

COVID-19 HSBC launches campaign to support 1 lakh people

CITY DESK

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC) in Bangladesh yesterday launched a corporate sustainability campaign under its 'Joy of Giving' platform in partnership with Bangladesh's Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism and Bangladesh Red Crescent Society.

The initiative aims to support at least 100,000 people across the country whose lives have been impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic, says a press release.

Throughout the year, HSBC will continue such community initiatives under a broader platform of 'Joy of Giving'.

HSBC also wants to encourage other corporates and donors to contribute to the wider community by partnering with HSBC using the platform.

The ministry will assist in providing hygienically cooked food at cost price from selected restaurants under Bangladesh

Parjatan Corporation; and Bangladesh Red Crescent Society will help distribute these meals to the most vulnerable and marginalised people throughout selected district towns in Bangladesh during Ramadan and which will continue after Eid.

Hafiz Ahmed Mazumdar, MP, chairman of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society; Md Atiqul Huq, additional secretary, the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism; Md Ahmed Jamal, deputy governor, Bangladesh Bank; Md Mahbub ur Rahman, chief executive officer, HSBC Bangladesh; Mostafa Kamal, chairman, Meghna Group of Industries; Fazlur Rahman, chairman of City Group; Ahsan Khan Chowdhury, chairman of PRAN RFL Group; and Md Feroz Salah Uddin, secretary general of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society spoke at the launching event and welcomed the HSBC initiative.

HSBC's customers, employees and invited media personnel were present on the occasion.

Baul Ranesh's music room

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Some of the musical instruments kept in the room were burnt along with the structure, built separately for practicing music, said Ranesh.

"Hearing people shouting, I woke up and saw that the room was burning. I believe someone torched it as I used to sing in the room. But I have no idea who would do this," Ranesh said.

Baul Shah Abdul Karim's son Shah Nur Jalal, whose house is adjacent to Ranesh's, said, "I was awake that night. Hearing screams, I rushed to Ranesh's house and saw that the room was on fire. Why would someone do such a thing? Ranesh did not have enmity with anyone."

OC Nazrul said, "We inspected the spot but could not determine how the fire started. If Ranesh files a complaint with the police station, we will investigate the matter."

Asked yesterday, Ranesh said he will file a general diary soon.

Meanwhile, local administration visited the spot yesterday morning and gave Tk 20,000 to Ranesh to repair the room, said Md Shafi Ullah, upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) of Derai. He will also be provided with tin sheets for the ceiling from the upazila administration, the UNO said.

"There were no electrical connections to the room from where a fire might have started," the UNO said after visiting the site.

4 die after showing Covid-19

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upazila from Chattogram a few days back.

He had been suffering from fever and respiratory disease and died on Monday night, said Lamia Saiful Islam, UNO of Nangolkot.

Another 25-year-old man died with similar symptoms at his residence in the same upazila on Monday evening.

He used to work at Kusthia and returned to his village home with coronavirus symptoms three days ago, Lamia said, adding that he did not seek any medical attention and breathed his last on Monday.

Tuesday morning after showing coronavirus symptoms.

He had been suffering from fever, cold and respiratory disease for the last few days.

As his physical condition deteriorated, family members took him to Noakhali General Hospital around 11:00am where duty doctors declared him dead, said locals. He was brought dead to the hospital. His sample has been collected for coronavirus test, said Syed Mohiuddin Abdul Azim, resident medical officer of the hospital.

Our correspondents from Cumilla and Noakhali contributed to the report.

Nitor struggles with bike crash victims

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of communication amid the shutdown due to the Covid-19 outbreak. And people are swarming in the Nitor every day with their limbs fractured mostly in motorcycle accidents.

Road safety campaigners blamed reckless motorcycle driving on almost empty roads and law enforcers' relaxed attitude towards motorcyclists for the comparatively high bike accidents during the shutdown.

"The patients we are handling since the shutdown began are mostly victims of motorcycle accidents," Nitor Director Prof Abdul Gani Mollah told The Daily Star.

Previously, most patients were victims of accidents involving light and heavy vehicles like truck, bus, and car, he added.

"We are struggling to deal with the patients as some doctors and nurses have been sent to Covid-19 hospitals on deputation while some others are either in isolation or quarantine due to the Covid-19 infection," Prof Gani said.

When the number of non-Covid-19 patients drastically reduces at hospitals amid the



Abul Hashem

coronavirus outbreak, Nitor, the lone specialised Orthopaedic government hospital, is handling a huge pressure as patients across the country rush there.

