

Jibon Tari celebrates 27th anniv today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jibon Tari, the first floating hospital in Bangladesh, celebrates its 27th anniversary today in Gazipur's Kaliganj upazila.

This floating hospital is an innovative project of Impact Foundation Bangladesh (IFB), which focuses on taking affordable and specialised healthcare services to the doorsteps of rural, marginalised people.

Over the last 27 years, it has treated over eight lakh patients and performed more than 58,000 surgeries, according to a press release from IFB.

The three-deck hospital started its journey from the bank of the Padma river at Mawa Ghat in Munshiganj on April 10, 1999. Since then, the vessel has travelled to over 35 locations across the country's riverine districts. Recently, it has been anchored in Kaliganj since May 2025.

According to IFB, the hospital particularly focuses on providing healthcare services to women, children, and people with disabilities, who would otherwise have little or no access to treatment.

Jibon Tari is well-equipped with modern medical and surgical equipment. Its facilities include two operation theatres, a patient ward, digital X-ray machines,



Dhaka City Corporation authorities conduct a drive at the Gabtoli bus terminal area in Dhaka to remove illegal structures and unauthorised vendors. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: MEHEDI HASAN

3 arrested over rape of woman

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenaidah

Police in Jhenaidah have arrested three men in connection with the rape of a 39-year-old woman and the recording of the assault.

The victim filed a case at Jhenaidah Sadar Police Station on Wednesday night, naming two accused and several unidentified others.

The arrested are Md Shawon Rahman, 28, of Kalikapur village, and two others, Mahi, 22, and Sajib, 21.

According to the complaint, the woman, who works as a domestic help, was walking in the Kalikapur area on Tuesday night when Shawon and others blocked her path, took her to a house near Nurunnahar Mohila College, and raped her.

She alleged her phone and money were taken, and she was threatened with a video recording of the assault.

She was later admitted to Jhenaidah General Hospital. Sheikh Billal Hossain, additional superintendent of police (administration and finance) in Jhenaidah, said Shawon had planned the attack and efforts are underway to arrest more suspects.

Seven die with measles symptoms in 3 districts

STAR REPORT

Seven people died with measles symptoms in the last 24 hours till 8:00am Thursday in three districts, report our correspondents.

Four patients with measles symptoms died at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH), raising the total number of such deaths at the hospital to 50 this year.

Besides, 27 new patients were admitted and 24 discharged, said hospital spokesperson Dr Shankar K Biswas.

Currently, 132 patients with suspected measles are undergoing treatment at the hospital. A total of 479 such patients have been admitted to RMCH so far this year, according to hospital data.

Meanwhile, two children died with measles symptoms at Faridpur Medical College Hospital (FMCH), raising the death toll there to three, according to the Civil Surgeon's Office.

Both had been admitted three days earlier with symptoms of measles. Their samples have been sent to the Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research, said Civil Surgeon Mahmudul Hasan.

In Faridpur district, 17 new patients with measles symptoms were admitted, including nine at FMCH. Since January 1,

185 such cases have been recorded in the district.

In Sylhet, a five-month-old child died with measles symptoms at MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital on Wednesday night.

The infant, from Chhatak upazila of Sunamganj, had been admitted to Shaheed Shamsuddin Ahmed Hospital on April 6 and was later shifted to the ICU of Osmani Medical College Hospital as her condition deteriorated, said Dr Mohammad Nure Alam Shamim of the Sylhet Divisional Health Office.

On April 6, another infant died of measles at the same hospital.

Two new measles cases were confirmed through laboratory tests in the 24 hours until 8:00am Thursday. During the same period, 36 new suspected patients were admitted to hospitals in the division.

In Gazipur, 10 new patients with measles like symptoms were admitted to Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmad Medical College Hospital.

A total of 137 children were admitted with such symptoms over the past week, of whom 103 have recovered and been discharged. Currently, 31 patients are undergoing treatment at the hospital, according to the hospital.

