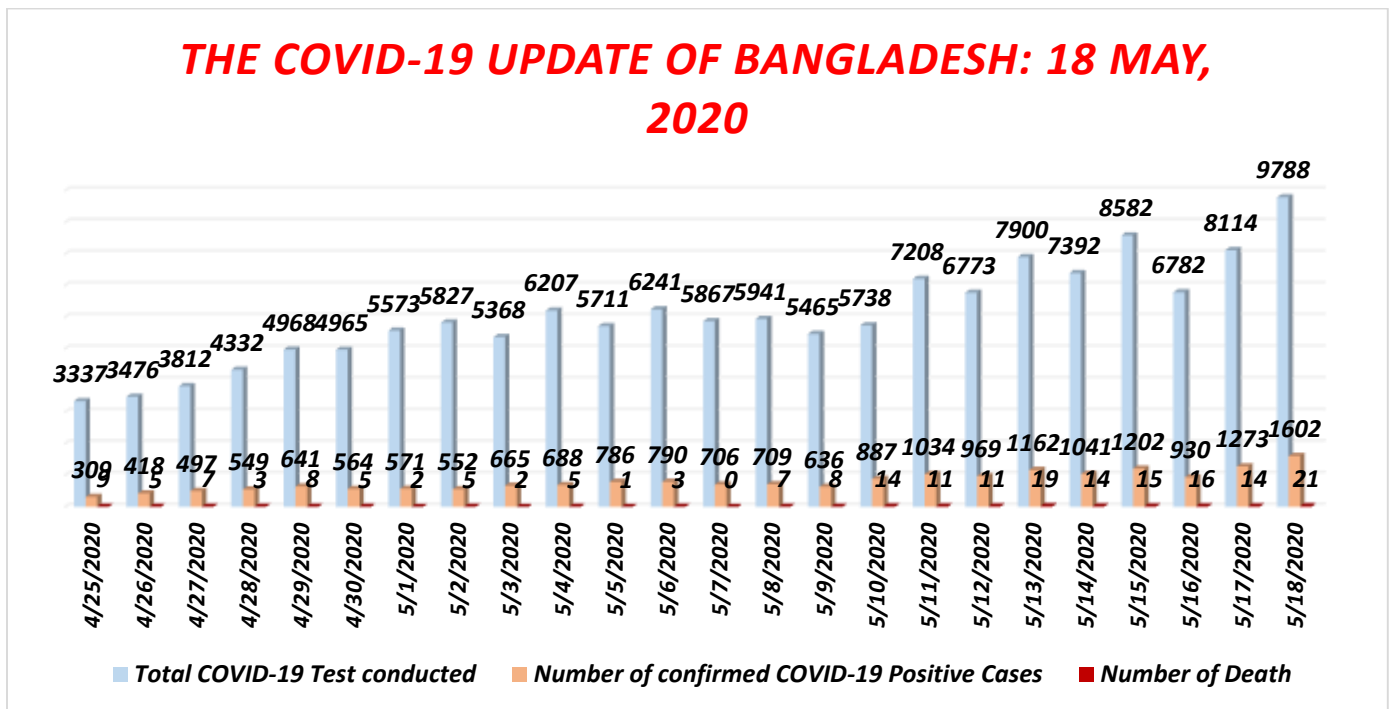


### Situation Update on COVID-19: 18 May 2020

The COVID-19 pandemic has already been shaped a global economic and humanitarian crisis of a completely different magnitude. Declared as a pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO), WHO prepared several guidelines to fight against pandemic. Governments across the world enforce lockdowns to suppress the spread of Covid-19 although many countries have been unable to contain its spread. However, it has been detected in **213** countries so far. The COVID-19 has already resulted in **316,860** deaths globally; the confirmed COVID-19 positive cases are **4,815,707** where **2,635,466** are the active cases<sup>1</sup>.

Bangladesh is not new to disasters or major humanitarian crises. The COVID-19 pandemic, however, is a crisis of a completely different magnitude and one that will require a response of an unprecedented scale. The first case of Covid-19 in Bangladesh was detected on 8 March 2020. However, the confirmed COVID-19 positive cases are increasing on a daily basis. Compare to the total conducted test of COVID-19, **16.37%** is tested positive today, on the one hand. The recovery rate is **1.12%** out of total **18,936** active cases. To control the situation and the spread of COVID-19, the government has taken several measures which include confirmed Social and Physical Distancing, Countrywide Lockdown, Institutional and Home Quarantines etc.



For COVID-19 related any emergency, please contact below numbers:

- National Call Center:** 333
- Health Portal:** 16263
- IEDCR:** 10655
- Specialist Health Line:** 0196116 77777
- National Helpline:** 109

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/#countries>