

Biman begins

FROM PAGE 3 In addition, power assurance checks on the engines have been undertaken to verify full performance capability, the statement added.

Biman officials said the airline is fully prepared to promptly implement any maintenance directives that may be issued by the aircraft manufacturer Boeing, following the completion of the investigation.

At present, Biman's fleet includes six Boeing 787 Dreamliners, four of the 787-8 variant and two of the 787-9, operating on various international destinations.

The maintenance of these aircraft is carried out in strict adherence to the Aircraft Maintenance Programme approved by the Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB), according to the statement.

This programme, based on Boeing's Maintenance Planning Document and other regulatory guidelines, outlines specific tasks, schedules and procedures to be followed by certified engineers.

All maintenance activities are conducted

under the supervision of type-rated engineers in accordance with Boeing's official manuals.

"All completed task are verified and documented through a stringent quality assurance process before being archived in the Maintenance Planning Department," the statement continued.

Furthermore, Biman uses real-time monitoring tools such as the Aircraft Health Management and Engine Health Management systems to continuously track the condition of its aircraft.

This proactive system allows for early detection and preventive maintenance planning before any issues can arise, read the statement.

Reaffirming its commitment to passenger safety, Biman said it consistently upholds international standards in all aspects of aircraft maintenance and service delivery.

"Biman Bangladesh Airlines remains dedicated to ensuring the highest levels of flight safety and passenger satisfaction," it added.

Gender budget cuts

FROM PAGE 3 Ishrat Sharmin, deputy director at SANEM, expressed disappointment over what she described as a continuing lack of understanding within government ministries regarding gender budgeting.

"Despite years of advocacy, many ministries still don't fully understand what a gender-responsive budget means," she said, adding that the Finance Division's assumption that gender priorities are already addressed is "far from the truth".

She also highlighted the lack of reliable, disaggregated data to measure how gender budgeting affects women's lives -- an information gap that weakens accountability and reform efforts.

Sharmin Islam, gender team leader at UNDP, echoed similar concerns. She called for a deeper review of how ministries plan and implement gender allocations and whether those efforts truly lead to positive outcomes for women.

"Without effective monitoring and oversight, gender priorities risk being sidelined," she said, urging the government to strengthen ministries' monitoring and evaluation capacities and introduce comprehensive tracking systems to ensure results.

Umme Marjana, lecturer of economics at East West University, linked increasing rates of gender-based violence with women's economic dependency, especially in the informal sector.

She criticised the budget for failing to address this link and pointed out that rising education costs and limited support for informal workers further marginalise women.

Sumaiya Islam, executive director of Bangladesh Nari Sramik Kendra, said the budget overlooks the realities faced by rural, urban, and migrant working women.

"Skill development and livelihood support initiatives have seen little meaningful growth," she said, calling for targeted investments -- particularly through consular services -- for migrant women workers.

Tamanna Singh Baraik, programme officer at Dalit Nari Forum, noted that over 6.5 million Dalit people, especially women and girls, remain excluded from development efforts.

"The budget provides no roadmap or guidelines

funding to address this deep-rooted inequality," she said.

Mahila Parishad General Secretary Maleka Banu appreciated the timely presentation of the budget but criticised weak monitoring and inconsistent gender budgeting practices across ministries.

"The recognition of unpaid domestic labour is a step forward, but much more remains to be done," she said.

Closing the session, Mahila Parishad President Dr Fauzia Moslem called for including more women economists in policy analysis, especially in evaluating the gendered impact of budgets.

"We must institutionalise the recognition of unpaid and informal work, reduce barriers to education, and address the structural inequalities women continue to face," she said.

Prof Sharmind Neelormi of Jahangirnagar University and Shahnaz Sumi, director of Bangladesh Nari Pragati Sangha, also spoke at the session, among others.

The event was moderated by Mahila Parishad's Movement Secretary Rabeya Khatun Shanti.

We'll maintain

FROM PAGE 3 this country deserve justice for the injustices they have endured over the past 17 years.

International Crimes Tribunal Chief Prosecutor Tajul Islam and a team of prosecutors were present at the courtroom.

On May 8, the law ministry appointed former High Court Justice Nozrul Islam Chowdhury as the chair of the ICT-2, and named former district and sessions judge Manjurul Bashid and current Madaripur District and Sessions Judge Nur Mohammad Shahrir Kabir as its members.

