

Torrential rain submerges

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Kapasgola, Chawk Bazar, Bakalia, Halishahar, and Sholashahar, were inundated with knee to waist deep water. Stagnant water, often mixed with filth overflowing from roadside drains, severely disrupted daily life and vehicle movement.

Residents expressed frustration over the recurring problem. "Filthy drain water has entered my house, bringing suffering to the whole family," said Jamal Uddin from Muradpur.

Kamal Uddin of Chawk Bazar described the situation as "hellish", saying even light rain causes water to enter homes.

Around 1:00pm, Delwara Begum, 60, of the Masterhat

Police Beat area, got critically injured when a retaining wall of a plot collapsed on passers-by in Shikalbaha.

Locals rescued her and took her to Chittagong Medical College Hospital, where she later died, said Sub-Inspector Md Asheq, in charge of the CMCH Police Camp.

Karnaphuli Police Station Officer-in-Charge Shahinur Alam said the wall collapsed due to heavy rain.

During a visit to Prabantak Intersection, Chattogram City Corporation Mayor Dr Shahadat Hossain said temporary dams in canals, set up for construction work, had slowed drainage.

"Dams were placed to facilitate retaining wall

construction, but heavy rain came earlier than expected, causing water to stagnate," he said, adding that the Army and CDA had been asked to remove the obstructions. "The water level has started to recede after the dams were opened."

He said efforts have been made since he took office in 2024 to coordinate with CDA to reduce waterlogging, claiming the situation improved by nearly 50 percent last year.

Despite the mayor's assurance, citizens like Minhaj Uddin of Mehedibagh criticised the lack of long-term solutions.

"We suffer every year, but no effective steps have been taken to address the root causes," he said.

Early morning downpour leaves

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persistent cloud cover, occasional thunder, and gusty winds.

The weather disrupted daily life, particularly for students and office-goers, as waterlogging was reported in several parts of the capital.

Rainwater accumulated on various roads and alleys across the capital, in areas including Tikatuli, Hossaini Dalan, New Market, and in front of the administrative block and emergency unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital, as well as Agasadek Road and Rajarbagh.

"I had to wade through water to enter the administrative block of Dhaka Medical College Hospital this morning,"

said Anwar Hossain, a resident of Kazipara.

Traffic movement slowed in several areas, adding to commuters' suffering.

Meteorologist Bazlur Rashid told The Daily Star that the situation may persist, with intermittent rain likely throughout the day.

"The current weather pattern may continue for the next three to four days in different parts of the country," he said.

The Met Office attributed the weather to active thundercloud formation over the country and a developing low-pressure system in the Bay.

Responding to whether the situation qualifies as a

Kalbashakhi (nor'wester) – typically marked by short but intense storms – Bazlur Rashid said the current system is different.

He explained that slow-moving deep convective clouds are causing prolonged, intermittent rainfall, rather than short, intense bursts. The sky may clear temporarily before rain resumes, he added.

According to Met office data, the highest rainfall in the last 24 hours was recorded in Nikli, Kishoreganj, at 160 mm. Bhola recorded 151 mm and Feni 148 mm.

Russel Rahman, public relations officer of Dhaka South City Corporation, said their teams are working to minimise waterlogging in DSSC areas.

Table US trade deal DMP launches AI system

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Rumeen said the ambassador highlighted several issues, including the trade imbalance between the two countries. Bangladesh exports goods to the US but does not import at the same level, resulting in a significant trade imbalance.

"This agreement was signed to address that deficit," she added.

Regarding the agreement being signed days before the election, she said, "Members of civil society and think tanks said an unelected government should not sign such an agreement."

"Unfortunately, the interim government did not heed those concerns and proceeded to sign the agreement on February 9,"

she said.

Rumeen alleged the deal includes provisions against Bangladesh's interests and should have only been signed by an elected government.

She sought additional time, saying the government could cancel the agreement within 60 days if it wished and reiterated her demand that it be placed before Parliament.

