COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Volunteers set up isolation centre for poor patients

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Mymensingh*

A group of volunteers has arranged a 20-bed isolation centre to support the poor and helpless Covid-19 patients in Phulpur upazila of Mymensingh.

HELDS Foundation, working for health, environment and literacy in Phulpur, made the arrangement at three rooms on the fourth floor of Phulpur Degree College, under the supervision of local administration.

Phulpur Upazila Nirbahi Officer Md Saiful Islam inaugurated the centre on Friday. However, no patient went to the centre styled "Shanti Nagor" as of Monday.

"We took the initiative for poor and helpless Covid-19 patients who do not have the facility of isolation/quarantine at their home, said 22-year-old Tasfique Haque Nafew, secretary of the foundation.

"We are doing the work with contribution of our own and the local administration. So far, we have spent Tk 74,000 to arrange 20 beds with mattress and four oxygen cylinders," said Nafew, a degree second year student.

"Of around 100 volunteers of the foundation, 30 including 10 female members have been selected to work at the isolation centre. A few of them will continue duty under three shifts a day for a week and then they will go for home quarantine for 14 days. A doctor and a nurse agreed to work with us voluntarily," said Sabina Yeasmin Madhobi, a volunteer.

The people who will be kept in isolation will get balanced diet and medicines with facilities of physical exercise and recreation, said Sabina, a graduate from Dhaka University.

The newly set up isolation centre being redied for Covid-19 patients at Phulpur Degree College. PHOTO: COLLECTED

"The doctors at Phulpur Upazila Health Complex will keep contact with the isolation centre round the clock. If the condition of any patient there deteriorates, we will take next course of action immediately," said Dr Pranesh Chandra Pandit, resident medical officer of the hospital.

Abdullah Al Sayeem Lithu, president of HELDS Foundation, said they started the initial work with a plan to arrange 500 isolation beds in different areas including 50 in Phulpur for poor Covid-19 patients.

Twenty-eight Covid-19 patients in the upazila are now staying in home isolation and HELDS volunteers are serve their daily essentials when they need, said volunteer Jannatul Ferdous Swarna, an honours second year student.

The solvent ones pay the cost while the helpless are served for free, she added.

"I and three members of my family were tested Covid-19 positive last month and volunteers of the foundation helped to get daily essentials at our home," said Rokeya Parvin Lucky, female vice-chairman of Phulpur upazila parishad.

Since the outbreak of Covid-19, the foundation has continued work for creating awareness among the people about personal protection, spraying disinfectants at public places and distributing relief materials among the needy, said Phulpur municipality Mayor Md Aminul Haque, also an adviser to the foundation.

CATTLE LSD VIRUS IN MOULVIBAZAR

40 deaths, 10 thousand infections in a month threaten rural economy

MINTU DESHWARA, *Moulvibazar*

With cow milk sales plummeting in the past several months amid consumers' fear of contracting the Covid-19 virus, a considerable number people, whose livelihoods depend entirely on milk sales, are living in constant fear of losing their milk-yielding cows to the deadly cattle LSD virus.

When the lumpy skin disease (LSD) virus is spreading rapidly in the country's northern region where it infected nearly 20 thousand cows and killed 50 over the last few months, it is also turning into a great cause for concern in the eastern district of Moulvibazar where it killed 40 cattle, many of them milk cows, within a span of only thirty days.

Many of the affected cattle owners claimed that aside from the deaths, around 10 thousand cattle have contracted the disease in Moulvibazar during the same period.

Though the livestock office in Moulvibazar differed with the number of deaths claimed by locals, it was in agreement with their claim of the total infection in the district.

Masudur Rahman Sarker, district livestock officer (DLO) in Moulvibazar, said according reports he had received, 21 cattle have died of the disease there till date since March.

Zaman Mia, from Satijhir village in Kamalganj upazila, said, "My family of five and I had been able to survive during this difficult time of novel coronavirus only by selling milk from my two milk cows. But now I'm in a dire situation as people stopped buying milk from me after both the cows got infected with the LSD virus."

Ashit Shil and Monaf Miah, from Kadamdpur village in Ali Nagar union of the upazila, said many low-income people like them make a living primarily by selling cow milk. But both of them lost one cow each in the past couple of weeks.

Before the LSD hit Moulvibazar, it had started to spread in Sunamganj in late 2019. It killed 50 cattle and infected more than eight thousand others in Sunamganj by March this year. According to the livestock office in Moulvibazar, the disease entered Sunamganj through India. This paper published a news item on the issue on March 24, headlined 'LSD virus panic grips Sunamganj cattle farmers'.

In the last one and a half months, the LSD virus infected a large number of cattle in most areas of Moulvibazar's Kamalganj upazila, especially those in Ali Nagar, Shamsher Nagar, Patanushar, Adampur, Munshi Bazar and Kamalganj unions.

