In dire

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organisations are distributing relief on the main thoroughfares of the city.

"But we cannot even go there to collect as we are under lockdown," she added.

Lovely Rani, president of brothel-based non-government welfare organisation "Shuktara Kallyan Sangstha", said she has already contacted many government and non-government organisations for help but to no avail.

"The women here do not have any money to buy food. The children are starving… they need immediate help," Lovely Rani pleaded to this correspondent.

Advocate Nazrul Islam Chunnu, convener of Jonoudyog (Mymensingh) that works for human rights and environment, told The Daily Star that these working women also deserve equal rights, especially in difficult times like these.

Contacted, Sheikh Hafizur Rahman, upazila nirbahi officer of Mymensingh Sadar, said, "We will arrange a special relief package for them soon."

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Grameen Fashion and Fabrics Ltd handed over personal protective equipment to Khulna Shishu Hospital.

Caught up

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they feel aches and pains.

Some women inhabitants said the financial instability is negatively affecting family relationships.

Many residents of slums said crime has gone up as well, due to increasing financial hardship and social insecurity.

Most of the inhabitants shared that their lives were now caught up in a cycle of uncertainty.

In the press release, the organisation said the impact of this outbreak goes beyond health and economic aspects, and it's likely to leave a longer-term toll particularly on the poor households living in these settlements.

Grameen

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government authorities.

Enterprises who are facing any shortage of such equipment can contact info@grameentelecom.net.bd.

Preference will be given to those whose requirement is more urgent.

Meanwhile, to support those who are in need of food due to the nationwide lockdown to contain the spread of coronavirus, the organisation has also identified 2,500 families who have not received any aid from any other organisation or individual. These families will be given regular food supply until the virus outbreak is over.

Grameen Telecom, Grameen Telecom Trust and Grameen Kalyan -- the three Gramen organisations -- are providing the financial support so that Grameen can provide basic food items to these 2,500 families or 10,000 people until the epidemic is over.

Besides, local officers and staff members of Grameen organisations have taken the responsibility for a fixed number of families all over the country.

SBMCH unprepared

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"There is no pressure of patients at this moment. Normally, around 1,800 to 2,000 patients remain admitted, but the number has come down to 400."

Meanwhile, many areas of the city have been riddled with severe mosquito problems, said locals. In the absence of clean-up initiative, waterbodies have become mosquito breeding grounds, they added.

Sources at Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) said 42 healthcare institutions -- including the Sher-e-Bangla hospital -- treated around 7,000 dengue patients in Barishal division last year.

Dengue fever turned into an epidemic in the capital and spread to other districts last year, killing numerous people.

During the time, several expert teams from the health ministry collected mosquito larva from government office premises in Barishal -- including Circuit House, SBMC, Sadar Hospital, Nathullabad and Rupatali bus terminals, said Basu Deb Kumar Das, director of DGHS in Barishal.

He said dengue treatment will be hampered if coronavirus pandemic continues for a long time.

'BCC DRIVES INADEQUATE'

Barishal City Corporation (BCC) authorities said they are continuing cleaning and anti-mosquito drives regularly.

"Our 34 workers spray 10 litres of larvicide to kill mosquitoes daily. Sometimes we use fogger machines," said BCC Conservancy Officer Dr Rabiul Islam.

With that inadequate manpower, it is almost impossible to conduct drives in the entire city of 58sqkm, which also has 23 canals, said many conservancy workers.

"We are working to curb the mosquito menace," assured Rabiul Islam. "Due to the ongoing situation [shutdown], it's hard to conduct drives regularly, but we're trying our best."

"Residents will have to step up too... they need to keep their surroundings clean and destroy mosquito breeding grounds," he added.

Dengue outbreak is generally noticed from June to October while August-October is the peak season, said Asit Bhushan Das, principal of SBMC.

Dr Mizanur Rahman, member secretary to Barishal Nagorik Parishad, said, "Dengue situation may become much worse than last year's if we don't take prompt steps."

We will be begging

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The saree was sold only at half the normal price, he told this correspondent at the wholesale market around 9:30 am on April 3.

"If the crisis centring coronavirus lingers and we cannot work, we will be forced to beg on the street," said Sharif.

His concern was echoed by at least 10 other weavers at the wholesale market.

The coronavirus outbreak has bruised almost all businesses, but jamdani weavers are among the hardest hit.

They claimed there are about 7,000 to 10,000 weavers in and around the BSCIC Jamdani industrial zone, which alone has 2,190 weavers and helpers working in about 274 plots. Each plot has an average of four handlooms.

