

## 20pc Covid patients

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were admitted to the hospitals as they had mild symptoms, said the researchers of the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU).

"All the samples collected from the patients admitted in the hospital were Delta variant," said Md Sharfuiddin Ahmed, vice-chancellor of the BSMMU, while sharing the findings of the study at an event yesterday.

Between December 8 last year and January 8 this year, 96 samples were collected.

A total of 769 samples from patients aged between nine months and 90 years from all divisions were collected between June 29 last year and January 8 this year for the study, which found death risk was higher among those aged 60 years and above if they had tested positive for the second time.

About 98 percent had the deadly Delta variant, while 1 percent each had the Beta variant and the Nigerian variant.

However, earlier on Monday, the Directorate General of Health Services officials said the Omicron variant is replacing the Delta variant faster and has been causing the skyrocketing in the daily caseload, which was a "bad sign".

In the 24 hours to 8 am yesterday, 8,407 cases were recorded -- the highest since August 13 last year.

## BNP expels

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Zia and also from the Narayanganj district convener post for contesting the election violating the party decision of boycotting the polls.

Taimur lost the mayoral race to Selina Hayat Ivy in the city corporation polls on Sunday.

## Husband

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disagreements.

Police detained Nobel, 48, and Farhad, 47, from Green Road around 4:00am on Monday after finding in the car a piece of the thread used to sew the two sacks together.

They were arrested later in a murder case filed yesterday by Shimu's elder brother with Keraniganj Model Police Station.

After police brought them to a Dhaka court with a 10-day remand prayer yesterday, the court placed each of them on a three-day remand.

Shimu's younger sister Fatema Nisha told reporters that Nobel and her sister got married 18 years ago. Her brother Shahidul Islam Khokon said Shimu, 41, was working at the advertisement section of a TV channel.

Shimu stepped into the silver screen with the movie "Bartaman" in 1998. She performed in over 20 films.

## Over 200 sued

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The students were accused of attempted murder, battery, wrongful confinement, unlawful assembly, obstruction of public duty.

The demonstrators said the case was filed to intimidate them into suspending the protests.

The students yesterday sent a letter via the postal service to President Abdul Hamid, also

the chancellor of the university, demanding the VC's resignation and the appointment of a new VC.

Hundreds of them gathered on campus in the morning and staged a sit-in in front of the VC's residence later in the day.

Sust authorities on Sunday closed the university for an indefinite period and asked all students to vacate the dorms by Monday noon.

## Special vaccine drive

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surgeons across the country to carry out similar drives at their localities.

There are some 60 to 70 lakh road transport workers across the country, according to Bangladesh Road Transport Workers

Federation.

However, no such move was taken for waterways workers across the country.

Shah Alam, president of Bangladesh Noutjan Sramik Federation, said very few of their 2 lakh workers were vaccinated.

## Govt to probe

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for Peace and Justice, to campaign against Bangladesh, especially to stop the trials of the war criminals in 2013-14.

He presented several documents that show BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir wrote to the US House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs in 2019.

BNP lobbied to stop foreign assistance and increase the US government's pressure on human rights grounds, he said. "We believe BNP-Jamaat worked on other issues against Bangladesh under disguise."

"We decided today to send the documents to Bangladesh Bank to inquire if the money spent by BNP on lobbying is legal and declared to the EC. They will act accordingly after the inquiry." He said as per US law, appointing lobbyists is legal but it has to be ensured that money is clean because it can come through illegal means.

Asked about AL appointing lobbyists in the US, Shahriar Alam said the government signed a contract with

a BGR PR to fight the negative campaign against Bangladesh, especially that began during the war crimes trial in 2013-14. The contract is valid until March this year.

He said Bangladesh also needed to show its achievements to the world in terms of SDGs, women empowerment, climate change and poverty alleviation. In no way, this is for a lobby. It's for promoting Bangladesh.

Asked if the government decided to appoint any lobbyist firm, especially after the US sanctions on Rab, he said, "We don't believe in pursuing political agenda using that route where cash is involved... we hope to directly engage with the US and bring results."

Meanwhile, Information and Broadcasting Minister Hasan Mahmud questioned BNP's right to politics in the country.

"BNP is hatching conspiracies against Bangladesh to stop the country's ongoing development and create barriers in export trade through appointing lobbyist firms in many countries, including the US," he said at a views-exchange meeting with journalists.

