of Bangladesh will implement the first package at a cost of Tk 433.78 crore.

Another joint venture firm of China Limited and Mir Akhter Hossain Ltd second package involving Tk 448.98 crore. Awami League lawmaker Kazi Nabil Ahmed, also vice chairman company of Castle Construction Company Ltd, and AL lawmaker Magura-1 Saifuzzaman from Shikhar, among others, spoke at the programme moderated by Project

Govt officials reimburse man after In reply to a question of the not gotten wages from my owner for magistrate, Farid said he is the owner around four months last year as the of the four-storey house where he factory was closed due to lockdown.

I'm struggling ... ," he said. His elder brother Lutfur Rahman and local tea stall owner Ayub Ali added that Farid was not the building's sole owner.

This correspondent contacted officials of Abul Garments where Farid works. Its Director Masud Rana said Farid now gets Tk 6,000 as wage per month

oriented parties.

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to accommodate 2,435 passengers.

The maiden voyage was scheduled to take place in 2022, however the company's website hasn't been updated since 2018. CNN has reached out to Blue Star Line for comment on status of the ship.

The original Titanic set sail on its maiden voyage from Southampton, England, to New York on April 10, 1912. At the time, it was the largest passenger ship afloat.

ity's West Dewbhog area and work at a hosiery factory in Nayamat area. The government has recently

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distribution.

later, he added.

struggling to survive.

introduced a helpline -- 333 -- to who are affected by the pandemic and ongoing lockdown.

Hearing this, Farid called the helpline and sought food assistance.

In response, Arifa Jahura, Narayanganj Sadar upazila nirbahi officer and executive magistrate, visited Farid's house on May 20.

warned him that he would have to serve three months' imprisonment in case of his failure to do so.

This irritated the magistrate and

The magistrate ordered him to

distribute 100 packets of food to the

poor. Each packet would have 10kg

rice, 5kg potato, 1kg pulse, 1kg onion

Farid claimed that the magistrate

and 1 litre edible oil.

she thought Farid was doing well.

Helpless, Farid borrowed money provide food assistance to the poor, and distributed the packets in presence of the magistrate on May 22.

Talking to this correspondent, Farid said he was not the sole owner of the four-storey building. Rather, he, along with his five brothers and a sister, jointly own it. He only owns a tworoom flat in the building.

"I work at a hosiery factory. I had

Contacted, magistrate Arifa Jahura said they were investigating the incident.

Narayanganj Deputy Commissioner Mostain Billah said a three-member committee, led by an additional deputy commissioner, has been formed to investigate negligence on the part of anyone.

The probe body has been asked to submit its report within Wednesday.

বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক হিউম্যান রিসোর্সেস ডিপার্টমেন্ট-২ (পারফরমেন্স এন্ড ডিসিপ্লিন উইং) প্রধান কার্যালয় ঢাকা বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের ওয়েবসাইটঃ www.bangladesh-bank.org চূড়ান্ত কারণ দর্শানোর নোটিশ আপনি জনাব সুজন চক্রবর্ত্তী (আইডি নং-১৮৭০৭৪১৩), উপপরিচালক, বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক, প্রধান কার্যালয়, ঢাকা। স্থায়ী ঠিকানাঃ গ্রামঃ সিংগুড়, পোঃ ঝলম, থানাঃ বরুরা, জেলাঃ কমিল্লা। বর্তমান ঠিকানাঃ ১২/২-ডি. পলগ রাউন্ড, চট্টগ্রাম। হিউম্যান রিসোর্সেস ডিপার্টমেন্ট-২ এর ১৪/০৮/২০১৮ তারিখের কর্মচারী নির্দেশ নং-

