

Covid deaths

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added the release.

The current positivity rate is 14.14 percent, while the total positivity rate stands at 16.84 percent.

Around 27,921 samples were tested across the country in 24 hours.

At least 6,466 patients recovered during the period. The total number of recoveries now stands at 14,15,697, and the recovery rate is 94.79 percent.

Of the 89 deceased, 41 were men and 48 women. Three were between 21 and 30; five between 31 and 40; 15 between 41 and 50; and 50 were above 60 years old, added the release.

Gun that killed

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Bonhams said.

It said the gun was in "very good" condition with "well worn grips."

Garrett used the .44-caliber gun to shoot Billy the Kid -- who was born Henry McCarty but also went by William Bonney -- in the chest on July 14, 1881 in New Mexico. The gunfighter died at the age of 21.

The previous record for a firearm was \$1.98 million, set by Christie's in 2002 for a pair of flintlock saddle pistols carried by George Washington during the Revolutionary War, Bonhams said. They were gifts from his friend and ally the Marquis de Lafayette.

The sale Friday was the highlight of an auction of Old West firearms, manuscripts, photos and other memorabilia amassed by Texas-based collectors and college professors Jim and Theresa Earle.

Also sold was a Whitney double-barrel hammer shotgun that Billy the Kid took from a sheriff's deputy and used to kill him as he escaped from jail in April 1881.

It fetched nearly \$980,000 at Friday's auction, well above estimates of \$200,000 to \$300,000.

Biman pilot

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said yesterday. "His [pilot] condition is the same as before," reports our Delhi correspondent.

The pilot's condition is still serious and he remained on ventilation support as he suffered brain hemorrhage and bled profusely, said the officials.

A medical board has been formed to treat the pilot. The team includes Subhrajit Dasgupta, director medical services, Ranjan Barokar, critical care physician, and Virender Belekar, critical care physician.

Initially, Capt Nawshad suffered a cardiac arrest in flight and later a CT scan revealed his brain hemorrhage.

On Saturday, Roshan Fulbandhe, assistant general manager of Kingsway Hospital, said, "Capt Nawshad's condition is severe ... he is surviving with full ventilation support ... he suffered brain hemorrhage and bleeding profusely ... he remains unconscious."

He said initially the pilot suffered a cardiac arrest onboard the flight and after that he was taken to the emergency ward of the hospital with "unresponsive and unconscious" condition.

Roshan said an angiogram was done which brought out 60-70 percent blockage in his two arteries. As per the cardiac arrest protocol, the patient was then put on ventilator.

Asked, Biman Managing Director and CEO Abu Saleh Mostafa Kamal told The Daily Star that two sisters of the pilot reached Kingsway Hospital yesterday.

Our Delhi correspondent reports that wife of Capt Nawshad was supposed to reach the hospital last night.

Different media in Dhaka yesterday reported that Capt Nawshad died.

Capt Mahbubur Rahman, president of Bangladesh Airlines' Pilot Association, a platform of pilots of Biman Bangladesh Airlines, said the news on the demise of Capt Nawshad was a rumor.

Carrying 124 passengers on board, the Dhaka-bound Biman flight BG 022 from Muscat made an emergency landing at Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport in Nagar on Friday morning after Capt Nawshad suffered a cardiac arrest.

Capt Nawshad joined Biman in 2002.

Thousands protest curbs on minority voting rights in US

AFP, Washington

Tens of thousands of people took to the streets in Washington, Houston, Atlanta and other US cities to protest against laws in several Republican-led states that critics say will make it harder for minorities to vote.

The date selected for the rallies was not picked at random: It was on August 28, 1963 that a quarter-million people descended on Washington for a massive civil rights rally highlighted by the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr.'s famous "I have a dream" speech.

Addressing a much smaller crowd on Saturday, his son Martin Luther King III spoke of the need to safeguard American democracy and to guarantee voting rights for everyone.



Taliban Fateh fighters (L), a "special forces" unit, stand guard along with other fighters on a street in Kabul yesterday, as suicide bomb threats hung over the final phase of the US military's airlift operation from Kabul, with President Joe Biden warning another attack was highly likely before the evacuations end.

PHOTO: AFP

Khulna farmer develops 6 varieties

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Talking to The Daily Star, Ayub Ali, a farmer of Katianangla village in Batiaghata, said he cultivated traditional Kataribhog and Chapshail in 2019. He got around 16 mounds of paddy from each bigha of land.

Next year, he grew "Alo Dhan" and could produce around 24 mounds of paddy from each bigha of land, he said.

Besides, traditional varieties of paddy need around 145 to 170 days before they can be harvested. But the new ones take 135 days tops, he said.

Since his childhood, Aruni had been interested in cross-breed rice varieties.

His efforts to develop a new variant began in 2010 when he participated

in a three-day workshop on rice hybridisation in Pirojpur organised by a local NGO LOCOS.

