

Sylhet city chief health official covid positive for second time

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Sylhet City Corporation's (SCC) Chief Health Officer Dr Jahidul Islam has been diagnosed with coronavirus (Covid-19) for a second time, six months after he was first infected with the virus.



Earlier on July 24, he, along with his parents and spouse were diagnosed with coronavirus. Later, his father Prof Nazrul Islam died of the virus on August 13.

After sampling on Sunday, he was tested positive Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College's lab on Tuesday night, Dr Jahidul confirms.

After showing signs several symptoms for a couple of days, he sent his swab sample on Sunday for test for covid-19 and resulted positive for the second time on Tuesday night.

He is now undergoing treatment at Mount Adora Hospital in the city. However, there is a debate among researchers on if a person can be infected with Covid-19 again after recovery; few people around the world and in Bangladesh have reported to be infected for second time.

App to help migrant workers launched in Gazipur's Kaliakair

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU) and partner organisations have introduced a mobile-based app in some areas of Gazipur's Kaliakair upazila, which aims to develop knowledge about safe and orderly migration.

Using the app, SafeStep, migrant workers will be able to digitally store records of their verbal agreements regarding migration, said Akib Anwar, an official of Winrock International.

The app can play an important role in minimising information gaps and ensuring transparency in the labour migration sector, Akib said, while describing its different features during a webinar yesterday.

He added that early stage development of the app started last year. RMMRU and Winrock jointly organised the webinar on the app's (version-II) demonstration among national-level stakeholders.

Addressing the webinar, RMMRU Executive Director Prof CR Abrar said many problems in the migration sector could be resolved with support of technology, especially by providing information to migrant workers.

Winrock, Elevate Hong Kong Holdings Limited, and Diginex Solutions developed the mobile app to "address information gaps for migrants, facilitate digital documentation for users, and provide an online complaint mechanism", according to organisers. They also designed the project titled "Responsible Recruitment Platform for Safe Migration in Bangladesh (SafeStep)", which has been implemented in the upazila.

RMMRU is implementing the project in four unions of Kaliakair. Shameem Ahmed Chowdhury Noman, owner of recruiting agency Sadia International, hoped that the app will support both service providers and aspirant migrants in recruitment process.

Shahina Ferdousi, deputy secretary of expatriates' welfare ministry, said besides RMMRU and Winrock, the ministry and International Organisation for Migration have also introduced separate migrant-friendly apps.

Drone

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Cabinet Division Additional Secretary Dr Abu Saleh Mostafa Kamal, while briefing virtually, said the meeting also approved, in principle, a proposal for procuring one lakh metric tonnes of non-basmati boiled rice from National Cooperative Consumers Federation of India Ltd through DPM method, in line with sections of Public Procurement Act, 2006 and Public Procurement Rules, 2008 (PPR), on emergency state purposes.

The finance minister said the government would procure this rice from India, but under the existing rules and law, it is not possible to import rice from international market in a short time without tender.

For this, he said, the Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation Division has been asked to make necessary amendments to laws related to its timeframe.

Kamal said after floating tender, there is a need to usually wait for 40-42 days to import goods from international market, but price of essential and consumer items like onion, rice and edible oil goes up and down every now and then in international market. As a result, he said, tenderers do not want to wait for a long time and tend to show less response.

Under the circumstances, the finance minister said, the government wants to import that rice within the shortest possible time through opening letter of credit (LC) and ensuring all necessary arrangements for which amendments would be brought to the PPR.

Freedom fighter Kutubuddin laid to rest

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

Hundreds of people paid their last respect to freedom fighter Kutubuddin Ahmed after his namaz-e-janaza at Government Hatem Ali College, Barishal yesterday.

Deputy Commissioner Jasim Uddin Haider accorded him a guard of honour. Barishal City Corporation Mayor Semiabat Sadiq Abdullah, Muktiyoddha Sangsad, district and city units of Awami League placed wreaths on his coffin. He was buried at Muslim Graveyard.

Earlier, other freedom fighters paid their respect to him at Muktiyoddha Sangsad office. The Sangsad also announced a seven-day mourning programme.

Kutubuddin, who fought from sector-9 during the Liberation War, died at a private hospital on Tuesday, family sources said.

He left behind his wife, three sons, two daughters, and a host of relatives and well-wishers to mourn his death.

Children's

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She also said, "Depending on the situation we will open up schools. But we won't take any risk. Health and safety issues will be given priority."

Directorate of Primary Education Director General Dr Sayed Md Golam Faruk said, "We have a guideline to open up schools by maintaining proper health protocols. We will also ensure training for 66 thousand teachers on mental health."

Unicef (Bangladesh) Deputy Representative (OIC) Veera Mendonca said, "Closure of educational institutions have impacted students all over the world. The longer the students remain out of school, the more likely it is that they will drop out."

"We can't wait for the pandemic to go away, we need to adapt and live with it. Therefore, before opening up physical schools, children's health safety should be prioritised," she stressed.

Giving a brief about the project, Save the Children (Bangladesh) Director for Programme Development and Quality, Reefat Bin Sattar, said, "We are going to work in the areas of school readiness and community readiness to help the government reach their goal of safely returning students to school."

DPE Additional Director General Sohel Ahmed; High Commissioner of Canada's Head of Aid Phedra Moon Morri, and Save the Children (Bangladesh) Country Director Onno Van Manen were also present at the programme.

Voters trusted

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Almost 90 percent of voters who went to polling centres cast their votes for the symbol "boat". So there is nothing to be unhappy.

DS: BNP alleged that as you [Awami League] did not want a huge number of voters to go to polling centres, the holiday on the day of polls was cancelled.

