

# Dhaka ready to face

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A draft document titled "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" shows that under the SDG, 17 goals might be met.  
The first two of the proposed goals are: 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere, and 2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture.  
Talking exclusively to this newspaper, Dr Shamsul said: "If Bangladesh's track record in achieving the MDG milestones is something to go by, we'll fare well in implementing the

body keeping a constant track of the MDG and post-MDG developments.  
Extreme poverty widely refers to earning below the international poverty line of \$1.25 a day.  
According to the summary of the "Millennium Development Goals: Bangladesh Progress Report 2015", the country has made remarkable progresses in poverty alleviation, ensuring food security, primary school enrollment, gender parity in primary and secondary-level education, lowering infant and under-five mortality rate and maternal mortality rate, improving immunisation coverage and reducing communicable dis-

BANGLADESH'S STATUS IN FEW KEY MDG INDICATORS			
GOALS	BASE YEAR (1990)	CURRENT STATUS	TARGET BY 2015
Eradicating extreme poverty and hunger	58 percent	24.8 percent	29 percent
Achieving universal primary education	60.5 percent	98.7 percent	100 percent
Reducing child (under-5) mortality	146 deaths per thousand	46 deaths per thousand	48 deaths per thousand
Improving maternal health	574 deaths per 1 lakh live births (maternal mortality)	170 deaths per 1 lakh live births	143 deaths per 1 lakh live births

upcoming SDG as well."  
Bangladesh is one of the forerunners in achieving the first of eight Millennium Development Goals -- reducing extreme poverty rates by a half between 1990 and 2015. In fact, Bangladesh received special honours from the UN for halving the number of people in extreme poverty (from 58 percent to 29 percent) more than a couple of years ahead of time.  
Bangladesh will be able to eradicate extreme poverty by 2030, the expected terminal year for the SDG, hoped Shamsul, who oversees the General Economics Division, the key

elements.  
Shamsul, also a senior secretary, said: "You just can't simply claim that we've achieved all eight MDGs as each of these goals has several targets set under them. But definitely we've met many of these goals and targets."  
Planning Commission sources said there are MDG indicators where Bangladesh is still progressing towards meeting the targets by the end of 2015 whereas the eighth edition of the MDG progress report will capture the progress achieved up to late last year or early this year.

# UN keen to take more

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The UN official said he had discussed the issue with top Bangladesh leaders and high-ups of the army during his meetings with them in the last three days.  
"Many of our missions are French-speaking. We need people who are very fluent in speaking and writing French, apart from English."  
"The leaders of Bangladesh told me that they are going to work on this particularly in the language lab of BIPSOT [Bangladesh Institute of Peace Support Operation Training]."  
The under-secretary general said Bangladeshis peacekeepers were deployed in "extremely" challenging missions, and the credit went to Bangladesh Army.  
"I came here within six months of my appointment to thank Bangladesh leadership and its people because its troops perform exceedingly well despite being posted in difficult, hard-to-reach and insecure places... I am very happy with their performance," he said.  
With the deployment of 9,432 Bangladeshi troops and police (till August 31, 2015) in 10 UN missions, Bangladesh tops the list of peacekeepers-sending countries.  
He also appreciated the role of Bangladeshi female peacekeepers, and said some of them were working under elite forces such as Formed Police Unit (FPU).  
Some 300 Bangladeshi female police in two battalions have been deployed in Congo and Haiti under the FPU.  
The UN official greatly praised the role of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, and said he already started working on the ideas put forward by the PM.  
Quoting the PM, he said Bangladesh became a "brand name" in UN peacekeeping.  
"She [the PM] has made a number of suggestions in the last peacekeeping summit. The suggestions and ideas are extremely useful for the future of UN peacekeeping missions."  
Atul Khare said he decided to start implementing the proposals after taking charge.  
Responding to a question from The Daily Star correspondent, the UN official said they would discuss how Bangladeshi businesspeople could take part in the UN procurement process for peacekeeping missions.  
A conference on doing business with the UN would be arranged next year to discuss all these issues and see how Bangladeshi businesspeople can be registered with the UN and participate in tenders.  
The UN official said they had arranged such conference in Dhaka three years ago.  
The annual procurement volume of the UN is about \$3 billion, and about 90 percent of the purchase is done for the Department of Field Support, he said.  
"Bangladesh's RMG sector can be looked at... We can also look at many areas, including Bangladesh's quality medicines."  
"I want them to go for high-end products and services..."

