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Press Release

First Detection of MERs-corona virus patient in Bangladesh

Today in Bangladesh, first patient of Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Corona Virus (MERS-CoV) has been detected. This has been detected by examining the patient in the hospital and by testing the patient's sample in the Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR).

Last week, the 53-year old Bangladeshi expatriate arrived in Dhaka from the USA via Abu Dhabi. He was hospitalized with fever, cough and respiratory trouble. His condition has been improving. Reportedly the patient has diabetics and high blood pressure.

The National Rapid Response Team of the IEDCR has kept those who came in close contact with the patient under observation.

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MERS -Corona Virus Related Emergency Health Messages

Symptoms of the disease caused by MARS-Corona virus

- 1. Fever with more than 100⁰ F /38⁰ C temperature***
- 2. Fever is accompanied by cough and severe acute respiratory trouble***
- 3. In some cases shivering, pain and feeling cold may also be observed***
- 4. Patient may also suffer from pneumonia***

If anyone returned from Middle East has had a contact with person confirmed/tentatively diagnosed as a patient of MER-Corona virus shows the symptoms within fourteen days, he/she must report to the nearby Government Medical Centre.

Prevention Measures against the spread of MERS-Corona virus

- 1. Please cover your mouth and nose with tissue paper or clothes during sneezing***
- 2. Please do not spill cough or saliva here and there***
- 3. Please wash your hand with soap during switching over to one work from another***
- 4. Please use mask if symptoms of MERS-Corona virus appear***
- 5. Please contact rapidly to the nearby Medical Centre if symptoms show up.***