



NO ROOM TO BREATHE... On the eve of the government-ordered ten-day closure of all offices, people scurried through windows and any other gaps they could find, just to have space in the last train to leave Chattogram Railway Station. Many passengers were compelled to leave the city as prices of essentials are increasing, but traveling during this time poses a major risk of getting infected with coronavirus. PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

People rush to leave Ctg before 10-day closure

Many say city is 'crowded, expensive'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Yesterday at Chattogram Railway Station, one Mohammad Ariful (33) was running to catch the last train of the day. With his three-year-old in tow and wife right behind, the family of three was eager to leave town, but ultimately they didn't get any space on the train.

Like Ariful, thousands of people thronged the station after the government announced a ten-day closure of public and private offices amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Desperate to leave the city, people were buying "standing" tickets for train, with no guarantee that they'd get space in the transportation. However, refunds were available if they couldn't get on the train.

Ariful was planning to take the Dhaka-bound Mahanagar Godhuli. He would get down at a stoppage and take the bus to his village home in Chandpur.

Asked why he is travelling amid the risk, he said, "Our office is closed, and prices of items are increasing."

"We could not get space on the last train. But I'll try to get bus tickets from Kadamtali," Ariful added.

This correspondent found extra passengers at every carriage of scheduled trains. Hundreds stood inside compartments, while others stood by the engine and door.

Aman Ullah Aman, chief inspector of security department at Chattogram Railway Station told The Daily Star, "All passenger train services have been halted for an indefinite period from today [yesterday] afternoon following the ministry's direction. The last train, Mahanagar Godhuli left from Chattogram at 3:15pm."

He said there was a sharp rise in the number of passengers after the government's announcement.

Almost all bus counters of the city in Alongkar intersection, AK Khan, Kadamtali, Bahaddarhat, and Notun Bridge areas were crowded since Monday night.

Md Tarek (25), works as a chef at a restaurant. He was looking for a bus ticket to Dhaka, where his family lives.

"The restaurant is part of a hotel. My food and accommodation was provided there. It has closed down for the time being so I don't have anywhere to stay," he replied when asked why he is travelling during a pandemic.

Meanwhile Shariful Islam (45), said, "Population density is lower in the village; so is the price of essentials. I have taken all precautions for travelling."

Shariful thinks travelling would make little difference in the coronavirus risk factor. "I'd be at high risk even if I stayed in the city; it's highly populated," he said.

Four killed in road crashes

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Four people were killed in separate accidents yesterday.

In Cumilla, two people were killed as a pickup hit a CNG-run auto rickshaw in Chaudhagram upazila in the morning. The deceased were identified as CNG driver Pear Ahmed (38) and M Bagar (45).

Police said the accident occurred around 9am in Nankora area on Dhaka-Chattogram Highway when the pickup hit the auto rickshaw, leaving its passenger and driver critically injured.

The injured were taken to Chaudhagram Upazila Health Complex where doctors declared them dead, police said.

In Bhola, two people were killed as a trolley skidded off the road and overturned in Jangalia area under Sadar upazila in the afternoon. The deceased were identified as Md Joynal (75) and Md Ohid (55).

Officer-in-Charge of Bhola Sadar Police Station Md Enayet Hossain said the bodies were sent to Bhola Sadar Hospital for autopsies.

Police seized the vehicle.

BUSHRA HOSSAIN
12th November 1974 - 18th March 2020

Due to current circumstances and quarantine, we will be postponing our dearest Bushra's Quil till further notice. Insh'Allah, we shall post information on social media regarding the date, time & location of where we once again hope to meet everybody who loved Bushra.

RISKS OF ECONOMIC DOWNTURN Bangladesh seeks EU, US assistance

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh has sought assistance of the European Union, USA and G77 countries to help tackle Covid-19 that raised risks of a global economic downturn with losses of production and jobs.

Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen said this yesterday in a video message to journalists -- first of its kind in the wake of coronavirus.

"Bangladesh's exports have already been hit in a big way because of coronavirus in the European Union and USA. According to BGMEA, order worth two billion dollars has already been halted," the minister said.

There is a possibility that a few lakh workers could lose jobs, while the remittance flow may also be hampered due to Covid-19.

About one crore Bangladeshi migrants annually send over \$15 billion to the country. On the other hand, the EU and US are the major markets for the \$34-billion RMG.

Provide detection kits at union level: scholars

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Scholars interviewed by The Daily Star in Rajshahi have urged the government to ensure ample supply of testing kits for detecting coronavirus at union level without making any further delay.

They suggested revealing all facts about the spread of the virus and disseminating information on ways to avoid contamination, so that people can keep themselves safe instead of panicking over the pandemic.

They also emphasised the need for engaging concerned communities to aware others about the importance of social distancing and self-isolation, which is required to reduce the spread of the highly contagious disease.