However, Speaker Hafiz Uddin Ahmad declined her request. "I am sorry, I cannot accept this as a point of order. A point of order must relate to an ongoing matter of Parliament. You have raised a new issue. Please submit a notice, and it will be considered," he said.

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InterContinental to Jahangir Gate, with 25 cameras installed. Authorities said it will be expanded across the capital in phases.

At present, the system can detect five types of traffic violations through camera surveillance, with more features to be added later.

The other systems launched are the Hotel Boarder Information System, Hello DMP, DMP Online Training System, DMP Residence Allocation System, DMP Leave Management System, DMP Traffic Duty Distribution Software, DMP Employee Performance Evaluation Software, and DMP Traffic News Archive.

Speaking at the event, the IGP said technology is reshaping both development and crime, with offenders using more advanced methods. "To tackle these evolving crimes, police must ensure maximum use of technology," he said.

He described the new systems as timely initiatives to strengthen modern policing. The AI-based traffic system, he said, will help identify offenders quickly, improve discipline, reduce accidents, and enhance traffic management.

He added that the Hotel Boarder Information System would improve security and guest management in residential

hotels, aiding crime prevention and intelligence work.

The "Hello DMP" platform will allow citizens to access services, lodge complaints, and seek assistance more easily, he said.

Acting DMP Commissioner Md Sarwar said the systems aim to build a modern, people-friendly police force. He noted that the traffic enforcement software, developed locally, will digitise case processing and improve enforcement.

He added that DMP plans to install 11,000 CCTV cameras and take action against violators after verifying videos submitted by citizens.

Ongoing

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Entomologist Kabirul Bashar, a professor at Jahangirnagar University, said in Dhaka, almost every area has a Breteau Index above 20, with some areas exceeding 90 – an alarming indication of dengue risk. He warned that dengue cases this year could surpass last year's figures if immediate measures are not taken.

A Breteau Index (BI) of 20 – meaning 20 positive containers per 100 houses inspected – is a recognised public health and epidemiological threshold indicating a high likelihood of a dengue outbreak. Such levels suggest that Aedes mosquito breeding conditions are highly favourable and that vector control measures must be intensified immediately.

"With this rainfall, water will accumulate in many small and large containers. If proper breeding source management is not ensured now, the density of mosquito breeding sites will increase further," he said, referring to recent research conducted at Jahangirnagar University.

He added that mosquito density is likely to rise through May and June, while dengue cases – already appearing at a low level – are expected to increase gradually, with a possible surge in July and August.

"The situation may be worse than last year. Not only in Dhaka, but in districts outside the capital, conditions could deteriorate further," he warned.

He also noted a lack of effective interventions outside Dhaka, which could accelerate the spread of dengue in the coming months, he said.

To address the situation, he emphasised the urgent need to strengthen and reorganise local government systems and prepare them to respond effectively.

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Invitation for Tender

IFT No. 44.08.2680.040.07.017.26.189 Date: 28 April 2026

e-Tender Notice

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the following procurement

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Establish

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board to implement Islamic law. He proposed that madrasa-educated MPs, scholars from different schools of thought, and Ahle Hadith clerics be included in such a board to advise on introducing Islamic law in the country.

Mujibur said Awami League came to power six times, BNP five times, and Jatiya Party twice, but none of these governments implemented any law from the Quran, calling it "the most shameful and painful reality".

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PRICE SENSITIVE INFORMATION

Recommendation for Cash Dividend & Stock Dividend for the year 2025

This is to notify for all concerned that the Board of Directors of Pubali Bank PLC. in its 1515th Board Meeting held on **Wednesday, 29 April 2026** at 05.30 PM considered and approved the **Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025** and recommended for payment of Cash Dividend & issuance of Stock Dividend for the year ended 31 December 2025 to the Shareholders as given below:

a) Cash Dividend @ 15% (Fifteen Percent)
b) Stock Dividend @ 15% (Fifteen Percent)

