

The doctor next door Army handling

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hospitals to focus on critical cases."

The Daktarkhana model also supports young medical graduates, addressing a major gap in the system. Each year, many MBBS doctors struggle to find meaningful work, with no formal pathway into general practice.

To bridge this, Daktarkhana offers newly qualified doctors a four-day General Practice Orientation Course (GPOC), developed by the Bangladesh Society of General Physicians. So far, over 10,500 doctors have completed the training.

"Each of our centres is run by MBBS doctors trained to diagnose and manage common illnesses, offer counselling, and refer when necessary," said Mondal. "They spend at least 15 minutes with each patient. Listening itself is a form of treatment."

During the pandemic, when many health services shut down, Daktarkhana clinics provided free telemedicine consultations, including late-night support for pregnant women, children, and chronically ill patients.

"Our long-term goal is to establish one GP centre for every 6,000 families," Mondal said. "Once that's in place, primary healthcare will truly be within reach and we'll be far closer to meeting our SDG targets."

The government has recently announced plans to launch over 100 GP clinics in Dhaka. However, Dr Mondal stressed that nationwide reform is essential.

"The day we have one GP centre for every 20,000 people, we'll have a working healthcare system," he said. "With proper support from the government, this model can serve as a blueprint for the entire country."

Crucially, he said, the government doesn't need

to start from scratch.

"Bangladesh already has a vast network and infrastructure--community clinics, union sub-centres, upazila complexes, district hospitals, and medical colleges. Our Daktarkhana model can be integrated into this system at minimal cost."

Protect family

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sister," said MJF Executive Director Shaheen Anam in a statement yesterday.

"These threats are especially alarming given that the main accused has been convicted, while other accused family members have been acquitted of all charges," she added. "The fear of retaliation expressed by the family must not be taken lightly."

"We strongly urge the authorities to act swiftly and decisively to prevent any further acts of violence, threats, or harassment against this already traumatised family," she added.

The foundation also voiced deep concern over the wider issue of gender-based violence and child rights violations across the country. It highlighted that the victim's sister, being a 14-year-old child bride, reflects the urgent and persistent crisis of child rape and child marriage in Bangladesh.

MJF urged the government to clarify what concrete steps are being taken to prevent such violations and to ensure the safety and dignity of vulnerable girls nationwide.

Standing in solidarity with the Magura victim's family, MJF reiterated its demand for justice, accountability, and comprehensive protection measures to be enacted without delay.

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a peaceful resolution, a delegation from the army visited the press club and listened to their statements. The delegation assured that the demands would be verified and resolved in accordance with military regulations. They advised that complaints should be submitted directly to the relevant authorities, not through any third party.

As of May 14, 2025, the army had received 802 applications. Of these, 106 have been resolved, while the rest are under consideration.

"Regrettably, some unfortunate incidents today [Sunday] have raised concerns about the traditions and values of this disciplined force. Following two successful meetings, as the delegation was departing, a group of

unruly dismissed military personnel incited others to obstruct the delegation's vehicle, throw bricks and stones at law enforcers and chant inappropriate slogans," the statement said.

"The army exercised maximum patience and empathy to control the situation, but at one stage, law enforcers had to disperse some disorderly former members," it added.

Meanwhile, many protesters claimed they had been unfairly dismissed and denied rightful benefits during the previous government's tenure.

Mehedi Hasan, a protester, said he joined the army in 2017 but was dismissed in 2023 following an altercation over a leave request. "I was not given any benefits at the time," he said.

Health reform

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acknowledged the existing limitations and recommended a people-centric and rights-based approach to health services.

Several important issues were missing from the report, said Shafin. For example, he said the commission focused mainly on the public health sector, even though the private sector provides around 70% of healthcare services.

There is also no rigorous plan for public-private partnership in the sector.

He said while the commission recommended allocating 15 percent of the total fiscal budget to the health sector, it did not outline a process for raising the budget to that level.

Other health professionals, such as nurses and medical technologists, did not receive proper attention in the report, except for doctors, he said.

The commission has given dozens of

recommendations, and it is not possible to implement all of them at once, he said.

Shishir Moral, a special correspondent at Prothom Alo, said the commission's report contains many errors. "You won't be able to achieve much on the basis of this faulty national document unless it is revised," he said.

Prof Selim Raihan, executive director of SANEM, said spending in the health and education sector should be considered as an investment. He said a major barrier to implementing any reform is the presence of anti-reform stakeholders -- particularly within the political elite -- who are well-connected and benefit from the existing system.

Mahtab Uddin, research director of SANEM, said they arranged the webinar to encourage constructive criticism so the report can be improved and policymakers can act accordingly for the benefit of service seekers.

Biman to suspend Dhaka-Narita flight

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passenger numbers, revenue, and operational costs.

