

## Govt to open 10 BR hospitals for public use

MoU signed between ministries;  
2,000 doctors to be hired through  
special BCS by mid-Sept

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The ministries of railways and health yesterday signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to jointly operate 10 hospitals under Bangladesh Railway (BR) in a bid to improve healthcare services.

Once preparatory work is complete, the hospitals will be opened to the public. Currently, they only serve railway officials, staff, their family members, and railway passengers.

Railway officials said these hospitals fail to provide expected services due to a shortage of doctors, nurses, and other staff, as well as a lack of modern medical equipment and other necessary resources.

Railways Ministry Secretary Fahimul Islam and Health Services Division Secretary Saidur Rahman signed the MoU on behalf of their respective ministries at the Health Services Division auditorium at the secretariat.

This move comes over a decade after a similar MoU was signed in 2015 regarding BR's hospital in Dhaka's Kamalapur. That agreement failed to bring significant improvement, which BR officials blamed on inter-ministerial friction and the inaction of the managing committee formed at the time.

The new initiative follows a recent visit by Railways Adviser Muhammad Fouzul Kabir Khan to the Railway General Hospital in Chattogram. During the visit earlier this month, he found only five patients receiving treatment in the 92-bed facility.

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## No new industrial units within 10km of Sundarbans ECA

UNB, Dhaka

The government has decided to prohibit any new industrial unit and project from being established within 10 kilometres of the Ecologically Critical Area (ECA) surrounding the Sundarbans.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Environment and Climate Change Committee at the Secretariat with Environment Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan in the chair yesterday.

The ministry will soon issue a gazette notification in this regard, officials said.

A panel of experts will assess the environmental impact of existing industrial units within 10km of the ECA. Based on these assessments and existing court orders, further decisions will be made regarding those establishments.

The meeting also approved amendments to the Climate Change Trust Rules allowing joint project proposals from government, private organisations, and NGOs.

It was also decided that all ministries will be consulted to formulate the next action plan to tackle noise pollution.

Besides, a target was set to ensure that at least 30 percent of bricks used in public and private construction are concrete blocks by 2025.

A coordination meeting at the secretary level will be held in May to follow up on the implementation.



The bridge over the Jhenai river in Tangail's Basail upazila remains unfinished more than three years after its scheduled completion date, causing immense suffering to hundreds of people.

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### BASAIL UPAZILA IN TANGAIL

## 3 years past deadline, bridge still incomplete

MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

Construction of a bridge over the Jhenai river in Tangail's Basail upazila remains incomplete more than three years after the deadline, causing immense suffering to hundreds of people.

Blaming the negligence of the contractor and the authorities, locals have urged the government to complete the work without further delay.

The bridge is crucial for connecting Basail and Mirzapur upazilas. Its absence has severely disrupted daily life, forcing residents to cross the river by boat.

Farmers said they face difficulties transporting produce and cattle across the river.

According to the LGED office in Basail, work on the 256 metre bridge began on March 18, 2020,

after the old one collapsed into the river in 2019.

The construction was awarded to Haider Construction Private Limited and Md Liaquat Ali (JV) at a cost of Tk 27.23 crore. The deadline in the work order was September 24, 2022.

During a recent visit, this correspondent saw people crossing the river on a small boat. Locals said the fare is Tk 10 per person or bicycle, and Tk 20 for each motorcycle.

Motaleb Hossain, a local resident, said the bridge has been under construction for five years, with only the piling and pillars at both ends completed so far. The rest of the work remains pending. "If a patient falls ill at night, boats aren't available, and cars can't reach us either. We urgently need the bridge to be completed," said Rashida Akter, a local resident.

Shamim Al Mamun, chairman of Kanchanpur Union Parishad, said, "We are trying our best to make sure the work is completed."

Fattaur Rahman, upazila engineer in Basail who joined recently, said about 60 percent of the bridge work has been completed. He said they have repeatedly told the contractor to finish the remaining work, but the contractor has cited a financial crisis.

"If he does not work, we will re-tender and give the work to someone else," he added.

Despite several attempts, this correspondent could not reach the owner of the contracting company, Haider Ali, or the engineer.

Mohammad Kamruzzaman, executive engineer of LGED in Tangail, said necessary steps will be taken to complete the construction work as soon as possible.

## Meghna erosion intensifies in Bhola

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Severe erosion by the Meghna river has intensified in recent weeks in Shibpur union under Bhola Sadar upazila, threatening to wash away riverbank areas, a fish landing station, and other infrastructure.

The erosion has worsened along a four-kilometre stretch of the river, with the fish landing station in the union located just 500 metres from the affected area. Already, some 400 metres of the riverbank have collapsed, and residents fear the entire area, including the landing station, homes, shops, and educational institutions, could be devoured at any time.

