

UPAZILA LEVEL  
Ten Ansar  
members at  
each health  
complex soon

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will soon deploy 10 Ansar members to each upazila health complex to ensure safety and security, said Health Minister Sardar Md Sakhawat Husain yesterday.

He was talking to reporters after attending a programme at Bangladesh Medical University.

The minister said the Ansar members would be deployed within the next few days, in line with a decision taken at a meeting with the prime minister.

The move comes days after doctors, at a conference of upazila health and family planning officers on April 18, in presence of the PM, raised security concerns.

The health ministry has written to the finance ministry seeking approval to appoint 4,950 Ansar members for deployment at 495 health complexes.

According to the letter, it would cost around Tk 150 crore annually to hire the Ansar personnel.

**PRAYER TIMING**  
APRIL 23

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'My income stops,  
but expenses don't'Patuakhali fishers seek cash support from  
government amid 58-day ban on fishing

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

The familiar roar of fishing trawlers has fallen silent along Patuakhali's coast as a 58-day government ban on fishing in the Bay of Bengal takes effect — an essential step for conserving marine resources, but one that is simultaneously straining the livelihoods of fishing communities and intensifying their financial hardship.

At the Mahipur-Alipur fisheries hubs and Kuakata beach channel, rows of idle trawlers now line the shore. Fishermen, instead of heading to sea, pass time mending nets or repairing boats, tasks that bring no income.

The restriction, aimed at ensuring the safe breeding of hilsa and other marine species, came into force on April 14 and will remain in effect until June 11.

For many, the timing has compounded hardship, coming just as fishers were beginning to recover from a prolonged fuel crisis.

"I have been fishing since childhood. I don't know any other work. Income has stopped, but expenses haven't," said Rafique Majhi, 52, the sole earner of a six-member family.

Struggling to meet daily needs and his children's education costs, Rafique has taken loans of nearly Tk 2 lakh from local lenders, while continuing to repay NGO instalments. "Government support should come at the very beginning of the ban. Without suspending loan repayments, it will be difficult

for us to survive," he added.

Faruk Majhi, 40, said assistance in the form of rice is inadequate. "We are supposed to receive 80kg of rice, but in reality, we get less. And rice alone is not enough, there are costs for oil, lentils, and medicine," he said, suggesting at least Tk 5,000 in cash support is

fish landing centre.

Fish trader Abdul Jalil Gharami noted that traders, who often provide advance payments to fishermen, are under pressure as well. "We were already struggling with the fuel crisis. Now the ban has added to our difficulties," he said.



Trawlers remain anchored in Mohipur-Alipur fish landing station area in Patuakhali.

PHOTO: STAR

needed.

"Debts are rising and fish stocks are declining. I am thinking of leaving this profession and learning to drive a rickshaw," Faruk added.

The impact extends beyond fishermen. Workers at landing centres and traders who depend on the sector are also struggling. "We are forced to rely on borrowing to run our households," said Kabir Hossain, an employee at Mahipur

According to the District Fisheries Office, 63,155 registered fishermen in Patuakhali are affected, with 53,750 covered under the Vulnerable Group Feeding programme. Each is set to receive 77kg of rice in phases during the ban.

District Fisheries Officer Bijon Kumar Nandi said a proposal has been sent to the higher authorities to provide fishers with cash assistance alongside rice.

Gunmen  
open fire on  
river police  
in Kushtia,  
six injuredOUR CORRESPONDENT,  
Pabna

Six people, including five members of River Police, were injured when gunmen opened fire on a patrol team during a raid on the Padma in Kushtia early Wednesday, police said.

Pabna Superintendent of Police Md Anwar Zahid said a team from Lakshmikunda River Police Camp in Ishwardi, led by Inspector Shafikul Islam, was conducting routine patrol in the Haripur area.

"As the team reached Haripur point, a group of criminals suddenly opened fire," the SP said, adding that five officers and the boatman were injured.

The injured were identified as Inspector Shafikul Islam and police personnel Inamul Haque, Shahinur Haque, Nazmul Hasan and Manik Miah.

Shahinur Haque, who suffered a critical gunshot injury to his eye, was taken to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.

The SP said Pabna, Kushtia and the River Police personnel will conduct drives to arrest those responsible.

PILOT PROJECT  
Govt to give  
free jute bags,  
uniforms to  
primary students

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will distribute bags made of jute and uniforms to primary school students in every upazila across the country.

The decision came at a meeting, chaired by Prime Minister Tarique Rahman, at the Secretariat yesterday, said Atiqur Rahman Ruman, the PM's additional press secretary.

Ruman said representatives from three ministries — primary and mass education, textiles and jute, and local government — attended the meeting.

It was decided that students of two primary schools in each upazila will receive bags made of jute under a pilot programme.

He said the initiative has been taken to protect the jute industry and reduce environmental pollution.

After the meeting, Prime Minister's Office Spokesperson Mahdi Amin told journalists that the programme will begin in July in two schools in each upazila, with local administration selecting the institutions for the pilot phase.

He said one lakh students will receive the bags and uniforms free of cost in the first month.

The programme will be expanded gradually to include all primary schools.

He said the initiative follows the prime minister's directive to promote "Made in Bangladesh" products and aims to reduce inequality among students.

LGRD State Minister Mir Shahe Alam said the programme will be implemented jointly by the three ministries.

State Minister for Textiles and Jute Shariful Alam said the government aims to revive the jute industry and curb plastic pollution by promoting eco-friendly products among students.

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## Biman eyes fleet

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The move primarily aimed at reducing Bangladesh's trade deficit with the US and to seek relief from the tariff burden.