Several officials, seeking anonymity, said the key figures behind the resumption of the Narita flight were then managing director Shafiu Azim and then acting director (sales and marketing) Salauddin Ahmed.

At the time, tensions were ongoing between the then Sheikh Hasina government and the United States. Biman's fleet primarily relies on Boeing aircraft, manufactured in the US.

During that period, European aircraft manufacturer Airbus offered to sell planes to Biman. Salman F Rahman, who is now behind bars and was then the PM's adviser, reportedly supported the

Airbus proposal.

In this context, Biman launched flights to destinations such as Narita, Rome, and Toronto, without assessing commercial viability, in what officials said was an attempt to justify the purchase of new aircraft.

The move was promoted as an achievement of the then Sheikh Hasina government.

Biman operates the Narita route with Boeing 787-800 aircraft, which have 271 seats. Insiders said nearly half the seats remained vacant on most flights.

Data from Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport shows that Biman is the only carrier offering direct flights between Dhaka and Narita. Eight other airlines operate connecting flights on the route via third countries.

Asked about the suspension, Biman spokesperson ABM Raoshan Kabir said the airline had been incurring losses on the route.

"Biman suspended operating this flight due to poor cabin factor," said Raoshan, who is also general manager (public relations) of Biman.

In aviation, cabin factor or load factor is a key metric that reflects how efficiently an airline fills available seats on its flights.

Contacted last night, Shafiu Azim, who was made secretary to the Election Commission while serving as Biman MD and CEO in May 2024 and is now an OSD, said the allegation of not assessing financial viability was baseless. "We had further plans centring the Narita flight. We had


plans to go to Los Angeles and Vancouver through code-sharing agreements with All Nippon and Canadian airlines," he said.

In aviation, code-sharing is an arrangement where one airline sells seats on a flight operated by another carrier under its own flight number and code, allowing airlines to expand their route networks. "We resumed the Narita flight with the approval of the then Biman Board," he added.

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TIMING
MAY 19

Fajr	Zhor	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4-10	12-45	5-00	6-36	8-00
JAMAAT 4-45	1-15	5-15	6-40	8-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



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NOTICE OF THE 42nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given to all concern that the **42nd Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Pubali Bank PLC.** will be held on **Wednesday, 18 June 2025 at 11.00 AM** (Bangladesh Standard Time) using digital platform through the link **<https://www.pubalibangla.com/AGM2025>** to transact the following agenda:

AGENDA

1. To receive, consider and adopt the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2024 and Reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon.

2. To declare Dividend for the year ended 31st December 2024 as recommended by the Board of Directors.

3. To appoint the Statutory Auditors of the Bank for the year 2025 and to fix their remuneration.

4. To appoint Corporate Governance Compliance Auditor for the year 2025 and to fix their remuneration.

5. To elect / re-elect Directors in place of retiring Directors.

All the honorable members/shareholders of Pubali Bank PLC. are requested kindly to make it convenient to attend the meeting virtually in time.

Dated: Dhaka
18 May 2025

By order of the Board of Directors
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Md. Anisur Rahman
General Manager & Company Secretary

NOTES:

a) The **"Record Date"** is fixed on **Thursday, 22 May 2025**. The members whose names will appear in the register of the Members of the Company and in the Depository Register (Central Depository System of CDBL) as on the "Record Date" will be eligible to attend/participate and vote in the 42nd Annual General Meeting (AGM) and also will be entitle to receive dividend.

b) Pursuant to BSEC's letter No. BSEC/ICAD/SRIC/2024/318/87 dated 27.03.2024, the Annual General Meeting will be conducted by using digital platform through the link **<https://www.pubalibangla.com/AGM2025>**.

c) As per Companies Act 1994 under Regulation 79, 80 and 81 of schedule- I and as per article no. 90 & 91 of the Bank's Articles of Association, one- third of the directors need to retire every year and they will be eligible for re-election. Under this circumstances, the honorable directors (a) Mr. Moniruddin Ahmed (b) Mr. M. Kabiruzzaman Yaqub FCMA (UK), CGMA (c) Mr. Azizur Rahman and (d) Mrs. Rana Laila Hafiz will retire in the 42nd Annual General Meeting and they will be eligible for re-election.

d) An entitled member who wants to attend the meeting virtually by using digital platform and cast his/her vote through online has to go to the link: **<https://www.pubalibangla.com/AGM2025>** for login to the system. After putting his/her BO ID/folio ID, an OTP (One Time Password) will be sent to his/her registered mobile number and email address (as per CDBL data/company's record). By using the OTP, he/she will be able to attend and cast his/her vote through online. Time for online registration and e-voting will be **Tuesday, 17 June 2025 from 8.30 AM** to before closure of the Meeting on **Wednesday, 18 June 2025**.

