

## Family Card to cost Tk 1,34,000cr

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Development partners, including the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, have advised preparing the safety net budget in a more structured manner.

The main objective of the Family Card programme will be to ensure that assistance reaches genuine beneficiaries and that the same person does not receive benefits from multiple programmes, said Zahid Hussain, a former lead economist of the WB's Dhaka office.

For this, an effective database will be required, containing the names, addresses and contact information of beneficiaries.

"Running different social safety net programmes separately is costly and complex. Therefore, the government may gradually move towards integrating these programmes. The proposed Family Card scheme could serve as an alternative to existing cash assistance and food-based transfer programmes."

However, the biggest challenge will be coordination among ministries, he said.

At present, social protection programmes are run under multiple ministries, including Social Welfare, Labour, Health, Education, and Women and Children Affairs.

While the Family Card programme logically

falls under the social welfare ministry, the other ministries may be reluctant to give up their programmes, arguing that existing beneficiaries could be deprived.

To make such reforms effective, clear directives will be needed from the highest levels of government.

The Family Card programme must be integrated with the existing social safety net system, said Sayema Haque Bidisha, a professor at the University of Dhaka's economics department.

Before launching any new programme, both the existing safety net schemes and the Family Card system should be considered

together, she said, citing the holistic approach used for the rollout of the National Social Security Strategy.

But one of the biggest problems in the current social safety net sector is inclusion and exclusion errors: genuine beneficiaries are often left out, while some individuals receive multiple benefits, she said.

When new programmes are introduced, it is often seen that the intended target groups do not receive support. Instead, those already covered by various programmes end up receiving additional benefits.

She stressed the need for a comprehensive mapping based on national ID (NID) to identify who is covered under which social safety net programme.

The current criteria for selecting beneficiaries need to be reconsidered as much of the data and indicators used in social safety net programmes still rely on outdated information.

As a result, many people are being excluded, even though their actual poverty situation is worse than the previously defined criteria.

"Those we consider to be below the poverty line and plan to support are, in reality, often in an even worse condition. But those calculations have not yet been updated. This is a fundamental problem."

## Hantavirus ship will dock at Granadilla in Tenerife: Spanish minister

AFP, Madrid

A cruise ship hit by a hantavirus outbreak will dock "within three days" at Granadilla on the island of Tenerife, Spain's health minister said Wednesday, despite opposition from the Canary Islands regional government.

"A joint system for health assessment and evacuation will be put in place to repatriate all passengers, unless their

medical condition prevents it," Health Minister Monica Garcia Gomez told a Madrid news conference.

The 14 Spanish nationals - including one crew member - on board the MV Hondius will be transferred to Madrid's Gomez Ulla Military Hospital, she added.

Garcia said the government was monitoring the international alert "minute by minute" to take all steps to prevent any potential

spread of the virus.

Earlier, the head of the Canary Islands government, Fernando Clavijo, opposed any evacuation of patients onto the archipelago, citing a "total lack of information" from the central government.

But Garcia said she had been in "constant contact" with Clavijo and he would take part in all meetings.

A source close to the Canary Islands presidency

earlier told AFP that a medical evacuation flight planned to transfer a doctor from the ship to the archipelago had been cancelled, without giving a reason.

The director-general of the World Health Organization, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus,

later said three suspected cases, including the doctor, had been evacuated from the vessel and were en route to the Netherlands for treatment.

### PRICE SENSITIVE INFORMATION

Bank Asia

This is for information of all concerned that the Board of Directors of Bank Asia PLC., in its 584<sup>th</sup> meeting held on May 06, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. at Bank Asia Tower, 32 & 34 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Karwan Bazar, Dhaka-1215, has approved the issuance of **Green Sustainable Subordinated Bond of BDT 10,000 Million** (Ten Thousand Million Taka). The proposed Green Sustainable Subordinated Bond will be Non-Convertible, Unsecured, Fully Redeemable, Coupon-Bearing, Floating Rate for a tenure of 07 years through private placement.

