Five more die with measles-like symptoms

UNB, *Dhaka*

The combined number of suspected and confirmed measles deaths in Bangladesh has reached 1,201, with five children dying with measles-like symptoms in the 24 hours till yesterday morning.

Of the total deaths this year, the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) has classified 1,097 as suspected measles deaths and 104 as confirmed deaths from measles.

A total of 1,307 new suspected measles cases were reported during the 24 hours, taking the cumulative number of suspected cases nationwide to 2,14,551

Meanwhile, 35 new confirmed measles cases were recorded in the 24 hours, pushing laboratory-confirmed infections to 23,157.

Since March 15 this year, a total of 1,90,663 patients with suspected measles have been hospitalised across the country, of whom 1,83,042 have recovered, according to the DGHS.

Health experts attributed the continued outbreak to a gap in vaccination coverage affecting children, infections among them outside the campaign's target age group, and inadequate infection prevention and control measures.

Corrigendum

In the Recruitment Circular was published in The Daily Star on 19.10.2026 of BMSRI, House No. 33-35, Road No. 14/A, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka the experience will be10+ years instead of 0+years.

Beyond worship, a call for justice

Chattogram mandap draws attention to violence against women, children





PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

The pandal 'Raktanjali' features a sculpture of a little girl sitting beside a doorway, her eyes closed and hands pressed over her ears, symbolising the suffering of victims of violence.

SIFAYET ULLAH

A Durga Puja pandal in Chattogram has used art, protest slogans and newspaper reports to draw attention to violence against women and children and demand justice for victims.

Named "Raktanjali", the pandal in the port city's Khalifa Patti area features a sculpture of a little girl sitting beside a doorway, her eyes closed and hands pressed over her ears, symbolising the fear and suffering of victims of violence.

Beside her, a banner reads, "Stop violence against women" and "We want justice".

During a recent visit, banners bearing protest slogans were seen on either side of the idol of Goddess Durga.

One reads, "Why should my sister and my child live in fear?" Another asks, "Why is the home once filled with the sound of anklets now filled with fear?"

Organisers have also erected a symbolic gallows to demand punishment for perpetrators of violence against women and children.

Newspaper reports documenting such violence have been displayed at the entrance.

Sanchita Dev, a resident of Askar Dighi who works at a community clinic, visited the pandal with her young daughter.

"Although this is part of a religious festival, the organisers have presented the true picture of society."

Saikat Chowdhury, convener of the Khalifa Patti Puja Celebration Council, said, "Violence against women and children has been going on for ages. But what worries us is that its scale is increasing day by day."

"Even though this is a religious festival, we wanted to send a message that women and children are being neglected in society. That was the main reason behind our idea."

He said the organisers also wanted to encourage stronger protests against such violence.

PM to visit puja mandaps in Rangpur, Rajshahi, Ctg today

UNB, *Dhaka*

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman yesterday called on people of all religions to work together to build Bangladesh, saying everyone should be recognised first and foremost as a Bangladeshi, regardless of their religious identity.

"This country belongs to you and me. Let's all work together, shoulder to shoulder, to build the country," he said while addressing members of the Hindu community during a visit to the Dhakeshwari National Temple in Dhaka on the occasion of Durga Puja.

Recalling the 1971 Liberation War, he said people fought for the country's independence without asking whether their fellow fighters were Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, or Christians.

Referring to the July uprising, he said thousands and hundreds of thousands of people took to the streets without asking one another about their religious identities.

He urged people to remain united in working for the country's development, saying everyone will benefit if Bangladesh and the lives of its people improve.

"When someone suffers, we do not look at their religion. Likewise, when people are doing well, we do not look at their religion. We see that you are human, and I am human," Tarique said.

He called upon people to recognise and respect one another as fellow human beings and citizens of Bangladesh.

Extending greetings to members of the Hindu community on Durga Puja, the PM described the occasion as a celebration of joy and togetherness.

The prime minister is expected to visit three districts to see the puja mandaps today. He will first go to Rangpur in the morning, followed by Rajshahi and Chattogram.

