

Go for major reform, not just small-scale health initiatives

Say experts at dialogue

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Health experts and professionals yesterday suggested that the new government undertake major institutional reforms in the health sector from the start; otherwise, small-scale initiatives would not be sustainable.

The comments came at a dialogue titled "Actionable Priority Agendas for Achieving UHC" at CIRDAP auditorium, organised by Power and Participation Research Centre (PPRC) and the Universal Health Coverage (UHC) Forum with Unicef's support.

Speakers also asked to remove barriers holding back service delivery in the health sector and placing greater emphasis on primary healthcare to achieve UHC by 2030.

Aminul Hasan, member secretary of the UHC Forum, gave a detailed presentation on progress, challenges and reforms needed to achieve UHC.

He said the sector is facing several system constraints including high out of pocket expenditures, fragmented service delivery systems and weak referral systems.

Bangladesh will not be able to achieve UHC without reforming the existing system, he added.

Public Health Expert Mushtuq Husain said the government has to go for major institutional reforms like forming a permanent health commission and a separate directorate for public health and health services.

Hossain Zillur Rahman, executive chairman of the PPRC, said the country has an extensive health infrastructure that is trapped in low productivity with the service coverage index at 54 percent only. Although, our health sector is under-funded, a significant amount of annual budget allocation remains unused.

He suggested proper integration of three key organisation -- union sub centres, family welfare centres and community clinics -- and to immediately fill the 40 percent vacancy in the field level.

MA Muhit, state minister for the health ministry, said the recommendations presented here are mostly identical to those outlined in BNP's manifesto and that the government has already formed a specialised cell to implement the manifesto.

The government will introduce an e-health card and appoint one lakh health workers in primary healthcare in phases. They are also working with the concept of Public Private Partnership in the health sector.

Prof Syed Abdul Hamid of Institute of Health Economics; Prof Syed Akram Hossain, a member of the Health Sector Reform Commission and Prof Abul Kalam Azad, former director general of Directorate General of Health Services, gave separate presentations.



PHOTO: STAR

Defying hardship and terrain, hill women support their families

RIKORS CHAKMA, Rangamati

Every Saturday and Wednesday, Alo Rani Chakma makes a long journey from her village in Naniarchar upazila of Rangamati to Banarupa Bazar in the district town.

Carrying fresh produce, she boards an engine-driven boat at dawn and reaches the bustling market between 6:00 and 7:00am. After spending the morning selling her vegetables, she heads back home around noon. The income she earns from these trips helps sustain her family.

Alo Rani's story is not unique. Across the remote hills of Rangamati, many indigenous women like her are quietly carrying the responsibilities of their households.

Travelling long distances through hilly terrain and waterways, they bring agricultural produce and handmade goods to local markets, determined to earn a living for their families.

Many of these women are primary breadwinners for their families, a duty they fulfil with resilience and perseverance.

Bhagya Devi Chakma, from the Sapchhari area of Rangamati Sadar upazila, spends most of the year working on a waist loom. Patiently weaving thread by

thread, she makes traditional hill women's clothing known as pinon-hadi.

The garments she produces are both practical and cultural. "I wear them myself and also sell them to customers, using the income to support my household," she said.

Like her, many other hill women are turning their weaving skills into a source of livelihood while keeping their traditions alive.



Yesterday morning, at Banarupa Market, Shyamoli Chakma was seen arranging plums, sweet pumpkins and potatoes on a small stall.

A resident of Bandukbhanga union in Sadar upazila, she had arrived by boat at around 7:00am.

After selling her produce, she planned to buy some necessities

for her family before returning home.

Another seller, Nirala Chakma, who sells pinon-hadi, said the work has given women a sense of independence.

"We are becoming self-sufficient by selling these traditional clothes," she said.

"At the same time, we are preserving our tradition. It feels good to see that our traditional clothes are now reaching people abroad. Members of our communities in different countries also wear them on various occasions," she added.

Nuku Chakma, a member of the CHT Women Resource Network, said the role of hill women in society is gradually changing.

"Hill women are no longer sitting at home," she told The Daily Star.

"They are taking responsibility for their families, running small businesses like men, and learning to stand on their own feet. This is certainly hopeful."

She believes economic participation is crucial for women's empowerment.

"When women earn, they become self-reliant and better able to support their families. It increases their confidence and also raises their value within the family," she said.

Opposition role, cooperation with govt

Jamaat ameer pledges at diplomats' iftar

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Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer Shafiqur Rahman has said his party will pursue a "principled and pragmatic" policy approach that safeguards Bangladesh's sovereignty while promoting economic development, peaceful international relations and inclusive democracy.

Speaking at an iftar hosted in honour of diplomats at the parliament complex in Dhaka yesterday, Shafiqur Rahman said Jamaat would play the role of a constructive parliamentary opposition while cooperating with the government on issues of national interest.

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8, including DU student, held over March 7 activities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday arrested at least six people while they were attempting to march in a procession to place a wreath at the residence of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Dhanmondi 32, marking the historic March 7 speech.

In a separate incident, two individuals, including a student of Dhaka University, were detained from the Chankarpul area for playing Bangabandhu's March 7 speech on a sound box.