He gained some knowledge on hybridisation and pollination from the workshop and later started applying the knowledge in the field.

He has recently submitted an application to the government's Seed Certification Agency (SCA) for recognition of his varieties.

As per procedure, any such development requires examination and analysis by Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BRRI) for SCA's recognition.

Mohammed Khalequzzaman, BRRI chief scientific officer, said if a farmer follows the procedures of cross-breeding, he can develop a new

variety. But it takes six seasons to get the perfect characteristics of a variant. The government intends to give due credit if somebody develops a new variety, he said.

Contacted, BRRI Director General Md Shahjahan Kabir said necessary measures have been taken to examine the new variants.

If the new varieties are really effective, steps will surely be taken to institutionally recognise them for widespread cultivation, he added.

Talking to this paper, Md Monirul Islam Ripon, professor of Agro Technology at Khulna University, said Aruni's efforts to develop new varieties of Aman paddy are praiseworthy. More time is required to test its suitability for widespread cultivation.

CTTC arrests first female Ansar Al Islam

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She is now on a five-day remand in a case filed with Badda Police Station.

The CTTC launched the investigation thinking the target was a male member but further investigation revealed that the member of Ansar al-Islam was a woman, said Md Asaduzzaman, chief of the CTTC unit.

The CTTC officials said they have arrested female members of militant outfits earlier but they were not as well trained as Nabila.

Nabila, with a fake Facebook ID in 2020, connected with the militant group through its Facebook page "Titumir Media", Asaduzzaman said at a briefing yesterday held at the media centre of the Dhaka Metropolitan Police headquarters.

She gradually learned about extremist content.

While accessing the extremist content, Nabila has managed to set up communication with the page's admin panel. The admins then became convinced enough to add her to the group's official site and other pages, he said.

"Nabila used to disseminate content propagating extremism through Facebook pages. She maintained accounts on several encrypted messaging platforms including Telegram and ChirpWire," said Asaduzzaman, also the additional commissioner of DMP.

Preliminary investigations revealed Nabila maintained two Facebook accounts, one ChirpWire account and four Telegram accounts. Her four Telegram accounts have more than 15 channels and 25,000 followers.

Many violent jihadi propaganda

books were uploaded at different times in these channels, said CTTC officials.

She used to share extremist content, bomb-making manuals and strategies of attack in the channels, Asaduzzaman said, adding that she was also involved in maintaining various official and unofficial channels of Ansar al-Islam.

"Nabila was instructed to open an account on the encrypted social media platform ChirpWire from the official website and launched an extremist campaign there as well. Through these processes, she was mentally prepared to participate in jihad."

Recently, her family arranged her marriage, but she told her prospective groom that if he did not follow the same Jihadi ideology as her, she would not marry him.

Bangladesh mission opened

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Shehabuddin said in his statement: "Though at this hour, we are hoisting our national flag on a separate building with a view to avoiding embarrassment to our host government I wish to assert very clearly that I, on behalf of my government, lay full claim to the high commission premise along with the buildings inside them at Chanakyapuri, New Delhi hitherto belonging to defunct Pakistan, and on the so-called Pakistan House at Tilak Marg, New Delhi as the rightful property of Bangladesh. These palatial buildings, like similar missions in other capitals, were built by the rulers of Pakistan with the foreign exchange earned by the jute and tea of Bangladesh and so none has greater right to them than the people of Bangladesh."

BRITISH MP MEETS TAJUDDIN

Peter Shore, Labour MP and former British minister, had lengthy talks with Bangladesh Prime Minister Tajuddin Ahmed today. It was learnt that they reviewed all aspects of the liberation struggle with particular

emphasis on the probable steps which might be taken by the friendly countries overseas to help secure a free and democratic Bangladesh.

INDIA TRYING FOR SAFE RETURN OF REFUGEES: INDIRA

India Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, during her visit to refugee camps today, said India was making an all-out effort to create global pressure to solve the Bangladesh problem so that the refugees could safely return to their homeland.

Indira told Bangladeshi refugees that the people of India were against their forcible return to Bangladesh in their present distress. She said despite many internal and external problems with which India was heavily burdened, the Indian people always supported the democratic cause of Bangladesh. She, however, asked the refugees not to be complacent but to be ready to sacrifice everything for the independence of Bangladesh.

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Janmashtami today

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community on the occasion of Janmashtami and wished success of the programmes arranged for the day.

Mahanagar Sarbajanin Puja Committee has drawn up elaborate programmes, including Geeta Joggo -- seeking blessing for the country -- at 8:00am and a discussion starting at 2:30pm.

Obaidul Quader, road transport and bridges minister and also Awami League general secretary, will virtually join the discussion as the chief guest.

Besides, Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) Mayor Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh, Indian High Commissioner in Dhaka Vikram Kumar Doraiswami, AL Cultural Affairs Secretary Asim Kumar Ukil and daily Bhorer Kagoj Editor Shyamal Dutta will also join the programme.

