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AD-DIN HOSPITAL Chain of failures killed the six newborns

DGHS probe finds Moghbazar
branch unfit to operate; govt
assures action by Sunday

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An investigation by the Directorate General of Health Services has found clear negligence by hospital authorities, nurses, and staff, as well as the absence of an on-duty physician, to be responsible for the deaths of six newborns at Ad-din Medical College Hospital in the capital's Moghbazar last week.

The DGHS probe committee also found that severe overcrowding in a

AT A GLANCE

- ➔ Negligence by hospital authorities, nurses, and staff contributed to the deaths
- ➔ No duty physician was assigned to the post-operative ward
- ➔ Overcrowding, poor ventilation created unsafe conditions
- ➔ No timely medical response followed the deterioration of the previously healthy newborns

small post-operative room, coupled with an air conditioner remaining switched off for a prolonged period and the absence of any alternative ventilation system, created conditions unsuitable for the survival of newborns.

Additionally, the building's infrastructure was unsuitable for operating as a 700-bed healthcare facility, and the post-operative ward in question was wholly inadequate for providing post-operative care, it said.

Health Minister Sardar Md Sakhawat Husain revealed the probe committee's findings during a press briefing at the Secretariat yesterday – eight days after the deaths of the newborns – and vowed to take the toughest action by Sunday.

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Total forest area
63.63 lakh acres
(updated
till 2020)

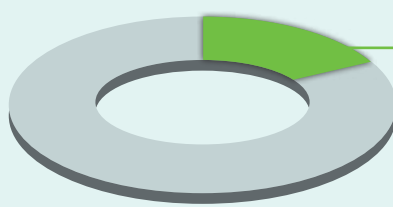


Total encroached
forest **2.37** lakh
acres (protected and
non-protected)



Recovered forest
(from 2021 till April,
2026)
38,142.55 acres

FORESTS COVER 15.58%
OF THE TOTAL LAND
AREA OF BANGLADESH



Ramisa murder verdict Sunday, after 19 days

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A special tribunal in Dhaka yesterday set June 7 for delivering the verdict in a case filed over the rape and murder of eight-year-old schoolgirl Ramisa Akter.

The development came just 16 days after the horrific incident in Dhaka's Pallabi area on May 19, which sparked nationwide outrage and prompted the government to pledge swift justice.

Judge Masrur Salekin of the Children Violence Suppression Tribunal in Dhaka Metropolitan wrapped up the trial

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NUMBER OF FOREST GRABBERS: 1,60,566



Industrial
units
299



Residential
houses
1,10,836



Resorts, cottages,
bazars, educational
institutions
5,556

Orchards,
agricultural
land, fallow land
43,875

SOURCE : FOREST DEPARTMENT

Higher US tariffs unlikely to improve labour rights: CPD

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Punitive trade measures are unlikely to improve labour rights conditions and may instead erode Bangladesh's competitiveness in its largest export market, said the Centre for Policy Dialogue yesterday.

"Higher tariffs alone will not solve the problem. In fact, they could worsen labour market vulnerabilities," said Mustafizur Rahman, distinguished fellow at CPD, at a briefing titled 'State

of the Bangladesh Economy in FY2025-26: Multidimensional Challenges during the Transition Period'.

Support programmes aimed at reducing child labour and improving working conditions would be more constructive than punitive trade measures.

The US has proposed a new tariff of 10 to 12.5 percent on 60 countries, including Bangladesh, because they have failed to prove they do not import

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WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

Forests long in the grip of grabbers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

On the edge of a sal forest in Gazipur's Barmi union, a newly built poultry farm stood out as an unwelcome intrusion. Fenced by plastic nets, the tin-shed structure was empty of birds or livestock.

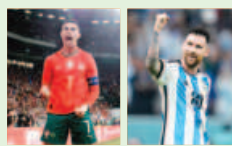
In one corner of the farm in Nehalia village stood two sal trees on reddish soil, indicating that the plot of land had been part of the Gazipur sal forest.

Forest department officials said several acres of forest in the village are still illegally occupied by locals while some plots were recently recovered.

One such plot was occupied by Ali Hossain, a 45-year-old farmer. The department recently took over the plot and planted saplings there.

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THEIR OWN

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