Normally every Friday, the wholesale market, commonly called the Jamdani haat, comes alive with a frenzy of activities as buyers from all over the country arrive at the place at dawn.

The weavers said the weeks before Pohela Boishakh and Eid-ul-Fitr are the peak season for Jamdani sales, as demand for the exquisite clothing goes up on occasion of these festivals.

The marketplace, usually, sees sales of Tk 70 lakh to Tk 80 lakh on each haat day. However, sales of Jamdani sometimes exceed Tk one crore on the Fridays before Eid-ul-Fitr and Pohela Boishakh, according to BSCIC officials.

Though the Bangla New Year "Pahela Baishakh" is only two weeks away, there were no signs of any buyers in the market.

"As the market is closed, buyers from outside the area are not here. Thus, weavers now have to sell their products at half price," said Anwar Hossain, member of ward no 7 of Tarabo municipality, where the Jamdani industrial area is located.

The weavers, except for a few, were compelled to shut down all handlooms, said Muslem Uddin Musa, another Jamdani weaver of the area.

"I am contacting the buyers. They tell me to wait till the normalcy returns. But this was our best time for business," he added.

The nationally and internationally acclaimed Jamdani is a type of muslin, characterised by its geometric or floral designs. It was inscribed on Unesco's Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity in 2013.

The time-consuming and labour-intensive Jamdani weaving process often takes 15 days to a month, starting from tying and dyeing the threads, drawing the designs and finally weaving the saree in hand-operated looms with foot pedals.

"Even in February, we were toiling day and night with high hopes of good business during Pohela Boishakh in April and Eid-ul-Fitr in May, two of the largest festivals," said Jamdani weaver Azizul Islam.

The third generation handloom owner said he can produce eight to 10 Jamdani sarees in a month using his eight handlooms.

"Man proposes, God disposes," Azizul muttered, adding that the 'monster coronavirus' is eating away their business.

The 45-year-old weaver said they have never faced such a situation before. During the flood of 1988 and 1998, these craftsmen had to move their handlooms elsewhere but production was not badly hampered.

"But this time, the crisis is unimaginable," he said.

Weavers noted the urgency to sell sarees as soon as possible. Jamdani sarees cannot be stocked because they lose shine and quality in damp weather conditions, they explained.

They urged the authorities to stand by the weavers who are relentlessly working to keep the traditional art of Jamdani alive.

BSCIC Jamdani industrial zone accountant Abdul Awal said no one has contacted them for assistance so far.

He said they informed the head office that potential loss from March 26 to April 26 during the current coronavirus related shutdown will be around Tk 5.58 crore.

"The potential loss was calculated taking account of production and operation cost of Jamdani handlooms at the BSCIC Jamdani industrial zone," he said.

"Weavers are passing hard times due to coronavirus and heading towards a bleak future. But I think authorities would devise a plan for them as they are taking information of possible losses," he said.

"If the coronavirus situation lingers, loss to the weavers will increase manifold," Awal predicts.

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Iran renews virus warning as 'low risk' activities re-start

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President Hassan Rouhani urged Iranians to continue to respect measures to guard against the new coronavirus as "low-risk" business activities resumed in most of the country on Saturday, state news agency IRNA reported.

So-called low-risk businesses - including many shops, factories and workshops - resumed operations across the country, with the exception of the capital Tehran, where they will re-open from April 18.

"Easing restrictions does not mean ignoring health protocols ... Social distancing and other health protocols should be respected seriously by people," Rouhani was quoted saying.

The virtues

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Those who are interested in astronomy or space science, they can download NASA's free Space centre Houston app to have a tour of its educational facilities, as well as VR experiences and astronaut selfies.

Music platform TIDAL is livestreaming 12-hour concerts to help people pass the time amid the pandemic.

As people are staying at home and have plenty of time on their hands, they can also enrol in some college courses through platforms Coursera and EdX.

All of the classes on the platforms are free to audit, and there are hundreds of courses in a variety of subject matters available from top universities, including Princeton, Harvard, and Yale.

6 more die

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In another incident, a garment worker, who died after showing Covid-19-like symptoms in Narayanganj on Saturday evening, was buried under the supervision of local medical team in Shahzadpur upazila of Sirajganj yesterday, said Aminul Islam Khan, Shahzadpur upazila health officer.

In another development, five people, including a night guard of Gazipur civil surgeon's office, have been tested positive for coronavirus.

In Laxmipur, the district administration yesterday imposed lockdown on the entire district from 6:00am today to prevent the risk of spreading coronavirus.

