

CNG stations

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Petrobangla then organised a meeting with Bangladesh CNG Filling Station and Conversion Workshop Owners' Association, and others in this regard.

Farhan Noor, secretary general of Bangladesh CNG Filling Station and Conversion Workshop Owners Association, told The Daily Star they urged reducing the closing time from six hours to three hours.

"We have the lowest amount of gas with the highest price. It would not be a wise decision to keep filling stations closed. But they requested us and we agreed to keep them closed for four hours."

The decision came after a virtual meeting about producing low, middle and long-term plans on the demand and supply in gas-based power plants on July 19.

About two-thirds

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have attained their expected returns from investments.

The industrial sector was badly hit by the pandemic as all the distribution channels were disrupted, he said.

Even then, the industrial units tried to continue production.

He went on to acknowledge that such an increase in industrial default loans is not good for the economy.

The real crisis of default loans has reached an alarming stage, said Muinul Islam, a former professor of the department of economics of the University of Chittagong.

"Since the flow of our remittance is still on, the banks are not facing any deposit crisis. This is why we are not realising how big the problem of default loan is," he added.

Meanwhile, the disbursement of industrial loans also dropped during the pandemic, Kamal said.

In the first quarter of last year, industrial loans amounting to Tk 91,662 crore were disbursed. In the following quarter, it was Tk 74,257 crore.

Loan disbursement picked up in the latter half of 2020 as the pandemic flames were brought under control: in the December quarter, it was Tk 100,533 crore, Kamal said.

At the end of the first quarter of 2021, industrial loan disbursement stood at Tk 90,966 crore.

The finance minister also disclosed that the per capita foreign debt of Bangladesh is Tk 24,890.

In reply to a question, the minister said the current foreign debt stood at \$49,458 million.

6 Bangladeshis

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The Rota base is a US-controlled air and navy base in Spain, says the foreign ministry post.

Thousands of foreigners and Afghans, fearful of the Taliban rule, began fleeing Afghanistan after the the group took control of the South Asian country.

Two held

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two others are on the run, said Tajul Islam, officer-in-charge of Kanaighat Police Station.

According to police and the case statement, the woman, who is a widow, lives in her village home alone as her two sons are expatriates and daughters are married.

Around midnight on August 29, the four forcibly entered the woman's house and sexually harassed her. They videoed the incident on their mobile phones and later forwarded the video clips to her expatriate sons and demanded Tk 5 lakh for not making the videos viral, the case statement said.

The victim's sons then contacted their relatives who tried to settle the issue with money and agreed to pay the abusers Tk 1 lakh on Saturday. As they failed to pay the money, the abusers uploaded the videos on Facebook the next day.

OC Tajul said, "This is a heinous crime and we've already informed the police headquarters that steps would be taken to remove the video clips from Facebook."

"We are trying to arrest the other accused," he added.

Scientists

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Researchers plan to do this by taking skin cells from Asian elephants, which are threatened with extinction, and putting them into stem cells with frozen mammoth DNA to create an embryo.

These embryos will then be carried to full term by a surrogate mother or in an artificial womb in a laboratory.

The team hopes to have its first set of calves within the next six years if all goes to plan.

Dr Church and Lamm believe the elephant-mammoth hybrid could help slow climate change by stomping out thin, low-oxygen trees and exposing healthy, carbon-trapping grasses to restore the Arctic tundra.

"Our goal is to make a cold-resistant elephant, but it is going to look and behave like a mammoth," Dr Church told the Guardian.

He added: "Not because we are trying to trick anybody, but because we want something that is functionally equivalent to the mammoth, that will enjoy its time at -40C, and do all the things that elephants and mammoths do, in particular knocking down trees."



Vendors tidy up a shop, as Langkawi gets ready to open to domestic tourists from today, amid the coronavirus disease pandemic in Malaysia yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Take steps to stop spread outside Dhaka

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mid-October, he added.

"We hope [the number of] dengue [cases] will start coming down within this month in Dhaka, but it does not mean it [the infection] will totally stop [spreading], rather it will remain on a smaller scale... Still, there is scope to control dengue outside Dhaka as the number is still low."

Residents outside Dhaka will have to use mosquito nets and make their children wear full-sleeved clothes and long pants to keep them safe from dengue. They will also have to use mosquito repellents to kill Aedes mosquitoes at least twice a day, he said.

It will not be convenient to conduct anti-mosquito drives throughout whole cities, rather they will have to carry it out in focused areas, he said.

Entomologist Kabirul Bashar said all the areas outside Dhaka where dengue cases are being found will have to be considered hotspots.

"Authorities concerned will have to conduct fogging and larviciding in the areas, including the homes and workplaces of the patients... If they [any hotspots] are in cities, then the city corporation or municipality will have to take measures and if they of the village level, then the upazila

parishad or union parishad concerned will have to do it."