The Daily Star interviewed four scholars

in Rajshahi, as people continued to panic-buy essentials, creating a shortage in markets fearing an impending lockdown over the pandemic. Local administration is struggling to conduct drives for keeping market prices under control while also conducting awareness campaigns for social distancing.

Prof Muhammad Mizanuddin of Rajshahi University's sociology department said testing people randomly was essential as the virus spreads at four levels -- first a person is attacked, he infects his family, family affects community and then it becomes an epidemic.

"This pandemic is [one of] the worst in earth's history, but the ways to fight it is not a new phenomenon for Bangladesh. We already have examples from other

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Invitation for Tenders Corrigendum-2

Ref: 08.01.0000.091.53.001.19 (part-1) Date: 24/03/2020
This is to notify that the corrigendum of SI No. 01-03 of Tender Package No. 01, 02, 03 of IFT No. 08.01.0000.091.53.001.19 (part-1) published earlier at The Daily Star, The Daily Ittefaq and the Bangladesh Protidin dated 19/03/2020 and 21/3/2020 shall be replaced and read as follows:

SI No.	Package No.	Package name	Status	Existing opening date and time	Changed opening date and time
01	01	Supply, Installation, Commissioning and Migration of LAN/WAN Equipment, Transmission Network Equipment, Information Security Solution and necessary software with 3 years IT Support Service.	Amended	30/03/2020 Time: 12:30pm	07/04/2020 Time: 12:30pm
02	02	Supply, Installation, Commissioning of the Data Center at Dhaka Custom House with 3 years IT Support Service	Amended	30/03/2020 Time: 2:30pm	07/04/2020 Time: 2:30pm
03	03	Supply, Installation, Commissioning and Migration of Database, Server, Storage and Related Software Development with 3 years IT Support Service	Amended	31/03/2020 Time: 12:30pm	08/04/2020 Time: 12:30pm

The other terms and conditions of the IFT shall remain unchanged.

Syed Golam Kibria
Member (Customs: Policy & ICT)

GD-601

SYLHET

Deceased UK-returnee didn't have Covid-19

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A 61-year-old UK returnee woman, who died at the coronavirus isolation facility at Sylhet Saheed Shamsuddin Ahmed Hospital on Sunday, was not affected by coronavirus.

The test report of Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR) confirmed that she was not a coronavirus patient, said Dr Debapada Ray, director of health at Sylhet division's Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) office.

The woman came to Bangladesh on March 4 and was suffering from fever, cough, and respiratory complications from March 10.

She was admitted to the isolation centre of the hospital as a suspected Covid-19 patient on March 20. Before IEDCR could collect her sample to test, she died in the early hours on March 22.

On Sunday morning, IEDCR collected her sample for test before she was buried at the graveyard of the shrine of Manik Pir in Sylhet that afternoon. Her family members were also ordered to be in precautionary home quarantine.

Some 328 more foreign returnees were taken under home quarantine in the last 24 hours till yesterday afternoon, said Dr Anisur Rahman, assistant director of health at Sylhet division.

So far, 2,176 persons are under quarantine in Sylhet division and 233 were given release orders after their quarantine period ended, he added.

Girl's hanging body found in M'singh

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Police yesterday recovered a girl's body hanging from a tree branch from Atharadana village in Gafargaon upazila of Mymensingh.

Although it looked like a case of suicide by hanging, locals found the girl's feet touching the ground, clothes torn, and her cellphone beside the spot, arousing suspicion among locals and police.

The victim was identified as Taqmina (17), daughter of a carpenter of adjacent Parabharot village in Gafargaon.

She completed her SSC from local Atharadana High School last year, but could not get herself admitted to a college due to poverty. She used to do tailoring work to support her parents, locals said.

Locals found her body hanging from the branch of a tree around 6am and informed local Joshora Union Parishad chairman Tariqul Islam Real.

Talking to this correspondent, the chairman said upon being informed by locals, he rushed to the spot and found Taqmina's body hanging, but with her feet on the ground.

Her dress was partially torn off and her phone was found beside the spot, said the chairman.

On information, police recovered the body yesterday noon and sent it to Mymensingh Medical College morgue for autopsy, said Anukul Chandra Sarker, officer-in-charge of Gafargaon Police Station.

"We can confirm whether it's a suicide or a murder after getting the autopsy reports," said the OC. No case was lodged in this connection till filing of this report.

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CORRIGENDUM-01

Due to unavoidable circumstances the Invitation for Tender Notice (IFT reference no: IFT/PD/LOC-2/RHD/IFT/WP-03/2019-2020) published in the local daily English Newspaper "The Daily Star" and Bangla newspapers "The Daily Jugantor" and "The Daily Kaler Kantha" as on 19 February 2020, the Tender last selling date, Tender Closing Date and Tender opening date & Time has been amended as stated below.