Our correspondents from Mymensingh, Kushtia, Savar, Jhenidah, Pabna, and Gazipur contributed to this report.

Europe's death toll

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Johnson was released from hospital yesterday after he was admitted for coronavirus last Sunday, and spent three days in intensive care.

He praised his medical team Sunday before he left hospital.

"I can't thank them enough. I owe them my life," said 55-year-old Johnson.

Unprecedented scenes of empty churches emerged from Italy to Panama and the Philippines, as religious leaders found creative ways to address parishioners marking the holiday weekend from the confines of their homes.

Speaking from a near-empty Saint Paul's Cathedral, Pope Francis' Easter Sunday message was largely focused on the pandemic, offering prayers for the ill and urging a united European front to fight the pandemic.

"For many, this is an Easter of solitude lived amid the sorrow and hardship that the pandemic is causing, from physical suffering to economic difficulties," he said, in a livestreamed message beamed around the world.

He called for European "solidarity" in the face of the virus, adding: "After the Second World War, this beloved continent was able to rise again."

As virus-tinged Easter celebrations were held worldwide, leaders in some hard-hit countries expressed cautious optimism the number of deaths and infections could be starting to peak.

Spain saw its daily death toll drop for three days straight -- but reported a slight spike again with 619 fresh fatalities.

And though Italy was nearing the 20,000 dead mark, its daily death toll and rate of new infections has started to level off.

In France, newly reported coronavirus deaths fell by one-third from Friday to 635 on Saturday.

"A very high plateau for the epidemic appears to have been reached, but the epidemic remains very active," said French health official Jerome Salomon, urging people to remain vigilant.

In the United States, New Orleans and hardest hit New York saw a slowdown in the number of new infections, deaths and hospitalisations, offer a shred of hope.

There were worrying signs the virus could be taking hold in new -- and vulnerable -- parts of the world, from the crowded slums of Mexico City, Nairobi and Mumbai to conflict hotspots in the Middle East.

In Mumbai's crowded Dharavi slum -- one of Asia's biggest and the inspiration for the 2008 Oscar-winning film "Slumdog Millionaire" -- more than 43 cases were confirmed.

Many experts and the World Health Organization are cautioning countries against lifting lockdown measures too quickly to avoid a second wave of infections.

China, where the virus first emerged at the end of last year in the central city of Wuhan, has seen in increase in imported infections as it starts to ease strict lockdown measures.

Bangabandhu

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The government of India fully respects the view of the government of Bangladesh on the need for trials of those responsible for the genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes which were committed in Bangladesh. This is stated in unequivocal terms by Surendra Pal Singh, deputy minister for the Indian external affairs ministry today at the Lok Sabha. When asked about repatriation of Pakistani prisoners of war from India he maintains that the prisoners taken in the eastern theatre surrendered to the joint command of Indian and Bangladeshi forces. Therefore, the question of their repatriation will be in accordance with a joint decision by the governments of India and Bangladesh.

RELIEF SNAGS REVIEWED

During a meeting with Relief and Rehabilitation Minister AHM Kamaruzzaman, relief committee chiefs from various districts and subdivisions today complain of inadequate relief materials, delay in transportation, disruption in communication system and discrimination in relief efforts in different regions. The minister assures them of all possible efforts on his part to mitigate those problems. The minister also informs that the government is discussing with the Bangladesh Bank to provide the villagers with necessary credit through village cooperatives.

KEROSENE AGAINST RATION CARD

Kerosene oil for domestic consumption will be sold by the bonafide dealer agents of the respective oil companies to the consumers against the ration card of the head of the family concerned at the fixed price of Tk 2.25 per gallon, says a government handout issued today.

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Protect your areas

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should move unnecessarily from one place to another. "

She urged the people of the country to be very careful about the novel coronavirus and follow the government directives regularly, as this virus is highly contagious.

The PM also asked everyone to stop all sorts of unnecessary movement and called upon all to strengthen the measures to protect themselves from the Covid-19 with their own initiatives.

Hasina put emphasis on keeping personal protection equipment (PPE), masks and medical equipment to keep free from the virus.

She directed the health ministry and local governments to take measures for disposing and dumping medical waste in a proper manner so that the virus cannot spread from these.

She asked everyone to use face masks, tissue papers and handkerchiefs, and to cough and sneeze into elbows in order prevent the infection.

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Procuring Entity Name	SP (Logistics), Police Telecom & Information Management	
Tender Package Name	UHF DMR Radio System for FPU.	
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