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5 die from Covid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The daily number of coronavirus deaths has reached five, the highest this year. The Directorate General of Health Services recorded the deaths in the 24 hours preceding 8:00am yesterday. During the same period, 36 new infections were confirmed, also the highest in a day this year, said the DGHS. The cases were detected after testing 621 samples. Since January 1, 433 Covid-19 cases have been recorded. Of those, 275 were reported this month, DGHS data shows. All 16 deaths reported this year occurred between June 5 and June 22. Of the five patients reported dead yesterday, three were from Chattogram division and one each from Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions. Each belonged to a different age group: 11-20, 41-50, 61-70, 71-80, and 91-100. Four were men and one was a woman. One of the deceased in Chattogram was a 14-year-old boy with chronic kidney disease, and the other was a 45-year-old woman who had tuberculosis, said Civil Surgeon Jahangir Alam. In Chattogram, 12 new cases were detected after testing 253 samples, he added.

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In Sylhet city's Baluchar, people are living in tin-roofed houses that have been built cutting into hills. During the peak monsoon season, there is a risk of landslides, and a tragic loss of life could occur. Although living at the base of hills is common in the city and its surrounding areas, little steps are seen from local administration to move the people elsewhere. The photo was taken recently. PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR



Prof Serajul Islam Choudhury turns 90 today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University Professor Emeritus Serajul Islam Choudhury, one of the most revered intellectuals in Bangladesh, celebrates his 90th birthday today. A towering figure, Choudhury has worn many hats: an eminent teacher of English literature, prolific writer, editor, columnist, literary and cultural critic, and political analyst. He continues to speak out against injustice, steadfastly defending freedom of speech and academic autonomy. His voice -- resonating in the classroom and the public sphere -- has shaped generations of

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NCP applies for EC registration

Requests Water Lily for symbol; 69 other parties submit applications on final day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Around 70 political parties, including the newly formed National Citizen Party (NCP), submitted applications to the Election Commission yesterday seeking official registration. The NCP, in its application, requested that the Water Lily -- Bangladesh's national flower -- be assigned as its electoral symbol. It also demanded a reconstitution of the EC currently led by AMM Nasir Uddin. A 50-member NCP delegation arrived at the EC headquarters in the capital around 4:00pm and submitted their application to the dispatch section on the second floor. At a press briefing in the evening, NCP Convenor Nahid Islam said, "We have not only fulfilled the EC's conditions but exceeded them. NCP has formed committees in 105 upazilas and 25 districts."

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Separate secretariat will ensure independence of judiciary

Says Yunus, hails formation of judicial council

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus has said that the government cannot walk away from the creation of a separate secretariat for the judiciary. He made the remarks just minutes after Chief Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed, speaking at the same programme yesterday, emphasised the "utmost urgency" of establishing such a secretariat. Prof Yunus was the chief guest at a national seminar on judicial independence and efficiency, organised by the Supreme Court at InterContinental Dhaka hotel. Justice Refaat chaired the event. Yunus said a separate secretariat would grant the judiciary the structural autonomy to adjudicate without external pressure.



"We are deeply committed to achieving an efficient and independent judiciary, and we look forward to its effective realisation. The fate of these crucial

aspirations and initiatives depends entirely on our collective efforts," he said. Yunus said three "magic words" -- judiciary, independence and efficiency -- define the foundation of the society. He said when the government speaks of reform, it does not talk about minor twitches that will fall apart under pressure. "We speak of changes that will create a powerful democracy while ensuring that democratic aspirations do not twist into either authoritarian desires or populist yearnings. "Using populist tactics to win elections, and then abusing and manipulating the power structures, dismantling checks and balances, and turning oversight bodies into tools of oppression -- these are common strategies from the autocratic playbook," he said.

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BNP factional clash leaves 2 dead in N'ganj

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Two people were killed after rival factions of BNP supporters clashed over establishing supremacy in Narayanganj's Bandar upazila on Saturday. The deceased were Abdul Kuddus, 70, a mason; and Mehedi Hasan, 42, a former joint convener of the Swechhasebak Dal's Bandar thana unit. Kuddus was killed near the Bandar rail line and Mehedi near Shahi Masjid, said Narayanganj SP Pratyush Kumar Mojumder. Inspector Saiful Islam of Bandar Police Station said one group was led by Swechhasebak Dal activists Roni and Jafar, and the other by Mehedi, Babu Sikdar, and Shyamal. Both groups were loyal to two former Narayanganj City Corporation councillors Abul Kawser Asha and Hannan Sarkar. The factions had clashed earlier on

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Perched precariously on a rope ladder and without any safety gear, two workers are seen painting a wall of a multi-storey building on Dhanmondi Road-27 in the capital yesterday. PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Suicide blast at Damascus church kills at least 20

REUTERS

At least 20 people were killed and dozens injured when a suicide bomber blew himself up at the Mar Elias Church in the Dweila neighbourhood of Syria's capital Damascus yesterday, health authorities and security sources said. It was the first suicide bombing in Damascus since Bashar al-Assad was toppled by an Islamist-led rebel insurgency in December. Syria's interior ministry said the suicide bomber was a member of the Islamic State. He entered the church,

opened fire and then detonated his explosive vest, a ministry statement added. A security source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said two men were involved in the attack, including the one who blew himself up. Islamic State has been behind several attempted attacks on churches in Syria since Assad's fall, but this was the first to succeed, another security source told Reuters. Syria's state news agency cited the health ministry as saying that 52 people were also injured in the blast. A livestream from the site by

Syria's civil defence, the White Helmets, showed scenes of destruction from inside the church, including a bloodied floor and shattered pews and masonry. Syrian President Ahmed al-Sharaa, who led the offensive against Assad before taking over in January for a transitional phase, has repeatedly said he will protect minorities. "We unequivocally condemn the abhorrent terrorist suicide bombing at the Mar Elias Greek Orthodox Church in Damascus, Syria," the Greek foreign ministry said in a statement. SEE PAGE 8 COL 6

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