Only about 60 metres remain before the erosion reaches the town protection embankment. Locals fear that if the embankment fails to hold, vast areas across the upazila, including the district town, could be submerged during high tides or the upcoming monsoon.

In response, the Water Development Board (BWDB) has begun dumping sand filled geo-bags in the most vulnerable areas. However, residents are demanding a permanent river protection project to address their long-standing sufferings, rather than such temporary measures.



Locals said the erosion is putting the riverbank areas stretching from Dhania in Bhola Sadar to Medua in Daulatkhan upazila at serious risk.

"Without a permanent riverbank protection, we won't be able to stop the Meghna from devouring more land," said Mohammad Al-Amin, a local resident.

Arif Hossain, owner of a fish depot at the landing station, said, "We have nowhere to relocate. Without immediate and permanent action, hundreds of businesses here will face severe losses."

Contacted, Ziauddin Arif, BWDB executive engineer in Bhola, said geo-bags are being dumped along the most vulnerable 200 metres of the riverbank.

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Rashida Akter, A local resident

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**MILITARY ENGINEER SERVICES**  
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**INVITATION FOR TENDER**

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Defence				
2. Agency	Military Engineer Services				
3. Procuring Entity Name	DW & CE (Air), Dhaka Cantt				
4. Tender Name	Project Works under Works Programme of Bangladesh Air Force for the financial year 2024-2025 (As per SI No.14)				
5. Invitation for Tender No.	10 of 2024-2025/E-4 Dated: 21 April 2025				
6. Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)				
7. Source of Funds	Govt. of Bangladesh (GOB)				
8. Tender publication date	24 April 2025				
9. Tender last Selling date	07 May 2025 (During Office hours)				
10. Last date of Tender submission	08 May 2025 upto 1200 hours				
11. Tender opening date and time	08 May 2025 at 1230 hours				
12. Name & Address of the Tenders selling, receiving and opening Tender documents	DW & CE (Air), Dhaka Cantt, Dhaka-1206.				
13. Eligibility of Tenderer	a. MES Enlisted Contractors 'Class' as below. b. Contractors enlisted in other Govt departments may also participate in tenders of the work on receipt of security clearance from DGFI.				
14. Description of works	Location	Class	Price of Tender Document (Non refundable)	Amount of Tender Security (Taka) in the shape of Pay Order / Bank Guarantee / Bank draft in favour of DW & CE (Air)	Completion time in months
a. Supply & installation of Air Conditioner for Construction of K-8W Aircraft Simulator Building (4 Storey with 4 Storied foundation) including ancillary works at BAF Base Cox's Bazar.	BAF Base Cox's Bazar	'C' & 'D'	Tk. 1,000/-	Tk. 1,33,000/-	03 (Three) Months
b. Provision of External Water Supply line for Construction of 1x50,000 Gallon Capacity over ground Water Reservoir including ancillary works for Pump House (Rocket Type) at Saudi Colony area BAF Base Bashar, Tejgaon (Last Phase) (Group-I)	BAF Base Bashar Tejgaon	'C' & 'D'	Tk. 1,000/-	Tk. 82,000/-	03 (Three) Months
c. Provision of External Water Supply line for Construction of 1x50,000 Gallon Capacity over ground Water Reservoir including ancillary works for Pump House (Rocket Type) at Saudi Colony area BAF Base Bashar, Tejgaon (Last Phase) (Group-II)	BAF Base Bashar Tejgaon	'D' & 'E'	Tk. 1,000/-	Tk. 1,13,000/-	06 (Six) Months
d. Provision of External Water Supply line for Construction of 1x50,000 Gallon Capacity over ground Water Reservoir including ancillary works for Pump House (Rocket Type) at Saudi Colony area BAF Base Bashar, Tejgaon (Last Phase) (Group-III)	BAF Base Bashar Tejgaon	'D' & 'E'	Tk. 1,000/-	Tk. 1,08,000/-	06 (Six) Months
e. Construction of Footpath with Draining system for (12 stored foundation/150 feet height) BOQ and Officers' Mess Complex at Officers Mess area at BAF Base Bashar, Tejgaon.	BAF Base Bashar, Tejgaon.	'D' & 'E'	Tk. 1,000/-	Tk. 78,000/-	08 (Eight) Months
15. Contact Details	Tel : 9836520, e-mail : <a href="mailto:dwcceair@gmail.com">dwcceair@gmail.com</a>				
16. Special Instructions	a. Tenderers shall submit copy of valid Enlistment letter & security clearance with application on company letter-head when purchasing Tender. b. Detailed requirements are mentioned in Tender Data sheet of Tender documents. c. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the Tenders.				

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