

# Shops, markets closed indefinitely again

Pabna district administration stepped in as shop owners and public failed to comply with precautionary measures aimed at containing the spread of Covid-19 pandemic

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

The district administration on Monday again shut down all shops and markets in Pabna for an indefinite period after finding gross violations of safe physical distancing and health safety measures that it made prerequisites for reopening the shops and markets on May 10.

The decision came around 4:00pm on Monday when people thronged the markets and shops in Pabna town and elsewhere in the district, ignoring all precautionary measures being recommended by the authorities to contain the spread of the novel coronavirus pandemic.

However, shops selling daily essentials and medicines will be out of the purview of the decision.

Kabir Mahamud, the deputy commissioner of Pabna, said, "The shops and markets were allowed to resume operations on a small scale from May 10, on the condition that social distancing measures would be maintained. But nobody seems to care about it."

"We asked business owners and the general public to maintain social distance, but no one complied. Therefore, we have decided to close the markets again. We already made announcements about the closure of the shops and markets."

There are hardly any people seen on streets in an ordinary morning during the month of Ramadan in the country. However, around nine o'clock in the morning this Monday, hoards of shoppers crowded the shops in Pabna town to buy popular items on the occasion of the upcoming Eid-ul-Fitr, one of the largest festivals for Muslims.

During a visit that day in New Market area, this correspondent did not notice any safety measures taken by any shop owner or market authorities.

The shoppers were also found least concerned about the looming threat of the highly contagious pandemic that has been wreaking havoc all over the world for the most part of this year.

Since the shops were to close by 4:00pm, the crowd of shoppers continued to grow till the last minute.

When asked, Nasrin Mita, an Eid shopper, said like most other shoppers, she and her family members came to the market in the morning because shopping hours were restricted till 4:00pm.

Shopkeeper Abul Bashar, in Natun Goli area of the town, said the markets were crowded as all the shoppers were rushing to finish their shopping within 4:00pm.

He also said the shop owners will incur huge losses due to the sudden decision of closure of the shops.

Contacted, ABM Fazlur Rahman, director of Pabna Chamber of Commerce and Industries, said before reopening their businesses, shop owners and market authorities had agreed to the condition that they would ensure physical distancing and health safety measures for shoppers as well as for their employees.

But after they failed to ensure the measures amid a huge pressure of shoppers, the district administration had to close them down again, he added.



A section of the people gathered in New Market area of Pabna town. The photo was taken on Monday morning.

PHOTO: STAR



Facebook page of Patuakhalibasir Doktor (Doctors for the People of Patuakhalali) that includes lists (one of them in picture) of doctors available for telemedicine services.

PHOTO: SOHRAB HOSSAIN

## FREE TELEMEDICINE SERVICE IN PATUAKHALI

# Facebook-based initiative benefits general patients during Covid-19 shutdown

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhalali

A team of doctors under the banner of "Patuakhalibasir Doktor" (Doctors for the People of Patuakhalali) are providing telemedicine services to the people of the district, facilitating treatment for general patients during the adverse situation amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

The organisation, comprising doctors hailing from Patuakhalali, started its activities in mid-March, allowing the general patients to receive free treatment by joining their Facebook page.

Patients can call the doctor concerned on his mobile phone and seek suggestion for their problem.

The doctors, who are working in various organisations at home and abroad, are spontaneously serving the people of the district through the Facebook page, often

giving required advice after seeing the report through Messenger.

They include specialists in medicine, cardiology, kidney, liver, skin and sex, dentistry, physiotherapy, gynaecology and paediatrics as well as those who have recently passed from different departments of famous medical colleges of the country.

Entering the group, one will find lists of doctors, with mobile numbers and information about when they will be available for consultation.

Many of the beneficiaries have posted status, expressing gratitude and hailing the noble initiative of the

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doctors for their benevolent services during the crisis period.

"My nine-year-old daughter was suffering from constipation, but I failed to arrange treatment for her in any hospital or clinic. Then I contacted Dr Chandan Kumar Saha,

a paediatrician in the Facebook group. My daughter is now well with his treatment," said Mokhlesur Rahman, a resident of Sabujbagh area of Patuakhalali town.

"The initiative to bring medical services to home through telemedicine is encouraging for ordinary people like us in this difficult time," he said, adding that there should be more publicity about this service.

Arif Sohag, a resident of Pura Bazar area of the district town, said he recovered with treatment from the doctors of this group from home after he got a slight fever with some other ailments.

Sumon Zahid, one of the founders of the Patuakhalali-based group, said more than a hundred doctors have already joined the group and over 6,000 members have been enlisted to get telemedicine services.

The service will be gradually extended to the grass roots level of Patuakhalali district, he said.

"This is our humble attempt to provide emergency medical services to the people at such a bad time. We have plans to expand the scope of telemedicine services in future," said Faizul Haque Zurich, another member of the group.



Litchis in different areas of Akhaura and Bijoynagar upazilas under Brahmanbaria see cracks and dropping before maturity due to a drought-like situation, much to the worry of farmers who had expected bumper yield following good flowering of the popular summer fruit this season. The photo was taken from an orchard in Akhaura's Azampur village on Saturday.

