

'We will keep Dhanmondi Lake free from commercialisation'

Says DSCC administrator

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhanmondi Lake will not be allowed to turn into a commercial zone under any circumstances, said Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) Administrator Md Abdus Salam yesterday.

Emphasising the need to preserve its natural environment, he said, "Dhanmondi Lake is not a commercial area. There is a severe shortage of breathing spaces in Dhaka city. We want to preserve this lake in its original natural form."

He made the remarks while speaking to journalists after visiting the lake.

Expressing dissatisfaction over the growing number of restaurants and commercial establishments around the lake, Salam said it now appears that the entire area has been taken over by restaurants, which is unacceptable.

"Our primary goal is to preserve nature here. We will soon restore a beautiful and healthy environment," he said.



Sandbars have emerged across much of the western bank of the Padma River in the Aibadh area of Rajshahi city, making it appear fragmented into narrow canals. Boat movement has come to a halt, while the Water Development Board has begun work beneath the city protection embankment ahead of the monsoon. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: AZAHAR UDDIN

6 die in road crashes in Cumilla

STAR REPORT

At least six people were killed and five were injured in separate road accidents on the Dhaka-Chattogram highway in Cumilla yesterday.

In Daudkandi, the driver and a passenger of a CNG-run autorickshaw were killed, and four other passengers were injured after an unidentified vehicle hit the three-wheeler on the highway in Sarkarpur area around 4:00am, said Md Iqbal Bahar Majumdar, officer-in-charge (OC) of Daudkandi Highway Police Station.

The deceased were identified as autorickshaw driver Berek, SEE PAGE 9 COL 5

bKash gives 40,000 books to Bishwo Shahitto Kendro



CITY DESK
bKash has contributed 3,67,520 books to the Bishwo Shahitto Kendro's (BSK) Book Reading Programme over the past 12 years.

As part of its ongoing efforts, more than 40,000 books were presented this year to Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed, founder and chief executive of Bishwo Shahitto Kendro, according to a press release.

Maj Gen (ret'd) Sheikh Md Monirul Islam, chief external and corporate affairs officer at bKash, handed over the books at an event at the Kendro's auditorium in Dhaka on Tuesday.

Since 2014, nearly 3,000 educational institutions have received these books, reaching over 3.4 million readers. This year's distribution will cover 330 educational institutions, including 80 new schools participating in the programme.

bKash has remained associated with the reading programme for 13 consecutive years.

Among others present at the event were Executive Director of Bishwo Shahitto Kendro Khandakar Md Asaduzzaman; Joint Director (Programme) Mesbah Uddin Ahmed Sumon; EVP and Head of Regulatory & Corporate Affairs at bKash Humayun Kabir; and Vice President Sayma Ahsan.

PRAYER TIMING
APRIL 2

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4:40	12:45	4:45	6:21	7:45
JAMAAT 5:15	1:15	5:00	6:24	8:15

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Road Transport and Highways Division
Dhaka Mass Transit Company Limited
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e-Tender Notice: OTM

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Sl. No.	Package No.	Description of Goods	Tender ID No.	Tender Publishing (Date and time)	Tender Last Selling (Date & Time)	Tender Closing (Date & Time)
01	DMTCL/GR-27/2025-26	Supply of Tools and Consumables for Signalling and Telecom Department.	1243670	02-Apr-2026 16:00	22-Apr-2026 16:00	23-Apr-2026 15:00
02	DMTCL/GR-19/2025-26	Supply of MEP Tools for E&M Subsystem Under Electrical Department	1232678	02-Apr-2026 12:00	22-Apr-2026 16:00	23-Apr-2026 15:00

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Dhaka Mass Transit Company Limited

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DMP moves to reclaim

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The drive will continue from April 1 to April 5 at different locations and times, said Assistant Police Commissioner Arifa Akhter Preeti of DMP's Media and Public Relations Division.

Before the drive, DMP had asked traders to remove goods from footpaths and roads. During the operation, belongings of those who failed to comply were removed, and fines were imposed in some cases.