Rezaul Karim: It was the decision of Election Commission. But we thought presence of voters would increase if the polls day is not declared as holiday. So we did not oppose the decision. In our previous experience, it was seen that most people who are not locals go to their village home or go for vacation, if holiday is declared. We expected a huge number of voters to come to polling centres, but they did not.

DS: It was reported that a group of leaders in your party did not work for you. Would intra-party feud make it difficult for you to carry on your duties smoothly?

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campaign. How would voters trust them? They will get fewer votes in future. They would turn into a party like Muslim League.

DS: BNP candidate's polling agents were not seen at polling centres. They alleged that your activists in assistance with law enforcers drove them out.

Rezaul Karim: They will have to show the evidence in favour of their allegations. Ask them to produce a single evidence. If their agents did not go to the polling centres, if they fail to find polling agents due to organisational weakness, it is their own problem.

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secondary and tertiary drains so that rainwater recedes very quickly.

Regarding traffic jam, I would go for coordination with traffic department of Chattogram Metropolitan Police. It is seen that people hold CCC responsible regarding traffic jam although traffic department is responsible to address it. At present, we see there is no coordination between service-providing organisations in the city. So when CCC repairs a road, Wasa or PDB or T&T are seen to cut it after some days. So people suffer as traffic jam occurs on the road. Lack of coordination between the organisations brings public suffering and waste of public money. I will address these issues through coordination.

DS: You pledged for developing the city as a modern and tourism-friendly one. Could you elaborate on that?

Rezaul Karim: Chattogram is a unique city with sea in one side and the hills on the other. There are a lot of historic and religious sites in the city. The places and structures bearing memories of Anti-British revolutionaries have enriched the city. All these things make it a treasure trove for tourism. We could not explore it properly. I would talk to experts and eminent citizens to take their suggestions to develop the city a modern and tourism friendly one.

DS: What will be your prime priority after taking over charge?

Rezaul Karim: I will initiate a 100-day programme that would include initiatives to address mosquito menace, waste management and repair the battered roads. I would like to create an impression to city dwellers through my 100-day programme so that they may think themselves as the residents of a clean and beautiful city. I want to bring about a positive change in citizens' mind about CCC.

Lack of

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(0.42 percent), Down Syndrome (0.22 percent) and other forms of disabilities (0.74 percent).

Around 20 percent of all the people with disabilities live in disaster-prone districts such as Bhola, Jhalakathi, Barguna, Patuakhali, Pirojpur, Feni, Noakhali, Chattogram, Laxmipur, Cox's Bazar, Bagerhat, Khulna and Satkhira.

The highest number of people with disabilities has been identified in Cumilla district while the lowest number has been reported in Chittagong Hill Tracts districts.

There are 5,972 disabled people in Bandarban, the lowest concentration of disability among all districts. Khagrachhari (12,364) and Rangamati (9,930) are also among the districts with the lowest number of persons with disabilities.

According to the World Report on Disability published in 2011 by the WHO, there are around 16 million people with disabilities in Bangladesh. The Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HES) conducted by Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics in 2010 said 9.1 percent of the country's total population have some sort of disability.

The HES was also based on functional limitations of the disabled people and followed globally recognised Washington Group Questions for detecting disability.

MUST BE INCLUDED IN NEXT CENSUS Abidur Rahman, a physically challenged person in Kolaroa upazila of Satkhira, has been running an organisation named Spondon for people with disabilities.

He said according to the law, without the Golden Citizen Card, people with disabilities cannot apply for disability allowances and other benefits.

"We know many people who don't have

any disability but still got this card due to political connection. On the other hand, many poor people with disabilities, not connected with any organisation, did not get registered," he added.

Dr Ashraf Ahmed said, "When we began the study, we used to go door to door to collect data. At present, disabled people are spontaneously visiting our field offices to get registered as they know that it will entitle them to receive allowances. They can also register online at dis.gov.bd."

"We're following globally recognised methods and conducting this survey with trained professionals. There's no doubt it is more accurate than any previous survey."

She, however, said one of the biggest remaining limitations is that they do not have any data protection mechanism despite the fact that they are dealing with huge amount of data on some of the most vulnerable population.

"Many government organisations want data from us. In some cases, we have to provide them with the required data but we don't have any mechanism to monitor and ensure that these data are used in a safe way. We have prepared a data privacy guideline and sent that to the law ministry, it has not been passed yet. Once it is passed every organisation working with these data will have to comply with it."

AHM Noman said disability prevalence data is extremely important for proper allocation of resources for these marginalised groups. "One of the positive sides of DSS data is that with their limited resources they are showing disaggregated data based on types of disability. We must ensure that in the next census in 2021, disability is included which can give us a clearer picture on the prevalence of disability in Bangladesh."

20th death

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(Development Corporation) and Titas Gas Corporation from 1968 to 1975, before joining Dainik Bangla and Bichitra as general manager.

He joined The Daily Star in 1990 as its founding managing editor. He became executive editor in 1997 and worked in that capacity till his death.

The first English sports commentator of the country, Tawfiq Aziz worked in radio, and later in television, since 1958. He was also the resident editor of Cricketer Asia of Hong Kong and Sports Times of Lahore.

Tawfiq Aziz was the founding editor of the fortnightly Sports World (Kriya Jagat). He was also involved with the weekly Holiday at its initial stage.

A permanent member of Jatiya Press Club, he was elected president of Bangladesh Sports Writers' Association six times. He was also a national committee member of Fair Election Monitoring Alliance.

Tawfiq Aziz Khan was a founding member and president of the country's first group theatre 'Drama Circle' and served the Rotary Club of Dhaka North-West as its president for two consecutive years.

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