35 lakh more children to get measles vaccine

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government plans to vaccinate another 35 lakh children against measles, State Minister for Health and Family Welfare MA Muhith said yesterday.

Around two crore children have already been covered under the immunisation drive, he said while addressing a measles-rubella vaccination drive in Dhaka's Korail area.

UNICEF organised the campaign with support from the US Embassy in Dhaka, GAVI, and the Dhaka North City Corporation.

The state minister said the government was working to contain the measles outbreak and expected measles-related deaths to decline soon.

"Unlike previous years, we began preparations four months in advance based on data and projections, including warnings of a possible October peak," he said.

"To strengthen prevention efforts, we have trained 2,000 doctors, and issued treatment guidelines," he added.

Charge d'Affaires at the US Embassy in Dhaka, Eric Geelan, said, "We are supporting Bangladesh's efforts to protect at-risk children with life-saving vaccines and strengthen the country's capacity to prevent and respond to future disease outbreaks."

Miguel Mateos Munoz, chief of communication and advocacy at UNICEF, said around 3.4 million children in Bangladesh still need to be vaccinated to close the immunity gap and prevent further illness and deaths from measles.

A legacy carved in clay

Paul family keeps generations-old idol-making tradition alive in Chattogram

ARUN BIKASH DEY, *Chattogram*

Inside Rupashri Shilpalay in Chattogram city's Dewanji Pukur Par area, rows of half-finished frames surround a towering idol of Goddess Durga.

Standing before the idol with a paintbrush in hand, Sunil Chandra Paul, a retired professor of zoology at Chittagong College, carefully applies steady strokes to bring its expression to life.

With just days to go before Sharadiya Durga Puja, the largest religious festival of Bangalee Hindus, the workshop is abuzz with activity, its air thick with the earthy scent of drying river clay, varnish and acrylic paint.

For Sunil, however, making idols is not a commercial pursuit but an inherited passion that has drawn him back to the artisan's bench after retirement.

The Paul family's tradition of idol-making dates back to the mid-20th century and has been passed down through generations.

Sunil's father, late Radha Shyam Paul, began crafting idols in Chattogram in the 1950s.

"I was born in 1955, and since my childhood, I saw my father working passionately and professionally in his workshop," Sunil recalled. "My brothers and I used to assist him during our pastimes."

Sunil's second brother, Ratan Krishna Paul, carried on the family tradition as a full-time artisan, fulfilling his father's wishes.

Although Sunil and his other brothers pursued higher education and different professions, they continued to help at the workshop whenever possible.

"Ratan is very busy now and has to frequently travel to different upazilas with his team ahead of Durga Puja. So, we assist him whenever we can," Sunil said.

"We focus on the quality of work rather than quantity," Sunil said. "During Durga Puja, we take orders for 30-35 sets of idols, even though the demand is much higher. This year, we stopped taking orders two months ago once our limit was filled."

A specialised team of three artisans needs at least three days to shape the clay structures for a set of idols, followed by another day of painting. Sunil and his artist brother Arun help with the latter stage.

The craft, however, faces growing challenges, including rising costs of raw materials and artisans' wages and difficulties in sourcing traditional river clay from the Karnaphuli river, sometimes complicated by local extortion.



Sunil Chandra Paul, a retired professor of zoology at Chittagong College, applies steady strokes of paint to an idol.

PHOTO: STAR

Many traditional artisans are also moving to other professions because of a lack of year-round work.

Despite the challenges, the Paul family tries to keep its work affordable.

"We try to limit the budget so it remains within the reach of worshippers," Sunil said.

A complete set of handcrafted idols from their workshop costs between Tk 50,000 and Tk 1,00,000.

22-day hilsa ban begins

Fishers demand more food aid, work opportunities

STAR REPORT

A government-imposed 22-day ban on hilsa fishing came into force in the early hours of today and will remain effective in major rivers across 38 districts until October 29 to protect mother hilsa during the breeding season.

During the ban, catching, transporting, storing, marketing, buying, selling and exchanging hilsa will remain prohibited, according to government directives.

The restriction comes as fishermen struggle with poor catches, financial hardship and mounting debt following a disappointing peak hilsa season between July and October this year.

Experts have cited water pollution, river siltation and overfishing among the reasons behind the decline in hilsa production.

In a September 28 circular, the Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock said each family of 6,46,290 fishermen in 38 districts would receive 25kg of rice during the ban.

