Measles outbreak worsens across Chattogram

Over 10,000 cases reported, 39 dead so far

ARUN BIKASH DEY, *Chattogram*

The measles outbreak in Chattogram continues to worsen, with the number of cases reaching 10,073 yesterday and hospitals struggling to cope with the influx of patients.

Since the outbreak began in mid-March, 39 people have died from measles and measles-like symptoms, while 9,749 patients have recovered and returned home, according to the Chattogram Civil Surgeon's Office.

In the 24 hours till yesterday morning, two suspected measles deaths and 38 hospitalisations were recorded in the district.

"The measles situation in Chattogram is difficult to bring under control at the moment. A large number of patients continue to be hospitalised with measles symptoms. We are genuinely worried," said Divisional Health Director Sheikh Fazle Rabbi.

Chattogram Medical College Hospital is particularly overwhelmed, with patients more than double its designated capacity for treating measles and similar symptoms.



People being treated on the floor of the CMCH due to the influx of measles patients. PHOTO: STAR

The hospital has a 50-bed measles unit, 15 beds in the Paediatric ICU and 16 in the isolation ward.

During a visit yesterday, three children were seen sharing one bed, while many others were being treated on the floor.

Akbar Hossain from Halishahar said his two-and-a-half-year-old son had been receiving treatment on the hospital floor for five days due to a shortage of beds.

Prof Dr Mohammed Musa, head of CMCH's Pediatric Health Department, said 157 children were receiving treatment in the measles block and another 10 in the ICU.

Around 25-30 new patients were arriving daily, he added.

CMCH Director Brig Gen Taslim Uddin said overcrowding and inadequate space were making it increasingly difficult to prevent cross-infection.

Health officials have identified nine high-risk wards in the port city: Jalalabad, Chandgaon, North Pahartali, Lalkhan Bazar, East Bakalia, Alkaran, South-Central Halishahar, South Halishahar and North Patenga.

Dr Kamrun Nahar, associate professor of Pediatric Health at CMCH, recommended raising routine measles vaccination coverage above 95 percent and reviewing the national immunisation schedule to consider administering MR vaccines at six months.

She also called for vaccinating women aged 15-45 to strengthen maternal immunity, improving hospital infection control through rapid patient screening, isolation and ventilation, strengthening child nutrition programmes, ensuring regular Vitamin A supplementation and introducing laboratory-backed outbreak surveillance.

Bandarban NCP leader held in rape case, sent to jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Bandarban*

A leader of Bandarban district committee of National Citizen Party (NCP) has been arrested in a rape case and sent to jail following a court order.

Police arrested Shoi Kya Ching Marma, 55, a joint convener of the committee, on Friday night, hours after a 43-year-old woman filed the case against him with Bandarban Sadar Police Station around 10:00pm.

Shoi Kya Ching is a resident of Bandarban Sadar upazila.

Kamrul Islam, an investigation officer at Bandarban Sadar Police Station, said police launched an operation following the complaint. Ching was arrested from his residence, the official added.

District NCP Convener Mongsa Pra Prue Chowdhury said appropriate action would be taken against Ching in line with the party's constitution and decisions of the central leadership.

7 more die of dengue, 1,872 get hospitalised

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Seven more dengue patients died and 1,872 others were hospitalised in the 24 hours till yesterday morning.

Of the deaths, three were reported in Dhaka division, three in Dhaka city and one in Mymensingh division, according to the Directorate General of Health Services.

With the latest fatalities, the country's dengue death toll rose to 342, while the total number of cases reached 1,10,312.

Currently, 5,771 dengue patients are receiving treatment at hospitals across the country.

CUET VC holds syndicate meeting amid deadlock

No teacher representatives attend; no major decisions taken

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Chattogram*

CUET Vice-Chancellor Prof Sheikh Shariful Alam held an emergency syndicate meeting virtually on Friday without any teacher representatives attending, amid a prolonged shutdown of academic activities.

The 145th syndicate meeting was held via Zoom at 6:00pm, with the VC presiding from Circuit House.

The meeting came as the teachers', officers' and staff associations continued their work stoppage, while students demonstrated demanding the reinstatement of former VC Prof Abu Sadat Muhammad Sayem.

