

# Coca-Cola, Care Bangladesh hand PPE to 1,000 frontliners

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In continuation of its efforts towards combating Covid-19, Coca-Cola partnered with Care Bangladesh to provide personal protective equipment (PPE) for more than 1000 healthcare professionals, said a press release.

The PPE distribution kicked off in Dhaka yesterday, in presence of officials from the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS). This initiative will also cover some health facilities located in Comilla and Gazipur.

Care's local implementing partners in this initiative are Social and Economic Enhancement Programme (SEEP) and Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM).

Director General of the DGHS, Prof Dr Abul Kalam Azad was present as Chief Guest on the occasion. He said, "During this time, the private sector and NGOs need to come forward and join hands with the government. I thank Coca-Cola Foundation and Care Bangladesh for coming forward to support health facilities."

A thousand personal protective equipment (PPE) for doctors and nurses who are tending to Covid-19 patients, 835 fabricated PPE for frontline health workers, 1000 eye shields, 2600 N-95 face masks, 10,000 disposable hand gloves, 50 litres of hand sanitiser, 100 bottles of hand rub, 40 oxygen cylinders, 10,000 biohazard garbage bags and 12 thermal scanners were handed over on the occasion.

Ramesh Singh, Country Director of Care Bangladesh said, "We are going through unprecedented times. Communities across Bangladesh are in need of support. Our partnership with Coca cola has been instrumental to support communities as well as health facilities. We appreciate the Government of Bangladesh for its leadership and we are joining hands with government efforts. We are grateful to all health professionals for their commitment, but we are also concerned about their safety."

"Through various efforts, Care Bangladesh reached to 1,723,958 people in different parts of Bangladesh till last month," he added.



Street children collect empty water bottles left by passengers at the waterways launch terminal, fill them with water tapwater, and resell them to outgoing passengers for Tk 10 per bottle. The photo was taken from Barishal River Port area last week.

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## 103 judiciary

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Ferdous Ahmed, judge of Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal in Lalmonirhat, has been admitted to the ICU at Combined Military Hospital, and Md Rustam Ali, judge of Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal in Joypurhat, has been admitted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital for treatment, according to sources.

Begum Shamim Ahmed, judge of Special Judge Court-8 of Dhaka, has been admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

The other infected judges and staff members are receiving treatment at their residences.

Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain has talked to all infected judges and asked officials concerned to take necessary actions to ensure proper treatment for them.

The chief justice also asked the district judges concerned to take appropriate measures for treatment.

Two separate committees have recently been formed to ensure the treatment of the infected judges across the country, sources added.

## Sand

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It now follows this stop-start routine, with the last instance of sand dumping taking place late last week, according to locals, one of whom said at least 30 feet of one side of the lake has been filled with sand.

Farid Kabir, councillor of BCC ward-29, said he has informed the mayor of the issue. The mayor is likely to take a decision soon, he told this correspondent.

Md Halim, director of Department of Environment (DoE) in Barishal, said, "Filling up a waterbody is an offense. We are looking into the matter. If the allegations are true, we will take action."

## Penniless

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Nazma, who lived and worked along with five other girls at the capital's Rayer Bazar area, was facing routine abuse at the hands of their drug addict broker.

"It was his responsibility to manage clients for us. Yet, he would hit me on my head as I couldn't give him money [due to decline in business]," said Nazma.

"I escaped in April after a physical assault. Currently, I am begging and sleeping at the Gulistan Golap Shah Mazar," she mentioned.

Drop-in-centres (DICs) for sex workers are also becoming difficult to run because of the pandemic, informed officials of Light House, an NGO funded by the international development agency Save the Children.

Across the country, Light House has 27 DICs, where sex workers usually stay from 9am to 5pm.

Md Zalkad Ali, coordinator of the NGO's Chankharpul DIC, said, "It has been difficult to continue our work because of constant pressure to shift the office. Many [landlords and neighbourhood people] treat them [sex workers] as suspected Covid-19 positive cases since they have roam the streets and mingle with unknown men."

"My landlord sent us a notice to vacate the flat immediately, and restricted the access of the sex workers. We disinfect the stairs, maintain social distance and hygiene, yet they have been harassing us in different ways," he added.