"The 25kg rice allocation is inadequate for a family to stay afloat. We demand 100kg of rice for each fisher family," said Israel Pandit, president of Small Fishermen's Association's Barishal divisional unit.

"We want the government to arrange alternative jobs for us during this ban so that we can earn our livelihood," said Milon Miah, another fisherman from Kuakata.

Raju Ahmed, acting president of the Mahipur Fish Traders Association, said 70-85 percent of the hilsa caught this year were small and of poor quality.

"As such, most fishermen and boat owners suffered heavy losses," he claimed.

Barishal Divisional Fisheries Director Kamrul Hasan acknowledged that the 25kg rice assistance was insufficient.

"We have budgetary constraints, so we have to do with the limited assistance allocated. Hopefully the amount could be increased in future," he said.

Campaign for family planning begins Dec 1

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will launch a year-long nationwide family planning campaign from December 1 to bring back the momentum and encourage people to adopt birth control measures, Health Minister Sardar Md Sakhawat Husain said yesterday.

The minister announced the programme at a press conference at the Secretariat.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman will inaugurate the campaign which will run till November 30, 2027, he also said.

The move came as the government's family planning programme lost momentum in recent years.

PRAYER TIMING

OCTOBER 8

	Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN	4-45	12-45	4-15	5-53	7-30
JAMAAT	5-20	1-15	4-30	5-56	8-00

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

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Project", proposed by the Power Division and to be implemented by the Bangladesh Power Development Board, will be financed with Tk 374.71 crore from BPDB's own fund and Tk 2,123.37 crore from the Power Sector Development Fund, reports BSS.

The proposed plant will be built on 918.50 acres of land that BPDB had already acquired.

Electricity generated by the solar plant will be transmitted through the existing transmission infrastructure associated with the nearby Rampal coal-fired power plant.

The Planning Commission recommended that the project be implemented by March 2029.

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REAFFIRMS LONG-TERM COMMITMENT TO BANGLADESH'S AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY

Toyota Bangladesh Limited has reaffirmed its long-term commitment to Bangladesh and its plans to explore opportunities for job creation, technology transfer and further development of the country's automotive industry.

A high-level delegation from Toyota Tsusho Corporation and Toyota Bangladesh Limited met with **Prime Minister Tarique Rahman** to share Toyota's plans and future vision for Bangladesh. The delegation included **Mr. Ichiro Kashitani**, Vice Chairman and **Mr. Shigeru Harada**, CEO, Mobility Division, Toyota Tsusho Corporation; **Mr. Akio Ogawa**, Senior Vice President, Toyota Tsusho Asia Pacific; and **Mr. Premmit Singh**, Managing Director, Toyota Bangladesh Limited, discussed Toyota's future plans for the country.

Toyota Bangladesh Limited is exploring opportunities to expand its presence in Bangladesh, with a focus on creating more jobs, enabling technology transfer and developing local talent. Toyota also shared its future plans for Bangladesh, which were positively welcomed by the government. The government expressed its readiness to provide the necessary policy support and create a favourable environment for Toyota's future investments and initiatives.

Toyota Bangladesh Limited looks forward to working closely with the government and relevant stakeholders to explore these opportunities and contribute to the development of Bangladesh's automotive industry.

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Tendering Method: NCT-OTM

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP Web Portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of the following works:

SL. No	Re-Tender ID	Procurement Nature Title	Last date & time of tender document purchasing	Last date & time of tender Submission opening
1.	1348136	Soybean oil	15-10-2026 11:00	15-10-2026 12:00

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NOTICE
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
COMPANY MATTER NO. 1235 OF 2026
IN THE MATTER OF:

An application under Section 233 of the Companies Act, 1994.
AND
IN THE MATTER OF:
Sowban Chowdhury and others
... Petitioners
-Versus-
Bengol Hotel & Hospitality Ltd. and others
... Respondents

Notice is hereby given that on 27.09.2026, an application under Section 233 of the Companies Act, 1994 was filed by the Petitioners before the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. Upon hearing the learned Advocate for the Petitioners and upon perusal of the application and the annexures thereto, the Hon'ble Court was pleased to find that the Petitioners had made out a prima-facie case for admission and accordingly admitted the application for hearing and directed that the same be registered.

