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**BANGLADESH UPDATE**



**2,545**  
New cases in 24hrs



**47,153**  
Total cases



**650**  
Deaths



**9,781**  
Recoveries

**GLOBAL UPDATE**



**372,036**  
Deaths



**6,207,721**  
Total cases



## Educational institutions not opening now: PM

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday ruled out the possibility of opening educational institutions right now, saying that students are the future of the country and the government does not want to put them at risk.

"Maybe we cannot open the educational

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## Curbs loosen, noose tightens

Country logs highest Covid-19 deaths at 40, cases at 2,545; offices, businesses, some transport services reopen

WASIM BIN HABIB and MAHBUBUR RAHMAN KHAN

The country saw its highest one-day death toll from Covid-19 and a record new cases of infections yesterday, the day the government eased the nationwide shutdown ignoring warnings from experts.

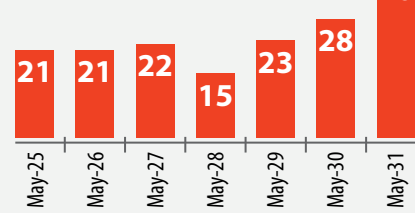
Forty people died from the disease in the 24 hours till yesterday afternoon -- the highest number of fatalities in a single day -- pushing the death count to 650.

The number of infections shot up to 47,153 after 2,545 cases were detected during this period, according to the Directorate General of Health Services.

Meanwhile, offices, businesses and some transport services reopened

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### COVID-19 DEATHS



## Public Transport in Pandemic Commuters' new fear

ZYMA ISLAM

For two months, the concept publicised over and over again was that staying home was the key to combating the spread of coronavirus.

Celebrities urged people to stay home and the #stayhome hashtag took over social media.

Since most of the restrictions are lifted from today, many office-goers are concerned about contracting and spreading the highly transmissible virus while they go to work using public transport.

"We had been working for reduced hours. The office provided a microbus that carried three or four people. We maintained some semblance of social distancing. But now... the microbus service will stop," said Shorif Ahmed, who will have to travel by bus to his office in the capital's Mirpur-1 from Asad Gate every day.

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## Industrialist Abdul Monem passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Abdul Monem, a noted industrialist and sports organiser of the country, breathed his last at Combined Military Hospital in the capital around 10:00am yesterday. He was 83.

He was the chairman and managing director of Abdul Monem Limited, one of the leading diversified business conglomerates of Bangladesh.

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## Bus services resume after two months

Passengers pay 60pc more during Covid-19 crisis; operators asked to run buses at half capacity

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Road transport services resume across the country today after over two-month suspension due to Covid-19 outbreak with a whopping 60 percent increase in bus fares.

The road transport and bridges ministry yesterday issued a circular, raising bus fares on all routes.

The new rates will be valid only during the Covid-19 crisis and the previous rates will be reinstated once the crisis is over, it mentioned.

It also stated that bus operators have to carry passengers at half capacity and follow physical distancing guidelines. Besides, they will not carry any standing passengers.

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**আমরা শোকাহত**

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## SSC, EQUIVALENT EXAMS

## Better maths show ticks up pass rate

MOHIUDDIN ALAMGIR

With the overall performance in English and mathematics slightly improved, the SSC results this year show an increase in both the pass rate and the number of Grade Point Average (GPA)-5 achievers in nine general education boards.

According to the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) and equivalent results published yesterday, other indicators showed improvements as well.

The number of schools with 100 percent pass rate rose while the number of schools with zero pass rate came down.

Girls have outperformed boys both in terms of pass rate and achieving GPA-5.

Taking Dakhil exams under the madrasa board and SSC vocational tests under the technical board into account, the combined pass rate stood at 82.87 this year -- a slight increase from 82.20 percent last year.

Students under Dhaka, Chattogram and Sylhet education boards fared comparatively well in English and mathematics this year, pushing the overall pass rate higher than the previous year.

Education Minister Dipu Moni, while officially announcing the results at a press conference yesterday, said various initiatives taken by the government have brought about the positive changes in SSC results.

The initiatives include the distribution of free books,

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**Remembering Abba In Memoriam**

**M.A. MAJID (1928-May 21st. 2020)**

"A teacher can never truly teach unless he is still learning himself. A lamp can never light another lamp unless it continues to burn its own flame."

- Rabindranath Tagore

Always learning, he taught us all, Always searching, he was our guiding light .... Loving husband, father, grandfather, uncle, philanthropist, industrialist, civil servant, politician, futurist, teacher... he was all of that, and so much more.

His parting gift was a legacy of love, the M. A. MAJID Science College. An institution that provides free tuition and free room and board to the most needy meritorious students of Kapasia. In leaving, he planted the seeds of learning for those that could least afford it, so that they can become our beacons of light, for generations to come.

We his 'children' celebrate his life and will forever miss his aura... From time to eternity - We love you.

Together with the thousands of people whose lives were touched by his vision and generosity, we at Coca-Cola grieve the sad demise of Mr. Abdul Monem, a visionary, a philanthropist and an inspiring business partner. As the Chairman and Managing Director of Abdul Monem Ltd. he has led an array of businesses with remarkable success. After a long partnership of almost 4 decades, Coca-Cola family will always miss his wisdom and guidance. Our sincere thoughts and prayers go out to his family and Abdul Monem Group in this difficult time. May his soul rest in peace.

Our sincere condolences

**Coca-Cola Bangladesh Limited**

**Mr. ABDUL MONEM**  
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