Another DIC coordinator Rina in Gopibagh also mentioned getting an eviction notice during the shutdown.

They, however, managed the landlord by limiting the number of sex workers who can enter and use the facility at a time, she said.

Beforehand, 15-20 sex workers used the DIC per day, but now a maximum of ten people are allowed, she added.

Nazma said she and others like her now use the DICs only to take showers.

Though the registered sex workers living in the brothels received some aid from the government, the floating ones didn't receive any, said Aleya Begum.

Of the 29 organisations under the Sex Workers' Network, 19 were provided Tk 3,50,000 during April-May for distribution of food and other essentials among their members, Aleya informed.

"Few may have received some relief as a distressed woman but not as a sex worker," she added.

## Halda

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Egg collectors told The Daily Star that in their early days, they would see spawning thrice a year.

Seasoned egg collector Elias Hossen of Hathazari upazila said as pollution started wreaking havoc, spawning was reduced to once.

"This is first time I have seen second spawning, which is really positive for the river and those of us who depend on it," he said.

Chattoogram district fisheries officer Lovely Akther told The Daily Star that they were all excited over the second spawning and it raises hopes.

During the first spawning in May, egg collectors were delighted by the huge haul of eggs in the river. A few factors played a role in the high egg yield this year, said Prof Kibria.

First stopping of tobacco farming, then the shutdown of two polluting factories near the river and third the quick response of Hathazari upazila administration, surveillance by IDE, an NGO working to protect Halda, and nationwide shutdown helped the river detoxify itself, he added.

## DMP's traffic

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In a major development, DMP Commissioner Shafiqul Islam yesterday transferred 28 SP-ranked officers.

15 of them were posted to the newly-created positions, while 13 others were shuffled.

Welcoming the move, Golam Mostofa Rashel, who got appointed as Deputy Commissioner of DB Tejgaon Division, told this newspaper, "We will now be able to give more attention to the area, and detect crime more promptly."

According to the DMP office order, the seven others who got posted to DB police are Mashur Rahman as DC Gulshan, HM Azimul Haque as DC Ramna, Manas Kumar Podder as DC Mirpur, Abdul Ahad as DC Wari, Rajib Al Masud as DC Lalbagh, Kazi Shafiqul Alam as DC Uttara and Md Asaduzzaman as DC Motijheel.

The traffic division officers are: Joydeb Chowdhury as DC Ramna, Saiful Hoque as DC Uttara, Shahed Al Masud as DC Tejgaon, Jashim Uddin Molla as DC Mirpur, Rabiul Islam as DC Gulshan, Wahidul Islam as DC Motijheel, Saiful Islam as DC Wari and Mehedi Hasan as DC Lalbagh.

The others who were given new postings are: AFM Mahtab Uddin as DC Supreme Court and Special Court Security Department, Shah Iftekhar Ahmed as DC Wari, division, Tariq Bin Rashid as DC CT unit's admin and logistics division, Saiful Islam as DC CT unit's Investigation Department, Mahfuzul Islam as DC Counter Terrorism unit's Transnational Crime division, Abdul Mannan as DC CT unit's special Action group, Habibul Nabi Anisur Rashid as DC of CT unit's research and development department, Sharful Islam as DC of ICT department, Masum Ahmed as DC of crime unit of DMP HQ, Morshed Alam as DC Secretariat Department, AFM Al Kibria as DC CT unit's cyber crime division, and Mishuk Chakma as DC CT unit's intelligence analysis division.

According to sources, majority of these officials are from BCS 25th batch, who earlier got supernumerary promotion two years back and recently got regular promotion as SP.

## Two wards of Barishal city to be locked down soon: authorities

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

Barishal City Corporation is preparing to put ward-12 and 24 in lockdown as those have been marked as "Red Zone" in terms of coronavirus infection.

The date for lockdown will come in consultation with the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), said a BCC official.

"It will be announced any day," said Dr Matiuur Rahman, chief medical officer of BCC, yesterday.

They took the decision after holding a virtual meeting with Coronavirus Prevention Committee of BCC on Thursday.

BCC Mayor Serriabad Sadik Abdullah presided over the meeting participated by high officials of BCC, and civil, health, military and law enforcing agencies.

All wards -- except for ward-26, 27, and 30 -- have been marked as "Red Zone", said the BCC official.