এইচআরডি-২ঃ ৪২৯/২০১৮ মোতাবেক আপনাকে কতিপয় শর্তাধীনে USA এর University of Maine তে ০২ বছর মেয়াদী Master's in Economics প্রোগ্রামে অংশগ্রহণের নিমিত্তে ১৮/০৮/২০১৮ হতে ০৩/০৯/২০২০ তারিখ পর্যন্ত বহিঃবাংলাদেশ শিক্ষাছুটি মঞ্জুর করা হয়। ছুটির মেয়াদ অতিক্রান্ত হলেও আপনি দেশে ফেরত না আসায় পত্র প্রাপ্তির ০১ মাসের মধ্যে কাজে যোগদান করার নির্দেশনা প্রদান করে আপনাকে এ বিভাগের ২৪/১১/২০২০ তারিখের এইচআরডি-২(টিডি)/৫১৬/২০২০-৬১২০ নং পত্র ইমেইলে প্রেরণ করা হয়। আপনি ছুটি মঞ্জুরী সংক্রান্ত ১৪/০৮/২০১৮ তারিখের কর্মচারী নির্দেশ নং-এইচআরডি-২ঃ ৪২৯/২০১৮ ও এ বিভাগের ২৪/১১/২০২০ তারিখের এইচআরডি-২(টিডি)/৫১৬/২০২০-৬১২০ নং পত্রের নির্দেশ অমান্য করে কাজে যোগদান না করে Bangladesh Bank Staff Regulations, 2003 এর 42(a) ধারা লঙ্খন করেছেন এবং অত্র কার্যালয়ের সাথে কোনরূপ যোগাযোগ ব্যতিরেকে ছুটি শেষে অননুমোদিতভাবে ০৬/০৯/২০২০ তারিখ হতে বিদেশে অতিবাস (overstay) করছেন যা Bangladesh Bank Leave Rules, 2003 এর 3(iv) ও Bangladesh Bank Staff Regulations, 2003 এর 19(2) ধারার লঙ্মন। উল্লিখিত অভিযোগের কারণে আপনার বিরুদ্ধে ০৭/০২/২০২১ তারিখে পত্রের মাধ্যমে অভিযোগনামা (চার্জশীট) প্রণয়ন করা হয়। এতদপ্রেক্ষিতে তদন্ত ও গুনানীতে উপস্থিত না হওয়ায় উভয় কর্মকর্তা আপনার বিরুদ্ধে আনীত অভিযোগ সন্দেহাতীতভাবে প্রমাণিত মর্মে মতামত প্রদান করলে গভর্নর মহোদয় ২৯/০৪/২০২১ তারিখে আপনার জন্য Bangladesh Bank Staff Regulations, 2003 এর 44(1)(g) ধারা মোতাবেক চাকুরীচ্যুতির (dismissal from service) শাস্তি নির্ধারণ করেন। এ প্রেক্ষিতে আপনার উপর কেন উপরোক্ত শাস্তি আরোপ করা হবে না সে বিষয়ে পত্র প্রান্তির ০৭ (সাত) দিনের মধ্যে আপনার বক্তব্য অত্র ডিপার্টমেন্টে দাখিল করার নির্দেশ দিয়ে ২৯/০৪/২০২১ তারিখে কৈফিয়ত (দ্বিতীয় শো-কজ) নোটিশ আপনার বর্তমান ও স্থায়ী ঠিকানায় প্রেরণ করা হয় বর্তমান ও স্থায়ী ঠিকানায় প্রেরিত পত্রদ্বয় ফেরত আসেনি। কিন্তু আপনি অদ্যাবধি কৈফিয়ত (দ্বিতীয় শো-কজ) নোটিশের জবাব দেননি।

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Travel ban to Israel remains

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step and I call on the Bangladeshi government to move forward and establish diplomatic ties with Israel so both our peoples could benefit and prosper," he tweeted.

In a statement, the foreign ministry yesterday said the removal of the observation has been done to maintain international standards of Bangladeshi e-passports and does not imply any change of Bangladesh's foreign policy towards the Middle East.

"The ban on travel of Bangladeshi passport-holders to Israel remains unchanged. The government of Bangladesh has not deviated from its position on Israel and Bangladesh remains firm on its longstanding position in this regard," it said.

"We have not yet recognised Israel... we are very vocally in favour of Palestine. We believe in the two-state solution to the Palestine-Israel conflict in light of the UN resolutions recognising pre-1967 borders and East Jerusalem as the capital of the State of Palestine," Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen told reporters after a discussion on the 48th anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's receipt of the Joliot-Curie Medal.

The foreign ministry organised the event at the Foreign Service Academy in the city.

The foreign minister said the home ministry has looked at the passports of many other countries, and was convinced that there will be no change if the words "except for Israel" are deleted. It is not in any denote a change in Bangladesh's foreign policy.

"It does not mean that you can go to Israel as the writing is deleted," Momen said.

Asked about updates on the Covid-19 vaccine, he referred to his telephone conversation last week with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi who assured him that there will be no disruption in supply of vaccine to Bangladesh as it begins Sinopharm vaccine import from China.

"We are happy about it."

He also said the US has not yet said if it would supply two million AstraZeneca vaccine doses to Bangladesh as sought.

"The US FDA [Federal Drug Administration] has yet to approve export of AstraZeneca vaccine, but has approved export of the Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines."

At the discussion, the minister said the government would organise a two-day World Peace Conference in November.

He said Bangabandhu had fought for peace and against war all his life and the Joliot-Curie Medal was recognition of that fact.

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26 Contact details of official inviting tender 031-713020. 27 The procuring entity reserves the right to accept any or reject all tenders.			
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