There are around 400 inpatients at the hospital now, while this number is nearly 550 at the usual time.

The authorities have kept open the emergency operations round the clock, but limited the outdoor service. Besides, doctors also conduct scheduled operations

of patients as delay may cause infections, officials said.

One of these correspondents on Monday stayed at the emergency unit for about half an hour and saw at least five patients with fractures coming in.

Doctors and nurses wore personal protective equipment and masks, but the patients and their attendants were not serious about their safety.

An official from the emergency unit said they need to receive nearly

180 patients a day.

"Although the shutdown is going on, and all vehicular movement, except for emergency service, is suspended, we are receiving more than 100 patients a day," he said, preferring anonymity.

"We are admitting only the most critical patients, and the number is not more than 30 a day due to shortages of healthcare service providers," he said, adding that most patients were from outside Dhaka.

Twelve-year-old Mehedi Hasan of Chandpur was admitted to the hospital on Sunday with fractures in the right leg above the knee.

Mehedi said a reckless motorcyclist hit him when he was going to a mosque to offer Zohr prayers. The district hospital referred the seven grader to Nitor as his fracture is severe.

Talking to The Daily Star, some patients and their attendants said there were no restrictions on motorcycle movement in their districts.

Many are frequently travelling on their motorcycles, while many are carrying passengers in absence of public transport.

Restrictions they do not heed

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The police boss then urged the home-goers stuck at the terminals to come back. "If necessary, police will arrange that," he said.

He also said around 23 of the country's 64 districts were free from coronavirus until the second week of April. "But whenever people started to move from one place to another, the disease spread across the country."

The ongoing shutdown, imposed to fight the coronavirus outbreak, began on March 26. The government later extended it six times.

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FERRY TERMINALS Ferry services on the Shimulia-Kathalbari route was suspended

around 3:00pm on Monday after thousands of people crowded the Shimulia Ghat in Munshiganj's Louhajang upazila.

The services resumed after midnight and continued till 5:30am yesterday, said an official of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation (BIWTC).

He also said only one ferry remained in operation for emergency purposes, including for carrying bodies of deceased.

Like the previous day, a huge number of people gathered at the terminal yesterday. Finding no ferry, about a thousand crossed the Padma by small trawlers, according to terminal employees.

Asked, Md Asaduzzaman, additional superintendent of police in Munshiganj, claimed that they tried their best to enforce the curbs. "We have installed check posts and barricades on highway. We have also stopped people from crossing the river in small trawlers."

He said some 15,000 people had gathered at the terminal till

yesterday noon.

"As the ferry services remain suspended, we have arranged about a dozen of buses so that those people can go back. We have fixed the bus fair at Tk 40. After that, many started leaving the terminal on their own," he told The Daily Star.

Mahfuz Afzal, additional SP (admin & ops) of Munshiganj, however, said some five to six thousand people took shelter at different places amid rain.

"We are looking for them. We will try to send them back once we find them," he told one of these correspondents around 8:00pm.

On the Paturia-Daulatdia route, ferry operations remained suspended from 7:00am due to a huge presence of home-bound people, said Zillur Rahman, deputy general manager of BIWTC at the Paturia Ghat.

"We are not sure when we will be able to resume the operations. The weather is an issue," he said.

Hafizur Rahman, additional superintendent of police in Manikganj, said they set up

barricades at six points on the Dhaka-Aricha highway to stop people from leaving Dhaka.

"For those who managed to gather at the terminal, we arranged some buses and sent them back forcefully," he said, adding people's presence at the Paturia terminal became thinner in the afternoon.

DHAKA-TANGAIL HIGHWAY Although public transport services have been suspended till May 30, the highway witnessed a long tailback caused by hundreds of pickups, cars and minibuses.

Police said a good number of garment workers recently joined work in Dhaka. They were now going back to their village home to celebrate Eid.

Sajedul Islam, traffic inspector (administration) in Tangail, said they put up barricades just before the Bangabandhu Bridge. "We have stopped hundreds of cars and minibuses heading towards different districts of north Bengal and sent them back. We sent them back when they failed to give us any valid reasons for travelling."

World Health Organization Bangladesh

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Ensure peace

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He adds, "In the Soviet Union people worked relentlessly for five years after the revolution. They devoted themselves voluntarily to increasing production in all sectors. The workers of Europe also sacrificed a lot to reconstruct their countries following devastation of WWII."

Bangabandhu further says the government could have adopted capitalism to get some easy money from the capitalist donors but it would not because he does not want the future generation to be burdened with debt.

