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Strict patrol to enforce lockdown

DMP says it'll will arrest anyone out on streets without emergency as weeklong lockdown begins

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law enforcers have been deployed on streets to make sure people stay indoors as the government starts enforcing a seven-day countrywide lockdown today to stem the surge in Covid-19 infections and deaths.

A sufficient number of armed forces personnel will also be on patrol, the Cabinet Division said in a gazette yesterday, adding that they would be aiding the members of police, Ansar, Rab and Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB).

Meanwhile, the Dhaka Metropolitan Police has warned that anyone found outside their home without emergencies will be arrested during the strict lockdown.

Those people will be arrested and cases will be filed against them under Section 269 of the penal code, DMP Commissioner Md Shafiqul Islam said during a press

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Latifur Rahman's first death anniv today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

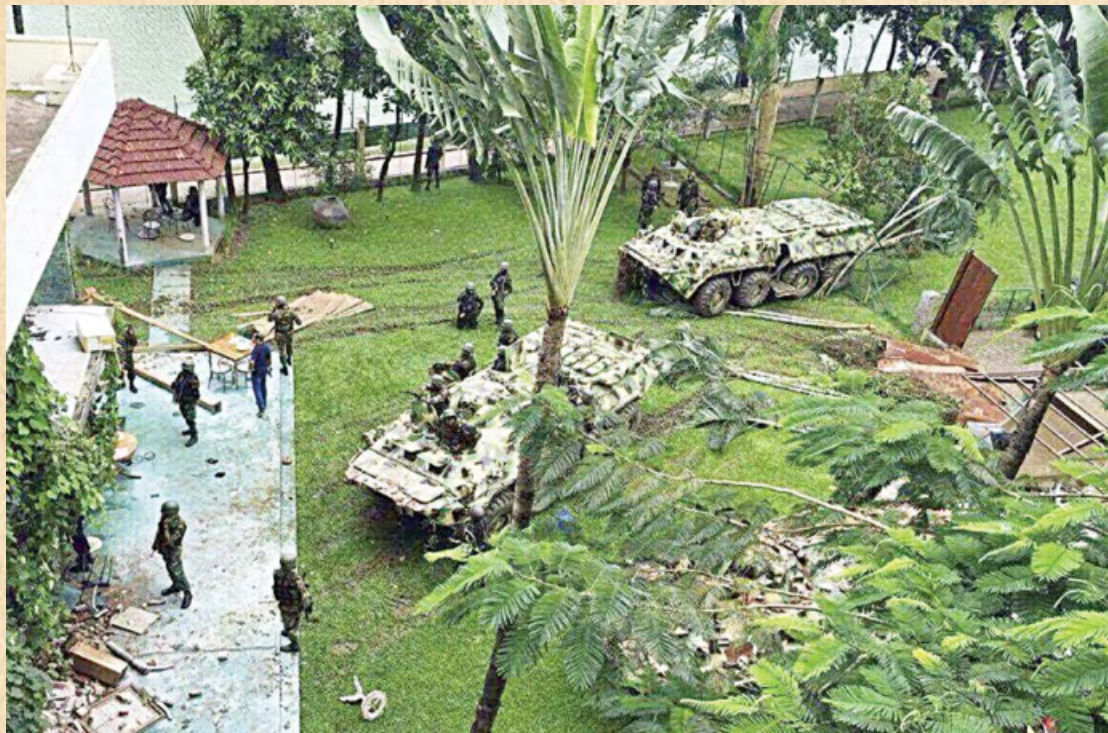
Today is the first death anniversary of Latifur Rahman, founder chairman and CEO of Transcom Group, a well-known and highly respected business house.

His passing coincided with the death anniversary of his grandson Faraaz Ayaaz Hossain. Faraaz,

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MAHFUZ ANAM WRITES ON LATIFUR RAHMAN. SEE PAGE 9

5 YEARS OF HOLEY ARTISAN ATTACK



FARAAZ AYAAZ HOSSAIN 1996-2016

Faith in mankind reaffirmed

WASIM BIN HABIB

"Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that," said iconic American civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr.

It is in this spirit that Faraaz Ayaaz Hossain chose to stay behind at Holey

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Lawmakers blast health boss

Minister says 80pc population to be vaccinated by 2022 first quarter

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eighty percent people of the country will be vaccinated against Covid-19 within the first quarter of next year, Health Minister Zahid Maleque told parliament yesterday.

While explaining, the minister said Bangladesh will get 6.3 crore vaccine shots within December under the Covax facility.

"Besides, we will get seven crore doses of Johnson & Johnson vaccine and will be able to vaccinate seven crore people with the jabs by the first quarter of next year," he added.

In reply to opposition BNP and Jatiya Party lawmakers' huge criticism against the health ministry's failure to ensure vaccine for the people, the minister said around 25 lakh shots of Moderna vaccine would reach the country on July 2-3. Chinese vaccines will also arrive by that time. "Bangladesh has signed an agreement with Chinese Sinopharm to get 1.50 crore vaccine shots."

