

Vaccination for every

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The drive was later expanded to Dhaka South, Dhaka North, Mymensingh and Barisal city corporations from April 12.

A total of 21.8 lakh children from these 30 upazilas and the four city corporations and 1.58 lakh more children from the rest of the country are expected to be vaccinated, according to the health ministry.

The campaign launched on April 5 will continue till April 25, while the one that began on April 12 will end on May 12, said Hasanul Mahmud, assistant director of the Expanded Programme on Immunization.

The nationwide campaign will run till May 20 in city corporation areas and till May 12 across the rest of the country, Mahmud added.

Meanwhile, the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) recorded one more confirmed measles death in the last 24 hours till 8:00am yesterday, taking the confirmed measles death toll to 37.

The death was reported from the Dhaka division.

Besides, the directorate recorded two more suspected deaths in the last 24 hours, taking the total number of suspected deaths to 183. The two deaths were

reported in Dhaka and Chattogram divisions.

Also, a total of 174 confirmed measles cases were recorded during this time, taking the total confirmed cases to 3,617. Some 1,170 suspected cases were also recorded during the same time, taking the total suspected cases to 24,776.

In a statement, Rana Flowers, UNICEF Representative in Bangladesh, said the nationwide measles-rubella campaign comes at a critical moment for Bangladesh.

"Since the emergency campaign began on April 5, we have seen strong momentum. As of April 19, close to 1.6 million children, 73 percent of the target group, have already been vaccinated. This is a remarkable effort, and UNICEF applauds the health workers and communities working around the clock," she said.

Stressing that the situation remains concerning, she said, "With every preventative vaccine delivered, the country inches closer to stabilising the current outbreak. The goal is clear: reach more than 17.8 million children, achieve at least 95 percent coverage, and ensure no child is left behind."

The state must protect

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Justice must come through the legal system, not informal compromise or social pressure," said Shaheen Anam, executive director of MJF.

MJF urged authorities to ensure the safety of the Subarnachar survivor and her family, arrest the accused and those involved in the attack, and conduct a fast, fair, and transparent investigation.

It also called for action against attempts to settle or obstruct the case informally and for stronger monitoring and accountability in all educational institutions.

The organisation further expressed concern over delays in legal action and efforts to reach local settlements instead of carrying out proper investigations.

"Such practices weaken the justice system and put survivors at further risk, especially in educational institutions like madrasas," the statement said.

"Protecting children must be a top national priority," MJF added.

The organisation said it stood with the survivor and her family and reaffirmed its commitment to ensuring a safe and just environment for all children.



A farmer struggles to irrigate semi-ripe paddy due to diesel shortage and power outages, affecting many across Rajshahi and leaving their fields dry at a critical stage. With the Boro harvest season just weeks away, concerns over crop losses are growing. The photo was taken at a Beel near the Shiv river in Mohanpur upazila yesterday.

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Khalilur requests

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would visit Tehran at a mutually convenient time.

"The two leaders will continue to maintain communication on the matter," the ministry statement said.

Earlier, Iranian Ambassador to Bangladesh Jalil Rahimi Jahanabadi thanked Bangladesh for adopting a condolence motion on the opening day of the 13th Parliament session following the assassination of the late Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

He further thanked the government for deputing Secretary (Bilateral) to the

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nazrul Islam, to sign the condolence book at the Embassy of Iran on its behalf.

Banglar Joyatra, which was anchored in Sharjah Port of the UAE, was denied passage through the Strait of Hormuz after it attempted it on Friday night following Iran's announcement of reopening the strategic shipping route.

As Banglar Joyatra reached the strait, the Iranian Navy via radio ordered all vessels to turn back and wait for permission. The ship then returned to a safe anchorage in the Persian Gulf.

HC defers hearing

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Mohammad Shishir Manir told reporters after the proceedings.

He said the attorney general acknowledged the court's observation and told the bench he would convey it to the authorities.

Earlier on the day, Attorney General Md Ruhul Quddus Kazal told the court the state would move the Appellate Division against the HC judgment, arguing it would not be appropriate for the HC to proceed with the writ at this stage.

Before the hearing began around 2:40pm, an official concerned of the bench asked journalists to leave the courtroom, citing instructions from the SC administration.

