

A Correspondent

Manikganj: The local administration has put Bailjuri village of Ghior upazila under lockdown to prevent transmission of novel coronavirus following the death of an elderly man with symptoms of COVID-19.

Ghior Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Irene Akhter made the announcement on Wednesday and sent 26 residents of six houses to home quarantine until further instruction.

The UNO said Alamgir Hossain, the man who recently died, was a cashier at Metropolitan Hospital in the capital and resident of the village. Doctors advised him to undergo home quarantine as he had been suffering from asthma and fever since last week.

He was taken to Kurmitola General Hospital on Tuesday night as his condition deteriorated but he died on the way.

Later, the family members brought his body to the village and buried him at family graveyard early in the morning.

Following the death, coronavirus panic spread among the people in the village. On information, the local administration rushed in and declared the village under lockdown .

Deputy Commissioner SM Ferdous said members of the Institute of Epidemiology Disease Control And Research (IEDCR)

collected the medical history of the deceased who was suffering from fever and heart disease. Bangladesh has so far confirmed five coronavirus deaths and a total of 27 cases after testing 794. Seven patients have recovered.

The government has restricted the movement of people across the country to prevent the spread of virus.