The proceeds will be utilized to strengthen the Bank's Tier-II regulatory capital in line with Basel III requirements and to finance eligible green and sustainable initiatives, subject to approval of the relevant regulatory authorities.

Bank Asia PLC.

Dated: Dhaka  
06 May 2026

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#### INTERNATIONAL TENDER NOTICE (Short date)

EDCL invite an International Press Tender for Importation of following Raw Material for Male Latex Condom of Khulna Essential Latex Plant (KELP) on C&F @ Chittagong By Air & Chittagong by Sea basis :-

S.L No.	Tender No. & Date	Name of the Item	Cost of Tender Schedule
01.	IMP/RM/KELP/13/2025-2026 Dated : 06/05/2026	<b>Raw Material for Male Latex Condom (Hero &amp; Nirapad):</b> 01. Silicone Oil (Details as per Tender Schedule)	Tk. 1500.00/set Equivalent to US\$ 12.00 Non-refundable

Tender schedule will be sold from the Accounts Department of **Essential Drugs Company Limited**, Dhaka on payment as stated above during office hours on all working days (except Friday, Saturday and Govt. Holidays). No tender schedule will be sold on the opening date of the tender.

The tender will be accompanied by an amount of Earnest Money @ 1% of that quoted value in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any Schedule Bank of Bangladesh in favour of "Essential Drugs Company Limited" without which the tender will be considered as non-responsive. The interested bidder may drop their offer along with the relevant papers to the tender box kept at the purchase department of EDCL, Dhaka till 11.00 AM on 24.05.2026, Which will be opened on same day at 11.15 AM in presence of the bidders/ their representatives (If any).

**Essential Drugs Company Limited** authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

N.B: This Information is also available at our Website : [www.edcl.gov.bd](http://www.edcl.gov.bd)

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

Tender ID No.	Package No.	Package description	Tender publication date and time	Tender closing & opening date and time	Remarks
1269938	GOB-SPI-2024-25-GD-22	Supply of Engineering & Equipment - Interactive Flat Panel for Classroom & Lab/Shop (4112304)	07-May-2026 12:00:00	17-May-2026 12:00:00	

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal; and offline or hard copies will not be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP Portal and from e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)).

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#### Invitation for Tender

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SI No.	Package No.	Name of the tender	Publication date	Tender last selling date	Tender closing & opening date and time	Tender ID	Procurement method
1	DC_Nsd Computer Consumables 2025-26 GRI	Computer Consumables: Toner, Ink, Duplicating Machine Master Roll etc.	05/05/2026	17/05/2026	17/05/2026 14:30	1271169	OTM
2	DC Nsd Printing and Binding 2025-26 GR2	Printing and Binding: Bag. Wrapping Paper. Tissue. Register etc.	05/05/2026	17/05/2026	17/05/2026 14:30	1268061	OTM
3	DC Nsd Other Stationery 2025-26 GR3	Other Stationery: Envelope, Stapler Machine, Calculator, Clip Board, Pen, Program Stand, Toilet Cleaner, Offset Paper, Spoon, Acrosol etc.	05/05/2026	17/05/2026	17/05/2026 14:30	1268728	OTM
4	DC_Nsd Electrical Equipment 2025-26 GR5	Electrical Equipment: Circuit Breaker, Distribution Panel Board, Bulb, Light, Socket etc.	05/05/2026	17/05/2026	17/05/2026 14:30	1268870	OTM
5	DC Nsd Office Equipment 2025-26 GR6	Office Equipment: Sound system-Central Unit, Chairman Unit, Delegate Unit, Microphone etc.	05/05/2026	17/05/2026	17/05/2026 14:30	1269175	OTM
6	DC_Nsd Furniture 2025-26 GR7	Furniture: Table, Chair, Coat Hanger, Sofa Set, File Cabinet, Computer Table, Office Locker etc.	05/05/2026	17/05/2026	17/05/2026 14:30	1269195	OTM

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