Seven lawyers, including Advocate Mohammad Saddam Hossein, filed the writ as a public interest litigation on Sunday, seeking a directive to retain the SC's independent secretariat.

The other petitioners include SC lawyers Md Mizanul Hoque, Abdullah Sadiq, Mohammad Abdul Wadud and Jaiaid Bin Amjad, and lower court lawyers Sabbir Rahman and Mahmudul Hasan.

They also sought a status quo on the secretariat's functions as initiated on December 11 last year.

The respondents include the cabinet secretary, secretary to parliament, the law secretary and others concerned.

In the petition, the lawyers argued that judicial independence – as guaranteed under Articles 94(4) and 116A of the constitution – is a basic pillar that cannot be curtailed.

They contended that the repeal law undermines the separation of powers and should be declared unconstitutional.

On April 9, parliament repealed three ordinances issued by the interim government, including those on the appointment of SC judges and the establishment of an independent secretariat.

Meanwhile, Badiul Alam Majumdar has filed an appeal with the Appellate Division seeking a stay on provisions of the SC Secretariat (Repeal) Act, 2026 that abolished the secretariat, its functions, including budget allocation and related posts.

Govt decision

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Yesterday, this correspondent visited Gulistan, Mohakhali, Farmgate, Mirpur-10 and several other areas in Dhaka and found that fares on intercity and long route buses have been increased on various routes by more than 2-3 percent above the usual rate.

Operators, however, denied any fare hike.

Meanwhile, passengers are left to bear the brunt. They alleged that higher fares were being charged amid the diesel and octane crisis and the recent fuel price hike.

Goods transportation costs have also increased at district level following the fuel price hike.

In Rajshahi, traders were prompted to scale back purchases of vegetables from farmers amid hike in transportation costs. As a result, wholesale vegetable prices have dropped.

Truck fare for a Rajshahi-Dhaka round trip has risen to around Tk 27,000-28,000 from Tk 23,000-24,000, said Suzon Ali, owner of Josna Enterprise Transport at Nowhata haat in Paba upazila.

"As such, traders are

buying less, vegetable prices are falling, and farmers are bearing the losses," he added.

Bulbul, a local trader, said the cost of transporting pointed gourds from Rajshahi to Dhaka has increased by Tk 20 per sack. "That is why we are buying less," he added.

"As wholesale traders are buying less, vegetable prices have dropped in the last two days. I sold pointed gourds at Tk 60-65 per kg three days ago, but today [Monday] I sold them at Tk 45 per kg," said Ilias, a local farmer.

Furthermore, goods transportation from Benapole Land Port has also been facing disruption.

Atikuzzaman Soni, president of the Benapole Transport Agency Owners' Association, said the fare for a 15-tonne truck from Benapole to Dhaka has increased to around Tk 30,000-32,000 from Tk 22,000-23,000.

Kamal Uddin Shimul, vice-president of the Benapole C&F Agents Association, said goods transportation is being disrupted as fuel supply has yet to normalise despite the price hike.

SSC, equivalent

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The minister said cyber specialists had been engaged to curb digital crimes, while district-level WhatsApp groups involving deputy commissioners, UNOS, police and education officials had been formed for rapid coordination.

On evaluation, Milon said boards had been instructed to allow sufficient time for marking, increase the number of examiners and conduct random checks to ensure accuracy.

Warning of strict action against corruption within the ministry, he said, "Anyone involved in corruption will not be able

to stay even for 24 hours."

Separately, the Dhaka Education Board on April 18 asked centre authorities to allow candidates to enter premises from 8:30am to ease traffic congestion around exam venues. The exams are scheduled to start at 10:00am.

Earlier, the Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education issued an 11-point directive mandating CCTV installation at fixed points, uninterrupted power supply for surveillance systems and signal jammer coverage in exam rooms.

The directive also barred teachers and examinees from using mobile phones during examinations.

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e-Tender Notice(Re-Tender-OTM)

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP system portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of goods.

Tender ID	Tender Package No. and Description	Publication Date	Last selling Date & Time	Closing Date & Time
1254831	57.03.0651.105.109.07.0059.22-146 Supply & Installation of Office Equipment (Code: 4112310)	20 April-2026 17:00:00	03-May-2026 14:00:00	03-May-2026 16:00:00

This is online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.