Atul Khare said UN peacekeeping missions faced challenges that included maintaining the highest standard of conduct and discipline.  
"I am very happy that in the last two years there is not a single case that I had to report to Bangladesh."  
Bangladeshi peacekeepers were very good at conduct and discipline, while there were problems with members of a few countries in some UN missions.  
There were 43 cases of complaint against UN peacekeepers in 2014.  
"That is a challenge we all need to work together and address... Bangladesh has promised to work to that end as a UN member with preventive approach," he added.  
Earlier, Atul Khare made a courtesy call on Inspector General of Police AKM Shahidul Hoque at the police headquarters.  
The IGP requested the UN official to increase the number of Bangladesh police personnel in UN peacekeeping missions, according to a media release from the police headquarters.  
In response, the under-secretary general said the request was logical, and that he would convey it to the Department of Peacekeeping Operations.

# Khaleda leaves

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Sayrul Kabir Khan, a member of the BNP chief's media wing, told The Daily Star.  
She was accompanied by one of her advisers Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury, personal assistant Abdus Sattar and party leader Abdul Awal Mintoos' son Tabitha Awal, Kabir added.  
This is the first time that Khaleda is going to celebrate Eid outside the country with her elder son Tarique Rahman, his wife Zubaida Khan Rahman, their daughters, and Khaleda's younger son Arafat Rahman Koko's wife and her daughters.  
Party sources said Koko's family members have reached London from Malaysia where they had been living since late 2008. Koko died suffering a heart attack on January 24.  
Khaleda is likely to stay in London for around two weeks.  
BNP insiders say the former prime minister has instructed party standing committee members Nazrul Islam Khan, Goyeshwar Chandra Roy and Joint Secretary General Mohammad Shahjahan to handle party activities in her absence.  
But there was no official instruction on the matter, they add.  
Khaleda has also reportedly asked Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir to return to Bangladesh. Fakhrul is now in the USA for treatment.  
According to party insiders, the visit of the BNP chairperson would be a significant one, as she would discuss crucial political issues with her elder son and party senior vice chairperson Tarique Rahman, who has been staying in London since 2008.

# ARSON CASE MK Anwar, 33 other BNP men charged

COURT CORRESPONDENT  
Wari police have pressed charges against BNP standing committee member MK Anwar and 33 other party men, including, Amanullah Aman and Barkatullah Bulu, in another arson case.  
Sub-inspector of Wari Police Station Shah Alam, also investigating officer (IO) of the case, on Monday submitted the charge sheet against them to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court of Dhaka, showing 35 people as prosecution witnesses.  
BNP leaders Habib-Un-Nabi Khan Sohel, Salauddin Ahmed, Shamsur Rahman Shimul Biswas, Maruf Kamal Khan Sohel, Shirin Sultana and Khairul Kabir Khokon are also among the accused.  
Of the 34 accused, 18 are now on bail and Aman is in jail. MK Anwar, Maruf Kamal, Shimul Biswas, Shirin and 11 others were shown fugitives in the charge sheet, and the IO appealed to the court to issue arrest warrants against them.  
But, MK Anwar was earlier sent to jail after he surrendered before a Comilla court in connection with an arson case.  
The IO included names of seven people in the charge sheet after their involvement in the incident was found. Their names were not in the first information report (FIR) of the case, according to the charge sheet.  
According to the case statement, a group of BNP-led 20-party alliance leaders and activists torched a bus by throwing petrol bombs on Dhaka-Adamjee highway near Mayor Mohammad Hanif Flyover on January 30.

# KL against

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saying the agencies cannot be involved in this."  
The Malaysian delegation, which discussed the modus operandi of recruitment of Bangladeshi workers, feared that "criminals" might go to that country in the name of jobseekers, said the minister.  
Malaysia and Bangladesh were supposed to sign an agreement, G2G Plus, yesterday, but could not do so as there were differences between the two sides over some issues on the workers' recruitment modalities, he said.  
"However, minutes of the meetings held between the two delegations were exchanged and an agreement would be signed after both the sides discuss the issue with their respective governments," added the minister.  
Seeking anonymity, an official of the expatriates' welfare ministry said according to the discussion at the meeting, Malaysian employers would submit the demands of Bangladeshi workers to the Malaysian labour ministry.  
The Malaysian labour ministry, after scrutiny, will send the demands to Bangladesh's Bureau of Manpower Employment and Training (BMET).  
The BMET will then select workers from the database and arrange their recruitment. It will also distribute the rest of the job demands to the private recruiting agencies, the official said.  
"Therefore, the private agencies do not need to collect job demands directly from the Malaysian employers," the official explained.  
Asked how the private recruiting agencies would be selected, he said a system would be developed for this.  
Yesterday, Malaysian Human Resources Ministry Secretary General Saripuddin Bin Hj Kasim and expatriates' welfare ministry secretary Khandker Md Iftekhar Haider exchanged the minutes of the Joint Working Committee meeting at a city hotel.  
The Malaysian delegation came with a new formula named G2G Plus to expedite the recruitment process of Bangladeshi workers, officials at the ministry said.  
A memorandum of understanding was signed between Malaysia and Bangladesh for the G2G in November 2012 after Malaysia withdrew a four-year embargo on the recruitment of Bangladeshi workers.  
However, Malaysia recruited only 10,000 workers in its plantation sector in two years under the G2G. Now, the Southeast Asian nation is considering recruiting Bangladeshi workers in other sectors like construction, manufacture and services, ministry officials said.  
To speed up the recruitment process, officials of the two countries met in June this year. At that time, Malaysia announced that it would recruit 1.5 million Bangladeshis in the next three years.