## It won't bring

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from civil society or any educationist and jurist can be its member."

He said the EC is going to be formed with only government officials or those who have a habit of obeying government orders all their lives and such an EC will not yield any positive outcome.

On Monday, the

Cabinet approved the draft of the "Chief Election Commissioner and Election Commissioner Appointment Act, 2022" to have a law in this regard as per the constitution.

Nazrul, a BNP standing committee member, said their party is not willing to join general election under the current government and administration.

## Resist any syndicate

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As per the G2G Plus mechanism, the recruitment cost was initially set at Tk 37,000 but it was then increased to Tk 1,60,000. In reality, each worker had to spend Tk 3,50,000 on average for a job in Malaysia.

A portion of this extra cost used to be laundered out of the country to he southeast Asian nation.

"Our estimate suggests at least Tk 5,000 crore was laundered from Bangladesh to Malaysia because of the syndication," said the letter.

Apart from that, the syndicate swindled at least Tk 600 crore through unnecessary medical tests of around 12 lakh Bangladeshi workers, the letter said.

"If there is again a syndicate of agents for labour recruitment to Malaysia, our migrant workers will once more become victims of labour exploitation, corruption will spread, human trafficking will increase and the overall potential of the [overseas employment] sector will be affected. Our

dignity abroad will also be hampered," said the letter.

In the letter, the SSF also demanded punishment of syndicate members through a judicial commission.

Contacted, SSF Senior Vice-president Riaz-Ul Islam said a majority of the 1400-plus licensed recruiting agencies are against any syndication.

"We want fair play, not monopoly. We want to get rid of the infamy associated with labour recruitment," he told this correspondent yesterday.

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**NORTH SOUTH UNIVERSITY**  
*Center of Excellence in Higher Education*

**Tender No. NSU/21-22-08**

**North South University** is inviting sealed offer from bona fide/ reputed organization/ distributors/ business partners/ agents for supplying photocopier, desktop computer for North South University as described in the tender schedule.

**Detail of the items mentioned below:**  
Lot: 1- Photocopier (30 ppm).  
Lot: 2- i7 desktop computer

Interested bidders may collect schedule of tender from Southeast Bank Ltd. Bashundhara Branch, Dhaka from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on all working days till **January 30, 2022** by paying non-refundable amount of Taka 1,000.00 (One Thousand) in cash for each schedule.

The bidders must submit **earnest money @ 2.5%** of the quoted price in the form of Pay Order issued from any scheduled bank drawn in favor of North South University along with their offer. The sealed offer must be submitted on **January 31, 2022** by 2.15 p.m. at the office of the undersigned. The offers will be opened at 2:30 p.m. on the same day. Representatives of the participating bidders may remain present at the time of opening the bids. NSU authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without showing any reason.

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**e-GP Tender Notice 03/2021-22 (OTM/NCT)**

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of:

Tender ID No.	Package No.	Description of works	Last selling date and time	Closing date and time	Opening date and time
645854	UIIP-BC/PCO/W-474	A) Construction of One-Storeyed Public Toilet (Type A = 56 Sqm) at Panchbibi Pour Market under Panchbibi Pourashava, Joypurhat. B) Construction of One-Storeyed Vegetables & Agricultural Products Market of 5-Storeyed Foundation (Floor Area = 314 sqm) at Panchbibi Pour Baliaghat Market under Panchbibi Pourashava, Joypurhat	16/02/2022 17:00	17/02/2022 13:00	17/02/2022 13:00
645855	UIIP-BC/PCO/W-508	Rehabilitation of RCC Road & RCC Drain St from Joypurhat-Panchbibi Road to H/O Chandan, Ward No. 02, Ch 0+94.00m	16/02/2022 17:00	17/02/2022 13:00	17/02/2022 13:00

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.

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Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)).

For more details please contact to the PE's Support Desk.

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Date : 18.01.2022

**e-Tender Notice 06/2021-2022**

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of following package:

Sl. No.	Tender ID No.	Name of Supply	Last Date and Time of Tender Security Submission	Tender Closing Date & Time
1	647547	Renovation of classrooms, Seminar, washroom, Library, Laboratory and other academic structures with interior design, electrical work, electrical instrument set up etc.	03-Feb-2022 02:00 pm	03-Feb-2022 03:00 pm

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