

COVID-19

Country reports 18 new cases, no death

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh reported 18 new Covid cases in 24 hours until yesterday morning, taking the total recorded cases to 1,952,957.

With no new Covid death reported for the 23rd consecutive day, the total fatalities from the pandemic remained unchanged at 29,127.

The daily test positivity rate slightly dropped to 0.45 percent from Thursday's 0.51 percent, according to Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

The mortality rate remained unchanged at 1.49 percent, while the recovery rate rose to 97.23 percent with 327 patients recovering during this period.

In April, the country reported only five Covid-related deaths and 1,114 new cases. A total of 14,100 patients recovered from the disease, according to DGHS data.

Collaboration with startups can grow economic ties

Says US Chamber of Commerce

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The US Chamber of Commerce has said collaboration between the US private sector and Bangladeshi startups can be a "powerful tool" in the new generation of growth of Bangladesh-US economic relations.

The US Chamber of Commerce's US-Bangladesh Business Council led an executive delegation to Bangladesh for a four-day visit to discuss strengthening of US-Bangladesh economic relations with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and senior members of the Bangladesh government across trade and commerce, foreign affairs, finance, energy, digital economy, water and sustainability.

The delegation ended its visit by meeting with over 30 Bangladeshi startups and partners at the Edward M Kennedy Center to ensure US companies are well connected to the talented youth and entrepreneurs of Bangladesh.

They are building state-of-the-art solutions across fintech, agriculture, water, food security, and professional services, which are supporting Bangladesh's transition to a developed economy by 2041, said the US Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

The executive delegation was led by the Council's Board Chair Jay R Pryor, vice president (business development) at Chevron, as the mission lead, and joined by Visa and Excelerate Energy as corporate partners.

The council's full board of directors and over 30 US industry leaders from a diverse sectors also joined the delegation.

Meanwhile, the prime minister launched the council's Digital Economy Taskforce, to be co-chaired by Meta and Visa, and will focus on the future of digital connectivity in Bangladesh's economic growth.

Sailing to save lives

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to get alleviation for different physical deformities, particularly cataracts. Besides that, the hospital has two operation theatres where orthopaedic, general and plastic surgery is performed, Alauddin informed.

Even during the pandemic, the hospital provided medical services and ran awareness campaigns on Covid-19.

"Our staff works round the clock to ensure that the operating theatres are in pristine, germ-free conditions. We usually stay docked in an area for as long as we have patients. On average, in every area we receive around 150-200 patients," he said.

"During the last two decades, many foreign surgeons from our donor agencies have visited the hospital to provide training to the local health providers and developed a system with protocols for quality treatment and care at the hospital," he further said.

IFB also has a training centre at its Chuadanga health facility, where its hosts seven-day training sessions on birth support to prevent disabilities during the process.

Additionally, it trains school teachers on how to conduct basic eye check-ups on students and train community leaders.

"To date, we have served patients in 32 locations in 22 districts. Seven lakh patients have availed medical services, and more than 50,000 patients have undergone surgeries," Alauddin said.

Dr Hasib Mahmud, CEO of IFB, said, "The lifespan of floating hospitals is usually 30 years. We have to get our vessel's clearance renewed from Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation every year after the authority performs a thorough fitness check."

"Almost 23 years into running this operation, our greatest challenge now is to find a way to continue our work after the next seven years. We'll have to get a new vessel and donors, since we now know the demand for services like ours is high," he said.

Will unveil movement outline

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standing committee member, said the party is going to unite all parties with which it has differences of opinion, for the sake of the country and its people.

"The conspirators will be weakened when a strong unity among the nationalist forces is forged. If the nationalist forces remain divided, the opportunists will become stronger, and corruption will increase," he observed.

The BNP leader also said the government's "fascist" activities are encouraging opposition parties to come together, putting aside their differences.

Stating that BNP's stance is clear on the matter that no national election can be held under the current Awami League government, he said, "We want the fall of this government. The current

parliament has to be dissolved as well."

"Sheikh Hasina is a big obstacle to a fair election. She must be removed from power before the election," he said, adding that no election can be held credibly under the current prime minister.

The BNP leader said their party will not only boycott the election under Sheikh Hasina but also resist a name-only election to be held under her.

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Civil Aviation Authority, Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Director  
Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport  
Kurmitola, Dhaka  
www.caab.gov.bd

Memo No: 30.31.0000.173.3258105

Dated: 11/05/2022

e-Tender Notice

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>). Package information is available in tender notice under e-GP system portal.

This is online tender where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.

To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.

The fees for downloading the e-Tender Documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank's branches. Detailed of the Goods listed below:

No	Name of Goods	Package No.	Tender ID	Last Selling Date and Time	Closing Date and Time
01.	Repairing of 2 (two) un-serviceable (useless) Single View Hold Baggage Scanning Machine Model Rapiscan 628XR at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport.	30.31.0000.121.32.121. 07.028.21.74 dt. 09.05.2022	696956	31-May-2022 at 17:00	01-Jun-2022 at 12:15

Further information and guidelines is available in the e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)).