The Hon'ble Court was further pleased to restrain the Respondent Nos. 1-3 and 5-7, by an order of injunction for a period of 2 (two) months from the date of the order, from allotting, issuing, transferring, encumbering or otherwise dealing with the shares of Respondent No.1-Company, or from altering its existing shareholding position, on the basis of the Agreement dated 01.09.2023 (Annexure-B), purported Board Resolution dated 17.12.2023 (Annexure-C), purported EGM dated 10.01.2024 (Annexure-F), and purported Share Certificate Nos. 009 and 010 (Annexure-D and D-1) and passed other directives and injunction.

Any person interested in the aforesaid matter may appear before the Hon'ble Court either in person or through his/her engaged Advocate at the time of hearing of the matter.

A copy of the application may be obtained from the concerned section of the Hon'ble Court upon payment of the prescribed fees.

Mustaque Ahmed Chowdhury
Advocate
Supreme Court of Bangladesh

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বহিনিরীক্ষক (External Auditor) নিয়োগের লক্ষ্যে Expression of Interest (EOI) আহবান

বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক কর্তৃক গঠিত ARTF (Asset Recovery Task Force) এর তত্ত্বাবধানে Overseas Stolen Asset Recovery Strategy - Civil Proceedings সংক্রান্ত কার্যক্রম সম্পাদনের নিমিত্ত জনতা ব্যাংক পিএলসি.-এর কতিপয় খেলাপী ঋণ হিসাবের উপর ফরেনসিক অডিট পরিচালনার জন্য বহিনিরীক্ষক (External Auditor) নিয়োগের লক্ষ্যে নিম্ন বর্ণিত যোগ্যতা সম্পন্ন নিরীক্ষা ফার্মের নিকট হতে Expression of Interest (EOI) আহবান করা যাচ্ছেঃ

ক) অডিট ফার্মকে বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের সর্বশেষ তালিকাভুক্ত ফার্মের অর্ন্তভুক্ত হতে হবে।
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INVITATION FOR TENDER

1. Invitation Reference, Tender ID No and Date	Pro. (Log.)/456/2026, date: 07/10/2026, Tender ID no. 53/2026
2. Procuring Entity Name	Secretary General, BDRCS
3. Name of Requisition Department	DR Department, National Headquarters, BDRCS,684-686 Red Crescent Road, Bara Maghbazar, Dhaka-1217
4. Procurement for	Poor people during cold wave in Bangladesh.
5. Procurement Category	Supply of Goods
6. Description of Tender	Framework Agreement for supplying of 30,000 Pcs Blankets
7. Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)
8. Source of Funds	BDRCS/IFRC/QRCS and Others PNSs
9. Purchase of Tender document	Tender documents and schedules with detailed information are available at the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) website: www.bdrcs.org. Tender Schedule Download Link: https://bdrcs.org/tender/ **Tender Schedule Purchase Process:** • Interested bidders are requested to collect the tender documents within the stipulated timeframe from the mentioned link/BDRCS website. • A Tender Schedule purchase fee of **3,000/-** is applicable. This fee is non-refundable. • To Purchase Tender Schedule, Please make PAYMENT to BDRCS bKash Merchant Account No: **01894806393** • Please insert the reference number **Pro.(Log.)/456/2026** while making bKash Payment. • Please mention the bKash transaction reference number on top **Table-1** in tender schedule. Failure to include the bKash transaction reference number may result in the disqualification of your bid.
10. Tender Schedule available	From 11-10-2026 to 25-10-2026
11. Tender Submission Date and Time	25-10-2026 at 12:00 pm (If not possible for any unavoidable circumstance tender will be opened next office day at the same time & venue.)
12. Tender Opening Date and Time	25-10-2026 at 12:15 pm
13. Address of Tender Submission & Opening	Logistics Department, National Headquarters, BDRCS, 684-686 Red Crescent Road, Bara Maghbazar, Dhaka-1217.
14. Place/Date/Time of Pre-Tender Meeting	**11:00 AM on 18 October 2026** in the Logistics Department Meeting Room, NHQ, BDRCS, 684-686, Red Crescent Sarak, Bara Moghbazar, Dhaka 1217.
15. Eligibility of Tenderer	Experienced Supplier/Importer/Manufacturing Company
16. Brief Description of works/ Related Services	Framework Agreement for supplying of 30,000 Pcs Blankets
17. Tender Security Amount	BDT. 3,00000 (Three Lac)
18. Completion Time in days	21 Calendar days

The Bangladesh Red Crescent Society reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender or split the order without assigning any reason whatsoever and will not be bound to accept the lowest bid.

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