He said, "The country will have a total stock of 10 crore shots by December and we will be able to inoculate five crore people with the doses," the minister said.

This is how the country will be able to inoculate 80 percent of its population against Covid-19 within the first quarter of next year, the minister added.

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DARKNESS BEFALLS Road 79

Terror-stricken Bangladesh wakes up to rude reality

Through this disgraceful attack, an attempt was made to assassinate the non-communal character of Bangladesh.... The positive image of Bangladesh, known for peace and harmony, was tarnished a bit."

ANTI-TERRORISM SPECIAL TRIBUNAL

WASIM BIN HABIB and MOHAMMAD JAMIL KHAN

With the evening sun going down and the sky turning a dusty pink, a quietness descended at the Holey Artisan Bakery on Road 79 in Gulshan-2, a posh neighbourhood of diplomats and

corporate executives, had a thin crowd after the break of the day's fast.

As the evening progressed, the two-storey eatery -- with a wood-and-stone facade and a sprawling garden facing Gulshan Lake -- got busier.

By 8:00pm, a few Bangladeshis were dining, but the tables were largely occupied by expatriates -- a group of

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Half win stares at a full loss

Spirited counterterrorism initiatives losing its way in social media, poor deradicalisation process

SHARIFUL ISLAM

The threat of terrorism is far from over and done with.

Five years after the grisly Holey Artisan Café attack that caught Bangladesh by surprise and left 22 dead, religious terrorist groups are gaining their strength rapidly through the vast and largely unmanned space of social media and encrypted

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CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF UNIVERSITY OF DHAKA

UNIVERSITY OF HOPE

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Due to restrictions to curb the spread of Covid-19, Dhaka University, the country's oldest university, is beginning its centennial celebrations today with a token programme.

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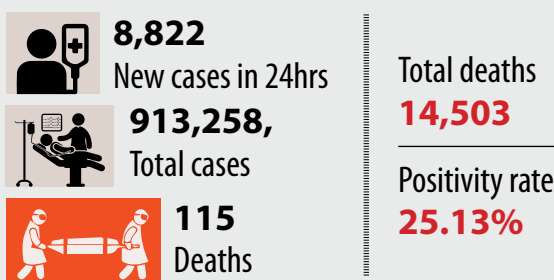
Country logs highest Covid cases in a day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The health directorate yesterday reported the country's highest single-day Covid-19 cases of 8,822 and the second-highest death toll.

The total number of confirmed cases now stands at 9,13,258, according to a press release of the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

With 115 deaths being recorded in the 24 hours till



8:00am yesterday, the country enters a new month with fresh cases and deaths trending upwards.

Yesterday's death toll is second only to the 119 recorded on June 27.

As many as 1,809 people lost their lives in June -- the second-highest monthly death toll so far this year after the 2,400 Covid-19 fatalities in April.

With the latest count, the total number of deaths from Covid-19 in the country reached 14,503 -- around 1.59 percent of all cases detected so far.

The DGHS also reported a positivity rate of 25.13 percent against 35,105 tests in the 24 hours -- the highest daily positivity rate since June 19.

Of the 115 deceased, 72 were men and 43 women. Nine died in their homes and the rest passed away in hospitals.

Khulna division saw the highest 30 deaths yesterday, followed by 23 each in Chattogram and Rajshahi divisions. Among other divisions, 17 died in Dhaka, 11 in Rangpur, six in Mymensingh, three in Sylhet and two in Barisal.

Since Covid-19 cases were first reported in the country on March 8 last year, Bangladesh saw the first peak in July 2020 and the second peak in November last year.

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In The Name of Allah,
The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

5th Death Anniversary of FARAAZ AYAAZ HOSSAIN
April 15, 1996 - July 1, 2016

Five years have passed since you left us and not a day has gone by that we haven't thought of you. Though you left us in grief when you chose to stand by your friends and sacrificed your life to protect them, we hold our heads high today knowing you were our own.

You make us immensely proud when we witness your powerful legacy of courage, friendship and humanity. You are no longer just our 'Chotoo', today you are Bangladesh's and you are the world's.

You live on as a symbol of courage and continue to serve as our moral compass to this day.

Though you are no longer with us, your memory and bravery live on to impact the world.

To all who have stood by us, we thank you for your love and support. Please keep our beloved Faraaz in your prayers and may Allah (SWT) grant him the highest place in Jannatul Firdaus.

Shahnaz Rahman and Family

In The Name of Allah,
The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1st Death Anniversary of LATIFUR RAHMAN
28 August 1945 - 1 July 2020

One year since you left us and you remain as our guiding light. Your strong values of ethics and integrity are still woven into every moment.

You were the pillar of our family and to all those around you. You remain a shining example of honesty, patriotism and excellence in every sphere of life. We may miss your physical presence, but you live on in all our hearts.

You live on in all your strength and as a symbol of ethics.

Though you are no longer with us, your memory and glorious legacy continues.

To all who have stood by us, we thank you for your love and support. Please keep our beloved Latifur Rahman in your prayers and may Allah (SWT) grant him the highest place in Jannatul Firdaus.

Shahnaz Rahman and Family