

Set up dengue units Kuet students

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but only receive Tk 6,000-8,000. That's a Tk 10,000 gap per worker - indicating that there's a business worth crores of taka," he added.

Public health expert Prof Benazir Ahmed emphasised the need for proper counselling in hospitals for dengue patients.

Students postpone

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signed by Deputy Secretary Mohammad Mizanur Rahman Talukder.

Polytechnic students were protesting for months, and demonstrations intensified in recent weeks. On April 16, a sit-in at Saat Rasta caused severe traffic congestion across Dhaka.

HC starts hearing

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and Rubel Sharma, and police informants Md Nezamuddin, Nurul Amin and Ayaz Uddin.

The documents of the case reached as death reference to the HC on February 8, 2022 for examination of the trial court verdict.

Sinha was killed in police

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SM Arif Iftekhar, deputy chief medical officer at the Kuet Medical Center, said, "One of the students had a pre-existing liver disease. We reviewed a medical report from five months ago. While he was on the hunger strike, we visited him and advised him not to take such a risk due to his liver issues."

He also said, "We provided him initial treatment but did not admit him here. He was taken to an outside hospital."

Two other students were provided primary treatment at the medical centre, he informed.

The protesters urged the government to intervene immediately, saying they will not end the strike unless the VC steps down.

Meanwhile, Education Adviser Prof CR Abrar urged the students to withdraw their hunger strike, expressing concern over health risks amid the extreme heat.

Speaking to the protesters on phone yesterday, he said the strike could seriously affect their well-being, said a press

release from the education ministry.

Prof Abrar said the government is aware of their demands and that a high-level delegation will soon visit Kuet to meet all stakeholders and take necessary steps to resolve the ongoing crisis.

The pre-announced hunger strike followed the expiration of a 24-hour ultimatum issued for the VC's resignation, which ended on Monday at 3:00pm.

During a visit to the Student Welfare Centre's main gate in the morning, several students on hunger strike were seen resting under a large mosquito net, while others read books. A white ambulance remained parked nearby.

The hunger strike began around 4:00pm on Monday. Faculty members spoke to the students and later held a press conference urging them to withdraw the strike and sit for discussions, but after over two hours of dialogue, the students remained unmoved.

In another development, several students at Dhaka University expressed solidarity with the hunger strike of Kuet students.

A group of current DU students and former Kuet students brought out a procession on the DU campus and held a rally at the Raju Memorial Sculpture yesterday.

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Dr Fahmida Sharmin Joti, associate professor of obstetrics and gynaecology at Bangladesh Medical College, said only 41 percent of pregnant women receive antenatal care.

"If more women received antenatal care, they could be advised properly on child and maternal nutrition. This would help reduce the incidence of low birth weight babies," she said.

Saiful Islam, additional secretary at the health ministry, said, "Child nutrition must be ensured from the stage of pregnancy."

He stressed the importance of safe water and proper sanitation.

Prof Salahuddin Mahmud of the paediatric gastroenterology department at Bangladesh Shishu Hospital and Institute said a family's education and financial condition also play a major role in ensuring nutrition.

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Abu Jamil Faisal, president-elect of the Public Health Association of Bangladesh, highlighted several threats to nutrition

that are often overlooked: plastic use, pesticides, chemical fertilisers, and lead poisoning.

"These are the unseen enemies that interfere with nutrient intake," he said.

Mahfuz Anam, editor and publisher of The Daily Star, said, "On one hand, we are failing to provide enough nutrition to our children. On the other, we are poisoning them with plastic, pesticides, and chemicals."

"What sort of society are we? I am sad that this is how we treat our children," he said.

He said The Daily Star would commit more strongly to this issue. "We will follow up with investigative reports and editorials," he said.

Other speakers included Chowdhury Ali Kawser, former professor at Bangladesh Medical University; Farzana Rahman, deputy director of the Bangladesh National Nutrition Council; Thaddaeus David May, senior director of the nutrition research division at icddr,b; and Muhammad Habibur Rahman, line director of Community Based Health Care at DGHS.

The session was moderated by Tanjim Ferdous, in charge of NGO

and foreign missions at the business development

team of The Daily Star.

10 hurt

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grenades to disperse the students and restore order.

Witnesses said a group of Dhaka College students attempted to approach the City College building, defying police barriers. In response, City College students came out of their campus, leading to renewed clashes in the Science Laboratory area.

Mohsin Uddin, officer-in-charge of New Market Police Station, said additional police forces had been deployed to bring the situation under control and return students to their campuses.

Dhaka City College's acting principal FM Mobarak Hossain alleged that around 50 to 100 police officers stood by during the attack on the college premises without taking any action.

Speaking to journalists in front of the college, he urged authorities to identify the attackers and take legal action against them.

PRAYER TIMING APRIL 23

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4:25	12:45	4:45	6:27	8:00
JAMAAT 5:00	1:15	5:00	6:31	8:30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

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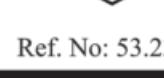
on 23rd April 2021.
We remember him on this day.

We all pray to Almighty Allah for granting him Jannat.

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(Selection of Consulting Firm: National)

A. Basic Information (Procuring Entity, Assignment, Procurement Method, Source of Fund, etc.) for the Consulting Firm:

1 Name of the Organization	Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF)
2 Procuring Entity Name & Designation	Dr. Md. Jashim Uddin, Additional Managing Director
3 Expression of Interest for Selection of	A Consulting Firm to Conduct 'End-Project Impact Studies' under RMTTP of PKSF
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10 Project Name	Rural Microenterprise Transformation Project (RMTTP)
11 EOI submission closing date, time, and place	Date: 8th May 2025; Time: 2:00 PM PKSF Bhaban, E-4/B, Agargaon Administrative Area, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207

B. Key Information for the Consulting Firm:

12 Brief description of the assignment	The REOI document including Terms of Reference (TOR) are obtainable from the office of the undersigned during office hours: 9:30AM to 2:30 PM at free of cost. It will be also available at PKSF website https://pksf.org.bd/tender . Interested eligible consultants are requested to submit their applications along with all necessary documents in sealed envelope to the office of the undersigned directly or by courier/mail by 2:00 PM on or before 8th May 2025.
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C. Procurement Entity Details:

15 Name of the Official Inviting EOI	Dr. Md. Jashim Uddin
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(Dr. Md. Jashim Uddin)
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Deepika Mehrish Sharma, chief of nutrition at Unicef Bangladesh, said in the Rohingya camps in Cox's Bazar, the number of children suffering from severe wasting increased by 27 percent in the past year since February.

She cited reasons such as last year's flooding, diarrhoea outbreaks, and ration cuts caused by reduced funding.

"Malnutrition requires a life-cycle approach, and the response cannot come solely from the health sector," she said.

"The private sector and especially policymakers must contribute to solving the problem."

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