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Chattogram City Corporation

Head Office, Tigerpass, Chattogram.

Memo: 46.11.1600.002.31.99.22.121

Dated: 12-05-2022

Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)

For [Different road & Important Infrastructural development Including Airport Road under Chattogram City Corporation]

Government of the People Republic of Bangladesh

1.	Ministry	Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development & Co-operation/Local Government Division
2.	Agency	Chattogram City Corporation
3.	Name of the Procuring Entity	Project Director & Chief Engineer, Chattogram City Corporation
4.	Location of the Project	Chattogram City Corporation Area
5.	Expression of Interest for selection of	Engineering Consultant Firm
6.	EOI Ref No.	46.11.1600.002.31.99.22.121
7.	Date	12-05-2022
8.	Procurement Method	Quality and Cost Based Selection (National)
9.	Budget and Source of funds	GOB
10.	Title of the Service	Engineering Consultation Service
11.	EOI Closing Date and Time	31/05/2022, Time: 12:00 PM
12.	Brief Description of the project	Providing Consultancy Services for the following items but not limited to: - Detailed design & supervision of 600m Overpass at Airport Road. - Detailed design & supervision of 38 nos. of Foot over bridge at different junction. - Detailed design & supervision of 22 nos. of Bridges (RCC girder) at different places. - Detailed design & supervision of 10 nos. of Roundabout at different intersections. - Supervision & Estimate Revision (if any) with quality Control of different Road project in 41 wards.
13.	Experience, resource & Delivery Capacity Required	Consulting Firms with minimum 20 (Twenty) years' experience of following etc. Experience of works in brief but not limited to: a) Experience in working with Structural/steel Structure/Road project in Metropolitan Area of Bangladesh b) Specific Experience with at least 1 (One) completed Flyover/Elevated Expressway project in Metropolitan Area of Bangladesh with previous 10 (Ten) years. c) Having Experience in Road Project within last 5 (Five) years. Interested Firm(s) should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are: a) Registration paper of the firm(s), (b) JV agreement/Letter of intent (if applicable); c) Firm's Brochure; d) General Experience of the firm(s); e) Experience in similar project compatible size, complexity and technical specialty in the required area including nature, total cost, total input in terms of man month, employer, location of service etc. (Completed within last 10 years); f) Audited Financial reports for last three years; g) Experience summaries of Key Staff; h) Staffing and logistics of the firm, etc.
14.	Association with foreign firms is	Not encouraged
15.	Name of the Official Inviting EOI	Rafiqul Islam
16.	Designation of the Official Inviting EOI	Chief Engineer
17.	Address if the Official Inviting EOI	Chattogram City Corporation, Head Office, Tigerpass, Chattogram.
18.	Contact Details of the Official Inviting EOI	Phone: 880-31-633486, e-mail: ce.cc.ctg@gmail.com
19.	Other Details	Envelope containing Application/Proposal (EOI) along with relevant supporting documents to be marked with Expressions of Interest (EOI) for "Different Road & Important Infrastructural Development Including Airport Road under Chattogram City Corporation" are to be submitted to the office of the Chief Engineer, Head Office, Tigerpass, Chattogram. No Application/Proposal will be accepted after the EOI Closing Time.

Authority reserves the right to accept or reject all EOI either partly or in full without assigning any reason thereof.

Engr. Rafiqul Islam

Chief Engineer

Address: Chattogram City Corporation, Head Office, Tigerpass, Chattogram.

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Phone No: 880-31-633486

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climate-vulnerable communities in Sakhira. What is your understanding of the situation there?

Mortensen: I have gained a lot of experience. There are a lot of opportunities, but also the challenges regarding drinking water. There is a massive need for new knowledge and technology. Bangladesh needs a lot of investment to address this crisis. We have made new development strategies for Bangladesh in June last year and decided to invest in green development and climate adaptation.

DS: Do you have any new strategy concerning Bangladesh's LDC graduation?

Mortensen: We have to move from aid to trade. Danish companies are quite good in the green transition. Many companies are already doing business here. As we have close connections at the government level, more Danish companies are looking for new investment opportunities. There will be more cooperation between the two countries because of Bangladesh's economically and politically stable market.

DS: Do you see any challenges for the Danish companies eager to invest here?

Mortensen: It seems Bangladesh is very attractive for foreign investments. All we need is goodwill from all partners.

DS: Is Crown Princess Mary's visit to Bangladesh significant?

Mortensen: Indeed. Bangladesh and Denmark are celebrating 50 years of diplomatic relations. We have been welcomed here in the best possible manner. The crown princess also has an interest in the areas we have been working on.

Ashutosh president

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announced yesterday by the forum's chief election commissioner Ashraf Alam on the Supreme Court premises.

The new committee also comprises of 10 more office-bearers.

Ashutosh was elected president, as his rival candidate Shamima Akhter, chief reporter of Rtv, withdrew her candidacy at the last moment while others were elected unopposed.

