

AREA-BASED LOCKDOWN

Ready to enforce it within 48-72hrs if needed: DSCC mayor

UNB, Dhaka

Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) Mayor Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh yesterday said the corporation is ready to implement area-based lockdown within 48-72 hours of announcement.

"We're prepared and waiting for the decision over area-based lockdown," he said, after paying tribute to Bangabandhu at Dhanmondi-32.

"As soon as the Cabinet Division issued the gazette over area-based lockdown, we started preparations and held a meeting of the central implementation committee," he said.

To prevent coronavirus transmission and improve the situation, the government has announced general holidays in red zones (areas with most infections) across the country.

General holidays were announced in some parts of Chattogram, Bogura, Moulvibazar, Chuadanga, Jashore, Madaripur, Narayanganj, Habiganj, Munshiganj, Cumilla, Faridpur, Manikganj, Brahmanbaria, Narsingdi and Kushtia districts.

Under the circumstance, people will have to maintain health regulations when going out for emergency work, or they would face legal action.



269 leave for Italy on Biman flight

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A total of 269 people, mostly Bangladeshi expatriates, left Dhaka for Italy aboard a special flight of Biman yesterday.

They had been stranded in Bangladesh for three months due to suspension of regular flights following the Covid-19 pandemic.

"Carrying the passengers, the special flight of Biman Bangladesh Airlines departed from Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport at 12:15pm, bound for Rome," said Tahera Khondoker of Biman's public relations department.

Earlier, the national airliner operated two special charter flights on June 12 and June 17 from Dhaka, carrying 546 Bangladeshi citizens to Rome, Tahera said.

The government resumed flight operations on international routes on a limited scale on June 16.



People waiting to give samples for Covid-19 test at Sir Salimullah Medical College Hospital stand in a crowd on Monday, without any care for social distancing. Considering it safe to assume that at least some of these people are definitely infected, those who may not have been could contract the virus due to the proximity.

Abdul Mannan passes away

CITY DESK

Abdul Mannan, director of Agrani Bank Ltd's board of directors and a former district and sessions judge, died at Square Hospital in Dhaka yesterday. He was 70, says a press release.

He left behind his wife, two sons and a daughter to mourn his death.

The board of directors, all the executives, officers and staffers of the bank prayed for peace and salvation of the departed soul and expressed deepest sympathy to the bereaved family.

A doa mahfil was held after Zohr prayers at Agrani Bank Head Office mosque, seeking divine peace for the deceased.

After his namaz-e-janaza, he was buried at his village home at Kamargaon, Munshiganj.



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Cases rising

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women face discrimination, inequalities, and exploitation differently than men during any natural disaster, conflicts situation or any other emergency. The same is going on due to the recent Covid-19 pandemic, that has further worsened the existing inequalities and discrimination against women and girls," she said.

Shaheen Anam said NGOs, including MJF, are facing difficulties when referring victims to service providers, as those organisations are occupied with Covid-19 management activities.

Availing legal and medical services are particularly challenging, she added.

Selina Ahmed, programme head (Gender and Diversity) of Brac, said incidents of domestic violence shot up during Covid-19 pandemic, as the "physical" support from government and NGOs were absent.

"Victims are not getting shelter, and support systems like one-stop crisis centre is inadequate now. We have talked to OCC and found that most services are not available like before," she said.

"The role of police in combating the pandemic is appreciable. Similarly, they have to look into domestic violence too. If the cases become weak now, justice will not be ensured for victims later on," Selina Ahmed added.

Sara Hossain, executive director of Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST), said victims and those providing support are not able to travel to police stations, hospitals and shelters easily during the shutdown.

"You cannot avail police service if you don't file a GD. At this time, filing a GD going physically has been tough. I can't say how effective electronic GD is. Besides,

many victims are not getting the support of Women Desk too," she said.

She also shared the struggle to get legal support through family courts, judicial magistrates and women and children's tribunals, adding that the situation of availing victim support has worsened in remote areas where internet and mobile phone service are not available, like in Cox's Bazar's Rohongya camps, she said.

Participating NGOs called upon authorities concerned, including the home, law, and women and children affairs ministries, and the inspector general of police, to direct their field-level officials to strengthen their activities and curbing domestic violence a priority issue.

Sadira Khatun, superintendent of police at Police Headquarters, said the role of police in Covid-19 situation is known to all. She admitted that domestic violence has

increased during the time of the pandemic, based on data from the national helpline 999 and cyber crime unit.

"But we are responding promptly. We are also giving mental support and counselling through women support centre," she said.