Additionally, the registrar's office of ICT yesterday published notices in two newspapers asking ousted prime minister Sheikh Hasina and former home minister Asaduzzaman Khan to appear before it on June 24.

In connection with a case over crimes against humanity committed during the July uprising, the registrar's office published the notices in two newspapers -- one English and one Bangla -- declaring both the accused absconding.

It said the two must appear before the tribunal on June 24.

If they fail to do so, the court will appoint defence counsel on their behalf and begin proceedings in their absence, ICT Prosecutor Gazi Monwar Hossain Tamim said yesterday.

Decline in WASH budget

FROM PAGE 3 increase from the current year's revised ADP figure of Tk 91.41 billion, it remains far below what is needed to meet growing sector challenges, they said in a press release.

"This sharp decline undermines efforts to ensure citizens' rights to safe water and sanitation," the statement read.

The policy brief also highlighted stark inequities in budget distribution.

Dhaka Wasa alone is set to receive over Tk 31.4 billion, while allocations for the Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE) -- which is responsible for providing WASH services nationwide -- have been reduced, they stated.

Only 7 out of 12 city

corporations received WASH allocations, leaving out Rajshahi, Rangpur, Cumilla, and Sylhet, among others.

"Intra-urban disparities continue to persist, with Dhaka North City Corporation and Gazipur receiving the lion's share once again," the analysis noted.

While there are some positive signs in areas such as Fecal Sludge Management (FSM) and climate adaptation, the allocation for core services like water supply and sanitation infrastructure has declined, it said.

Gender and social inclusion also appear to be sidelined in the current budget framework, it added.

The two organisations called for an accountability

framework to track the implementation of inclusive WASH policies. Without such measures, they said, the goal of achieving safely managed water and sanitation services for all will remain out of reach.

Speaking on the findings, Hossain Zillur Rahman, executive chairman of PPRC, said, "Water and sanitation are not merely technical issues. They are fundamental human rights and essential to health, dignity, and resilience. Budgetary priorities must reflect this, especially as climate pressures grow and inequalities deepen."

The PPRC-WaterAid WASH budget tracking partnership has been in place since the 2016-17 fiscal year.

Kaun

FROM PAGE 4 paddy due to flood risks," recalled Badiar Rahman from Char Jatrapur in Kurigram Sadar. "So kaun was our staple. Now we cultivate hybrid paddy and high yield maize. Nobody consumes kaun anymore."

Kaun's nutritional benefits -- being rich in fibre, iron, and protein -- are not lost on the older generation, unlike modern consumers. "We used to eat kaun porridge regularly. It gave us strength. But now, we've forgotten the taste," said Badiar.

Bimal Chandra Roy, a farmer from Char Rajpur in Lalmonirhat, said, "I once grew kaun on 8-10 bighas. Now I grow sweet pumpkin, maize, and BR-28 rice. They bring better yields and easier market access."

At present, kaun's marketability thrives not for human consumption, but as bird feed.

"I collect kaun from farmers and send it to pet markets in Dhaka," said Mamta Ali, a trader from Jorgach Bazar in Chilmari. "Now, bird lovers are its main buyers."

Shafiqul Islam, additional director of DAE in Rangpur, opined that kaun's drought-resistance and low-input nature make it an ideal crop in a time of climate change.

"Yet, without policy intervention or market incentives, farmers remain unwilling to continue its cultivation," he added.

First monsoon downpour

FROM PAGE 4 approved, and over the past five and a half years, around 200 drains were developed and seven canals -- including the Mayur -- were dredged at a cost of Tk 600 crore.

"Over the past decade or so, waterlogging has continued to worsen despite so many drains being constructed. We rickshaw pullers suffer the most due to this -- with fewer passengers, difficulty in riding, lower earnings, and yet we still have to pay full rent to owners," said Azmal Haque who is living in the Shirish Nagar for 30 years.

Babul Hawlader, member secretary of the Khulna Nagarik Committee, called for the involvement of both the government and local stakeholders to resolve the city's waterlogging crisis.

Mahfuzur Rahman Sheikh Ashraf-Uz-Zaman, president of the Greater Khulna Development Coordination Committee, called for restoring all 22 canals.

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storey structure, despite having an appeal pending with the Supreme Court.

The building used to be the residence of journalist Mohammad Nasiruddin, a pioneer of Muslim awakening in the early 20th century, and his illustrious daughter, women's rights advocate Nurjahan Begum.