e) Any Member/Members of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the AGM may appoint any person, as his/her/their Proxy or Attorney to attend and vote on his/her/their behalf. A Member, being a corporation or company, may appoint its representative, duly appointed and authorized, to attend and vote on its behalf. The proxy form or power of attorney or letter of authority, as the case may be, duly signed and stamped must be submitted at Share Department, 11th floor, Registered Office, 26 Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka of the Bank no later than 48 hours before commencement of the Annual General Meeting i.e. **Monday, 16 June 2025 up to 11.00 AM**.

f) A valid **proxy holder/Attorney/representative** may attend the meeting virtually by using digital platform by login to the system through link: **<https://www.pubalibangla.com/AGM2025>** and also may cast his/her e-vote through the above mentioned link from **Tuesday, 17 June 2025 from 8.30 AM** to before closure of the Meeting on **Wednesday, 18 June 2025**. After putting BO ID/folio ID of the shareholder, an OTP (One Time Password) will be sent to the provided mobile number and email address of the valid **proxy holder/Attorney/representative**. By using the OTP, he/she will be able to attend and cast his/her vote through online.

g) Detail login procedures to participate in the virtual meeting will be available in the Company's website at **www.pubalibangla.com**

h) The last date of submission of nomination paper through link **www.pubalibangla.com/AGM2025** or **manually at Board Division** for election of Directors is **01 June 2025 up to 5.00 PM**. Scrutiny of nomination papers will be completed on **02 June 2025 within 5.00 PM** and will be published the eligible candidates list in the Notice Board of the Bank's Registered Office, 26 Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka and also in the bank's website by the Chief Election Commissioner after 5.00 PM. Last date of withdrawal of nomination paper through email to "chiefelectioncommissioner@pubalibankbd.com" or paper based manually on **03 June 2025 up to 5.00 PM** and list of names of final candidates to be published in the Notice Board of the Bank's Registered Office, 26 Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka by the Chief Election Commissioner and also in the bank's website on **03 June 2025 after 5.00 PM**.

i) **Nomination form and Proxy Form** will be available in the Bank's website **www.pubalibangla.com**

j) All the online related activities will be available in the link: **<https://www.pubalibangla.com/AGM2025>**


k) Pursuant to the **Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC)** Notification No. BSEC/CMRRCD/2006-158/208/Admin/81 dated 20 June 2018, **the soft copy of the Annual Report 2024** will be sent to the email addresses of the Members available in their Beneficial Owner (BO) accounts maintained with the Depository. The soft copy of the Annual Report 2024 will also be available in the Bank's website at: **www.pubalibangla.com**.

l) Merchant Banks and depository participants (DPs) are requested to email the soft copy of their margin clients list (in MS Excel format) as on 'Record Date' at **share@pubalibankbd.com** followed by hard copy within **04 June 2025** for facilitating payment of Cash Dividend and sale proceeds of fractional bonus share amount (if any).

Payment of Dividend:

• Stock dividend will be credited to the respective BO account of the shareholder through Central Depository System of CDBL.

• Cash Dividend and sale proceeds of fractional bonus share amount (if any) will be credited to the respective Bank account of the shareholder through BEFTN/Bank transfer.



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Corrigendum of Local Tender Notice

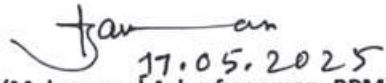
Memo No.44.01.0000.024.01.003.2024-983

Date: 17 May 2025

Invitation for national tender published in different national dailies as per Memo No-44.01.0000.024.05.001.2021-672 Date: 22 April 2025 is hereby amended (Water Craft for Bangladesh Police) as follows:


Other terms and conditions shall remain as before.

SL no.	Description	Published	Revised/Amended
10	Tender Selling last date	20 May 2025	24 May 2025
11	Tender closing date and time	21 May 2025 at 12.00 pm	25 May 2025 at 12.00 pm
12	Tender opening date and time	21 May 2025 at 12.30 pm	25 May 2025 at 12.30 pm




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Issue No: ICT/BCC/EDGE/RIC/GSTU/AA/01/2025/May-07

Date: 18/05/2025


e-Tender Notice (OTM)

e-Tender has been invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of the tender details are as below:

Sl.	Tender ID	Procurement title	Tender document last selling date and time	Tender closing and opening date and time
01.	1112862	Supply of Goods and Equipment for the Establishment of a Hygienic Bulk Roti-Making Machine.	01-Jun-2025, 12:00	01-Jun-2025, 14:10
02.	1113098	Supply & Installation, Fitting & Fixing of FRP Disaster base Biogas Plant integrated with IoT based smart monitoring system and machine learning based operation	01-Jun-2025, 12:10	01-Jun-2025, 14:30
03.	1113271	Supply & Installation of Equipment for comprehensive approach for sustainable waste management system by waste to energy	01-Jun-2025, 14:00	01-Jun-2025, 16:30

This is an online tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hand copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).



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