Keeping every patient under a mosquito net is also very important, Monzur said.

Saifur Rahman, another entomologist, said effective measures to kill Aedes mosquitoes are lacking in areas outside Dhaka.

Fogging is crucial as without it killing infected mosquitoes is not possible, he said.

He said the mistake done in Dhaka should not be repeated outside Dhaka. "So, wherever cases are found, intense fogging should be done there."

Moreover, he said, the DCC should take special care and conduct fogging operations in and around major bus stands like Gabtoli, Sayedabad and Mohakhali to stop the movement of infected mosquitoes in public transports from Dhaka.

"Owners and the authorities concerned will have to spray insect repellents in their transports."

An adult mosquito can survive from 15 days to 61 days and, on average, 21 days. If not killed, it can infect people multiple times, said Saifur.

He said there are many areas where dengue patients are found every other year. "The authorities will have to identify those areas and will have to conduct extensive anti-mosquito

drives there."

LGRD Minister Md Tazul Islam said different authorities concerned of the government are doing their jobs to control Aedes mosquitoes even outside Dhaka, but everyone will have to come forward and help, otherwise it will not be possible.

He said most of the patients outside Dhaka contracted the infection while they were in the capital.

He emphasised the need for patients to stay under mosquito nets. "If they don't, the mosquitoes in rural areas will also begin carrying the virus."

Abu Ali Md Sazzad Hossain, deputy commissioner of Pirojpur, said the number of dengue cases in their district is low at the moment and separate committees have been formed up to the union parishad level to monitor the situation and take apt measures in this regard.

He added that regular cleaning activities are going on there and public representatives, including those from different organisations, are also involved. Fogging and other anti-mosquito drives are also being conducted in and around patients' homes.

"There are separate dengue units in hospitals and they provide immediate treatment to the patients."

No need for hired

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Tarique Rahman.

But before that, the party must firmly decide that it will never take part in any election under the ruling Awami League.

This view was communicated by the party's joint secretary generals, organising secretaries and assistant secretaries to their top leadership during a meeting at the party chairperson's Gulshan office yesterday.

It was the second of three meetings to decide BNP strategy ahead of the general election, meeting sources told The Daily Star last night. A total of 95 leaders were invited to the meeting and Tarique Rahman, now in London, chaired it virtually.

The meeting continued for around eight hours starting at 4:00pm.

The leaders said party men should brave all risks and take to the street to topple the government before the polls.

At the meeting, BNP Special Affairs Secretary Asaduzzaman Ripon said leadership was hired in the last parliamentary election and the decision to participate in the polls under the Jatiya Oikyafront was wrong, said the sources.

He said Khaleda Zia and Tarique Rahman were the symbols of nationalist forces in the country. So the party should move forward only under their leadership.

Ripon said the BNP has no leadership crisis now. "If we can topple the government through movement, Khaleda Zia will be permanently released from jail and Tarique Rahman will be able to return to the country," a BNP leader, who attended the meeting, quoted Ripon as saying.

"We want to return to power through movement under the leadership of Khaleda Zia and Tarique Rahman. So we don't need to hire any leadership," he also quoted Ripon as saying.

The Jatiya Oikyafront is an alliance of the BNP, Dr Kamal Hossain-led Jatiya Oikya Prokriya, ASM Abdur Rob's Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal, and Mahmudur Rahman Manna's Nagorik Oikya.

The Oikyafront was formed on October 13, 2018 with the demand of a national election under a neutral government after dissolution of parliament, and release of Khaleda Zia from jail.

The alliance suffered a massive defeat in the election held on December 30, 2018. Many, however, say the polls were not fair.

BNP's Climate Change Affairs

Assistant Secretary Mustafizur Rahman Babul said the party should be reorganised as early as possible for waging movement against the government.

"If we can take to the street risking our lives then our followers will get courage and common people will also join our movement," meeting sources quoted him as saying.

Babul also said the party should consider sacking leaders who did not join movements in the past and got detached from other leaders and activists.

In 2018, the party held its last executive committee meeting at Le Meridien hotel just four days before Khaleda landed in jail. Since then, the party had been holding meetings with its vice chairmen, organising secretaries and other members separately.

No executive committee meeting has been held since. The BNP will hold meetings with senior joint secretaries general, joint secretaries general, organising secretaries and assistant organising secretaries today. On Thursday, the party will hold a meeting with the leaders of the central committee and the BNP's associated bodies, said party sources.

Some 400 leaders were invited to attend the meetings and were encouraged to express their views on launching a movement and joining the next parliamentary election.

The series of meetings is the first meeting of this scale since Khaleda had landed in jail on February 8, 2018. It has also been the biggest meeting since Tarique Rahman became the acting chairman of the party.