# Moudud's son dies

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Hospital on September 8, where he was diagnosed with dengue. Moudud's personal secretary Mominur Rahman Sujon told The Daily Star.  
Aman was airlifted to Mount Elizabeth Hospital from United Hospital around 12:20am Tuesday. Moudud and his wife Hasna Moudud also flew with their son, he added.  
But he breathed his last on the lap of his parents around 4:30am, minutes after landing in Singapore, he said, quoting Moudud Ahmed.  
Aman's body has been kept in the mortuary of the Singapore hospital and is likely to be flown to Dhaka after completing necessary formalities at the hospital, Sujon said.  
Sujon said Aman's condition started deteriorating on September 13. The United Hospital authorities formed a medical board the same day.  
"Aman was given a high power antibiotic and then put on life support," Sujon added.

On Monday, Aman's parent took measures to treat him at the Singapore hospital and the air ambulance reached Dhaka in the evening.  
Quoting Moudud, Sujon said the United Hospital authorities dilly-dallied in releasing Aman, which caused further delay in taking him to the Singapore hospital.  
Sujon also said Aman's parents were displeased with the "negligence and wrong treatment" of United Hospital in treating their son.  
Aman Moudud will be buried beside his maternal grandfather Poet Jasimuddin's grave in Faridpur as per his wish.  
He left behind his parents, one sister and a host of relatives, friends and well-wishers to mourn his death. The couple had earlier lost their first son -- Asif Momtaz Moudud -- when he was three.  
BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia in a statement expressed deep shock over the demise of Aman Moudud.

WHAT THE HOSPITAL SAYS  
In an email to The Daily Star, Mustafizur Rahman, PR Communications Officer, Marketing Department, United Hospital Ltd, said Aman was admitted to the hospital on September 9 with fever for two days.  
"After his blood test, it was found that he was suffering from dengue fever and was being treated accordingly under the supervision of Dr Afsana Begum of medicine department."  
"Under this circumstance, the patient was handed over to the air ambulance team that came from Singapore upon the will and under the management of his family. The patient's family also signed the Discharge on Request Bond paper of the hospital."  
The statement also said the hospital authority was unable to provide any information regarding his treatment without the consent of the family members of the deceased.

# Mad rush for advance train tickets

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ahead of Eid-ul-Azha which is to be celebrated on September 25.  
Though the counters opened at 9:00am, many started to join the queues for tickets from early yesterday.  
"I came here last night to get in the front of the line. Now, I have got tickets but I had to wait for some nine hours," Soharab Hossain, another ticket-seeker, told The Daily Star around 10:00am.  
The private job holder who will travel to Khulna on September 20 said he had purchased tickets the same way in the previous years.  
But all were not as lucky as Mofazzal and Soharab.  
Many returned empty-handed even after standing in queues for hours as tickets for their desired date were already sold out.  
"I came here around 9:00am and stood at the end of my line. When my

turn came around 1:00pm, I was told that there was no ticket," said Mahtab Hossain, a college student, who was looking for a ticket to Rangpur on the same day.  
Many passengers alleged that adequate tickets were not available due to a quota system.  
Railway officials said of the total tickets, 25 percent are to be sold online while five percent are kept reserved for VIPs, five percent for railway staff and around seven percent for regular quota that include MPs, justices, freedom fighters and people with disabilities.  
On average, around 18,000 tickets are sold daily at Kamalapur Railway Station ahead of Eid, they added.  
Meanwhile, Railway Minister Mazibul Hoque yesterday visited the railway station and warned of stern action if train schedules were not maintained due to anyone's negligence.

Our Chittagong correspondent added that ticket-seekers also thronged the railway station there from early yesterday and there was a huge crowd yesterday morning.  
Two special trains will run on Chittagong-Chandpur route from September 22 till the day before Eid to tackle the rush of home-goers, said officials.  
Tickets for only September 20 were sold yesterday, the first day of the sale of advance Eid tickets. The tickets for September 21, 22, 23 and 24 would be available today, tomorrow, Friday and Saturday.  
Return tickets for September 27, 28, 29, 30 and October 1 will be sold on September 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27 respectively at Rajshahi, Khulna, Rangpur, Dinajpur and Lalmonirhat railway stations.