According to police, a group of 30-40 people arrived in a procession from Dhanmondi Road 27 around 6:30am. Police stopped them near Dhanmondi 32, after which the group dispersed. Four individuals, including three women, were detained.

The detainees are Runa Begum, 50; Janata

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STATUTORY NOTICE
 IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
 HIGH COURT DIVISION
 (STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
 COMPANY MATTER NO. 209 OF 2026

An application under Section 81(2) and Section 85(3) of the Companies Act, 1994
 Md. Nazrul Islam -----Petitioner

-VERSUS-

Prasine International Limited and another -----Respondents.

Take Notice that an application under Section 81(2) and Section 85(3) of the Companies Act, 1994 for condonation of delay in holding the AGM for the calendar years 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 of Prasine International Limited was filed before the Hon'ble High Court Division. Upon hearing of the application on 01.03.2026, a single Bench of the High Court Division comprising His Lordship Mrs. Justice Kazi Zinat Hoque was pleased to admit said application and also pleased to issue notices upon the Respondents as well as by way of publication in daily newspaper within 3(three) weeks from date. If you are interested to oppose the said application you may appear before the Hon'ble Court either in person or through an Advocate. Copy of the said application may be obtained from the under mentioned advocate on payment.

Md. Wabaydullah Emon
 Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh; 0162-5758259

STATUTORY NOTICE
 IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
 HIGH COURT DIVISION
 (STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
 COMPANY MATTER NO. 169 OF 2026

IN THE MATTER OF:
 Barnali Collections Ltd and Another ----- Petitioners

-VERSUS-
 The Registrar, Joint Stock Companies and Firms and Others ----- Respondents

Notice is hereby given that an application under section 228 read with 229 of the Companies Act, 1994 ("the Act") is filed for confirmation of the scheme of amalgamation of the Barnali Collections Ltd. (Transferee Company) with the Barnali Textile and Printing Industries (Pvt.) Ltd. (Transferor Company) with its assets and liabilities. That a Bench of Hon'ble High Court Division of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Bangladesh comprising of Her Lordship Ms. Justice Kazi Zinat Hoque was pleased to admit the application upon hearing of the petitioners on 15.02.2026. That a meeting of the members and creditors of the Barnali Collections Ltd. will be held on 31 March/2026 at 10:00 a.m., and a separate meeting of the creditors of the Company will be held on the same day at 11:00 a.m., at the registered office of the Company situated at Floor 8A, Bays Park Heights, Plot No. 522 (Old), 2 (New), Road No. 8 (Old), 9 (New), Dhanmondi, Dhaka. A copy of the said application may be obtained from the undersigned.

Mohammad Golam Kibria FCS
 Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh
 GK CHAMBRERS, Meherba Plaza, Suite # 8-B, (Lift # 8)
 33, Tophkhana Road, Dhaka-1000. Mobile: 01707-429282

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NUKU CHAKMA
 A member of the CHT Women Resource Network

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Ref. No. MMCH/Medical & Equipment/e-Tender/2026/1373 Date: 07/03/2026

Invitation for Tenders (Goods)
Re-Tender Notice

This is an online tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, please register on e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>). For more details, please contact support desk contract numbers.

e-Tender are invited in e-GP System Portal (www.eprocure.gov.bd) by Brigadier General Md. Zakir Hossain, Director, Mymensingh Medical College Hospital for the Procurement of:

Tender/Proposal Id	Name of goods	Tender/proposal publication date & time	Tender/closing/opening date & time
1241114	Procurement of Medical Equipment for the F.Y 2025-2026 at Mymensingh Medical College Hospital.	08-Mar-2026 12.00	16-Mar-2026 12.00

e-Tender details can be downloaded on e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for pursuer.
 e-Tender will be accepted only as stated in above list; accepted tenders will be opened online immediately as stated in above list.

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Memo No.-RRI/SMR Project/2026/07 Date: 07/03/2026

CORRIGENDUM NOTICE

Invitation Tender Notice No.: RRI/SMR Project/G-07/26 Dated 04/03/2026 invited in the national e-GP portal (ID No. 1239511) and published in the National and Local News Papers have been amended in the invitation of Tender (IFT) notice and Tender Data sheet (TDS) as below.

Package Name	Old Value	New Value
Package No- G-07: Procurement of Mini Current Meter for Discharge Measurement	In TDS, Sub-Section D (e-Tender Preparation), ITT Clause 30: "The amount of the Tender Security Shall be 2.60 lakh in favor of the Project Director, RRI, Dhaka"	In TDS, Sub-Section D (e-Tender Preparation), ITT Clause 30: "The amount of the Tender Security Shall be 2.58 lakh in favor of the Project Director, RRI, Dhaka"

This corrigendum will be the part of the Tender document. All other terms and conditions and requirements will remain unchanged.

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GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH
OFFICE OF COMMANDANT (SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE)
IN-SERVICE TRAINING CENTER,
NETROKONA.

Memo No: 254 /(ITC) Date: 05.03.2026.

e-TENDER NOTICE NO-01/2025-2026
(Open Tendering Method)

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Sl No.	Tender ID	Name of Work	Last Selling Date & Time	Closing/Opening Date & Time
01	1238384	Repair works of Inservice Training Center Netrokona.	29-Mar-2026 17:30	30-Mar-2026 13:30

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