A general diary was filed the following day with Gandaria Police Station, which temporarily halted the destruction, Taimur said.

Even though seven years have passed since the landmark High Court ruling in 2018 on heritage conservation, there has been no meaningful implementation owing to bureaucratic tangle,

m i s m a n a g e m e n t , negligence, lack of political will, and particularly the controversial role of the Department of Archaeology, he also said.

As a result, these heritage structures have not yet been fully assessed and officially listed, leaving them vulnerable. Alarmingly, the DoA has even declared the residence of Nurjahan Begum as "not important enough for preservation", Taimur added.

USG demanded all the buildings listed by it be protected under the HC's ruling until a final comprehensive list of Dhaka's heritage structures is published.

No social safety net

FROM PAGE 3 At the event, street children shared their daily struggles with hunger, abuse, and exclusion.

They called on the government to include them in cash allowance schemes, provide birth certificates, ensure safe housing and education, and offer rehabilitation services.

"We are the most marginalised and neglected," said one child. "We have no guarantee of food, shelter, education, or healthcare. Without a clear plan for us, our future is bleak."

Caritas Bangladesh Programme Director Daud Jibon Das criticised the current monthly allowance of Tk 500 to Tk 650 under social safety nets as grossly inadequate and disconnected from the real needs of the poor.

"There are only a few government programmes for street and underprivileged children. If we fail to secure their future, we risk falling behind as a nation," he said, urging shared responsibility between the state and families.

He called for simplifying the birth registration process for orphaned children and recommended door-to-door or ward-based campaigns to ensure full birth registration. He also suggested

registering births immediately at hospitals and community clinics.

Special programmes must be launched to bring street children off the streets, including conditional cash allowances to encourage families to improve their children's living conditions, he said.

He also stressed the need to eliminate child labour, identify children who have dropped out due to child labour or other causes, and reintegrate them into the education system.

Creating a supportive environment to help street children enrol and stay in school is crucial, he said.

Das further urged the government to raise social protection allowances to realistic levels and simplify the application process to widen access.

Caritas also called on NGOs to raise awareness about the importance of birth registration and the dangers of child labour, and to run flexible education centres tailored to the needs of vulnerable children.

The consultation was attended by Caritas officials, including Chandra Mani Chakma, Kusum Gregory, Asim Cruz, and Anthony Prince Gomez, along with representatives from various organisations, guardians, and street children.

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০২। প্রশিক্ষণার্থী ধারণ ক্ষমতাঃ কমপক্ষে ৫০-৬০ জন প্রশিক্ষণার্থী ধারণ ক্ষমতা সম্পন্ন হতে হবে।

০৩। ইজারা চুক্তির মেয়াদ কালঃ চুক্তির তারিখ হতে ০৩ (তিন) বৎসর।

০৪। বাড়ির মোট আয়তন কমপক্ষে ৯,৬০০ বর্গফুট বিশিষ্ট হওয়া আবশ্যিক।

০৫। বাড়ির মালিকানার খরনঃ একক মালিকানাধীন সম্পূর্ণ বাড়ি হতে হবে।

০৬। আগ্রহী ও বাড়ির প্রকৃত মালিকগণকে সম্পত্তি ও লজিস্টিক পরিদপ্তর হতে নির্ধারিত আবেদনপত্র সংগ্রহ পূর্বক বাড়ির মালিকানা, অনুমোদিত নকশা ও বাড়ির প্রকৃত এরিয়া সংক্রান্ত কাগজপত্রাদিসহ প্রত্যাশিত মাসিক ভাড়া উল্লেখ পূর্বক আগামী ০৮/০৭/২০২৫ তারিখ বেলা ১২:০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে সাধারণ প্রশাসন বিভাগে রক্ষিত টেন্ডার বক্সে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র দাখিল করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে। দরপত্রসমূহ ৫ দিন বেলা ১২.৩০ ঘটিকায় উপস্থিত দরদাতাদের সম্মুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) খোলা হবে।

০৭। কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকেই যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা বাড়িলের অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করেন।

পরিচালক সম্পত্তি ও লজিস্টিক পরিদপ্তর বাংলাদেশ পল্লী বিদ্যুতায়ন বোর্ড নিকুল-২, বিলকেত ঢাকা-১২২৯।

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