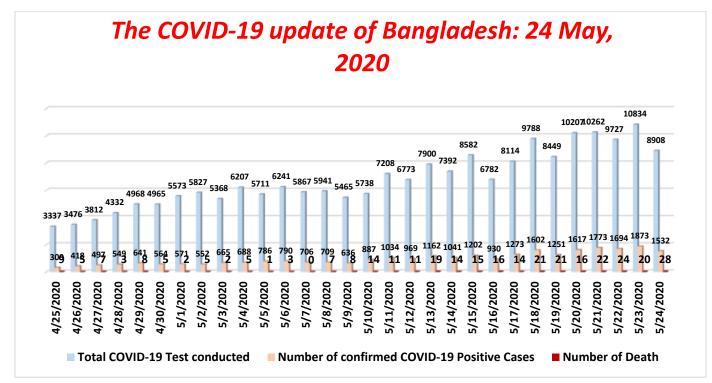


Situation Update on COVID-19: 24 May 2020

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 344,206 deaths globally; the confirmed COVID-19 positive cases are 5,418,495 where 2,819,883 are the active cases¹.

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, **17**.20% is tested positive today, on the one hand. The recovery rate is **1**.58% out of total **26**,229 active cases. Moreover, **929** deaths were recorded from 8th March to 9th May with COVID-19 symptoms². 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; Website: <u>www.corona.gov.bd</u> or <u>www.iedcr.gov.bd</u>

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

² <u>http://peaceobservatory-cgs.org/#/all-division-heat-map</u>