No.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges/ Road Transport and Highways Division
1	Agency	Roads and Highways Department
2	Procuring Entity Name	Project Director, Improvement of Ashuganj Riverport-Sarail-Dharkhar-Akhaura Landport Road as 4-Lane National Highway Project.
3	Tender Package No.	PD/LOC-2/RHD/WP-03
4	Tender Package Name	Part-1: Improvement of Dharkhar to Akhaura (Ch.00+000 m to 11+315 m) as 4-Lane National Highway including all structures, earthwork, foundation etc. Part-2: Performance Based Maintenance Works on Upgraded Dharkhar to Akhaura Landport road (Ch.00+000 m to 11+315 m).
5	Tender Last selling Date & Time	27 April 2020; 17:00 Hrs(BST) instead of 05 April 2020; 17:00 Hrs(BST)
6	Tender Closing Date & Time	28 April 2020; 14:30 Hrs (BST) instead of 06 April; 14:30 Hrs (BST)
7	Tender Opening Date & Time	28 April 2020; 15:00 Hrs(BST) instead of 06 April, 2020, 15:00 Hrs (BST)

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

27	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Arun Alo Chakma
28	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Project Director (ACE, RHD), Improvement of Ashuganj Riverport-Sarail-Dharkhar-Akhaura Landport Road as 4-Lane National Highway Project.
29	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Flat#102, House#132/4, New Bailey Road, Dhaka.
30	Contact Details of Official Inviting Tender	Cell: +880-1729067545 Email: pdlocrhd@gmail.com

1. This Corrigendum notice will be part and parcel of the tender. The Procuring entity reserves the rights to accept or reject all Tenders.
2. All other terms & conditions of the Tender will remain unchanged.

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Memo No. 48.02.0000.001.00.292.2018-195 Date: 23 March, 2020

e-Tender Notice

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of the following goods:

SI No.	Tender ID	Package No.	Description of goods	Closing date & time
1	446773	GD-1 jamuka/2019-20	Procurement of Computer & Printer	8 April, 2020
2	448104	GD-2 jamuka/2019-20	Procurement of Furniture	Do
3	448107	GD-3 jamuka/2019-20	Procurement of Office Stationery	Do

This is an online tender. Only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP System Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal is (www.eprocure.gov.bd) required.
Further information and guideline are available in the National e-GP System Portal and e-GP helpdesk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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Memo No. 46.02.7980.000.14.001.20-202 Date: 24-03-2020

E-Tender Notice-07/2019-20

E-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of Tendering Method OTM.

SI No.	Tender ID	Package No.	Name of work	Last selling date and time	Closing date and time
01	445292	e-Tender/PEDP4/PRJ/SAD/2020/W14-0236 2019-	Construction of boundary wall 1. Panchpara, 2. Uttor Kadam Tala & 3. Uttor Sankarpasha GPS under PEDP-4.	12-04-2020 Time: 17:00	13-04-2020 Time: 14:00
02	445295	e-Tender/PEDP4/PRJ/SAD/2020/W14-0237 2019-	Construction of boundary wall 1. Brahman Kati & 2. Patul Para GPS under PEDP-4.	12-04-2020 Time: 17:00	13-04-2020 Time: 14:00
03	434239	e-Tender/PEDP4/PRJ/SAD/2019-2020/W-17.00888	Construction of Major Maintenance of 1. Dhakkin Shankarpasha. 2. Durgapur. 3. Char Lakha Kati & 4. Dakkin Pachim Namipur GPS under PEDP-4.	12-04-2020 Time: 17:00	13-04-2020 Time: 14:00
04	412575	e-Tender/PEDP4/PRJ/SAD/2019-2020/W9.089	Repair and Renovation of Pirojpur Sadar UEO under PEDP-4.	12-04-2020 Time: 17:00	13-04-2020 Time: 14:00

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP System Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank branches up to 17:00 on the previous day of receiving tender. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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Invitation for Tenders Corrigendum

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This is to notify that SI No 01: Tender Package No. 05 of IFT No. 08.01.0000.091.53.001.19 (part-1) published earlier at The Daily Ittefaq and The Daily Star dated: 26/02/2020 shall be replaced and read as follows:

SI No.	Package No.	Package name	Status	Existing opening date and time	Changed opening date and time	Where to find
01	01	VPN data link between NBR and Customs House & LC Stations and Broad Band Internet Connection at NBR & NDC.	Amended	31/03/2020 Time: 2:30pm	08/04/2020 Time: 2:30pm	www.nbr.gov.bd or by e-mail

The other terms and conditions of the IFT shall remain unchanged.

Syed Golam Kibria
Member (Customs: Policy & ICT)

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