Khaleda Zia is currently out of jail on bail while Tarique Rahman, who is facing several cases, is hiding in London.

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Molecular Lab and Diagnostic.

The fees for Covid tests have been fixed between Tk 1,700 and Tk 2,300, the letter said.

The Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (Caab) has been requested to allocate space for setting up the lab at the airport.

Migrant workers and professionals who came home on vacation from the UAE but later got stranded amid the pandemic had been demanding that RT-PCR labs be set up at international airports in the country after Gulf countries asked for Covid tests of foreigners prior to their journeys to those countries.

Post-Coup Myanmar Junta wanted spy gear on network Says Telenor

AFP, Oslo

Telenor said yesterday the Myanmar military junta had demanded it install equipment to intercept communications on the network the Norwegian firm operates in the country.

Telenor announced in July it plans to sell Telenor Myanmar, saying only

that since the February coup that ousted civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi and her government it had become increasingly difficult to operate in the country.

But yesterday it disclosed that the junta wanted it to install monitoring equipment on the network with some 18 million customers.

Pakistan army using FAO

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In the Mymensingh-Sylhet sector, Mukti Bahini raided Pakistani troops' position in Badirteka killing two enemy soldiers.

In the Kushtia-Jashore- Khulna sector, Mukti Bahini today engaged Pakistani troops near Gangni bridge and inflicted five casualties on the enemy. Another group of Mukti Bahini fired on enemy troops at Bhomra and killed 4 Pakistani soldiers.

In the Dhaka-Cumilla-Chattoogram sector, Mukti Bahini raided Pakistani troops in Khajuria area today, killing two soldiers and two Razakars collaborating with the enemy troops. On the same day, Mukti Bahini raided and held the Pakistan position near Hugli village. In a heavy exchange of fire, three Pakistani soldiers were killed and 20 wounded.

PAKISTAN CANCELS PANNI'S PASSPORT

Pakistan Foreign Ministry today asked its diplomatic mission in Manila to confiscate the passports of Khurram Khan Panni, the Pakistan ambassador who had defected to Bangladesh, and his wife.

Pakistan's Chargé d'Affaires in Manila KK Ghorri told newsmen that his government would protest to the Government of Philippines if Panni carried out the plan to open an unofficial mission in Manila to seek support for Bangladesh.

OMEGA TEAM MEMBERS RELEASED
The four-member Omega team was released by the East Pakistan authority. The team which had been arrested earlier this month included two women. They were taken into custody when they crossed into Bangladesh to distribute relief supplies.

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Constable's wife was raped

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arrested all the "killers" and recovered looted goods within four days of the incident.

The arrestees are: Kabir Hossain, 30, his wife Akhi Moni Lipi, 20, and their relatives Riaz Uddin Sarker, 26, and Shakil Hossain, 19.

"The constable rented a house for his wife and two children in Manikganj town's Reserve Tank area last month. The cop used to stay at his workplace in Gazipur," said Azad.

Kabir and Lipi were acquaintances of the victim's housewife. The four went to her home on Friday night. They put sleeping tablets in soft drinks and fruit juice and made the victim and her two children drink it.

As the three fell unconscious, they took the two children to an adjacent room. Riaz Uddin raped the constable's wife. The four then tied her hands and legs and strangled her. They took three mobile phones, gold jewellery and money from the house

before fleeing, the SP told journalists.

The following day, police recovered the victim's body from her house. Her father filed a murder case with Manikganj Sadar Police Station accusing unidentified people.

The SP said the four killed the homemaker to loot money and jewellery. Police recovered the looted mobile phones, gold jewellery and Tk 5,000 from the arrestees.

Azad said they first picked up Lipi on Tuesday based on information provided by the victim's daughter. The three others were arrested after gleaning information from Lipi.

The police official said the arrestees confessed to the killing and looting.

Jaminur Rahman, sub-inspector of Manikganj Sadar Police Station and also the investigating officer of the murder case, said the arrestees were produced before the Manikganj Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court around noon yesterday. The court sent the four to jail.



বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক

ক্রেডিট গ্যারান্টি স্কিম (সিজিএস) ইউনিট

প্রধান কার্যালয়, ঢাকা।



মুজিববর্ষের অঙ্গীকার
দেশী পণ্যের ব্যবহার

মাননীয় প্রধানমন্ত্রী ঘোষিত আর্থিক প্রণোদনা প্যাকেজের আওতায় কুটির, মাইক্রো ও ক্ষুদ্র (CMS) খাতে ঋণ/বিনিয়োগ প্রাপ্তিতে জ্ঞানানতবিহীন উদ্যোক্তাদের গ্যারান্টি সুবিধা

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