A number of affected cattle owners this correspondent spoke with said while everyone, including government livestock officials, was afraid of contracting the novel coronavirus, the spread of the LSD virus went on unabated in the region for months.

Besides, the cattle owners could not take the infected animals to a government veterinary hospital as there is none nearby. Furthermore, they are not solvent enough to pay higher fees charged by private veterinary practitioners.

They said within two to three days after numerous rounded lumps become evident under the skin of an animal, the lumps turn into open sores that show signs of discharge. The animal also develops high fever, general malaise and strong aversion to food before dying within a few days.

Among other symptoms, the animal's throat and limb joints swell up and it fails to stand on its feet, said cow owner Ashraful Islam, from Basudebpur area.

A cow infected with lumpy skin disease (LSD) virus at Ali Nagar village in Moulvibazar's Kamalganj upazila. The photo was taken recently. PHOTO: STAR

Kamalganj Upazila Livestock Officer Hedayet Ali said the LSD virus is being transmitted in a vast area of the region via insect vectors such as mosquitoes and flies and they were providing symptomatic treatment to the infected animals in the area.

Confirming that around ten thousand cattle have contracted the LSD virus in Moulvibazar, DLO Masudur Rahman Sarker, however, downplayed the severity of the disease.

He claimed that the infected animals recover after some time and the livestock offices in the district have been doing their best to treat the animals despite the likelihood of livestock office employees getting infected by the Covid-19 virus while at work.

Since there is no proven treatment available for LSD virus, they have been giving the animals symptomatic medications such as paracetamol and antihistamine for pain, fever and swelling.

As part of their ongoing preventive measure, they have vaccinated 9,107 cattle (out of seven lakh in total) in Moulvibazar since March, he also said.

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Invitation for Tenders (IFT) for Non Consulting Service

1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Primary and Mass Education.
2.	Agency	Directorate of Primary Education.
3.	Procuring entity name	Project Director, Establishment of Computer and Language Labs in 509 Govt. Primary Schools in Bangladesh (ECLLB project).
4.	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.
5.	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6.	Invitation for Tender	For deploying staff (Computer Operator-01, Accountant-01, Office Assistant-Cum-Computer Operator-01 and Office Assistant-01), SD-02.
7.	Invitation Ref. No.	ইপিএমএলবি/প্রাথমিক/কমপ্যুটার/১৯-৫৬১
8.	Date	22.06.2020
KEY INFORMATION		
9.	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10.	Budget and source of funds	GOB.
11.	Development partners	High Commission of India, Dhaka.
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
12.	Project code	224284600
13.	Project name	Establishment of Computer and Language Labs in 509 Govt. Primary Schools in Bangladesh (ECLLB Project).
14.	Tender Package No.	SD-02
15.	Tender package name	For deploying staff (Computer Operator-01, Accountant-01, Office Assistant-Cum-Computer Operator-01 and Office Assistant-01), SD-02.
16.	Tender publication date	22 June, 2020
17.	Tender last selling date	08 July, 2020
18.	Tender closing date and time	08 July 2020, 03:00pm.
19.	Tender opening date and time	08 July 2020, 03:30pm.
20.	Name & address of the office(s):	
	Selling tender document (principal)	ECLLB Project Office, Room No. 615, 5th Floor, Directorate of Primary Education, Section-2, Mirpur, Dhaka-1216.
	Selling tender document (other)	Not applicable.
	Receiving tender document	Room No. 512, 4th Floor, Directorate of Primary Education, Mirpur-2, Dhaka-1216, Bangladesh.
	Opening tender document	Room No. 512, 4th Floor, Directorate of Primary Education, Mirpur-2, Dhaka-1216, Bangladesh.
21.	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	Not applicable.
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
22.	Eligibility of tenderer	The firm/company must have registration from any government authorized body or authority and properly constituted managing body with clearly defined rules and responsibilities for office bearers. Must have permanent office/officers at Dhaka and management set-up for the service wanted. Must have capability of managing highest confidentiality and ability to comply with government standards. Must have at least five years overall experience and 03 (three) years reputed experience in supplying quality manpower/staff in public or private organization/projects etc.
23.	Brief description of services	For deploying staff (Computer Operator-01, Accountant-01, Office Assistant-Cum-Computer Operator-01 and Office Assistant-01) for ECLLB Project Office in DPE.
24.	Brief description of related services	None.
25.	Price of tender document (Tk)	**Principal**: Taka 1,000.00 (one thousand only) Chalan Order with an official letter addressing Project Director, Establishment of Computer and Language Labs in 509 Govt. Primary Schools in Bangladesh (ECLLB project), Directorate of Primary Education, Mirpur-2, Dhaka-1216 and **Other**: In case of online purchase a Treasury Chalan of Taka 1,000.00 (one thousand only) in favour of Project Director, Establishment of Computer and Language Labs in 509 Govt. Primary Schools in Bangladesh (ECLLB project) should be attached with the tender during submission (Code No. 1-2431-0001-2366).

