

3 more die with measles-like symptoms

UNB, Dhaka

Three children with measles-like symptoms died in the 24 hours until 8:00am yesterday, raising Bangladesh's combined tally of confirmed and suspected measles-related deaths to 642, according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

The latest fatalities were classified as suspected measles deaths, taking the number of suspected deaths to 550. Laboratory-confirmed measles deaths remained unchanged at 92.

During the same period, 1,110 new suspected cases were reported, bringing the nationwide total to 83,139. Health authorities also recorded 132 new laboratory-confirmed infections, raising the cumulative number of confirmed cases to 10,059.

Since March 15, some 68,056 patients with suspected measles have been hospitalised across the country. Of them, 64,293 have recovered, DGHS data shows.



A confectioner applies the final touch to cakes baked in some of the colours of flags of 48 countries participating in this year's FIFA World Cup. The tournament kicked off early today, drawing huge excitement among Bangladeshi football fans. The photo was taken in Chattogram city's Khulshi area yesterday.

PHOTO: RAJIB RATHAN

Need stronger media focus on disaster warnings

Say speakers at dialogue

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Timely dissemination of early warning messages and prompt response measures can significantly reduce casualties and economic losses from storms, floods, heavy rainfall, and lightning, said speakers at a dialogue yesterday.

The event, titled "Media Dialogue: Disaster Warnings", was held at a city hotel. It was jointly organised by the Bangladesh Meteorological Department (BMD) and Plan International Bangladesh, with Prothom Alo as the media partner.

“Many people still rely on media reports before deciding to evacuate. Greater emphasis on disaster warnings by the media could further reduce casualties.”

MOHAMMAD NAZMUL ABE DIN
Director (administration) and joint secretary at the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief

Speakers stressed the need for stronger collaboration among government agencies, NGOs, and media organisations to ensure early warning information reaches vulnerable and marginalised communities.

Speaking as the chief guest, Md Ashraf Uddin, secretary to the Ministry of Defence, said Bangladesh remains highly vulnerable to disasters due to its geographical location, dense population, and the impacts of climate change.

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Transport budget dips

Tk 55,939cr proposed amid cuts in development spending; experts flag implementation concerns

SHAMIMA RITA

The government has proposed lower allocations for roads, railways and shipping in FY2026-27 compared with the previous fiscal year. However, experts say the focus should be less on the size of the budget and more on the government's ability to implement it.

A total of Tk 55,939 crore has been proposed for the Road Transport and Highways Division, the Ministry of Railways, and the Ministry of Shipping in FY2026-27.

The amount is Tk 4,780 crore, or 7.87 percent, lower than their combined allocation of Tk 60,719 crore for FY2025-26.

However, it is Tk 14,272 crore higher than the revised allocation of Tk 41,667 crore for the outgoing fiscal year.

Prof Md Hadiuzzaman of Civil Engineering at Buet said the lower allocation should not be judged solely by its size.

"The size of the budget is not the main issue. What matters most is whether we can implement it," he told The Daily Star.

He said past experience shows that large allocations often fail to translate into timely implementation. "Even when large budgets are prepared, implementation remains slow. Instead of preparing a big budget, the key question is whether we have the capacity to implement the allocation and generate real economic benefits and jobs."

The Road Transport and Highways Division received the largest allocation among the three. The government has proposed Tk 36,917 crore for the division in FY2026-27, down from Tk 38,496 crore in the original FY2025-26 budget.

Of the amount, Tk 30,741 crore has been earmarked for development

expenditure and Tk 6,176 crore for operating expenditure.

The railways ministry has been allocated Tk 9,941 crore, including Tk 5,440 crore for development expenditure and Tk 4,501 crore for operating expenditure, down from Tk 11,944 crore in the original FY2025-26 budget.

Budget documents also show low spending in several major transport projects.

In the outgoing fiscal year, Tk 10,122.08 crore was allocated under the Annual Development Programme (ADP) for two metro rail projects.

NATIONAL BUDGET

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Of this amount, Tk 8,631.43 crore was allocated for MRT Line-1, which is being implemented with assistance from the Japan International Cooperation Agency. However, actual expenditure stood at around Tk 801 crore.

Similarly, Tk 1,490.65 crore was allocated for MRT Line 5: Northern Route, while expenditure stood at around Tk 683 crore.

Experts noted that the low utilisation of funds indicates that large allocations for major transport projects could not be fully spent, which may have influenced

the government's more cautious approach to development spending in the next fiscal year.

Hadiuzzaman said poor ADP implementation remains a major concern.

"If a large allocation is made without building institutional capacity, it creates room for waste. Often, towards the end of the fiscal year, there is a tendency to show hurried progress simply to spend the money. That is not healthy," he said.

He said one positive aspect of the proposed budget is its emphasis on completing ongoing projects in the road and railway sectors instead of taking on too many new ones.

"If we look at metro rail, the budget focuses on completing ongoing projects such as MRT Line-1 and MRT Line 5: Northern Route. In the railway sector, the emphasis appears to be on dual-gauge conversion rather than fresh expansion," he said.

He added that the budget also includes plans to increase the capacity of Saidpur and Pahartali railway workshops, including initiatives to assemble engines and coaches.

"What I wanted to see was a focus on completing ongoing projects quickly and making them useful for the economy. Some projects have been completed, but their full benefits have not yet been realised," he said.

The Ministry of Shipping has been allocated Tk 9,081 crore, including Tk 8,207 crore for development expenditure and Tk 874 crore for operating expenditure, down from Tk 10,279 crore in the original FY2025-26 budget.

The figures show that most of the reduction from the original FY2025-26 allocation has come from development spending rather than regular operating expenses.

Two sent to jail in separate rape incidents

Teacher stabs teenage boy after resisting rape attempt

STAR REPORT

Two men were sent to jail yesterday over separate rape charges, while a teenage boy was stabbed as he resisted a rape attempt on him.

In Jashore, Rocky, 30, allegedly entered a house in the Chanchra Magurpatti area around 1:30am yesterday and raped a woman and her teenage niece.

The victims were asleep in the house, while other family members were outside, said the members.

After the accused left the scene, the woman informed her husband about the incident.

The husband later filed a case with Kotwali Police Station.

Police subsequently arrested Rocky and produced him before a court, which sent him to jail yesterday, said Masud Khan, officer-in-charge of the police station.

In Patuakhali, a court sent a youth to jail yesterday for allegedly raping a 14-year-old girl with intellectual and visual disabilities.

The accused, Sabbir Khan, 19, is from Baulal upazila.

According to the case filed by the victim's mother, the rape incident occurred sometime between March 5 and March 30 when the girl went to a neighbour's garden.

After a medical examination later confirmed that the girl was three months pregnant, she disclosed the incident to her family.

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UMCH observes Global Fatty Liver Day



CITY DESK

United Medical College Hospital (UMCH) organised a first-of-its-kind public awareness campaign to mark Global Fatty Liver Day yesterday, bringing together renowned artists to raise awareness about liver health through the power of art, said a press release.

UMCH organised this initiative featuring six artists from across the country.

As part of the programme, the artists created and showcased their interpretations of fatty liver disease through art to communicate important health messages in an engaging and accessible manner. The live art session began in the morning on the hospital premises and continued throughout the day, with the artworks being completed and exhibited in the evening.

The event also featured a CME, educational activities, basic health screenings, and public awareness initiatives aimed at promoting liver health and preventive care.

The event was inaugurated by CEO Mohammad Faizur Rahman of United Healthcare; CFBO Abu Raihan Al Beruni of United Healthcare; Director Dr Azharul Islam Khan of Medical Services, along with eminent doctors from relevant departments.

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