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Bangladesh's Long-Overdue Urban Roadmap: A Transformative Moment for City Planning



In a significant and long-awaited development, Bangladesh has finally approved the National Urban Development Policy-2025, marking a major step toward addressing the country's rapid and often unplanned urbanization. After more than two decades of delays, this comprehensive policy offers a much-needed framework to guide the growth and management of cities across the nation — a crucial shift given that urban areas, while home to only about 32 % of the population, contribute over 60 % of national economic output.

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Bangladesh Declares Highest Health Alert for National Election Period to Safeguard Public Health Services

In a proactive move ahead of the 13th National Parliamentary Election, Bangladesh's Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) has announced the highest level of health alert across the country's health system, spanning a continuous six-day period from February 10 to February 15, 2026. The extraordinary directive aims to ensure that health services, especially emergency and primary care, remain robust, accessible, and uninterrupted during the election period, when public movement and service demand can rise significantly.

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Bangladesh-China Friendship Hospital Set to Become Major Regional Healthcare Hub



Bangladesh has taken a bold step toward transforming its national healthcare landscape with the approval of the Bangladesh-China Friendship General Hospital, a state-of-the-art 1,000-bed medical facility projected to become a major healthcare and treatment center in South Asia. This strategic healthcare investment, championed by the interim government's Chief Adviser Professor Dr. Muhammad Yunus, was formally approved at the National Economic Council's Executive Committee (ECNEC) meeting in late January 2026 and represents a significant milestone in expanding advanced medical services outside the nation's capital.

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Founded in 2009, the Bangladesh Urban Health Network (BUHN) is a dynamic civil society platform igniting change in urban health equity across Bangladesh. Backed by secretarial support from Eminence Associates for Social Development, BUHN acts as a national catalyst—connecting minds, ideas, and action to solve the most pressing health challenges in our growing cities.

We're not just a network, we're a movement. BUHN brings together policy leaders, academics, health professionals, NGOs, and innovators from both national and global stages to collaborate, co-create, and transform urban health systems for all.

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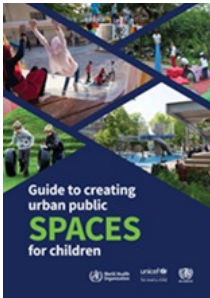
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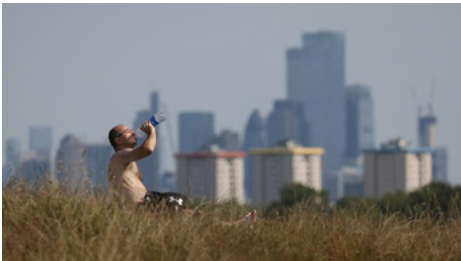
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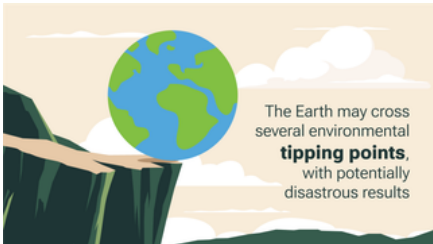
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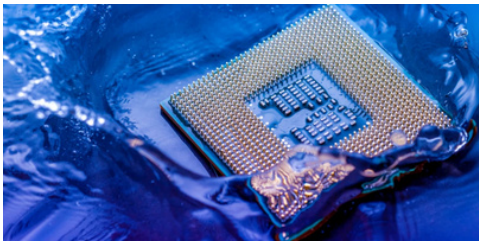
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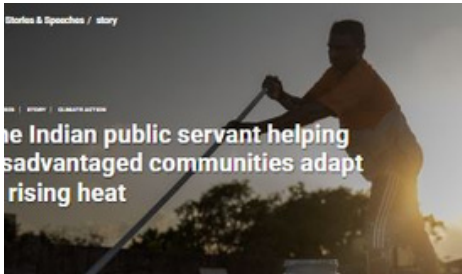
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Dr. Mohammed Eunus Ali
Director of the Institute of Public Health Nutrition (IPHN)

On behalf of the Institute of Public Health Nutrition (IPHN), we reaffirm our strong commitment to advancing nutrition-sensitive urban health systems in Bangladesh at a time when rapid urbanisation is fundamentally reshaping how people live, eat, and access care.

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Shah Imam Ali Reza
Joint Secretary (Planning), Health Services Division
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

“Universal Health Coverage (UHC) remains a critical target under Sustainable Development Goal 3.8, requiring us to improve the quality of health services, reduce out-of-pocket costs, and ensure the efficient use of public resources. While Bangladesh has made impressive strides in strengthening rural health systems, urban primary healthcare has not yet received the focused and structured attention it urgently needs.

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