



## Dhaka, KL discuss zero-cost digital migration plan

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Malaysia has taken initiatives to introduce a technology-driven labour recruitment system for all source countries, including Bangladesh, aimed at ensuring zero-cost migration as per the ILO guidelines, as the two countries agreed to expedite reopening of labour market.

The issues were discussed during a bilateral meeting between Bangladesh and Malaysia in Putrajaya yesterday, according to a joint statement.

"The system would ensure that employers bear the full cost of recruitment, resulting in zero cost to workers, in line with the Employer Pays Principle under the guidelines of the International Labour Organization (ILO)," it said.

Ariful Haque Choudhury, expatriates' welfare and overseas employment and labour and employment minister, led the Bangladesh side, while the Malaysian side was led by Ramanan Ramakrishnan, minister of human resources. Mahdi Amin, prime minister's adviser on overseas employment, was present.

Currently, there are over 8,00,000 Bangladeshis working there, but the recruitment in the Southeast Asian country was frozen on May 31, 2024, following allegations

**The two countries agree to speed up the reopening of labour market.**

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Eight-month-old Mahadi Islam Siam from Mirpur was admitted to DNCC Dedicated Covid-19 Hospital in Mohakhali on Sunday with measles. He was experiencing breathing difficulties when the photo was taken yesterday afternoon. At least 23 more patients died of suspected measles in the 24 hours till 8:00am yesterday, raising the number of deaths to 143 since March 15. Besides, over 12,000 suspected cases were reported during this time, according to DGHS.

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## 'Only Allah knows who did what in 1971 war'

Says Shafiqur as JS passes Jamuka bill

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The parliament yesterday passed the Jatiya Muktiyoddha Council (Amendment) Bill, 2026, retaining the names of the then Muslim League, Jamaat-e-Islami, and Nizam-e-Islam Party as local collaborators of the Pakistani invading force during the 1971 Liberation War.

Placing the bill before the House, Liberation War Affairs Minister Ahmed Azam Khan stressed the need to preserve the ideals of the Liberation War and uphold its core goals of equality, human dignity, and social justice.

According to the document, "Bir Muktiyoddha" refers to individuals who actively engaged in combat or underwent military training during the fight against Pakistani occupation forces and their local collaborators -- Razakar, Al-Badr,

## BNP wins Bogura-6, Sherpur-3 elections

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BNP candidate Rezaul Karim Badsha clinched victory in the Bogura 6 by-polls held yesterday, while Mahmudul Haque Rubel, also the ruling party candidate, won the Sherpur-3 election.

The by-polls saw 42.57 percent turnout, and the Sherpur-3 election recorded 52.19 percent turnout, according to returning officers.



Rezaul Badsha Mahmudul Haque

The voter turnout figures did not include postal ballots.

Meanwhile, Jamaat-e-Islami raised the allegations of irregularities in both the polls and boycotted the Sherpur-3 election.

The 13th national election was held on February 12 in 299 constituencies. With the two victories, BNP lawmakers in parliament rose to 210.

BNP also won Chattogram-2 and Chattogram 4 seats, but the gazette is yet to be published as the High Court issued directives to withhold the results following writ petitions.

Prime Minister and BNP Chairman

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## Vitamin A, deworming campaigns on hold for over a year

Experts say children with malnutrition, weakened immunity vulnerable to severe measles



➔ Last National Vitamin A Plus campaign in March 2025

➔ Last National Deworming Campaign in May 2024

➔ Both campaigns supposed to take place twice a year

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Two crucial national campaigns -- distribution of deworming tablets and Vitamin A Plus capsules -- have remained suspended for over a year, a disruption experts say may have worsened the measles outbreak.

These campaigns aim to improve children's immunity and nutritional status, and lapses are likely to increase malnutrition and weaken immunity, making measles more severe, they added.

Although both campaigns were scheduled twice a year, the National Deworming Campaign has not been held since May 2024, and the last National Vitamin A Plus campaign took place in March last year, officials said.

They blamed the cancellation of the sectoral programme, under which the campaigns were funded, without renewed funding by the interim government, as well as complications in the tendering process to procure capsules.

The matter comes to light as the country faces a measles outbreak on a scale unprecedented in the past two decades.

The Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) reported 23 confirmed measles deaths yesterday. With the latest report, the number of suspected measles deaths since March 15 has risen to 143. Besides, over 12,000 suspected cases have been reported nationwide during this time.

Experts link the crisis to disruptions in

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## Fuel Pass app launched for 2 Dhaka pumps

Govt says supply secured for 2 months

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The government has launched a pilot of a mobile application for two filling stations in Dhaka, aiming to streamline fuel distribution, curb irregularities, and bring transparency to a system strained by global uncertainty.

Developed under the Energy and Mineral Resources Division initially for motorcycle users, the QR code-based Fuel Pass app is being implemented by the Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) at Trust Filling Station near Bijoy Sarani and Sonar Bangla Filling Station in Asad Gate.

Officials said the system would be expanded nationwide for all types of vehicles if the pilot proves successful, as the US-Israel war on Iran continues to mount pressure on global energy supply chains.

The move comes amid long queues at filling stations, even when supply remains adequate. Authorities attribute the situation to inefficiencies in manual distribution and repeated fuel collection by some individuals, which contributes to artificial shortages.

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## Classes 3 days online, 3 days in person

Govt pilots hybrid model in selected Dhaka schools

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The government is set to introduce a blended model in selected schools in Dhaka from tomorrow, under which students will attend online classes for three days and physical classes for three days each week.

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**"The decision was taken in view of the global energy crisis, severe traffic congestion, and the growing need to adapt to a technology-based education system."**

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adapt to a technology-based education system, Education Minister ANM Ehsanul Hoque Milton said at a press briefing at the International Mother Language Institute yesterday afternoon.

Under the arrangement, students will attend physical classes on Saturdays, Mondays, and Wednesdays, while they will have online classes on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.

Calling it a limited pilot initiative rather than a pandemic-style restriction, Milton said, "It is not a pandemic-era measure. We are not forcing it." He added that the system would initially be introduced in selected institutions.

Primary schools will remain outside the arrangement for now, he said, adding that a decision on them would be

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### THE WINGED GARDENER

A flash of black and ivory cuts through the pale sky over Satchari National Park in Habiganj, as an oriental pied hornbill glides above the forest canopy. Native across South and Southeast Asia, this striking bird thrives in moist lowland forests, riverine edges, and even secondary growth near human settlements. Primarily frugivorous, it feeds on figs, palm fruits, and papaya, but will also take insects, small reptiles, and nestlings. A master gardener of the forest, it disperses large seeds across vast distances, quietly shaping entire forests. Listed as Least Concern by the IUCN, it still faces growing threats from deforestation, hunting, and the loss of nesting trees.

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