Through negotiations, the tariff rate was reduced to 20 percent, effective August 1, 2025. Subsequently, the interim government signed a "trade agreement" with the US on February 9, 2026, which lowered the tariff further to 19 percent.

Earlier, during the interim government's tenure, Biman said it will buy 14 aircraft from Boeing. The first Boeing aircraft is scheduled for delivery in November 2031, while the rest are expected to arrive by October 2035, said Biman sources.

Regarding the purchase of Boeing aircraft, Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Afroza Khanam said the formulation of a comprehensive action plan was needed based on route-specific revenue analysis before adding any aircraft.

She also said timely and realistic steps could turn Biman a more profitable

and passenger-friendly institution.

State Minister for Aviation and Tourism M Rashiduzzaman Millat said the activities to expedite Boeing aircraft acquisition process must be kept ongoing.

He stressed for timeliness of the supply chain and called for coordinated efforts among all concerned.

In the meeting, Biman presented its plan to operate flights on Yangon, Male and New York routes by 2026, Kunming and Bahrain route by 2028 and Sydney, Uhan, Jakarta and Seoul route by 2029.

The meeting also provided directives for necessary preparations to resume Biman's Dhaka-Narita flight operations, which remained suspended since July 1, 2025 due to "Haj flights, aircraft shortages, and business realities", according to Biman.

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**ADDENDUM NOTICE**

Ref: 28/2026 Dated: 23/04/2026

**Amendment of Local Tender no. 28/2026 for Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning (SITC) of HVAC System for Extended Bank Note Printing Hall at SPCBL, Gazipur**

This is for information to all concerned that the above-mentioned tender, originally published on 02/04/2026, has been amended with the approval of the competent authority following the Pre-Tender Meeting held on 16/04/2026.

The amendments include changes in the following sections of the Tender Document:

1	Civil Works (Foundation/Plinth) of Chiller	2	Page No. 31, ITT Sub-Clause 14.1 (b)	3	BoQ Item No. 3, Page No. 98
4	BoQ Item No. 4, Page No. 99	5	BoQ Item No. 2, Page No. 97	6	BoQ Items No. 4, Page Nos. 98-102
7	BoQ Items No. 10.1 to 10.9, Page No. 113	8	Page No. 36, ITT Sub-Clauses 42.3, 42.4 & 48.1		

The detailed Addendum Notice may be viewed/downloaded from the following link:  
<https://spcbl.org.bd/pages/tenders>

All other terms and conditions of the Tender Document shall remain unchanged.

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**e-Tender Notice**

Reference No. 54.01.1500.109.07.005.26-1069 Dated: 22.04.2026

The following e-Tenders have been invited in the National e-GP Portal System (<http://eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of below works:

Sl. No.	Tender Refenc e No.	Tender ID No.	Procurement nature and name	Tender method	Tender document last selling (date and time)	Tender closing (date and time)
1.	e-Tender /trep/ 2025-26/ WD-3	1226591	Works: Maintenance & Rehabilitation of Railway Track in JYR-SPU sections under AEN-1/DA jurisdiction of Bangladesh Railway Eastern Zone.	OTM NCT (One Stage Two Envelope)	24-May-2026 at 16:00 Hrs.	25-May-2026 at 12:00 Hrs.
2.	e-Tender /trep/ 2025-2026/ WD-4	1224438	Works: Maintenance & Rehabilitation of Railway Track in SPU-MYN, MYN-BBX, MYN-MGJN, SZG-JLL, GRPM-AVY Sections under AEN/MYN jurisdiction of Bangladesh Railway Eastern Zone.	OTM NCT (One Stage Two Envelope)	24-May-2026 at 16:00 Hrs.	25-May-2026 at 12:00 Hrs.

**N.B.:**

- Tenderers, registered in the e-GP System who meet the eligibility criteria are requested to participate through e-GP System.
- Tenderers are requested to purchase the tender documents and submit the tender security from a schedule bank through e-GP System.

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So. No	Package No & Scheme Name	Tender ID	Last Selling Date & Time	Closing/Opening Date & Time	Tendering Method
1	2	3	4	5	6
01	MRIDP/ISR/RD-08 Improvement of Charpubail Somaj Kollan More-Pailura GPS via Freedom Fioghter Liakatá??s House Road by BC from Ch.600-2065m under Ishwargonj Upazila District Mymensingh. [Road ID-361315140]	1256349	Date:- 10-May-2026 Time: 12:00	Date:- 10-May-2026 Time: 14:00	OTM
02	MRIDP/HAL/RD-46 Improvement of Shakuai Charpara Madrasha-Fonia Fery Ghat Road by BC from Ch.00-2500m under Haluaghat Upazila District Mymensingh. [Road ID-361244147]	1256348	Date:- 10-May-2026 Time: 12:00	Date:- 10-May-2026 Time: 14:00	OTM
03	MRIDP/HAL/RD-48 Improvement of Joinati Mohila Bazar-Shaknight River Par Road by BC from Ch.00-2000m under Haluaghat Upazila District Mymensingh.[Road ID-361244169]	1256347	Date:- 10-May-2026 Time: 12:00	Date:- 10-May-2026 Time: 14:00	OTM

This is an online Tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/ hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP system portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The e-Tender Security must be submitted before last Date & Time from the National e-GP System portal and have to be deposited online through any registered Banks branches respectively. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocurement.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocurement.gov.bd)) also from E-mail: [xen.mymensingh@lged.gov.bd](mailto:xen.mymensingh@lged.gov.bd) or Cell to 02-996664365. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all Tenders/Proposals / Pre-Qualifications / EOIs

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