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Memo No. HED/HPNSDP/SSKMCH & NI / Gopal/Tender-1170/2015/ 136 Dated : 15.09.2015

**Invitation for Tender**

Sealed Tenders are hereby invited from among the eligible Tenderers for Construction of 9-storied new hospital building with 10- storied foundation within the project " Sheikh Sayera Khatun Medical College & Hospital and Nursing Institute", Gopalganj. The details of the Tender are shown in the table below:

1	Ministry	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW).																
2	Agency	Health Engineering Department (HED).																
3	Procuring Entity Name	Health Engineering Department (HED), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.																
4	Procuring Entity Code	None.																
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka.																
6	Invitation Ref. No.	Works.																
7	Invitation Ref. No.	স্বাধীন/ স্বাস্থ্য-১/শেখ সায়েরা (অংশ-১)/২০১৫/২৫১																
8	Date	29.04.2015																
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>																		
9	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM), National.																
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>																		
10	Budget and Source of Funds	Government of Bangladesh (GOB) Development Budget.																
11	Development Partners	None																
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>																		
12	Project/Programme Code	5-2711-5250.																
13	Project/Programme Name	Establishment of Sheikh Sayera Khatun Medical College & Hospital and Nursing Institute, Gopalganj.																
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16	Tender Publication Date	17.09.2015																
17	Tender Last Selling Date and Time	Date: 19.10.2015 Time 1600 Hours.																
18	Tender Closing Date and Time	Date: 20.10.2015 Time 1300 Hours.																
19	Tender Opening Date and Time	Date: 20.10.2015 Time 1400 Hours.																
20	Name & Address of the Office for Selling Tender Documents.	i. Office of the Chief Engineer, Health Engineering Department (HED), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, 105-106, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000. ii. Office of the Director General, Directorate General of Health Services, Mohakhali, Dhaka iii. Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division. iv. Office of the Principal & Project Director (PD), "Sheikh Sayera Khatun Medical College & Hospital and Nursing Institute", Gopalganj. v. Office of the Superintending Engineer, HED, Circle-4 (Khulna), Faridpur. vi. Office of the Executive Engineer, HED, Faridpur Division.																
21	Name & Address of the Office for Receiving Tenders.	i. Office of the Chief Engineer, Health Engineering Department (HED), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, 105-106, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000. ii. Office of the Director General, Directorate General of Health Services, Mohakhali, Dhaka. iii. Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Segun Bagicha, Dhaka. iv. Office of the Metro Politan Police Commissioner, Ramna, Dhaka.																
22	Name & Address of the Office for Opening Tenders.	Office of the Chief Engineer, Health Engineering Department (HED), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, 105-106, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.																
23	Place/Date/Time of Pre-Tender Meeting (Optional)	Pre-tender meeting will be held at conference room of HED Head office on 12.10.2015 at 11.00AM																
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDER.</b>																		
24	Brief Description of works.	The work consist as follows: (i) Construction of 9- Storied New Hospital Building with 10-Storied Pre-cast pile foundation. (ii) Conventional type and Addressable type Fire detection, protection & alarm system.																
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26	Brief Description of Related Services.	External Utility: Drain, Apron, Approach Road, External sewerage system etc.																
27	Price of Tender Documents	Tk. 5000.00 (Taka Five Thousand) Only in the Form of Treasury Challan to Accounts Code No. 1-2717-0000-2366.																
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS.</b>																		
28	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Brigadier General Ahmedul Kabir																
29	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Chief Engineer, Health Engineering Department (HED).																
30	Address of Official Inviting Tender	105-106, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.																
31	Contact Details of Official Inviting Tender	i. Telephone No.:02-9577917,9577918, Fax No.:880-2-9587601, e-Mail address: hedhq@yahoo.com.																
32	Special Instructions	i. All submittals must be signed by the Tenderer, if not, the Tender Shall be treated as non-responsive. ii. In case of submitting Tender documents by secured post service must be addressed to Chief Engineer, HED, 105-106, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000 and it must be reached within the time mentioned in Sl. no.18. iii. Tender submission letter (Form PW3-1) should be filled in as per form attached with the Tender document. If not, Tender shall not be accepted. iv. Any less or discount/above on total quoted amount in the abstract of BOQ of Tender Document will not be accepted but Modification as per ITT Clause 45.1 will be accepted. v. Notification of award (NOA) will be issued to the Successful Tenderer after getting approval from the competent Authority. vi. The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all Tenders prior to acceptance without assigning any reason whatsoever.																

  
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