



What you're witnessing in this photo is a circumstance that is not often experienced by residents of Dhaka -- streets without gridlock. With many being away for Eid holidays, city residents get some respite travelling to places for a few days. This photo was taken in Moghbazar area yesterday.

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## IMMUNISATION WEEK Restore immunisation coverage: WHO

UNB, Dhaka

The Covid-19 pandemic caused millions of children to miss out on routine vaccines and countries must act now to restore essential immunisation coverage to a least of 2019 levels, said World Health Organization (WHO), marking the start of World Immunization Week. Under the banner of "The Big Catch Up", WHO and partners will support countries to get back on track so that more children and adults are protected from preventable diseases.

An estimated 25 million children missed out on essential vaccination in 2021 alone, according to the United Nations.

World Immunization Week runs through Sunday, and WHO has joined forces with the UN Children's Fund (Unicef), Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and many other international partners.

Particular focus will be given to the 20 countries that are home to three-quarters of the children who missed vaccinations in 2021, which include Afghanistan, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, India, Pakistan, Somalia and Myanmar.

Catherine Russell, Unicef executive director, said, "Routine vaccines are typically a child's first entry into their health system. Children who miss out on their early vaccines are at added risk of being cut out of health care in the long run."

## Eleven more hospitalised with dengue



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Eleven more patients were hospitalised with dengue in the 24 hours till yesterday morning.

Of the new patients, five were admitted to hospitals in Dhaka, according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

Thirty-two dengue patients, including 18 in the capital, are now receiving treatment at hospitals across the country.

So far, the DGHS has recorded 941 dengue cases, 899 recoveries, and ten deaths this year.

The country logged 281 dengue deaths in 2022 -- the highest on record after 179 deaths recorded in 2019. Also, it recorded 62,423 dengue cases and 61,971 recoveries last year.

## No scope for further

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"substantially be damaged" if Bangladesh joined "Quad", a US-led initiative. He had termed Quad "a military alliance against China".

Bangladesh always maintained that it believes in a non-alignment policy dictum of "friendship to all and malice to none" and does not want to be part of any military alliance. This was very explicit in Bangladesh's Indo-Pacific Outlook, said former foreign secretary Shahidul Haque, also Bangabandhu Chair at the University of Delhi.

"This is a major policy of Bangladesh related to its engagement with its bilateral, regional or multilateral partners. The fact that it has now been made public is great," he told this correspondent yesterday.

Bangladesh's development and trade partners will have a clear understanding of what and how Bangladesh wants things to operate in the Indo-Pacific, Haque said.

"This is a vision. When practical projects will be taken up and issues will arise, we can address them based on this vision. The outlook can also have revisions as required," he added.

"Now, we need to explain

this vision to our partners. We need expert diplomats for this purpose," he said.

Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS) Research Director Dr Mahfuz Kabir said as Bangladesh is a growing economy, with its international trade growth, it wants no conflicts and a free, open and secure region.

It also wants inclusivity, which means it does not want any exclusion of any country or partner, he added.

The principles in the Indo-Pacific Outlook may look like those in the US-led IPS, but it is not like that in reality, said Mahfuz Kabir. "We don't exclude anyone. We will work with all in the areas where our policies match."

He said the US, Japan, India and China are some of the major development and trade partners of Bangladesh.

"I think our trade and investment will grow rapidly as our vision on the Indo-Pacific is clear now," he said.

Shahidul Haque said defence alliances in the region mean conflicts, which will only hamper regional development.

"We are for unity, stability and peace, not conflicts. That's very clear in our outlook."

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After paying his homage to Pankaj, Hasan Mahmud said Pankaj participated in all mass movements and played an active role in the pro-democracy movement after independence.

"His death has created a void in the political arena, and we have a lot to learn from his life and political life," added Hasan.

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## Safety compliances still a far cry

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Moreover, letters were served to 144 very factories vulnerable to such accidents to improve their safety arrangements. However, Jashim could not confirm immediately whether the improvements took place or not.

The FBCCI chief also said a safety cell under FBCCI has been mainly inspecting the fire, structural and electrical safety standards during the inspection of the factories.

Awareness of safety compliances in the non-RMG sectors is largely ignored, said Md Saiful Islam, president of the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI). "For instance, 12 fire incidents took place in different business houses and markets across the country on 17 days in April," he said.