The cyber crime department is helping women and girls, she said. Recently, two female officers have been appointed to provide support to cyber crime victims. An app is on the card to launch shortly, she added.

Member of the parliament (reserved seat) Aroma Dutta said, "All of us should make a plan of action and give it to our prime minister, elaborating how we should execute our initiatives to fight violence against women and children. We want to do it with coordination of all concerned NGOs and government stakeholders."

Nazrul Islam

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janaza was held after asr prayer with state honours. District level leaders of AL attended the funeral.

Nazrul Islam did his masters in Bengali literature from Dhaka University and later worked as teacher at Govt Ananda Mahan College and Chittagong University.

He also went to United Kingdom for higher degrees but returned home and took part in general election in 1970 as an AL candidate and was elected as MNA from Trishal and Phulbaria area.

Later he was elected as MP from Phulbaria (Mymensingh-6) constituency in 1973.

Nazrul Islam, a veteran politician and social worker, established several educational institutions in the locality including Phulbaria Degree College, a reputed institution in the district.

Well known as 'gentleman politician' for his clean image and good soul, Nazrul Islam was respected by leaders of other political parties in and outside the district, said local leaders.

Bill placed

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Fisheries and Livestock Minister SM Rezaul Karim, in absence of Law Minister Anisul Huq, placed the bill.

The bill was sent to the parliamentary standing committee on the ministry concerned for scrutiny and to place its report before the House within seven working days.

An ordinance was already promulgated by President Abdul Hamid to reduce backlog of cases during the countrywide general holidays enforced to contain the spread of Covid-19.

The ordinance was approved by the cabinet on May 7.

According to the previous law, the trial proceedings are run in the physical presence of judges, counsels and witnesses at courts.

Rapist paid

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Taking over the case documents on February 13, PBI found that even though the rapist was absconding, he tried to convince the complainant to withdraw the case. PBI also set up surveillance in the village and on Monday arrested Shahidul from Rajshahi city.

Shahidul told the court that he paid Khaleque Tk 90,000 for settling the case. But Khaleque did not pay the victim anything.

On June 11, Khaleque took the victim's mother to Rajshahi city and forced her to sign an affidavit where she was stated to declare that she was content with the arbitration. Shahidul tried to evade arrest by showing the affidavit, said the PBI official.

Shahidul did not mention the lawyer's name in the confessional statement, he added.

Contacted yesterday, Entaj Ali, the lawyer, said he prepared the affidavit and affirmed it through notary even though he knew that it was a rape case. "I knew about the case but when the village leaders, including Khaleque, and the girl's mother came to me and said the case has been settled outside the court, I prepared the document," he added.

The Daily Star has a copy of the affidavit, which shows that it was affirmed by notary public one Nasira Banu.

The PBI official said they will forward the findings to their higher authorities so that they can take a decision whether to accuse Khaleque and the lawyer in the case.

Bike-sharing

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The service was first introduced in Cox's Bazar in January 2018, and later expanded to Jahangirnagar University, Chittagong University, and Shahjalal University of Science and Technology in Sylhet.

In March last year, Jobike introduced the service in Mirpur DOHS area of the capital with 50 bicycles, on a pilot basis. In October 2019, the service was launched at Dhaka University campus for students.

However, this is the first time the service is commercially launching in the capital.

Jobike's service allows multiple people to use the same bike to travel short distances. For instance, a user can start a journey from Gulshan-1 to her destination at Gulshan-2. After reaching the destination, they can park the bicycle at its designated place from where another user will unlock it and ride to their destination.

Similar services are already available in many metropolitan cities across the world, and are very popular.

A DNCC official said Jobike will ensure that the vehicles are regularly disinfected, throughout the duration of the pandemic, to keep its users safe.

To use the service, one needs to install the Jobike app on a smartphone. More details on availing the service can be found on its website: www.jobike.com

A step back

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A report published in The Daily Star on March 4 of this year also mentioned the concerns of internet service providers not being able to install their cables. At the time, SCC, Sylhet ISP Association, NTIN providers and BTRC had been meeting repeatedly to solve the problem.

Asked about these concerns, SCC executive engineer Ruhul Alam, said, "We will not let the cable operator or broadband providers to use the poles. Roadside poles and cables will be removed, so the poles on the road dividers will not ruin our urban beautification initiative in any way."



Near Mirpur's Shah Ali Mazar, a group of small traders set up an early morning bazaar every day occupying the street, mostly sourcing produce from nearby wholesalers. As a result, the road space is shrunk from 7am to 10am, often causing traffic congestion. The photo was taken on Monday.

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