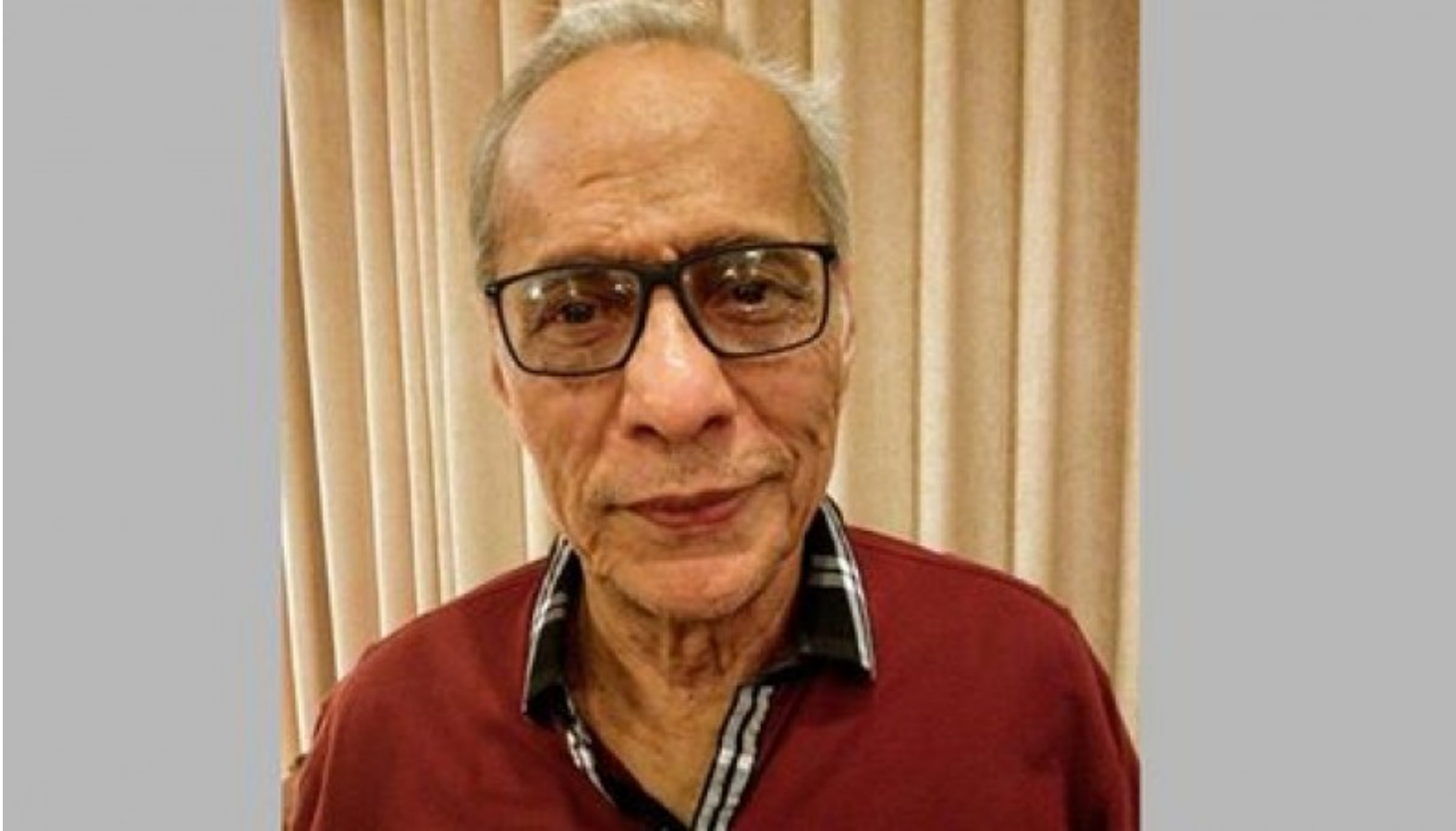


NTV programme head Mustafa Kamal dies of COVID-19

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Mustafa Kamal Syed

Mustafa Kamal Syed, the chief of programme of private television channel NTV, died of COVID-19 at a Dhaka hospital on Sunday while at least 225 journalists and media workers from 77 media houses were infected with coronavirus till the day.

Mustafa Kamal was 75.

NTV chief news editor Zahirul Alam said Mustafa Kamal, also former deputy director general of Bangladesh Television, breathed his last at 1:30pm at Square Hospital, where he was admitted with breathing difficulty on May 11 and tested positive for COVID-19 on May 13.

'Mustafa Kamal's wife Zeenat Rehana has also tested positive. However, she has been in self-isolation and is doing better now,' said NTV senior executive Pavel Islam.

Different socio-cultural organisations expressed condolence at the death of Mustafa Kamal.

He started his career with Pakistan TV's Dhaka wing in 1967 and joined NTV in 2003.

Mustafa Kamal was known for his musical productions like Kichu Kotha Kichu Gaan hosted by Abdul Hadi and Gaan Guli Mor hosted by Ferdousi Rahman on NTV.

Mustafa was the recipient of National Award for Best Music Producer of Television in 1975.

He also received Tenasinas (TV Drama Artiste and Playwright's Association) Drama Award in 1994. He was buried at Banani Graveyard following a namaz-e janaza.

He is survived by his daughter Rehnuma Kamal Ahmed, a BTV news presenter, and son Rehan Syed.

Mustafa Kamal is the third person from media died of COVID-19 in Bangladesh.

Earlier, on April 28, Dainik Somoyer Alo city editor and chief reporter Humayun Kabir Khokon died at Regent Hospital at Uttara in the capital while Daily Jababdihi assistant circulation manager Sheikh Baruzzaman died on May 29.

Besides, at least three more journalists died with the COVID-19 symptoms in the meantime.

They are Dainik Somoyer Alo shift in-charge Mahmudul Hakim Apu, daily Bhorer Kagoj senior reporter Aslam Rahman and Daily Bangldesher Khobor chief photographer Mizanur Rahman Khan.

Among the infected journalists and media workers, 63 have already recovered.

NTV workers said at least 20 journalists and media workers of the house had so far tested positive for COVID-19.

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