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Bangladesh set for full-fledged liver transplants next year, Muhit tells JS



State Minister for Health and Family Welfare M A Muhit yesterday (6 September) expressed hope that the full-fledged liver transplant will be possible in Bangladesh from next year. "We hope that the full-fledged liver transplant would be possible in the country from the end of the year or maximum from the beginning of the next year," the state minister told the parliament.

"The country will need two more months for preparing the necessary manpower and full-fledged establishment. This will allow patients to get treated within the country, reducing both cost and suffering," he said.

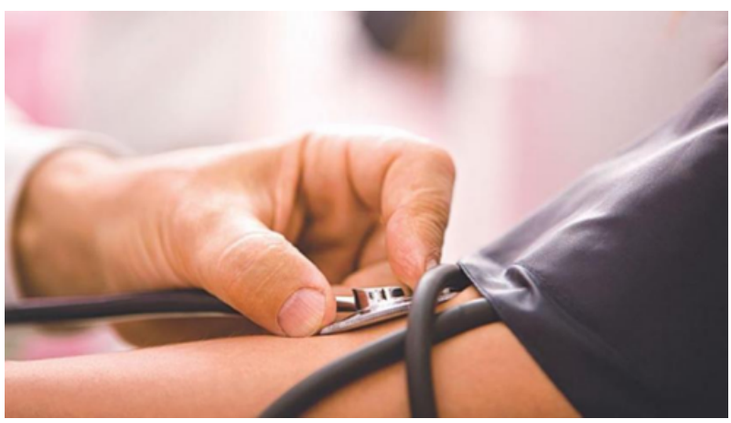
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Patient safety must be built into health system

Experts stress safer long-term care for NCD patients
NCD patients face greater risks from unsafe care.
Bangladesh lacks data on patient harm.
Experts stress safer care from diagnosis to follow-up.

Public health experts and campaigners yesterday called for a healthcare system in which patient safety is ensured by the system itself rather than depending on individuals.

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Bangladesh cholera vaccination: 82.6% coverage, 8.52 lakh miss first dose



DGHS data show that 40.47 lakh people received the vaccine across 14 high-risk areas, with Narayanganj recording the lowest coverage. Bangladesh's first-round oral cholera vaccination (OCV) campaign reached 82.6 percent of its target population, with Narayanganj recording the lowest coverage.

A total of 40,47,018 people were vaccinated against a target of 48,99,440, leaving 8,52,422 people unvaccinated in the first round, according to data from the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

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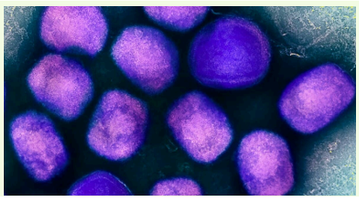


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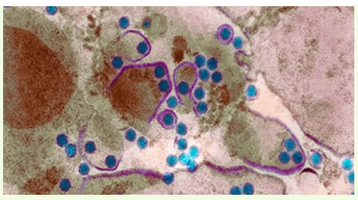


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Urban health equity is inextricably linked to long-term municipal resilience, economic competitiveness and social cohesion, and this is especially true in the current context of rapid, unplanned urbanization across the Global South and emerging economies, which give us a clear call to action. Empirical field studies indicate that social, spatial and economic dimensions constitute the major drivers of the health burden of the metropolitan centers, highlighting that residents of informal settlements and peri-urban peripheries experience high exposure to contaminated water sources, lack of sanitation, industrial emissions and high concentrations of heat in urban areas.

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Urbanization plays an important role in Bangladesh's social and economic development. Cities, particularly Dhaka, attract people from rural areas because of better employment, education, healthcare, and essential services. However, rapid population growth and unplanned urban expansion place increasing pressure on housing, transportation, the environment, and public health.

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Urban health



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- **Bangladesh National Health Compact (2026-2030): Health Care Financing Strategy Implementation Roadmap**
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Call for Proposal

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- **Developing Standard Operating Protocol (SOP) on Promoting Environment for Women in Humanitarian Action**
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- **Expanding Local Partnerships to Advance Child & Youth Rights in Bangladesh**
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Bangladesh reports 371 more dengue cases

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- **DGHS issues emergency health directives for public and private healthcare facilities**
- **Dhaka's air quality flagged as 'unhealthy for sensitive groups' as winter approaches**
- **Road crashes killed 14 people a day on average in September: RSF trauma alert**

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- **World leaders renew commitment to protect the world from future pandemics at UNGA**
- **Ebola outbreak in DRC has peaked, say health authorities as infection rates slow**
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