1. The Board also disclosed the following information from the Audited Financial Statements for the Year 2025, comparing them to those of the previous year 2024:

| Particulars | 2025 | | 2024 | |
|--|----------|--------------|----------|--------------|
| | Solo | Consolidated | Solo | Consolidated |
| i) Earnings Per Share (EPS) (Taka) | 8.30 | 8.38 | *5.86 | *5.99 |
| ii) Net Asset Value (NAV) (Taka in Crore) | 6,961.20 | 7,069.54 | 5,260.59 | 5,358.38 |
| iii) NAV Per Share (Taka) | 53.49 | 54.32 | *40.42 | *41.17 |
| iv) Net Operating Cash Flow Per Share (NOCFPS)(Taka) | 32.12 | 32.04 | *54.84 | *54.85 |

*** Restated**

EPS: The significant improvement of basic EPS during the year ended 2025 Tk. 8.30 (cons. EPS Tk. 8.38) compared to same period of last year basic EPS Tk. 5.86 (Cons. EPS Tk. 5.99) mainly due to the increase of net interest/profit income, net investment income from investment in Govt. securities, commission income and other operating income.

Net Asset Value Per Share has increased compared to that of last year due to the increase of net profit after taxes during the period. Last year's NAVPS figure is adjusted by the reciprocal of the stock issue and effect of the fact considered in the financial statements retrospectively.

NOCFPS indicates a decreasing trend during the year ended 2025 Tk. 32.12 (cons. Tk. 32.04) compared to same period of last year Tk. 54.84 (Cons. Tk. 54.85). This significant changes demonstrates bank's focus on high-yield investment in trading securities, payment of outside liabilities and digital transformation.

Reasons for recommendation of stock dividend:

- Stock Dividend has been recommended to strengthen the capital base of the Bank in order to support projected business growth and to improve certain regulatory ratios.
- Stock Dividend is recommended out of profit; and
- Stock Dividend is not recommended from capital reserve or revaluation reserve or any unrealized gain or out of profit earned prior to incorporation of the Bank or through reducing paid-up capital or through doing anything so that the post dividend retained earnings become negative or a debit balance.

2. The Board also decided to hold the 43rd Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Pubali Bank PLC. using digital platform as per following schedule:

| | |
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| Day & Date | : Tuesday, 16 June 2026 |
| Time | : 11.00 AM (Bangladesh Standard Time) |
| Record Date | : Wednesday, 20 May 2026 |

By order of the Board of Directors
sd/-
Md. Anisur Rahman
General Manager &
Company Secretary

Dated: 29 April 2026
Dhaka, Bangladesh

NOTES:

- The Shareholders whose names would appear in the Register of Members of the Company (Pubali Bank PLC.) and/or in the Depository Register on the Record Date (Wednesday, 20 May 2026), will be entitled to receive the Dividends and to join the Annual General Meeting.
- The Shareholders under BO accounts are requested to update the particulars of their Bank Account (Bank & Branch Name, Account Number, Branch Routing Number), Name, signature and Mailing Address including mobile/land phone number, e-mail address etc. through Depository Participant (DP) before the 'Record Date' i.e. 20 May 2026. The folio shareholders are also requested to update their mobile no. through Share Department of Registered Office of the Bank before 'Record Date' i.e. 20 May 2026.
- The Members under BO Accounts are requested to update e-TIN in their BO Accounts through their respective Depository Participant (DP) and members under folio accounts are requested to submit e-TIN certificate to Share Department of Registered Office of the Bank before the 'Record Date' i.e. 20 May 2026. If anyone fails to update e-TIN in his/her BO/Folio accounts before the 'Record Date', disbursement of any cash dividend will be made (other than a company) after deduction of Advance Income Tax (AIT) @15% (fifteen percent) instead of 10% (ten percent) as per Income Tax Act, 2023.
- Merchant Banks and Depository Participants (DPs) are requested to provide the Company a statement with details (Shareholder Name, BO ID, Client-wise shareholding position and applicable tax rate) of their margin loan holders who hold shares of the Company as on 'Record Date' along with the Bank Account name & number, routing number etc. of the Merchant Banks & DPs within 08 June 2026 including name of the contact person otherwise dividend to be credited to the bank account of the respective shareholders.