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Elon Musk's Starlink has officially launched its satellite internet services in Bangladesh, making it the second South Asian country after Bhutan to access the low-Earth orbit technology. The service comes with a one-time setup cost of 47,000 Bangladeshi taka (approx. ■39,000) and a monthly subscription starting at 4,200 taka (around ■2,990).

Starlink confirmed the launch on X, saying its "high-speed, low-latency internet is now available in Bangladesh", with coverage spanning the entire country.

Starlink's high-speed, low-latency internet is now available in Bangladesh! ■■■■❤■ → https://t.co/Q0StscVtIP pic.twitter.com/J88dJC7rzR

— Starlink (@Starlink) May 20, 2025

Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus, who assumed office after former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's ouster last year, said the service offers a stable alternative that can't be disrupted by political unrest—like during the 2024 student protests when authorities had cut off internet and messaging services, Reuters reported.

"This has created a sustainable alternative for premium customers to get high-quality and high-speed internet services," Yunus aide Faiz Ahmad Taiyeb wrote on Facebook.

Yunus had first invited Musk to launch Starlink in Bangladesh in February, stating that integrating the technology could transform opportunities for the country's youth and women. He directed officials to work closely with SpaceX to complete the rollout within 90 working days.

Starlink, which now operates in over 70 countries, is also eyeing India for expansion, where it is awaiting final regulatory approvals. The Indian government has already begun the spectrum allotment process for satellite internet firms, including ventures backed by Reliance Jio and Airtel.

The company received regulatory approval from the government—nearly three years after first applying for an operator licence—paving the way for the company to start offering the service in the country, The Indian Express has learnt.

"After thoroughly going through their application, vetting them from a national security perspective, the government has approved Starlink's proposal," a senior government official said on condition of anonymity.

Pakistan, too, has issued Starlink a temporary licence to operate, as the satellite internet race picks up across the region.