

Monsoon takes toll

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The Nixon Administration stopped granting military export licenses to Pakistan on March 25, after the Pakistani army moved to crush the movement in Bangladesh, but did not revoke permits issued before that date.

NEW YORK TIMES CORRESPONDENT OUSTED FROM EAST PAKISTAN
Sydney H Schanberg, South Asia correspondent of The New York Times, was expelled from East Pakistan today.

He said he had been ordered to leave by martial law authorities "in the interests of the security of Pakistan".

Schanberg, who was based in New Delhi, was earlier one of 35 foreign correspondents expelled from East Pakistan in March, 1971.

CANADA BLOCKS SHIPMENT OF WEAPONS TO PAKISTAN

The Canadian government stopped a shipment of spare aircraft parts to Pakistan and said no Canadian arms were to be

loaded aboard the Padma, which arrived in Montreal on June 29, 1971 from New York.

Customs officials said the order blocked the loading of 46 crates of parts for F-86 Sabre Jets; an official of the firm shipping the parts said the contracts went back as far as five years.

UN REJECTS WORLD BANK ASSESSMENT ON BANGLADESH

The UN in effect declined to take note of the World Bank team's assessment of the situation in Bangladesh. World Bank's assessment was completely contrary to the assessments and prognostications by the UN officials, Ismet Kittani, Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, and the UNDP officials about the slow return to normality and resumption of the UNDP aided development projects in the war-affected area.

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Plunging into debt just to get

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upazila, and Manikganj and Madaripur districts.

The study report said 49 percent of the RMG workers said their pay and perks were slashed due to the pandemic.

Their monthly income went down by 21 percent on average compared to the pre-pandemic period. However, their monthly expenditure decreased by only two percent. This forced them to reach for their savings and rely on borrowing and other forms of debts to manage the expenditure.

The study found that 38 percent RMG workers had to reduce the frequencies of their meals, 69 percent had to consume low quality food while 85 percent had to cut their protein intake.

The income of 92 percent of the non-RMG workers declined. Their monthly average income decreased by one-third.

Forty-seven percent of them reported a decrease in the frequency of meals, 73 percent reported that they consumed low quantity food, and 83 percent said they lowered their protein consumption.

The study also found that about 64 percent migrant returnees were repatriated forcefully, while 33 percent of them returned home after their employers bore the relevant costs.

About 84 percent of the returnees did not receive any severance pay or other dues from their employers. Upon arrival, the returnees found it difficult to find jobs here in Bangladesh, said the report.

They have experienced a sharp fall in their average monthly income -- by 60 percent. As a result, the returnees used their savings and borrowed cash to finance expenditure.

A press release from the Brac University's CPJ said while presenting findings of the study, lead researcher Sanaul Mostafa and Shahidul Islam suggested that the informal workers and migrant returnees were the worst sufferers.

People from the low-income groups accumulated debt, borrowed overwhelmingly from informal sources, given the fact that these groups lost, on average, one-third of their income compared

to the pre-pandemic period, it said.

Seventy percent of the pandemic-affected workers expected that the government would help them recover from their losses.

The study recommended that the government may develop and introduce a one-year "Solidarity Package" targeted to the recovery and well-being needs of the most-affected groups. Household aides, daily labourers and transport workers may be considered as the preferred target groups.

Given the massive impacts of the pandemic on low-income people's food intake behaviour, the government may introduce targeted programmes to provide them with subsidised nutritional support by expanding the number of fair price outlets managed by the Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB).

Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Sudipto Mukerjee said development agencies, state, private sectors and academic institutions, among others, can work together to find appropriate solutions amidst the pandemic.

Addressing the programme yesterday, Hossain Zillur Rahman, chairperson of Brac and chairman of Power and Participation Research Centre, stressed that a credible research was one of the ways to inform policymakers of the voice of vulnerable groups, including the "new poor" which has emerged during the pandemic.

"The study and the discussions today certainly points to the myriad of ways in which we can continue exploring to develop our understanding of the gaps in policies," he said.

Country Director of ActionAid Farah Kabir, Senior Programme Specialist of James P Grant School of Public Health, Brac University, Yameen Mazumder, Senior Research Fellow of Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies Nazneen Ahmed and Head of Strategy and Planning of Bidyanondo Foundation Manjoor Morshed, were the panelists of event. Executive Director of Centre for Peace and Justice, Brac University Manzoor Hasan, moderated the virtual event.



Demonstrators display signs and a banner during a "No Climate, No Deal" march near the White House, in Washington, DC, US, on Monday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Caretaker's body found 2 days later

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explosion," he said.

Huge blasts occur only if the mixer is more than 15 percent, he added.

"Now the probe committee is trying to find out the source of the gas," Asaduzzaman, also the chief of the Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime (CTTC) unit, told reporters while inspecting the spot.

He said they would disclose the cause of the explosion in details later.

Explosive experts from the

CTTC's Bomb Disposal Unit were with him.

Responding to another query, he said they did not find any evidence of IED.

Md Tanjid, a rickshaw-van puller, yesterday said around an hour before the blast, when he took some electronic items from an appliance store on the first floor of the building, he smelt gas.

Six people were found dead after the incident on Sunday, while another died of his injuries Monday morning. More than 50 people suffered injuries with

many of them in three buses stuck in traffic jam on the busy Outer Circular Road.

Due to the explosion, windows of many nearby buildings shattered while broken pieces of bricks, walls, shutters and other items flew to the nearby road, causing injuries.

Samanta Lal Sen, coordinator of Sheikh Hasina National Institute of Burn and Plastic Surgery, yesterday told this paper that five people were being treated at the institute. Three of them with around 90 percent burns were fighting for their lives in the ICU.

Militants have no capacity to attack now

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during an operation there.