Talking to The Daily Star, Dhaka South City Corporation Administrator Abdus Salam said traffic congestion is not only a matter of signal management but also involves clearing encroached footpaths, managing intersections, and improving coordination.

"Traffic is a multi-dimensional issue. These factors are interconnected, and we are addressing them in a coordinated way," he said.

He stressed the need to regulate street vendors, noting that unplanned

occupation of roads and footpaths contributes significantly to congestion.

Describing the situation as unsustainable, Salam said Dhaka has nearly become paralysed due to congestion.

"This cannot continue. We must restore functionality to the city, and that requires cooperation from all stakeholders," he said.

He added that locations for proposed vendor markets would be finalised in consultation with law enforcement.

"Vendors cannot occupy major streets where traffic pressure is highest. Instead, we will provide alternative spaces," he added.

Dhaka North City Corporation Administrator Shafiqul Islam Khan said infrastructural and management issues, including illegal structures and poor U-turn systems, are contributing to congestion.

"We have discussed these issues with relevant agencies, and work is underway," he said.

Master plan key

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Salam said that during the Pakistan era, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar had been designed as a second city under a master plan. Despite some deviations in implementation, the area is still largely a planned city.

There were three playgrounds in Dhupkhola, but former mayor Taposh constructed markets on the land, leaving only one field, despite a shortage of playgrounds in Dhaka. Now, efforts are underway to make at least one playground for every two wards, he added.

Several initiatives are being implemented to control traffic in the capital under PM Tarique Rahman's direction. Inter-district buses are being

shifted from Sayedabad Bus Terminal to Kanchpur Terminal. Another inter-district bus terminal will be built in Baghoir, Keraniganj. Once completed, inter-district buses will no longer enter the city, which will significantly reduce traffic congestion, he hoped.

Additionally, steps are being taken to identify and resolve footpath encroachment, market encroachment, and unregulated rickshaws, he added.

"The capital faces numerous problems, and coordination is essential to solve them. For this, a city government is needed. Without forming a city government, these problems cannot be resolved," he said.

1 bed for 3 children

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newborns. The hospital has no ICU, and even in the isolation ward, each bed accommodates three patients.

Prof Dr Bikash Nag, head of paediatrics, said the hospital is facing an acute shortage of beds and space.

"We are trying to arrange isolation, but with such limitations, it is difficult. Still, we are doing our best," he said.

He added that proper isolation requires ICU support to ensure oxygen supply, which the hospital lacks.

"We are providing oxygen and can deliver up to 50 percent high-flow oxygen, but the number of patients is extremely high. Patients from different upazilas are coming directly, and we cannot turn anyone away," he said. Acknowledging the

risks, he said measles is highly contagious.

"Keeping three patients on one bed is not isolation," he added.

According to the divisional health office, eight people have died from measles in the division so far, while 77 new patients were admitted in the 24 hours till 6:00am yesterday.

Although authorities have instructed upazila-level hospitals to treat measles patients, many families are bringing children directly to SBMCH, worsening overcrowding.

Dr Shyamal Kumar Mondal, divisional health director, said district hospitals have been asked to arrange isolation facilities, but many lack resources. He noted that measles cases typically rise during this period and urged people to remain cautious without panicking.

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH
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No: 15.54.1543.029.07.002.26.167 Date: 01.04.2026

e-Tender Notice

E-Tender is invited in the National e-GP Portal (www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the following procurement's

SL No.	Package Name	Tender ID/Package No:	Tender Publication Date and Time	Tender/Proposal closing/Opening Date & Time
1.	Procurement of Supply Various furniture, Carpets, Cork Sheets, Workshop equipment, Various types of fabrics, paper, props etc materials used on the set for the construction of TV programme sets.	Tender ID: 1250688 Invitation Reference No: 15.54.1543.029.07.002.25	02 April 2026 10:00 hrs.	16 April 2026 16.00 hrs.