Bangabandhu asks workers to be aware of machinations by various imperialist forces and their local agents. "They are spending crores of taka to create instability in the country. They want to thwart our journey towards socialism. They want to foil the hard-earned independence of the country," says the prime minister.

In his 40-minute speech the prime minister repeatedly mentions the historic role played by the workers in the independence movement.

BANGLADESH GETS WHO MEMBERSHIP Bangladesh is elected as a member of World Health Organization, without any opposition. Pakistan, along with some Arab countries, refrained from voting while China and Albania were absent during the voting process.

ACUTE WATER CRISIS IN THE CAPITAL Water crisis has taken an acute turn in the capital. Many water pumps were damaged during the war and, due to a lack of essential tools and parts, these pumps cannot be fixed. WASA officials fear that the situation may be exacerbated unless the equipment is imported immediately.

SOVIET CULTURAL DELEGATION ARRIVES A 30-member Soviet cultural delegation arrives today at Dhaka on a two-week visit. The delegation will hold performances in Dhaka, Chittagong and Khulna. The proceeds from the shows will be donated to the prime minister's relief fund.

SOURCE: May 21, 1972 issue of Dainik Bangla.

RMG workers

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The workers blocked Dhaka-Aricha highway for an hour from around 11:00am, said Jane Alam Khan, assistant superintendent of industrial police-1.

Around 1,000 workers and staffs of Reza Fashions Limited in Ashulia's Gorat area demonstrated inside factory after locking the main entrance from 8:00am to 1:00pm.

Meanwhile, some 250 workers of Medlar Apparels Ltd were suspended yesterday for their alleged involvement in vandalising factory properties on last Thursday.

Suspended workers, said the authorities laid them off as they demonstrated for salary, annual earned leave allowances and Eid bonus.

Although only a few workers were involved with the vandalism, authorities suspended a big portion of the workers, they added.

The Daily Star could not reach Arifur Rahman Sinha, managing director of Medlar Apparels, over phone despite multiple attempts.

Some 8,000 workers of three garment factories of a group of companies at Bagherbazar area in Gazipur demonstrated for partial payment for May and Eid bonus.

The workers of Chowdhury Group also blockaded Dhaka-Mymensingh highway around 1:00pm.

They left the spot around 2:30am after police intervened. More than one thousand workers of a factory in Chattogram city staged a demonstration demanding their bonus on Tuesday afternoon.

Workers of Ittadi Jeans Ltd blocked Muradpur-Oxygen road for five hours from 12:00pm to 05:00pm yesterday.

According to the demonstrators, they gathered in front of the factory gate in the morning as the authorities were supposed to disburse their bonus. But the bonus was not paid yesterday.

WHO states agree to probe

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out of control: there was a failure by this organisation to obtain the information that the world needed, and that failure cost many lives," Azar said in a video address to the WHO's assembly.

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- ২৪। যদি কোন দরপত্রগ্রহণকারী অসহায়/প্রাণ হত্যা অথবা জাল সার্টিফিকেট দাখিল করেন তাহলে তার দরপত্র বাতিল হয়ে পড়া হবে।
- ২৫। দরপত্র জামানতের টাকা যে কোন ত্রুটিবিলি ব্যাংক হতে ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার/সুপু-সচিব (প্রশাসন), অর্থনৈতিক সম্পর্ক বিভাগ, ঢাকা এর অনুমতিতে প্রদান করতে হবে।
- ২৬। সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র খামের উপরিভাগে সর্বশেষ করে নাম ও প্যারের সনদসহ যথেষ্ট পূর্ণ নাম ও ঠিকানা (সীলমোহরকৃত) পরিষ্কারভাবে লিপিবদ্ধ থাকতে হবে।
- ২৭। নিম্নোক্তকর্তার সঙ্গে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে যে কোন কথার জন্য যোগাযোগ করা যেতে পারে।
- ২৮। কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণে দরপত্র বাতিলকৃত হলে তাহলে দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল অথবা সকল দরপত্র বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।
- ২৯। দরপত্র নথীভুক্ত হওয়া সরকার কর্তৃক নির্ধারিত মূল্যের চেয়ে বেশি হবে না।
- ৩০। যোগাযোগের ঠিকানা: ফারজান ফেরাসীস জামান, সিনিয়র সহকারী সচিব, প্রশাসন-৫ শাখা, অর্থনৈতিক সম্পর্ক বিভাগ (ব্লক নং-১০, কক্ষ নং-২৬), শেরে বাংলা নগর, ঢাকা-১২০৭ ফোন: ৯১১২১১৮।

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