Asked if there were any links between foreign and local militant outfits, Mamun said they didn't have any information regarding communication with foreign militants. "The militants that we have in our country are home grown."

About Rab's capability of dealing with any possible militant attack, the Rab DG said, "We do not think that militants have that capacity now. But we do not become complacent. We are constantly increasing our capacity and technological capabilities. We are ready to face any situation."

Talking about narcotics, he said the Rab were keeping an eye on it through intelligence surveillance and cyber patrolling.

Responding to a question about the progress in the investigation into the murder of journalist

couple Sagar Sarwar and Mehrun Runi, the elite force chief said, "We are investigating the case with due seriousness. We will submit the report once investigation is completed."

The couple was murdered inside their apartment in the capital's Raja Bazar on February 11, 2012.

About juvenile gangs, the Rab DG said juvenile delinquency is increasing alarmingly now.

"They [juvenile gangs] are also involved in violent and brutal crimes like murder. In order to save the next generation, it is necessary to pull in the reins on the 'teenage gang' culture now."

He said the Rab has launched a vigorous campaign against "Kishore Gang".

"We expect families to pay more attention to their children. Besides, the society has to come forward. The patrons who are leading teenagers into gang culture will not be spared."

Mamun expressed special gratitude to doctors, nurses, journalists, law enforcers, public representatives and other professionals who have been working for the country and humanity since the Covid-19 outbreak in the country.

He said mobile courts are being operated against various irregularities, including marketing of adulterated products and increase in prices of commodities. "Over the last one year, we have been conducting campaigns on using masks, hand sanitisers, illegal health safety kits, and fake test reports," he added.

In addition to maintaining law and order during the pandemic, the Rab has gained people's trust and love through providing food to the unemployed, helpless and destitute people, distributing health safety equipment, and offering emergency services to patients, the Rab DG told reporters.

Modi to chair key meet amid cabinet reshuffle speculations

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi will chair a meeting of the full council of ministers today to likely review the functioning of a few ministries amidst speculations of his first cabinet reshuffle since returning to power two years ago.

A cabinet reshuffle could be effected due to some vacancies caused due to untimely deaths like Ram Vilas Paswan and Suresh Angadi and exits of regional allies Shirromani Akali Dal and Shiv Sena from Bharatiya Janata Party-led National Democratic Alliance.

বার্ষিক সাধারণ সভা-২০২১

সূত্র নং- বিসিবি/এজিএম-২০২১/৩৮৬ তারিখ ৪ ৩০শে জুন, ২০২১

স্থগিত ঘোষণা

বর্তমান কোভিড-১৯ মহামারি পরিস্থিতিতে গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার কর্তৃক আগামী ০১-০৭ জুলাই, ২০২১ তারিখ পর্যন্ত কঠোর লকডাউন-এর সিদ্ধান্ত গ্রহণের কারণে আগামী ০৭ই জুলাই, ২০২১ তারিখে বাংলাদেশ ক্রিকেট বোর্ডের নির্ধারিত 'বার্ষিক সাধারণ সভা-২০২১' স্থগিত করা হলো।

বার্ষিক সাধারণ সভা-২০২১-এর পরিবর্তিত সময়সূচী যথাসময়ে অবহিত করা হবে।

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২০৩, শহীদ সৈয়দ নজরুল ইসলাম সরণী
পুরাতন ৮৬ বিজয়নগর, ঢাকা-১০০০।

বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাইতেছে যে, নিম্নবর্ণিত দুইজন প্রার্থনা পূর্বক **The Saint Petersburg State Medical Academy, Russia** এর সূত্র সাংগঠনিক দাখিল করিয়া বাংলাদেশ মেডিকেল এন্ড ডেন্টাল কাউন্সিল হইতে রেজিস্ট্রেশন গ্রহণ করিয়াছেন। বিষয়টি প্রমাণিত হওয়ার তাহাদের রেজিস্ট্রেশন বাতিল করা হইয়াছে এবং তাহাদের বিরুদ্ধে সৌজন্যের আইনে মামলা দায়ের করা হইয়াছে।

১। মোহাম্মদ ওয়াহিদুজ্জামান, পিতা: মোহাম্মদ সাদেক আলী, গ্রাম: বাঘাসুর, পো: রাজাবাড়ী, থানা: কেরানীগঞ্জ, জেলা: ঢাকা, (বিএমএজিসি এর রেজিস্ট্রেশন নং- A-42572, Date-16.05.2006)

২। নীশে চন্দ্র দেবনাথ, পিতা: মহানন্দ চন্দ্র দেবনাথ, গ্রাম: ভাওর খোলা, পো: শিবনগর, উপজেলা: মেঘনা, জেলা: কুমিল্লা, (বিএমএজিসি এর রেজিস্ট্রেশন নং- A-42573, Date-16.05.2006)

এমতাবস্থায় তাহারা নিজেদেরকে চিকিৎসক বলিয়া পরিচয় দিতে কিংবা চিকিৎসা কার্যক্রম পরিচালনা করিতে পারিবেন না। যদি চিকিৎসা কার্য চালাইয়া যান তাহা হইলে আইন প্রয়োগকারী সংস্থা সমূহকে অবহিত করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা যাইতেছে।

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BSF shoots

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According to BGB, Rifat's body was left near the Main Pillar No 862 of Shamsnagar-Kanirbari border for several hours.

Shah Alam, a member of Jagatbar Union Parishad, said locals heard several gunshots at the border early yesterday.

Later, along with BGB members, they went to the border and noticed Rifat's body. The body had bullet marks on its neck and back.

Initially, the locals suspected that Rifat was a member of a local cattle smuggling racket, the UP member added.

Shamsnagar BGB Company Commander Belal Hossain said preparations were underway to hold a flag meeting with BSF to get the body back.

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