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Power outages

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outages, consuming 450-500 litres of diesel and adding Tk 4-5 lakh in costs amid fuel shortages.

Mezbah Uddin Mithu of Royal Hospital (Unit-2) reported 7-8 hours of load-shedding, pushing generator costs above Tk 1 lakh a day and raising fears of losses this month.

In Gazipur, prolonged outages have hit industrial production, forcing 2,836 factories to shut operations after 5:00pm.

Gazipur-4 MP Md Salahuddin Aiyubi told parliament that Kapasia is experiencing 10-12 hours of daily load-shedding, underscoring the worsening crisis.

(Our Sylhet, Noakhali, and Gazipur correspondents contributed to this report)

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No: 05.00.0000.113.09.014.2025-507 Date: 20-04-2026

Invitation for Re-Tender

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Public Administration
2	Agency	N/A
3	Procuring Entity Name	Ministry of Public Administration
4	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
5	Invitation for	Books
6	Invitation Ref No	05.00.0000.113.09.014.2025-506
7	Date	20 April 2026
KEY INFORMATION		
8	Procurement Method	OTM
FUNDING INFORMATION		
9	Budget and Source of Funds	Revenue/GOB
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
10	Tender Package No.	9(2025-2026)
11	Tender Package Name	Procurement of Books.
12	Tender Publication Date	21-04-2026
13	Tender Last Selling Date and Time	30-04-2026; 03:00 pm
14	Tender Closing Date and Time	03-05-2026; 12:00 pm
15	Tender Opening Date and Time	03-05-2026; 14:00 pm
16	Name & Address of the office(s)	Address Selling Tender Document: Deputy Secretary, Administration Section-4, New 01 no Building, Flour-19, Room-1905, Ministry of Public Administration, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka-1000. Receiving Tender Document: Deputy Secretary, Administration Section-4, New 01 no Building, Flour-19, Room-1905, Ministry of Public Administration, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka-1000. Opening Tender Document: Joint Secretary, Admin Branch, New 01 no Building, Flour-19, Room-1905, Ministry of Public Administration, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka-1000.
17	Place / Date / Time of Pre-Tender Meeting (Optional)	Date 23 April 2026 Time 10.00 am - 11.00 am
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
18	Brief Eligibility and Qualification of Tenderer	The tenderer should be well experienced with (1) Valid Trade License of 2025-26; (2) Income Tax Certificate (3) Bank Solvency Certificate Collected on or after 22 April 2026; (4) VAT Registration Certificate (5) Bank Statement (02 May 2025- 22 April 2026); (6) Undertaking of not being blacklisted or debarred by any government/autonomous body; (7) Other qualifications as stated in the STD.
19	Brief Description of Goods or Works	Lot-1: Books
20	Brief Description of Related Services	Not Applicable
21	Price of Tender Document (Tk)	Lot-1: Tk.1000.00
22	Let Identification of Lot	Location 1 Books Ministry of Public Administration Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka. Tender Security Amount (Tk) 21,000.00 Completion Time in Weeks 02 (Two)
23	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Md. Alamgir Kabir
24	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Deputy Secretary
25	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Administration Section-4, New 01 no Building, Flour-19, Room-1905, Ministry of Public Administration, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka-1000.
26	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	02-226641156 Fax: 02-55101056 admincs@mopa.gov.bd
27	The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject all or any of the tenders.	

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Sl. No.	Package No.	Identification of lot	Tender ID No.	Last selling date & time	Last dropping date & time
1	egpdsc mech.039	Supply of periodic servicing filter elements for officers vehicle, ambulance and Mortuary Van.	1258722	04/05/2026 up to 4:00pm	05/05/2026 up to 12:00pm
2	egpdsc mech.043	Supply work of spare parts for different model Waste management Heavy Equipment	1258754	04/05/2026 up to 4:00pm	05/05/2026 up to 12:00pm
3	egpdsc mech.045	Supply and Installation of Necessary Spare Parts to Keep Dongfeng Dump Trucks (3 Ton) Operational.	1258762	04/05/2026 up to 4:00pm	05/05/2026 up to 12:00pm

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