

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."

Troops to head to barracks from early June

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The nearly two-and-a-half-hour meeting discussed the complete withdrawal of armed forces personnel from the field level, overall law and order, extortion incidents across the country, and changes to police uniforms, among other issues.

Following the escalation of unrest during the 2024 quota reform protests by students, the then Awami League government imposed a curfew on July 19 and deployed the armed

forces personnel.

After the government was ousted on August 5 that year amid mass uprising, the police force became destabilised, prompting the armed forces to remain deployed on the field. On September 17, the interim government granted them magistracy powers.

According to sources, around 17,000 armed forces personnel are still deployed across the country. The defence ministry earlier requested the home

ministry on several occasions to complete the withdrawal, citing fatigue among personnel due to prolonged deployment and the need for rest.

In this context, the core committee meeting decided on the final withdrawal of the armed forces from field duties, sources present at the meeting said. The home ministry will now formally communicate the decision with the defence ministry through an official letter.

Teen shooter kills two at Brazil school

AFP, Rio de Janeiro

A teenager shot dead two staff members and injured two other people, including an 11-year-old girl, on Tuesday in the latest school shooting to rock Brazil.

A 13-year-old boy was arrested over the attack at Sao Jose Institute, a junior high school in Rio Branco, capital of northwestern Acre state, the local government said.

PRICE SENSITIVE INFORMATION

Bank Asia

This is for information of all concerned that the Board of Directors of Bank Asia PLC., in its 584th 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 | Raw Material for Male Latex Condom (Hero & Nirapad): 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.

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| Tender ID No. | Package No. | Package description | Tender publication date and time | Tender closing & opening date and time | Remarks |
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| 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 | |

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

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|--------|---|--|------------------|--------------------------|--|-----------|--------------------|
| 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 |
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