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01.	1357899	PSN-1 (FY-26-27)	27.11.0000.304.27.103.26 Date:19/10/2026	Operation and Maintenance Service of BPDB Call Center via Hotline 16200 and Integrated Central Call Center for Distribution Utilities of Power Sector via Hotline 16999 for 02 (two) Years.	09 Nov-2026 14.00	09 Nov-2026 16:00	09 Nov-2026 16.00

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For more details, please contact to the PE's Support Desk (01768595879).

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Cumilla man killed in Russia-Ukraine war

Says family

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Cumilla*

A 24-year-old Bangladeshi man from Cumilla, who reportedly quit his job at a bakery in Russia to join the Russian army for a promised Tk 30 lakh, has died in the Russia-Ukraine war, his family claims.

Sagar, from Chhaykot under Chandina municipality, had been working at the bakery for a monthly salary of Tk 70,000 before enlisting in May this year.

His family said a Bangladeshi middleman had offered him Tk 30 lakh to join the Russian army.



SAGAR

On Saturday night, one of Sagar's friends in Russia informed his sister of his death through a text message.

The family has yet to learn how he died or whether arrangements are being made to repatriate his body.

Sagar went to Russia in mid-2025 after his family allegedly paid Tk 6 lakh to a local agent to arrange his travel.

His uncle, Abdul Awal, said he had warned Sagar against joining the army, but he did not listen.

Chandina Police Station Officer-in-Charge Md Nuruzzaman said he learnt of the incident through the media and was looking into it.

Chandina Upazila Nirbahi Officer Mohammad Ashraful Haque said the administration would provide necessary assistance.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Sustainable and Renewable Energy Development Authority (SREDA)
Power Division
IEB Bhaban (Level: 9 & 10), Ramna, Dhaka
www.sreda.gov.bd
No. 27.02.0000.013.07.089.25.421 Date: 18 October 2026

e-Tender Notice

e-Tender is invited to the e-GP portal for following goods. Interested tenderers are requested to visit (https://www.eprocure.gov.bd) website for details. APP ID 229832.

Sl	Tender ID, Reference No.	Name of the packages	Tender Publication date	Tender Document last Selling date and time	Tender Opening Date and Time
1	1341317 27.02.0000.013.07.089.25	Procurement of CCTV System	18-10-2026 17:00	28-10-2026 15:00	28-10-2026 17:00

This is an online tender, where only e-tender will be accepted in the National e-GP portal. To submit tender, registration in e-GP system Portal is required (www.eprocure.gov.bd).

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No. 23.09.2680.174.07.009.26-2588 Date: 19 October 2026

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The fees for downloading the e-Tender Documents of following package from the National e-GP system portal have to be deposited online through any registered Bank branches upto 01.11.2026, 12:00 on the tender notice.

Sl. No	Package Description	Tender ID	Package No.	Last date & time of selling documents	Last date & time of Submission documents
1.	Supply of Caustic Soda Flakes & Ferrosilicon for Dhaka, Ishwardi and Bogura office.	1358489	Chemical/ 2026-2027	01-Nov-2026 12:00	01-Nov-2026 14:00

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP system portal (http: www.helpdesk.eprocure.gov.bd/).

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Dhaka South City Corporation
Office of the Executive Engineer
Zone-4, Nagar Bhaban, Fulbaria, Dhaka

Ref No. 46.207.007.24.09.06.2026-2027 Dated: 18.10.2026

Re-Tender Notice

e-Tender are invited in e-GP portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) by office of the Executive Engineer, Zone-4 Nagar Bhaban, Dhaka South City Corporation for the procurement of following package, which will be available at e-GP website from date 19-10-2026, 23:00.

SL No.	Tender ID, Ref No.	Name of works	Last Selling date and Time	Tender Closing Date and Time
01.	**1349090 Z4_WD-07_TC_Zone-04-2026-27**	Repair & Maintenance works including related materials supply of Road and infrastructure under Zone-4 in the financial year 2026-2027 through Term contractor (Package-Kha)	**10-11-2026 12:00**	**10-11-2026 15:00**

This is an online Tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in E-GP portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.
To submit e-Tender, please register on e-GP system portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd).

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