Earlier, Ashutosh was elected the forum's president for two terms.

Biman picks

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Ukraine war, they will operate direct flights to Toronto and the flight time will be reduced by two to three hours. "In that case, we will be able to carry more passengers which will make the route commercially viable."

For direct flights to Toronto, we are expecting to get passengers who will come to Dhaka from Kolkata, Nepal and even from Myanmar.

Biman on March 26 operated an experimental commercial direct flight on the Toronto route amid criticism from different quarters as around 35 to 40 government officials, and two MPs visited Toronto on this trip at the cost of public money.

The flight had cost around Tk4 crore, officials said.

Questions were raised whether Biman's decision to operate direct flights on this route will be commercially viable in terms of load factor and ticket fare among other related issues.

Later in early April, Biman had formed a four-member committee, led by Director (Flight Operations) Capt ABM Ismail, to conduct the feasibility on the Dhaka-Toronto route.

According to the committee, Manchester was chosen for the stopover as it is a major city in the northwest of England, and it is home to over 100,000 Bangladeshi expatriates.

The committee also recommended Manchester because of favourable weather patterns and ease of getting flight slots in the morning and afternoon.

Biman is planning to use Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner for operations on this route. The Dreamliner has a total of 298 seats, including 30 in business class, 21 in premium economy class, and 247 in economy class.

Biman had offered Tk1,20,647 for return flight in Economy class as base fare, Tk1,83,530 in premium economy class and Tk 2,68,547 for business class as promotional fare for the experimental flight.

The airline is yet to finalise the airfare for commercial flight.

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Zonal Settlement Office, Dhaka

28, Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sarani

Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208

Invitation for Tender (IFT)

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1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Land (MoL)			
2	Agency	Directorate of Land Records and Surveys			
3	Procuring Entity Name	Zonal Settlement Officer, Dhaka			
4	Procuring Entity Code	N/A			
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka			
6	Invitation for	Procurement of Drone Mapping and Post Processing Software and Drone			
7	Invitation Ref No	31.03.2692.022.30.016.22.111			
8	Date	12/05/2022			
KEY INFORMATION					
9	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)			
FUNDING INFORMATION					
10	Budget and Source of Funds	GoB			
11	Development Partners (if applicable)	N/A			
PARTICULAR INFORMATION					
12	Project/Programme Code (if applicable)	N/A			
13	Project/Programme Name (if applicable)	N/A			
14	Tender Package No.	01			
15	Tender Package Name	Procurement of Drone Mapping and Post Processing Software and Drone			
16	Tender Publication Date	17/05/2022			
17	Tender Last Selling Date	30/05/2022			
18	Tender Closing Date and Time	30/05/2022 at 02:00 PM			
19	Tender Opening Date and Time	31/05/2022 at 03:00 PM			
20	Name & Address of the office(s)	307, Floor: 2nd, Zonal Settlement Office, Dhaka. Directorate of Land Records and Survey, 28, Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sarani, Dhaka-1208.			
	Selling Tender Document (Principal)	307, Floor: 2nd, Zonal Settlement Office, Dhaka, Directorate of Land Records and Survey. 28. Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sarani, Dhaka-1208.			
	Selling Tender Document (Others)				
	Receiving Tender Document	307, Floor: 2nd, Zonal Settlement Office, Dhaka. Directorate of Land Records and Survey. 28, Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sarani, Dhaka-1208.			
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER					
22	Brief Eligibility and Qualification of Tenderer	As described in the tender document(s)			
23	Brief Description of Goods	As described in the tender document(s)			
24	Brief Description of Related Services	As described in the tender document(s)			
25	Price of Tender Document (Tk)	Price of the hard copy of Tender document is Taka 1000.00 (one thousand) only (no refundable) for each lot. Tender advertisement can be viewed from the website of zonal Settlement Office, Dhaka ( <a href="http://www.zsodhaka.gov.bd">www.zsodhaka.gov.bd</a> ). Money receipt for purchasing the Tender document(s) must be submitted with the Tender.			
	Lot No	Identification of Lot	Location	Tender Security Amount (Tk)	Completion Time in Weeks
26	01	Procurement of Drone Mapping and Post Processing Software and Drone	307, Floor: 2nd, Zonal Settlement Office, Dhaka 28, Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sarani, Dhaka-1208.	3 (Three) percent of the total value of the item(s) quoted by the Tenderer	03 (three) weeks from the date of issuing NOA
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS					
27	Name of Official Inviting Tender		Md. Ashraf Hossain		
28	Designation of Official Inviting Tender		Zonal Settlement Officer, Dhaka		
29	Address of Official Inviting Tender		307, Floor: 2nd, Zonal Settlement Office, Dhaka 28, Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sarani, Dhaka-1208.		
30	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender		Tel. No. 02-8170067 email: <a href="mailto:zsodhaka@dlrs.gov.bd">zsodhaka@dlrs.gov.bd</a>		
31	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the Tender proceedings.				

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