



Women surround a Red Crescent Society volunteer, who is giving out serial numbers on a card for first Covid shots, near a vaccination centre on the Barishal City Corporation office premises. People swarmed such centres across the country after a special mass vaccine campaign began yesterday.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

COVID-19 VACCINE

Govt extends special first-dose campaign

Decision made as people crowd vaccine centres

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After people swarmed vaccine centres for their first Covid-19 dose under a daylong special campaign yesterday, health authorities announced the programme would continue till tomorrow.

While the regular vaccination campaign is running, this special programme aims to administer one crore first doses to those who haven't gotten any dose yet. No documents or prior registration is need for the special first-dose campaign.

Health officials said the decision to continue till tomorrow was made because of a heavy rush of vaccine recipients at most of the 24,500 centres designated for the special campaign.

"I am assuring people that the first dose vaccination will continue for the two more days," Health Minister Zahid Maleque said in an emergency press briefing yesterday afternoon.

Meanwhile, a 30-year-old man named Osman Gani Rubel, fell sick and died after taking a shot at a centre in Chattogram city yesterday. Health officials claimed the

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GOPALGANJ GANG-RAPE

Local youths behind it: Rab

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rab has arrested six perpetrators of the recent gang rape of a female student of the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman University of Science and Technology (BSMRSTU).

The arrestees are members of a gang involved in various criminal activities in Gopalganj's Nabinbagh neighbourhood for the last 8-10 years, Khandaker Al Moin, director of the Rapid Action Battalion's legal and media wing, told a press conference in Dhaka yesterday.

Following the incident on Wednesday, the university's Proctor Raziur Rahman filed a case against seven to eight unidentified people with Kotwali Police Station.

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PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

Admission seekers worried over syllabus

MOHIUDDIN ALAMGIR

Admission seekers are worried about their preparations for the coming public university entrance exams as most of the universities are yet to decide whether the exam syllabus would be shortened or not.

Students are concerned about it as they took last year's HSC exams only on three optional subjects and the syllabuses were

cut also amid the pandemic. No exams were held on compulsory subjects like Bangla and English.

Admission seekers say many public universities usually set admission test questions from Bangla and English.

"The decision regarding the syllabus should be taken as soon as possible to relieve worries of students and guardians. It would also help students' preparations for the exams," said Rizwan

Hossain, father of an admission seeker from the capital's Pallabi.

Sultana Razia, an admission seeker from the city's Mohammadpur, said the situation is different this year. "We hardly read Bangla and English ahead of HSC exams as we did not need to sit exams in those subjects."

She said it would be better for them if the entrance tests

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HASAN HAFIZUR RAHMAN



A meeting was held at Amtala (in front of Madhur Canteen) of Dhaka University around 11:00am on February 21, 1952. Gaziul Haque presided over the meeting. There, under the pressure of students, it was decided that section 144 would be broken. The students had a militant attitude. They decided to come out in groups of

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An elevated part of the Bus Rapid Transit route from Dhaka airport to Gazipur near Sena Kalyan Commercial Complex in Tongi. The authorities have announced that they would open the service by December this year.

THRU' BENAPOLE

Those with booster dose cleared to go

STAR REPORT

Those who intend to travel to India through Benapole land port will not need to present a negative Covid-19 test report if they have already taken the Covid-19 booster shot.

Mohammad Raju Ahmed, officer-in-charge of Benapole Immigration Police, confirmed the matter to The Daily Star

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Schoolgirl gang-raped at knifepoint in Bagerhat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

A man was arrested yesterday for his involvement in the gang rape of a 14-year-old schoolgirl at knifepoint in Bagerhat's Kachua upazila on Thursday night.

Police arrested Ejazul Mollah, 22, from Shakhrikathi area of the upazila after a case was filed against him and three others by the victim's father yesterday, said KM Ariful Haque, superintendent of Bagerhat police.

The other accused are Sohail Sheikh, 22, Tipu Sheikh, 25, and Sajib

Mollah, 25.

According to the girl's family, the four men entered her house while she was alone. They tortured and raped her at knifepoint and also threatened to kill her. She lost consciousness at one point.

The victim was admitted to Bagerhat Sadar Hospital in critical condition on Friday.

Her father said, "We were visiting her elder sister. We came to know about the incident after neighbours informed us. We immediately went back home and took her to

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