



## ASHRAYAN-2 PROJECT 20 families now all smiles

ASHUTOSH SARKAR, from Brahmanbaria

Surobala Das, 60, a landless single mother of three from Brahmanbaria cannot believe her luck.

Her family is one of the 20 to have received a brick house at the Jangal village of Sultanpur union under Brahmanbaria Sadar upazila under the second phase of the Ashrayan-2 project.

"Even a few months back, we did not imagine that we could live in a pucca house. My endless blessings are for the Prime Minister," an elated Das told the Daily Star on Friday.

The family of Surobala, now 60, is one of 20 families at Jangal village of Sultanpur union under Brahmanbaria Sadar upazila, which were given a pucca house each under the second phase of the Ashrayan-2 project.

She said her husband Diresh Chandra Das died from cancer 12 years back and since then she with her son and two daughters had been living in a place given by her husband's brother Girendra Das at Birampur village, where they did not feel comfortable.

The family arrived at the Jangal village two months ago, where a local representative proposed their name in the list of people who will get houses from Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

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A teenage girl named Onamika and her grandmother Surobala Das smiling in front of their new home at Jangaal village in Brahmanbaria's Sultanpur union. The government distributed 20 houses among the homeless people there.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

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THIS DAY IN BANGLADESH LIBERATION WAR HISTORY

## A new campaign of terror

JUNE 20, 1971

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN



PAK ARMY  
ELIMINATING  
PROFESSIONALS

The Sunday Times (London) alleged that the professional classes in Bangladesh were being eliminated in a new campaign of terror. The newspaper said that their information had come from 'academic and professional sources we know to be unimpeachable'. It claimed that all public servants, teachers, writers, journalists and industrialists were being screened and the 'dangerous' were being eliminated. The newspaper said the Pak Army was creating three lists -- white, grey and black. Those on the white list would be given clearance, those on the grey list would probably lose their jobs and be imprisoned, and those on the blacklist would be shot. The report also included details of what it called a new element in East Bengal, a secret force called Razakars. NO SUMMIT TILL PAK BUTCHERY ENDS: INDIRA GANDHI

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## DU students charged dorm, transport fees despite closure

SIRAJUL ISLAM RUBEL

Though they didn't use dormitory and transport facilities for around a year and half, Dhaka University students will have to pay for those.

Many students, much to their frustration, claimed this was an extra burden for them.

DU authorities, however, said though the university remained shut down, its transport and hall services are continuing on a limited scale and they are charging fees.

Considering the pandemic, the authorities have decided to waive the "admission delay fee" this time. Earlier, they slashed the departmental

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## Space reproduction research yields baby mice



REUTERS

Trail-blazing space reproduction research that yielded healthy baby mice produced using freeze-dried sperm stored for years in orbit is showing the possibilities of procreation beyond Earth, with future implications for humans exploring the cosmos.

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## ADNAN MISSING Police claim he was in Gaibandha

Adds to confusion

MOSTAFA SHABUI from Gaibandha

The hearsay of young Islamic preacher Abu Taw Haa Muhammad Adnan hiding in one of his friend's house in Gaibandha created confusion.

Adnan, along with the associates and the driver, left Dhaka's Gabtoli for Rangpur on the night of June 10. They went to the house of Adnan's friend Siam Ibn Sharif in Gaibandha Sadar upazila, said police.

In a press briefing, Abu Maruf Hossain, DC (crime) of Rangpur Metropolitan Police, also told journalists that after reaching Trimohoni in Gaibandha,

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## S Asia failed to play due role

Prof Rehman Sobhan, Prof Deepak Nayyar say about Covid prevention, recovery plans

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The governments of South Asian countries including Bangladesh have failed to play their roles in controlling the spread of the coronavirus and come up with sustainable and effective recovery solutions to the pandemic-induced crisis.

Two eminent economists -- Prof Rehman Sobhan, chairman of Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), and Prof Deepak Nayyar, emeritus professor of Economics Department at New Delhi's Jawaharlal Nehru University -- shared the view yesterday at a discussion on "COVID-19: SEE PAGE 10 COL 2



PRAYER TIMING  
JUNE 20

Fajr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4-05	12-45	5-00	6-52	8-17
JAMAAT 4-40	1-15	5-15	6-55	8-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



It is illegal to set up markets or commercial establishments within 10 metres of a highway area, reads a signboard that is ironically placed in the middle of an illegal market that sprouted on a highway in Ashulia of Dhaka.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

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## WE MOURN

**Mrs. Marina Yasmin Chowdhury**

With profound grief, we share with you that Mrs. Marina Yasmin Chowdhury, Sponsor Director, Prime Bank Limited and Vice Chairperson, East Coast Group, breathed her last on June 19, 2021 at Square Hospital in Dhaka (Inna lillahi Wa Inna Ilaihi Raji'un). She is the wife of **Mr. Azam J Chowdhury**, renowned industrialist and mother of **Mr. Tanjil Chowdhury**, Chairman of Prime Bank Limited.

The Prime Bank Family is deeply mourning the sad demise of their revered guardian. She has been an inspirational icon to the Bank, supporting the entity for long years with her valuable vision and foresight. We pray to the Almighty for the salvation of the departed soul and convey our deepest condolences to the bereaved family.