	Identification of package	Tender security amount (Tk)	Validity period	Completion time (in months)
26.	For deploying staff (Computer Operator-01, Accountant-01, Office Assistant-Cum-Computer Operator-01 and Office Assistant-01) for ECLLB Project, SD-02	70,000.00 (Taka seventy thousand only)	Tender validity period shall be 90 days. Tender security should be valid for at least (90+28) = 118 days	24 months from the date of issuing purchase order
	Tender security shall in favour of Project Director, Establishment of Computer and Language Labs in 509 Govt. Primary Schools in Bangladesh (ECLLB project), Directorate of Primary Education in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order/Irrevocable Bank Guarantee (according to the PSN-4 Form of the tender document) from any schedule bank of Bangladesh.			

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
27.	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Badiar Rahman.
28.	Designation of official inviting tender	Project Director.
29.	Address of official inviting tender	Room No. 512, Directorate of Primary Education, Section-2, Mirpur, Dhaka-1216, Bangladesh.
30	Contact details of official inviting tender	Phone: +880255074903 E-mail: pdecllb@gmail.com
31	The authority reserves the right to cancel any or all IFT without assigning any reason whatsoever.	

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Two arrested for murder

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Jamalpur*

Police early yesterday arrested two people in connection with a case for killing an auto-rickshaw driver in Sarishabari upazila on Saturday.

The arrestees are Mohan Miah, 18, son of Billal Hossain of Doail village, and Mohammad Sohel, 23, son of Abdul Malek of Birtara village in Tangail's Dhanbari upazila.

Earlier, police recovered the body of Hafizur Rahman, 32, son of Abdus Sattar of Bashneogi village, on Saturday.

During primary interrogation the arrestees confessed that they boarded on Hafizur's auto-rickshaw from Kendua Bazar on Friday night and when they reached Maithelbari intersection the duo killed Hafizur and took away his auto-rickshaw, Officer in Charge (investigation) of Sarishabari Police Station Zoaher Hossain said.

Repair work of embankment damaged in Amphan begins

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Bagerhat*

The repair work of the damaged part of Baleshwar river embankment in Sharankhola upazila of the district has begun. It was damaged by the cyclone Amphan last month.

The repair work of the damaged portion begun under the supervision of Bangladesh Army, said an official of Water Development Board in Bagerhat.

Md Nahiduzzaman Khan, executive engineer of Bagerhat Water Development Board, said on June 19, they started the repair work of the two-km-long damaged portion of the embankment stretching from Gabtala Ashar Alo Mosque to Bogi in the upazila.

They have also started to remove the saline water that entered the locality during the cyclone Amphan, he said.

The engineer hopes that the repair work of the embankment will be completed soon.

Local people are happy as the authorities concerned began the repair work of the important embankment.

The villagers hope that a sustainable embankment will be constructed there soon to save their crops in monsoon.

The executive engineer said they have already informed the higher authorities about construction of a sustainable embankment at the damaged portion.

DU student found dead, 2 arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Natore*

A Dhaka University (DU) student was killed allegedly by her husband and in-laws' in Sadar upazila on Sunday.

The deceased, Sumaiya Khatun, 26, a master's student of Islamic Studies Department at DU, was found hanging from the ceiling of a room at her father-in-law's house in Harishpur Baganbari area on Sunday night.

Meanwhile, police arrested Sumaiya's mother-in-law Syeda Maleka, and sister-in-law Jui Khatun, after victim's mother Nuzhat Sultana filed a murder case with Sadar Police Station in connection with the incident on Monday night.

Police were raiding different areas to arrest Sumaiya's husband Mostaq Hossain and father-in-law Zakir Hossain, as they went into hiding since after the incident, Officer in Charge of Sadar Police Station Jahangir Alam said.

Sumaiya's uncle Ahmed Ali said Mostaq cheated Sumaiya by identifying himself as a BUET engineer and married her last year, but they came to know later that Mostaq was a diploma engineer and obtained the degree from a private technical college in Natore.

After their marriage, the couple used to live in Dhaka and Sumaiya's father Siddiqur Rahman bore all their expenses, as Mostaq was unemployed, Ahmed added.

বাংলাদেশ জাতীয় জাদুঘর
শাহবাগ, ঢাকা-১০০০

বাজাজা, টেন্ডার নং-৬/২০১৯-২০২০ তারিখঃ ২৪-০৬-২০২০ খ্রিষ্টাব্দ

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