

Second satellite to be launched in 2-3 years: Shahjahan Mahmood

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Online Desk: Shahjahan Mahmood, chairman of the Bangladesh Satellite Company Ltd, has said that the deal for the second satellite will be finalised within 2-3 months and it will be launched in 2-3 years.

The second satellite will be a Bangladesh Earth Observatory Satellite, he said

He was speaking at the sixth anniversary of the successful launching of the Bangabandhu-1, the country's first communication satellite at Dhaka Club on Sunday night.

The satellite will be used for various purposes, including monitoring natural disasters, managing agricultural resources, assessing environmental changes, etc.

Shahjahan expressed his optimism that the lifetime of the first satellite could be increased by three years to 18 years due to the efficient launch.

The satellite was launched in May 2018 under a project costing Tk 2,765.66 crore.

Forty private television stations and three channels of state-run Bangladesh Television now air programmes using Bangabandhu-1.

It started providing Television Rating Point services recently.

Besides, 26 foreign TV channels use the Bangabandhu-1 satellite for broadcasting.

In September 2023, a Letter of Intent (LOI) on Cooperation between Bangladesh Satellite Company Limited (BSCL) and Airbus Defence and Space SAS, France related to the Bangabandhu-2 Earth Observation Satellite System was signed.

The documents were inked in the presence of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and France President Emmanuel Macron at Karobi Hall of the Prime Minister's Office.

Foreign Minister Hasan Mahmud said Bangladesh already signed the MoU with France for the second satellite and its launching will help Bangladesh to navigate the challenge of 4th industrial revolution.

Among others, Zunaïd Ahmed Palak, state minister for telecom and ICT; Abu Hena Morshed Zaman, secretary to Posts and Telecom Division, also spoke.