PHOTO: MASUK HRIDYO



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**Vacancy Announcement**  
Invitation of application for the position of **Managing Director**

Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC) under Ministry of Industries established Tannery Industrial Estate at Savar, Dhaka, Bangladesh with a land area of 200 acres (80 hectares). The estate comprises 155 tannery industries with facilities of a Central Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP), a Water Treatment Plant and Solid Waste Management System. For smooth operation of the facilities of the Tannery Industrial Estate (CETP, Water Treatment Plant and Solid Waste Management etc.) a company was formed under Company Act, 1994 (Act XVIII of 1994) of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. The company has planned to get 'Leather Working Group (LWG)' certificate as soon as possible. Thus, the Estate, including tannery industries, has to qualify for LWG certificate. Taking all these into account The Company has planned to recruit a Managing Director for smooth operation and maintenance of the CETP, Water Treatment Plant, Solid Waste management and related issues in the Tannery Industrial Estate, Savar, Dhaka, Bangladesh. The Managing Director has to plan, design and implement activities related to CETP, Water Treatment Plant and Solid Waste Management in the tannery industries to such standard position that will help to get LWG Certificate in a sustainable manner. Therefore, the Managing Director has to deliver services in such a way that the tannery industries of the Estate can achieve LWG certificate as soon as possible.

2. The position is opened for qualified candidates from home and abroad.

**Position: Managing Director**

Dhaka Tannery Industrial Estate Waste Treatment Plant Company Limited is going to hire an experienced Managing Director.

**Vacancy Details**

Post Title	Managing Director (MD)
Post Level	Fixed-Term Appointment
Company Title	Dhaka Tannery Industrial Estate Waste Treatment Plant Company Limited
Duty Station	Tannery Industrial Estate, Dhaka (TIED)
Closing Date	18 June, 2020

**Duties and Responsibilities**  
Subject to the supervision, control and decision of the Board of Directors of the Company, the Managing Director shall perform the following duties:

- To prepare, monitor and implement the budget of the Company
- To appoint requisite manpower
- To operate, maintain and upgrade CETP
- To obtain and acquire assets, rights, licenses and membership for the Company and to pay the cost incurred
- To buy and sell assets and properties of the Company with the approval of the Board of Directors and Extra Ordinary General Meeting
- To delegate any power to any director or officer of the Company or any other competent person
- To dispose of any demand, compromise out of court and can withdraw or revoke for arbitration and signed and execute any deed
- To appoint one or more representative and to take active role in the criminal, civil, and revenue court, in the cases where the company is implicated
- To assist the development, promotion and implementation of new waste disposal schemes
- To ensure compliance with legislation in the transportation, handling and disposal of waste
- To collect statistics and compile reports
- To monitor the quality and performance of waste services, including contract management of external providers
- To meet 5R (Reduce, Re-use, Refuse, recycle and recover) waste management principles
- To deal with enquiries and complaints from members of the public both in person and by phone or email
- To investigate and follow up claims of the illegal dumping of waste and work with other waste regulation enforcement staff
- To consult with residents, community groups, representative of Local Government, housing associations and traders' associations about waste management issues, identify their requirements and provide appropriate solutions
- To develop research projects and contribute to the activities of national groups concerned with waste disposal
- To attend meetings with MoI, MoC, BSCIC, DoE, and other Government Department/Agencies/NGOs and others
- To Practice results-Based Management System
- To report to the Board of Directors about the condition, operation of Central Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP), Water Treatment Plant as well as other waste treatment facilities and activities on a regular basis and also to inform the Board about any development regarding the above-mentioned issues as soon as possible.

**Core Values/ Competencies**

- Professionalism
- Teamwork
- Planning & Organizing
- Accountability
- Commitment to Continuous Learning
- Technological Awareness
- Client Satisfaction
- Commitment to Continuous Learning

**Education**

- Masters in Environmental science/ Environmental Engineering or similar from internationally recognized University

**Experiences**

- 10 Years of working experience of which:
  - 5 years in tannery management
  - 5 years in company management
- Knowledge and experiences of best practices of solid, liquid waste, gas and sound pollution management
- Working experience with UNIDO in waste management

**Skills**

- Ability to grasp complex and dynamic legislation
- Capacity to explain, apply and monitor such legislation
- Patience and resilience
- Analytical, problem-solving and decision-making skills
- Leadership and management qualities
- Good organizational and administrative skills
- Interest in, and understanding of, environment and sustainability issues
- Good IT and general office skills

**Language**

- Effective communication skills (both oral and written) in English

**Age and Fitness**

- Age is between 45-55 years
- Physically and mentally sound
- Hardworking
- Capable of handling tough situation

**Working hours**

- 9am to 5pm
- Facilities are open seven days a week, so weekend work is a possibility

**Compensation Package**

- Basic Salary, House Rent allowance, Medical Benefits, Bonus, other Fringe Benefits and other allowances (Negotiable)
- Income Tax to be paid by the employee

**Duration of the service**

- The initial contract period of the service shall be 01 (One) year. Further contract is renewable based on satisfactory performance subject to approval of the company's Board of Directors

**Submission of Applications**

- Interested candidate shall have to submit application along with the following documents via E-mail: [info@bscic.gov.bd](mailto:info@bscic.gov.bd)
  - CV with a cover letter signed by applicant
  - Scanned copies of all educational certificates and experience certificates including training and other activities
  - Scanned copies of National ID card & Nationality certificate from competent authority
  - Two copies of recent PP size photograph
  - Submission deadline: 18 June 2020.
- Dhaka Tannery Industrial Estate Waste Treatment Plant Company Limited reserves the right to accept and cancel any or all application or this appointment process without assigning any reason.

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