



Media Surveillance on Coronavirus

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Brief Overview: On January 7, China reported the identification of a new corona virus nCoV (later COVID-19) and on 11th, the first death from it, followed by cases in other Asian countries and in the USA. Since, the media coverage of the new 2019-nCoV epidemic has been increasing worldwide. Most articles, reports and TV or internet news inform on the number of cases and on public health measures taken by health authorities.

The media both shape opinions and reflect them, in a way that may be site- or country-specific. Showing which themes are highlighted by the media in a country and how, the reasons for this local construction and the role played by the media, and the way representations circulate is important to understand the social construction of a new disease and associated

population perception and trust towards the epidemic response. Considering this experience, the documentation of the main media coverage regarding the coronavirus epidemic (print and visual) in Bangladesh from the very beginning (here from 1st January) may help in understanding people's perception and reaction about the breaking epidemic. The latter can be elicited by collecting the online comments that follow articles in the print media.

Objectives:

1. To document the messages and meanings spread by the print and visual media at the national level in Bangladesh through a selective and ordered collection of news reports, articles and videos
2. To document the reactions and opinions of the populations to media coverage through the collection of online readers' comments to these articles and reports.

Methodology: Four researchers are collecting and reviewing reports, articles, op-ed etc. from newspapers, talkshows/ programmes on COVID-19, and selecting websites from Alexa . The extracted data will be summarized, thematically analyzed and will be redacted as a report.

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