BNP's rhetoric is all

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amounted to "executive interference", which he said contradicts the constitution and court rulings.

He warned that such trends could lead to "another form of fascism".

He also criticised local government laws, alleging that institutions were being politicised through the appointment of administrators instead of elected representatives.

At the same briefing, Opposition Chief Whip and NCP Convener Nahid Islam said parliament has been "tainted" by the passage of laws through the scrapping

of several key ordinances and ignoring objections.

He said several ordinances related to human rights, judicial independence, and judicial appointments were scrapped or altered despite the opposition's "reasonable objections".

"These laws were passed without satisfactory explanations," Nahid said, adding that the move forced the opposition to stage the walkout.

Criticising by-elections in Sherpur and Bogura that were held yesterday, Shafiqur said the situation resembled past controversial polls and condemned reported

violence. He also demanded justice and accountability.

However, he clarified that the opposition had not boycotted parliament. "We will return and speak for the people. If anything goes against public interest, we will protest again," he said.

Meanwhile, NCP MP Hannan Masud alleged that opposition polling agents were driven out of centres in Bogura-6 and Sherpur-3 polls, with some injured.

"Even children were lined up to cast votes. This is pushing the country towards crisis again," he said in the parliament.



modern pathology, and accommodation for 32 full-time residential staff members – including doctors, nurses, paramedics, and medical technologists. The floating hospital also features marine generators for uninterrupted power and a reverse osmosis plant for safe drinking water.

Besides medical and surgical services, Jibon Tari also provides capacity-building training to raise community awareness, so that rural people are left with the knowledge to seek healthcare for themselves once the vessel departs.

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Hadi murder

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During the trial, 13 prosecution witnesses testified in the case.

On November 8, 2024, Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) filed an arms case against Faisal with Adabor Police Station. On March 28 last year, investigator Jahid Hasan, a sub-inspector of the same police station, pressed charges against him.

According to the case documents, members of Rab-2 conducted a raid on November 7, 2024, at an apartment in Baitul Aman Housing Society in Dhaka's Adabor area. Faisal was detained while attempting to flee. A subsequent search of his residence led to the recovery of a foreign-made pistol along with four rounds of ammunition.

On December 12 last year, Hadi was shot in Dhaka's Paltan area while campaigning. He died on December 18 while undergoing treatment in Singapore.

On December 14, Inqilab Moncho's Member Secretary Abdullah Al Jaber filed an attempted murder case with Paltan Model Police Station against Faisal and several unnamed individuals, which later turned into a murder case.

On January 6 this year, investigating officer Faisal Ahmed, a Detective Branch (DB) inspector, submitted a charge sheet in the case before the court, naming Faisal, four of his family members, and 12 others.

On January 15, Abdullah Al Jaber filed a no-confidence (naraji) petition with the court, rejecting the probe report submitted by the DB of Dhaka Metropolitan Police. On the same day, the court directed the CID to conduct a further investigation into the case after granting the petition.

INDEPENDENT UNIVERSITY, BANGLADESH
Planning & Development Department

INVITATION FOR TENDER

1	Invitation for	Selection of Contractor for Construction of Five-storied Student Dormitory Building including a Semi Basement at Plot No-13, Road No-4, Sector-15/H, Uttara-3 rd Phase, Dhaka
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3	Last Selling Date & Time of Tender Document	Date: 30-04-2026 (Thursday) Time: 3:00 PM
4	Date & Time of Pre-Bid Meeting	Date: 03-05-2026 (Sunday) Time: 11:30 AM
5	Last Date & Time of Tender Submission	Date: 10-05-2026 (Sunday) Time: 2:00 PM
6	Date & Time of Tender Opening	Date: 10-05-2026 (Sunday) Time: 2:30 PM
7	Selling & Receiving of Tender Document	At the Office of the Planning & Development Department, Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB), Plot # 16, Aftabuddin Ahmed Road, Block # B, Bashundhara, Dhaka.
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