Classes and examinations have remained suspended since September 22.

Five syndicate members attended the meeting alongside the VC: Education Secretary Md Mahbubul Haque Patwary; retired Additional Chief Engineer of the Ministry of Public Works Khan Ataur Rahman; Chattogram Divisional Commissioner Dr Mohammad Ziauddin; Prof Dr Mohammad Zahidur Rahman of Jahangirnagar University's Department of Computer Science and Engineering; and Chattogram Education Board Chairman Prof Abdullah Al Mamun Chowdhury.

Prof Samiun Bashir, assistant general secretary of the CUET Teachers' Association, said, "We heard that he sent text messages requesting syndicate members to attend the meeting, though I am uncertain whether a formal syndicate session can be legally convened via SMS."

CUET syndicate member Prof Md Rashidul Hasan, dean of the Faculty of Architecture and Planning, confirmed receiving notification of the meeting but said he could not attend as he was on leave.

A syndicate member who attended said discussions focused on ways to resolve the academic deadlock.

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Memo No:BU/PORI OH UNNAH/MONI.DR./EGP TENDR/2026-27/125-30 Date:18/10/2026

Invitation for e-Tender (OTM)

e-Tenders is invited in the National e-GP system portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of the following goods under the Revenue Budget of University of Barishal.

SL No.	Tender/ Proposal ID No.	Invitation Reference No.	Name of works	Tendering Method	Tender/ Proposal Publication & Opening Date and Time	Tender/ Proposal Document last selling & Security Submission Date and Time
01	1351587	BU/PORI OH UNNAH/MONI.DR./EGP TENDR/2026-27/125	Supply of 19 types of stationery items for Barishal University	OTM	18-Oct-2026 09:00 & 28-Oct-2026 15:00	28-Oct-2026 12:00 & 28-Oct-2026 14:00

This is an online tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in the National e-GP portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender registration in the National e-GP system portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender document from the National e-GP System portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank's branches.
Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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INVITATION FOR TENDER

Invitation for Tender no- 44.08.0158.300.08.150.26.86 dated 17 Oct 2026

e-Tender Notice

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

e-Tender ID No	Description of Package	Method	Online Publication Date & Time	Last Selling Date & Time	Closing & Opening Date & Time
1356347	Repair of General Broadcast System (SRE) at BCG Base Mongla	OTM	18-Oct-2026 05:25	28-Oct-2026 05:25	28-Oct-2026 08:00

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PRICE SENSITIVE INFORMATION

This is to inform our valued Shareholders that, the Board of Directors in its 242nd Meeting held on Saturday, October 17, 2026 at 2.30 pm has decided, declared and recommended in regard to 53rd Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of Renata PLC. for the year ended June 30, 2026 as follows :

1. Recommended Dividend : Cash Dividend : @ 55%

		2025-26 Taka	2024-25 Taka
2. Net Profit (in million)	:	3409	2,003
3. EPS	:	29.72	17.46
4. Net Profit-Consolidated (in million)	:	3643	2,221
5. EPS-Consolidated	:	31.76	19.36
6. Net Asset Value (NAV) Per Share	:	322.95	301.11
7. Net Asset Value (NAV) Per Share-Consolidated	:	329.19	305.49
8. Net Operating Cash Flows Per Share (NOCFPS)	:	48.35	38.61
9. Net Operating Cash Flows Per Share (NOCFPS) -Consolidated	:	49.88	41.16

10. Date & Time of 53rd AGM : **Saturday, December 19, 2026 at 11.30 am**
11. Venue of 53rd AGM : Using Digital Platform
12. Record Date : **Sunday, November 15, 2026** (The shareholders, whose names would appear as shareholders in the Register of Members on the Record Date, shall be entitled to receive the Dividend, if approved as above).