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On behalf of General Manager
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Bangladesh Power Development Board
Office of the Senior System Analyst
Dhaka Computer Center
Wapda Building(4th fl.), Motijheel, Dhaka.
Phone no. 47113484

Ref No. 27.11.0000.716.77.26.612 Dates: 31/03/2026.

Invitation for e-Tenders

e-Tender are invited in the National e-GP System Portal (www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the Procurement of following work.

Sl. No.	Tender ID & Ref. No.	Name of Works	Tender Publication Date	Tender Closing Date
1.	Tender ID: 1246900 Ref. No: 27.11.0000.716.77.26.611 Dt: 31.03.2026	Supply Installation and Commissioning of AVR(Different KVA) and necessary accessories for Dhaka , Chattogram, Comilla Computer Center Data Center of BPDB with 3 years support services .	31.03.2026	16.04.2026 Time: 12:00

Signed
(Mriganka Mohan Paul)
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THE SECURITY PRINTING CORPORATION (BANGLADESH) LTD.
GAZIPUR-1703

LOCAL TENDER NOTICE
Web site: www.spcbl.org.bd

Ref: 28/2025 Dated: 02/04/2026

NAME OF THE WORK: Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of HVAC System for Extended Bank Note Printing Hall at SPCBL, Gazipur

Local tender for the above-mentioned works is hereby invited from eligible contractors having relevant experience in HVAC works with Government, Autonomous Organizations or Banks, as per the schedule mentioned below. Detailed tender documents, terms & conditions, and technical specifications are available on the Corporation's official website www.spcbl.org.bd. For more information, please contact +88-02-223375590.

Tender Information

Item	Details
1. Price of Tender Schedule	BDT 5,000.00 (Five Thousand Taka) [Non-Refundable]
2. Date of Publishing Tender	02/04/2026
3. Pre-Tender Meeting	16/04/2026, 11:00 AM at SPCBL, Gazipur-1703
3. Last Date & Time for Submission	29/04/2026 up to 4:30 PM
4. Date & Time for Opening of Tender	30/04/2026 at 11:15 AM

Submission & Financial Requirements

- Bidders must download the Tender Schedule from the website (www.spcbl.org.bd) and prepare their offers accordingly.
- Earnest Money equivalent to 2.5% (Two Point Five Percent) of the quoted amount shall be submitted in the form of Bank Guarantee/Pay Order in favor of: "Managing Director, The Security Printing Corporation (Bangladesh) Ltd."
- The Earnest Money must be placed in the Financial offer Envelope of the tender.
- The price of the Tender Schedule (BDT 5,000) must be submitted through Pay-Order/Demand Draft in favor of: "Managing Director, The Security Printing Corporation (Bangladesh) Ltd." along with the tender documents. The price of the Tender Schedule placed in the Technical offer Envelope.
- Tender(s) without the Earnest Money or price of Tender Schedule shall be considered non-responsive and will be rejected outright.

Other Conditions

- The offer(s) will be opened as per the schedule mentioned above in the presence of the tenderer(s), if any.
- The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.
- Any tender submitted after the specified deadline will not be accepted under any circumstances.

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কাস্টমস, এন্ডাইজ ও ড্যাট কমিশনারেট, কক্সবাজার
অস্থায়ী কার্যালয়
হাসপাতাল রোড, কক্সবাজার।

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- ন্যূনতম ২০ কিউ এম সড়কের পাশে অবস্থিত হতে হবে;
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- দিনের বেলায় প্রাকৃতিক আলো ও বাতাসের ব্যবস্থা থাকতে হবে;
- ন্যূনতম ১৫ টি গাড়ি রাখার জন্য গ্যারেজ থাকতে হবে;
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- সার্বক্ষমিক নিরাপত্তা গ্রহণীসহ পর্যাপ্ত নিরাপত্তা ব্যবস্থা থাকতে হবে;
- ভবনটি মাঝমা-মোকদ্দমা মুক্ত হতে হবে;
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