

## NAGARPUR HEALTH COMPLEX

# Health service limps due to manpower shortage

MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

Healthcare services at the 50-bed Nagarpur Upazila Health Complex in Tangail are being severely hampered due to various problems, especially a shortage of necessary workforce.

According to sources at the health complex, only 12 doctors are currently working against 31 posts. Of them, two doctors are on leave.

A couple of doctors come from Dhaka and are often not found at the hospital on time. Only five to six doctors are performing regular duties, they said.

"If necessary workforce is not recruited and other facilities are not installed quickly at the health complex, the quality of healthcare will deteriorate further," said local rights activist Azizul Haque.

Dr Md Hafizur Rahman, upazila health and family planning officer in Nagarpur, who joined the

of manpower. "I have informed the higher authorities about the shortages and other problems," he added.

Contacted, Dr Farazi Muhammad Mabhubul Alam Ranju, civil surgeon of Tangail, who also joined recently, said not only Nagarpur but also other upazila health complexes

hospital recently, said treatment was being hampered and patients were suffering due to various reasons, including shortage of doctors and staff.

"Two doctors are on leave while five others are attached to other workplaces," he said.

He also said necessary tests cannot be conducted due to lack

in the district were facing similar problems.

Despite the shortage, a number of doctors are on leave for different purposes and are also engaged in other workplaces.

"We are trying to cancel their deputation or attachment and bring them back to the local hospitals," he said.

One killed, four injured in Gazipur gas cylinder blast

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

One person was killed and four others were injured in a gas cylinder explosion caused by a leak at a house in the Mogorkhal area under Basan Police Station in Gazipur on Sunday.

The deceased, Sima, 30, died while undergoing treatment at the National Burn and Plastic Surgery Institute in Dhaka yesterday morning, said Gazipur Basan Police Station Sub-Inspector Mohammad Sajib Khan.

The injured Parvin, 35, Taslima, 30, Tanjila, 10, and 18-month-old Ayan, are currently undergoing treatment at the burn institute, the SI said.

Quoting neighbours, SI Sajib said the incident occurred around 7:00pm on Sunday when Parvin was cooking. The explosion was triggered by a gas leakage, according to neighbours.

Dr Md Shawon Bin Rahman, a resident physician at the institute's emergency department, said, "We are providing emergency treatment. Details regarding the severity of their burns will be known shortly."

## EC mulls hybrid voting method for expatriates

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission (EC) is exploring a hybrid voting system for expatriate Bangladeshis in the upcoming 13th national elections, combining postal ballots, online voting, and proxy voting -- instead of relying solely on the existing postal ballot system.

Under the proposed plan, expatriates would be required to register online for their preferred voting method among the three.

Currently, postal voting is the only option for expatriates, but it has proven ineffective due to time constraints. According to an EC concept paper to be presented at a seminar today, no expatriate has successfully voted through postal ballots from abroad yet.

"The long awaited inclusion of expatriate Bangladeshis in the election process has yet to be realised," the paper notes, citing the impracticality of completing postal voting within the necessary timeframe.

Given these challenges, the EC is considering a hybrid system to better facilitate voting for millions of Bangladeshis living overseas.

The Electoral Reform Commission has proposed two main methods -- postal and online voting, both dependent on digital processes. Additionally, the EC is considering proxy voting, allowing a designated voter in Bangladesh to cast a ballot on behalf of an expatriate.

While proxy voting offers a potential solution to logistical challenges, it has sparked debate over security, verification, and transparency.

To further evaluate these options, the EC will hold a seminar today at its headquarters, where experts will discuss the practicality of implementing a secure voting system for expatriates.

The seminar will also feature a detailed presentation of a concept paper on the proposed methods, focusing on postal, online, and proxy voting solutions.

The EC concept paper stresses that no single method alone will be sufficient and that extensive trials, especially for online voting, are necessary before full implementation.

## Four lakh children under-immunised

Says joint statement of Unicef, WHO, Gavi on Bangladesh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Marking the launch of World Immunization Week 2025, Unicef, WHO, and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, warned that despite Bangladesh's progress in increasing immunisation coverage, significant disparities persist, putting nearly half a million children at risk.

In a joint statement yesterday, the organisations said although the country's Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) has achieved remarkable results, around 4,00,000 children remain under-immunised, and about 70,000 (1.5 percent) have received no vaccines at all.

The gap is wider in urban areas, where 79 percent of children are fully vaccinated, 2.4 percent have received no vaccines (zero dose), and 9.8 percent are under-immunised, compared to 85 percent coverage in rural areas, the statement said.

"Since the launch of the EPI in 1979, Bangladesh has raised full immunisation coverage from just two percent to 81.6 percent, reflecting strong national commitment and the efforts of partners, NGOs, and frontline health workers," it added.

"But the final mile remains the hardest. Reaching every child and woman, especially in hard-to-reach and urban poor areas, demands renewed urgency, stronger efforts, and increased investment," said Stanley Gwuya, Unicef representative (officer-in-

charge) in Bangladesh.

Bangladesh's EPI is now saving an estimated 94,000 lives and preventing five million child illnesses each year, delivering an impressive \$25 return for every \$1 invested, the statement added.

However, challenges remain in reaching every child. Addressing the needs of the 70,000 zero-dose and 400,000 under-immunised children is critical, as they account for a large share of preventable child deaths in low and middle-income countries, it said.

Ahmed Jamshed Mohamed, WHO representative to Bangladesh, said, "Bangladesh's progress in immunisation, even amid crises, highlights the strong leadership of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the Directorate General of Health Services, the dedication of health workers, and the support from partners."

Sam Muller, regional head, Core Countries, at Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, said, "The need to maintain investments in immunisation to improve health security and protect populations from vaccine-preventable diseases has never been more urgent if we are to sustain the progress."

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The company invites EOI from reputable market research firms to conduct a feasibility study with special emphasis on demand and revenue. Interested companies are requested to submit their Expression of Interest (EOI) along with its company profile that highlights their credibility and experience in this field by May 20, 2025.

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**Corrigendum Notice**

Corrigendum to our Tender Ref. No.EDCL(Dhaka)Pur/PT/2025/154 Dated 27/04/2025 for Construction, Supply, Installation & Periodic maintenance of WIP & Airlock Corridor Room extention from existing Building at EDCL, Bogura Plant. Details are given below:

01. The above tender will be closed 15/05/2025 instead of 16/05/2025.

02. Selling of Tender Schedule is going on.

03. Tender schedule will be sold from Accounts & Finance Department of Essential Drugs Company Limited Dhaka & Bogura.

04. All other terms & conditions against the above tender will be remain unchanged.

The above Tender was published earlier in The Daily Ittefaq on 28/04/2025 and The Daily Star on 28/04/2025.

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