By order of the Board

Md. Jubayer Alam
Company Secretary

Dated: October 17, 2026

Notes:

- Shareholders are requested to check and update their BOID's e-mail address, mobile number and Bank A/c details along with Routing Number to get Dividend online through BEFTN system.
- In Compliance with the BSEC Notification No.BSEC/CMRRCD/2006-158/208/Admin/81 dated 20 June 2018, Annual Report 2025-2026 will be duly sent in soft form to the respective shareholders e-mail addresses available in their Beneficial Owner (BO) Accounts maintained with the DP. These will also be available in Company's website: www.renata-ltd.com
- Pursuant to Section 117 of the Income Tax Act, 2023 (as amended by the Finance Act, 2026), Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) on dividend disbursements will apply at 15% for individual shareholders and 20% for non-individual shareholders (including companies, institutions, and legal entities).

PRAYER TIMING
OCTOBER 18

	Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN	4-50	12-45	4-00	5-38	7-15
JAMAAT	5-25	1-15	4-15	5-41	7-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

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জরুরী ভিত্তিতে গুলশানে ও বনানীতে ছোট/বড় কয়েকটি ফ্ল্যাট বিক্রয় করা হবে। প্রকৃত ক্রেতাগন যোগাযোগ করুন। মোবা: ০১৭৩২-১৯৫২৮৪

Invitation to Bid (ITB) for Reagents and Lab Supplies

Tender Ref. No. icddr,b/SCM/OTM/971/2026 **Date: 18th October, 2026**

icddr,b invites renowned Reagents and Lab Supplies manufacturers and their authorized Agent/Distributor to participate in the bidding process for supply of Reagents and Lab Supplies under Fixed Rate **Long Term Agreement** for 02 (Two) Years.

Interested bidders can download the ITB Documents from the below web Link:
https://www.icddrb.org/tender-notices

Pre-Bid meeting will be held on **27th October, 2026** at 11:00 AM BST through Microsoft Teams. Interested bidders should notify icddr,b about their interest for participating in the pre-bid session through email **[iasraful@icddrb.org]** within **26th October, 2026**. Please mention 'Bid reference' and 'Interested in Pre-bid Participation' in the email subject.

Tender submission: Tenderers shall submit both the Technical Offer and Financial Offer through the following channels: **Physical or Email** submission as detailing in ITB. Bid must be received not later than **08th November, 2026**; 2:00 PM BST. Bid opening session will not be conducted as a Public Opening.

icddr,b reserves the right to accept or reject all/part bids without assigning any reason whatsoever. This ITB invitation will also form a part of the contract and will be binding upon the bidder.

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Applications are invited for faculty member positions in the following areas:

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS (SBE)
- Accounting (PhD only)
- Finance (PhD only)
- Business Analytics (PhD only)
- AI in Business (PhD only)
- Business Intelligence (PhD only)
- Management Information System (PhD only)
- Supply Chain Management (PhD only)
- Operations Management (PhD only)
- Engineering Management (PhD only)
- Operations Research (PhD only)
- International Business (PhD only)

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING & PHYSICAL SCIENCES (SEPS)
- Computer Science and Engineering (Theoretical Computer Science, Software and Systems)
- Mathematics/Computational Mathematics/Computational Science
- Financial Mathematics/Applied Mathematics
- Actuarial Mathematics
- Mathematics for Data Science and Machine Learning
- HPC for Applied Mathematics with Data Science
- Statistics/Applied Statistics/Computational Statistics (PhD only)

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES (SHSS)
- Law (PhD only)
- English Linguistics (PhD only)
- History (Bangladesh History and World Civilization) (PhD only)

SCHOOL OF HEALTH & LIFE SCIENCES (SHLS)
- Epidemiology
- Biostatistics
- Microbiology

Required Qualifications: Candidates will be considered eligible if they have obtained their degrees from globally reputed universities. A Master's degree is required for Lecturer and Senior Lecturer positions, while a Ph.D. or higher qualification is required for Assistant Professor and above positions. Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Benefits: NSU offers a comprehensive benefits package that includes 50% house rent allowance based on the basic salary, medical allowance, festival bonuses, leave encashment, transport allowance, gratuity, provident fund, and insurance coverage. Salary packages are negotiable for outstanding candidates.

Application Process: Interested applicants are requested to visit the NSU website and submit their applications by the deadline of **November 01, 2026**, through the following link for faculty positions in the relevant academic field or area. **Link: https://jobs.northsouth.edu/**

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