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Subject: Bangladesh Extends Coronavirus Restrictions till 31st of August

The government today issued an order extending its countrywide restrictions on public activities and movements.

1. The restriction will continue from August 4 to August 31. Weekly holidays will also be under the purview of the restrictions.
2. Without urgency (burials, necessary purchasing or selling including medicines, medical services and movement towards workplaces), none will be allowed to go out between 10 pm to 5 am during that period.
3. Outside of home, wearing face-mask, keeping social distancing and maintaining health guidelines must be followed by everyone, otherwise rules violators will face legal actions.
4. Markets, shops and shopping malls must be closed within 8 pm while temperature-checking and hand-washing facilities, sanitizers, vehicle disinfecting services must be ensured at entries of shopping malls and social distancing and health guidelines must be followed strictly. It is said people should be encouraged to use e-commerce platforms to purchase goods and food items.
5. Government, autonomous, private offices; banks and financial institutions; industries and factories; and service providing institutions would remain open by maintaining the health guidelines issued by the Health Services Division (HSD) of the Health and Family Welfare Ministry.
6. All kinds of transportation services including public transport will remain operational by maintaining health guidelines issued by the HSD.
7. Ministries and divisions concerned would issue necessary directives to keep educational institutions and coaching centres shut during the period of restrictions.
8. All kinds of rallies, meetings, mass gatherings and functions cannot be held during the restriction while arrangement of programs on virtual platforms should be given priority. Devotees could offer their prayers at mosques and other places of worship following the directives issued by the Religious Affairs Ministry.
9. Movements in severely infected areas should be controlled following the guidelines and strategy of zone-wise containment system formulated by the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

Supply and availability of daily essentials should be ensured for mass people there while city corporations and district administrations will make overall coordination of such activities in their respective areas of jurisdiction.

10. Local Government Division, Information Ministry, Religious Affairs Ministry, Health Services Division, district and upazila administrations will carry out massive campaign and awareness raising activities to check the spread of the deadly Covid-19.

Ministries and divisions concerned have been requested to take necessary measures in light of the directives.

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