SM Ajjar Rahman, deputy commissioner of Barishal, said they will not put all 27 wards in lockdown simultaneously as it will require lots of preparations.

Barisal Metropolitan Police Commissioner Shahabuddin Khan said will monitor the lockdown situation.

**LOST**

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Shamsa Ara Dolly

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**উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি/২০১৯-২০২০**

দি পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট আইন ২০০৬ এবং বঙ্গদান প্রণীত পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট বিধিমালা ২০০৮ এর বিধান মোতাবেক চলতি ২০১৯-২০২০ অর্থ সালে পিটিসি, নোয়াখালীতে নিম্নবর্ণিত কাজ বাস্তবায়নের লক্ষ্যে বাংলাদেশের স্থায়ী নাগরিক এবং ইচ্ছুক ঠিকাদার/যোগানদার/বাবকারী/সরবরাহকারী/গ্রন্থকর্তারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হইতে নিম্ন প্রকিউরমেন্ট প্যানেল সীলসোহরভুক্ত মুখবন্ধ খামে প্রতিযোগিতামূলক দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে।

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০৩	ক্রয়কারী/স্বগ্রহকারী কর্তৃপক্ষ	কমান্ড্যান্ট (ডিআইজি), পুলিশ ট্রেনিং সেন্টার, নোয়াখালী।
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০৫	দরপত্রের বিষয়	ক্রমিক নং ১৫ এর বর্ণিত লট ক।
০৬	দরপত্র সংগ্রহ পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (OTM)।
০৭	বাজেট ও সোর্স অব ফান্ড	রাজস্ব খাত।
০৮	দরপত্রাদাত/যোগানদার/সরবরাহকারীর যোগ্যতা	চলতি অর্থ বৎসরের নবায়নকৃত ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, আয়কর সনদ, ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন সনদ, নাগরিকত্ব সনদ/জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্র, ব্যাংক স্বচ্ছলতা সনদসহ সোনাসেনের হালসনের হিসাব বিবরণীসহ সকল কাগজপত্র ১ম শ্রেণীর গেজেটেড কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক (সত্যায়নকারীর নামসহ সীলসোহর প্রদানপূর্বক) সত্যায়িত হইতে হইবে। সংশ্লিষ্ট কাজে অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন প্রতিষ্ঠানকে অগ্রাধিকার দেওয়া হইবে।
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১৪	দরপত্র গ্রহণকারী কর্মকর্তার নাম ও পদবী	জনাব এস এম রোকন উদ্দিন, কমান্ড্যান্ট (ডিআইজি), পুলিশ ট্রেনিং সেন্টার, নোয়াখালী।
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ক)	পিটিসি, নোয়াখালীতে ১৯৫১ সালে নির্মিত মসজিদের সীমানা প্রাচীর নির্মাণ কাজ।	দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্য (প্রতিসেট) (অক্ষরভাষায়) ১০০০/- দরপত্রের জামানতের পরিমাণ (সেহরতযোগ্য) উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের ৩% কাজের সময়সীমা (কার্যবাহী প্রদানের তারিখ হইতে) ৩০ দিন
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খ)	ক্রয়কারী কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শনো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন বা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ/বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন এবং সর্বমুখ্য দর গ্রহণে বাধ্য নহেন।	
গ)	দরপত্র সিডিউলে অন্যান্য শর্তাবলী বিচারিতভাবে বর্ণিত আছে।	
ঘ)	নির্বাচিত দরপত্রাদাত/যোগানদার/সরবরাহকারীকে কার্যবাহী প্রদানের পূর্বে জামানতসহ ৩০০/- টাকার নন-জুডিশিয়াল স্ট্যাম্পে চুক্তিপত্র সম্পাদন করিতে হইবে।	
ঙ)	পুলিশ হেভকোয়ার্টার্স হইতে অর্থ বরাদ্দ প্রাপ্তির প্রেক্ষিতে বিল পরিশোধ করা হইবে। এতদসংক্রান্তে ঠিকাদারের কোন আপত্তি গ্রহণযোগ্য হইবে না।	
চ)	সংশ্লিষ্ট ঠিকাদার/প্রতিষ্ঠান কালো তালিকাভুক্ত নহেন মর্মে নিজস্ব প্যানেল যোগাযোগ/অসীকারনামা দাখিল করিতে হইবে।	
ছ)	দরপত্রের সহিত কোনরূপ অসভ্য/ভুল/বিকৃত সনদ দাখিল করিলে এবং অনুসন্ধানকালে তাহা মিথ্যা প্রমাণিত হইলে বাজি/প্রতিষ্ঠানের বিরুদ্ধে আইনানুগ ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হইবে।	