The government, along with relevant organisations, should improve workplace safety in the non-RMG sectors because human lives matter," he added.

Meanwhile, around two months ago, the Department of Inspection for Factories and Establishments (DIFE) started sending letters to 106 non-RMG factories that lack safety compliances, said Md Nasir.

Out of the 106 factories, 17 are very vulnerable and need to comply with fire safety and environmental standards immediately to protect the workers from any health hazards, according to a BIDA official.

The rest of the 89 factories can fulfil compliance measures in phases.

Most of the vulnerable factories are located in Keraniganj and Narayanganj and represent the chemical, plastic and knitwear sectors.

## The benefits that Hamid will receive

former president will get any other service or position before assuming the office of president, he or she can choose between receiving either that pension or the president's pension.

If the president dies while getting pension, his surviving spouse shall receive a monthly pension for life at the rate of two-thirds of the pension.

Hamid will get some other benefits as a former president. As per the law, he will get a personal assistant and an attendant.

He will also receive office expenses, the total annual amount of which will be fixed by the government from time to time.

Apart from this, the

former president will get medical benefits equal to that of a minister. He will also enjoy free use of government vehicles for attending government functions, a telephone connection at his residence and exemption from payment of its bills up to the limit prescribed by the government from time to time.

Hamid will also receive a diplomatic passport. He will then get the benefit of rent free accommodation in government circuit houses or rest houses while traveling within the country.

Hamid's wife will also get medical facilities, a diplomatic passport and the opportunity to avail

## Bangladesh Satellite Company Limited

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## Invitation for Tenders

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Ministry/Division Ministry of Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology.

Agency Posts and Telecommunications Division.

Procuring entity name Bangladesh Satellite Company Limited.

Procuring entity code Not used at present.

Procuring entity district Dhaka.

Invitation Ref No. 14.39.0000.012.07.002.23.188

Date 24/04/2023.

## KEY INFORMATION

Procurement method Open Tender.

## FUNDING INFORMATION

Budget and source of funds Company's own fund.

Tender Package No. BSCL/2022-23/PG-13.

Procurement of Substation Spare Parts for both

Ground Station.

Tender publication date 26/04/2023.

Tender last selling date 11/05/2023, Time: 04:00pm.

Date 14/05/2023

Time 12:05pm

Date 14/05/2023

Time 12:20pm

## Address

Managing Director,

Bangladesh Satellite Company Limited

SEL Rose-N-Dale, Level-07, 116, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1000

## INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

Brief eligibility and qualification of tenderer Minimum 3 years in supplying related goods.

Brief description of goods Procurement of Substation Spare Parts for both

Ground Station.

Price of tender document (Tk) Tk. 500 (Five Taka only).

Lot No. Identification of lot Location

01 Nil Tender security amount (Tk)

As per the tender document

## PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

Name of official inviting tender Md. Shafiqul Islam.

Designation of official inviting tender Managing Director.

Address of official inviting tender Bangladesh Satellite Company Limited

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The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings.

(Signed)  
Md. Shafiqul Islam  
Managing Director

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**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
Office of the Executive Engineer, Department of Public Health Engineering  
Rangamati Division, Rangamati

**Invitation e-Tender**

Tender Notice Memo No. 46.03.2200.061.14.026.19-1032  
Date: 25/04/2023

1 Ministry/Division	Local Government Division
2 Agency	Department of Public Health Engineering
3 Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)
4 e-Tender ID	ID No: 822243, 822252, 822248
5 Description of works:	Installation of Water Source (100x38mm Deep Tube Well) with Submersible pump motor, 6 No. Hand Pump & Ringwell for celebrating Mujib Shata Barsha at different Upazila of Rangamati District under Budget Repair of 4th Class Office Staff house and boundary wall under DPHE Rangamati Division (FY: 2022-2023)
6 Name, designation & address of official	Engr. Parag Barua, Executive Engineer, DPHE, Rangamati Division, Rangamati.
7 This is online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and on offline/hard copies will be accepted.	Interested persons/firms can see details in the: <a href="http://www.eprocure.gov.bd">www.eprocure.gov.bd</a>
Engr. Parag Barua Executive Engineer Department of Public Health Engineering Rangamati Division, Rangamati	

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