

Cancel the current DAP

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The government published the gazette for the 20-year DAP on August 23, covering 1,528 square kilometres under Rajuk's jurisdiction.

According to the Wetland Protection Act, the width of a river in the dry season is considered the wetland, and in the monsoon, the floodplain. However, the current DAP allows construction in floodplains, which IAB leaders said blocks natural drainage and will worsen waterlogging during the rainy season.

IAB President Dr Abu Sayeed Mostaque Ahmed

criticised the DAP for allowing temporary structures on agricultural land, warning that this could accelerate the loss of farmland.

He also pointed to discrimination in the allocation of Floor Area Ratio (FAR) saying high-rise buildings are permitted in posh areas, while other areas face the highest restrictions.

Architect Kazi Golam Nasir said they have long protested the DAP's provision for conditional construction approval in flood flow zones, but the clause remains unchanged.

IAB also called for

the immediate creation of a modern, inclusive, and environmentally and socially responsible land use plan that meets international standards.

This plan should be based on the three-tier planning framework (Structure Plan, Urban Area Plan, and Detailed Area Plan) and cover the Greater Dhaka Metropolitan Area, including Gazipur, Savar, Keraniganj, and Narayanganj.

It must also align with the government's commitments to climate change, the SDGs, the Sendai Framework, zero emissions, and decarbonisation.

Reporting Awards, Asif Nazrul announced that with the repeal of the DSA, all speech-based offence cases would be dismissed automatically.

He reiterated the same later that month, declaring that speech-offence cases under the repealed Cyber Security Act would be withdrawn.

According to the case documents, Naem and Moynal on September 7 and 8, 2021, published two reports on the complainant in Bangladesh Pratidin which contained "false, defamatory, offensive and objectionable information about the complainant, were published and circulated by the Facebook page, according to the case statement.

The seven accused published false and offensive information against Sarwar as he took part in the no-confidence petition against the final report that cleared Bashundhara Managing Director Sayem Sobhan Anvir from charges of abetting suicide of a college student, the case statement added.

Borhan, on September 8 that year, published a report about the

DU set for major

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planning advisor to the government.

"We reassessed the student gender ratio and decided to prioritise residential facilities for female students, who are more vulnerable and disproportionately affected by the lack of housing."

"We also mandated that additional space be found outside the main campus, if necessary," he added.

Regarding infrastructure, he said, "There's no extra space within the 350 acres of university land. To avoid congestion and environmental harm, we'll demolish or replace low-rise buildings from the 1950s and '60s with multi-storey structures built on the same footprint."

Prioritising the construction of residential halls, which covers 34.36 percent of the total cost, the project also includes the construction of the Ducus building, administrative building, central mosque, medical centre, and gymnasium, accounting for 16 percent of the cost.

A 15-storey female dormitory will be built to house 1,000 students by demolishing the existing Shahnewaz Hostel, currently occupied by male students from the Fine Arts faculty.

At Sufia Kamal Hall, two new buildings -- one 10-storey and one 6-storey -- will replace the current house tutor quarters and garage to accommodate 600 female students.

To house an additional 500 students, a 10-storey building will be constructed at Maitree Hall, replacing the provost's bungalow and the three-storey Shikder Manowara Building.

Two more buildings -- 11 and 8 storeys -- will be built inside the Institute of Leather Engineering and Technology, replacing existing staff quarters, to accommodate another 600 female students.

In such cases, a no-objection certificate from the concerned entity must be provided.

For male students, the project includes dormitories to house 5,100

students with necessary facilities.

As part of the expansion of Shaheed Sergeant Zohurul Haque Hall, two new buildings -- 12 and 8 storeys -- will be constructed, replacing tin-shed extensions, to house 1,300 students.

The northern section of Surja Sen Hall will be demolished to make way for an 11-storey building accommodating 1,100 students.

At Shahidullah Hall, the Shaheed Ataur Rahman Khan Khadem Building and cafeteria will be replaced by two new blocks of 15 and 6 storeys to accommodate 1,200 students.

Haji Muhammad Mohsin Hall's existing tin-shed and one-storey structures will be replaced with two new buildings of 12 and 6 storeys to house 1,000 students.

At Dr Kudrat E Khuda Hall, three new buildings of 10, 8, and 5 storeys will be built by demolishing the hall's existing bungalow.

As part of the renovation masterplan, the Nilkhel Police Outpost and the existing Press Building will be demolished to construct a new Press Cum Academic Building, comprising 11- and 5-storey structures.

An expansion project of the Dhaka University Central Library is underway, including the construction of two new blocks -- 12 and 6 storeys -- by demolishing the northwestern section of the current library.

The university's one-storey central mosque, Mashzidul Jamia, will also be demolished and replaced by a four-storey complex.

Additionally, a six-storey building will be constructed for the medical centre, along with new residential facilities in the Shibbari area for fourth-class university staff.

Titled "Further Development of Dhaka University," the five-year initiative under the education ministry marks the first phase of a 15-year, three-phase masterplan.

BNP ready

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solution for the country.

In response to a question, Khosru pointed out that India and Vietnam are Bangladesh's direct competitors in the international garment export market. If Bangladesh fails to reach a solution regarding the tariffs, these countries will gain a significant advantage in exporting to the US, which is a matter of great concern for local exporters.

He warned that Bangladesh cannot afford the risk of millions of job losses, the closure of industrial factories, and the collapse of thousands of backward linkage industries due to unresolved tariff issues.

Business leaders including BGMEA President Mahmud Hasan Khan, BKMEA President Mohammad Hatem, former FBCCI President AK Azad, Chairman of Apex Tanner Ltd Syed Nasim Monzur, Chairman of Bangladesh Chamber of Industries Anwarul Alam Chowdhury Parvez, and Chairman of Pran-RFL Group Ahsan Khan Chowdhury were present at the meeting.

One in five adult

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show that 30 percent have the virus, with 20 percent confirmed to have active infections through PCR testing.

A project is underway to treat 100,000 infected individuals, with a goal to reach 50,000 by 2026. Treatment costs average Tk 90,000 per patient. Dr Jahan also warned of rising infections among locals.

"We found a 2.3 percent infection rate among Bangladeshis in Ukhia and Teknaf, against the national average of 1.1 percent," he said.

He stressed the importance of awareness about safe medical practices -- proper blood screening, disposable syringes, and single-use razors.

Shamsul Islam, a Camp 8W resident who arrived from Maungdaw in 2017, has been on Hepatitis C medication for a month. His wife also tested positive. He blamed reused syringes and shared blades in Myanmar.

Outside the MSF hospital, Nabi Hossain expressed concern after his mother-in-law and brother-in-law both tested positive. "We're now worried for

our three daughters and one son," said his wife, Tahera. "Hepatitis is being detected in every house -- it's frightening."

During a visit to the MSF treatment centre in Camp 8W, this correspondent saw volunteers conducting rapid diagnostic tests on all adults. Positive cases are sent for PCR testing, with results available the next day. Treatment starts immediately for confirmed infections.

Dr Wasim, health coordinator at MSF, said those with low infection levels undergo 12 week treatments, while those with higher levels require 24 weeks. Between 2020 and 2024, MSF tested 30,000 adults in the camps, identifying 17,000 positive cases. Over 10,000 have completed treatment, with a 95 percent success rate.

MSF now plans to treat another 30,000 patients over the next year through three hospitals serving nine camps.

Dr Wasim underscored the need for safe blood transfusions, single-use syringes, and hygienic shaving practices to curb the virus's spread among both Rohingyas and locals.

Arrest warrant issued

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a probe report before the tribunal against them after an investigation into the case.

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