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## Recovery rate

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### TREATMENT FACILITIES

According to officials, the Central Police Hospital (CPH) has a capacity of around 250 beds, 15 Incentive Care Unit (ICU) beds, and 14 high dependency units.

Additionally, there are 120 doctors, 130 nurses, and 80 ward staff at the hospital, said Saif Shantu, additional superintendent (admin) of the hospital.

Even a month back, the hospital had no room for new admissions and the authorities had to contract private hospital "Impulse Hospital" for treating officials who were left out of CPH.

However, as the recovery rate improved, pressure at the hospital has reduced, with only 126 patients currently admitted.

The police authorities also set up a 350-bed temporary hospital at Traffic Police Barrack-One, a 300-bed hospital at Traffic Police Barrack-Two, and another 110-bed hospital at the Detective Training School.

Currently, the Traffic Police Barrack-One hospital has 160 patients, Traffic Police Barrack-Two hospital has 219 patients, and DTS has 35 patients, according to hospital officials.

### TREATMENT METHOD

SP Saif Shantu of the Central Police Hospital said they are treating Covid-19 patients following the guidelines issued by World Health Organization and the health ministry,

but also with some customisation, focusing on diet and psychological strength.

"We have provided an electric tea pot and steam machine to every patient at these hospitals so that they can frequently use hot water to drink tea," he said.

Besides, the hospital is providing patients with a protein, zinc, vitamin C, and mineral rich diet, which includes seasonal fruit, lemon, and ginger, he said. The hospital premises and washrooms are also being cleaned regularly to ensure hygiene.

"We are not leaving any patient alone for long. Every hour, a specialised team are visiting the patients," he said.

This is part of a strategy to mentally strengthen the patients, Shantu explained. The hospital has arranged for video calling facilities even at ICU and HDU units, so that patients get to talk to family members.

"Our doctors and medical staff are making sure that patients don't feel neglected," he said.

But this has not come without a price. "Around 60 medical staff got infected implementing this strategy, but we did not back out of it. Instead, we recruited more nurses and ward boys through outsourcing," Shantu told this correspondent.

Requesting anonymity, an official of CPH said the medical team was initially at a loss about how to treat the infection, but they have figured out some methods over the last few

months. This shows in the recovery rate, which stood at 38 percent just a month back but is now almost 56 percent, he said.

INFECTIONS RISING AGAIN  
CPH received its first Covid-19 patient on March 24, an official told this correspondent. From that day to May 22, there was a continuous stream of a big number of new patients each day, except for a day or two.

However, the number of admissions started stabilising around the last week of May and continued up to the second week of this month, said the official.

"For the last couple of days, we are witnessing another rise in the infection rate, in line with the rising rate of infection in the country," he said.

"We suspect this is because of increased public movement on the streets after the government lifted the shutdown for a while. This meant police personnel could not carry out their duties without coming into contact with people," the official added.

According to PHQ database, the total number of infections in the police force was 6,612 on June 8, which rose to 7,317 in June 14, which means 705 officials got infected over six days.

But for the next five days, 1,203 officials got infected, at an average of 240 new cases daily, the database reported.

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His family members make him meal packets and leave it near the door after receiving a call from Sikandar. A man has been tasked with bringing them to Sikandar every day.

"I can go and collect the food. But if my grandchildren somehow end up

seeing me, they will definitely rush towards me and I won't be able to keep them away," Sikandar said.

Sikandar was appointed a morgue assistant at the age of 18. He has assisted in autopsies on thousands of bodies at the forensic medicine department at Dhaka Medical

College. Working at the morgue for almost four decades, blood, gore and mutilated bodies do not scare him. But this pandemic has gotten the better of Sikandar and he eagerly awaits the day when he can reunite with his family.