International Society for Krishna

Consciousness (ISKON) has also arranged a six-day programme, starting today, at Swamibagh Asram here.

Different religious, cultural and social organisations have also chalked out identical programmes across the country for Janmashtami.

According to Hindu mythology, Sri Krishna was born on the eighth day of a dark fortnight in the Bangla month of Bhadra and he takes birth in ages in the world to safeguard the good and pious people from the hands of malevolence by establishing truth, justice and beauty in the society.

National dailies will publish special articles while Bangladesh Betar, Bangladesh Television, other private TV channels and radio stations will air special programmes highlighting various aspects of the eventful life of Lord Sri Krishna.

The country cannot be run

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strengthened. We are being made victims of misrule and autocratic rule. We have to be free from these. This government should be ousted through a movement."

He, however, said they don't want any destructive movement. "We have to launch a united movement to build the country."

The movement would not be partisan, rather it would be launched through unity among the people, the eminent jurist said in his written statement.

Following the fall of the Ershad regime, the Awami League and the BNP formed governments, and they were in competition for politicising all levels of the state machinery.

Criticising the incumbent government, Dr Kamal said the AL formed the government through "vote robbery".

He further said the freedom of expression of the civil society and journalists has been curtailed through the Digital Security Act.

The Gonoforum president alleged that violation of human rights and torture by law enforcement agencies

have become common in the country.

"Bangabandhu never dreamt of such Bangladesh. The Awami league formed by Bangabandhu is now in state power. But why such incidents are taking place here? What are the drawbacks of the state?"

The eminent jurist demanded amendment to articles 70 and 48 (3) of the constitution for making the lawmakers directly accountable to the people.

He further said the constitution should be amended so that no one can hold the post of prime minister for more than two tenures, and ombudsmen should also be appointed.

"The president, the prime minister, ombudsmen and ministers cannot participate in any political programme. Separate commissions should be formed for making appointments to important posts of the state."

Gonoshasthaya Kendra Founder Zafarullah Chowdhury, Nagorik Oikya Convener Mahmudur Rahman Manna and senior leaders of Gonoforum also spoke.

Delta doubles hospital risk

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Delta variant.

'EXCELLENT PROTECTION'

Since these samples were taken, Delta has surged and now accounts for more than 98 percent of new Covid-19 cases in Britain, the authors said.

Multiple studies have shown that full vaccination prevents infection with symptoms and hospitalisation for both Alpha and Delta variants.

"We already know that vaccination offers excellent protection against Delta," said Gavin Dabrera, another lead author and consultant epidemiologist at the National Infection Service, Public Health England.

"It is vital that those who have not received two doses of vaccine do so as soon as possible."

An earlier study from Scotland also reported a doubling in hospitalisation risk with Delta over Alpha, suggesting that Delta causes more severe disease.

The coronavirus has killed at least 4,492,854 people since the outbreak emerged in China in December 2019, according to an AFP compilation of official data yesterday.

MELBOURNE EXTENDS CURB

A lockdown of Australia's second-biggest city Melbourne will be extended, authorities announced yesterday as they struggle to quash a stubborn coronavirus Delta variant outbreak.

Almost seven million people in Melbourne and surrounding Victoria state were scheduled to exit a four-week lockdown on Thursday, but state premier Dan Andrews said it would no longer be possible with case numbers rising by 92 overnight.

It is the city's sixth lockdown of the pandemic, and includes a curfew, the closure of playgrounds and strict limits on exercise.

An unvaccinated teacher in a California elementary school infected half her students and 26 people

in total when she contracted the Covid-19 Delta variant, researchers for the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) found.

The researchers said the teacher attended school for two days despite displaying symptoms of Covid-19, and read aloud to her class without a mask during that time. Infections corresponded to the classroom's seating chart, with the students sitting closest to the teacher the most likely to be infected.

Authorities said the report showed why vaccinations, masks and other prevention measures remain critical to prevent Covid-19 infections as US schools reopen. They also warned that anyone with symptoms of Covid-19 should stay home, to avoid infecting others.

KOSOVO DELAYS SCHOOL YEAR

Kosovo will delay the start of the school year by two weeks and introduce a night-time curfew, the government said yesterday, as coronavirus infections soar.

The government said the curfew will take effect today from 10:00 pm until 5:00 am while the school year will begin in mid-September instead of September 1.

Daily cases of Covid-19 have risen from several hundred at the start of August to some 2,000 a day currently. Kosovo, a 1.8-million-strong country, has registered around 140,000 infections since the start of the pandemic and 2,500 deaths.

The United Arab Emirates announced it will resume issuing visas to all tourists fully vaccinated against Covid from today, a month before Dubai hosts the delayed Expo 2020 trade fair.

The move comes as coronavirus infections drop in the oil-rich Gulf country, after it reported fewer than 1,000 cases per day last week for the first time in months.

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