

No dengue, malaria fever reported in city : DCC

Doctors detected the presence of dangerous "dengue mosquito" in the city but it's a relief that as yet there was no "dengue fever" reported from mosquito bite, reports UNB.

Dengue is an acute tropical epidemic fever, seldom fatal, very common in Central Africa. "We too don't have any malarial fever in the capital," said Dr Ashraf, the Chief Health Officer of Dhaka City Corporation (DCC).

Talking to UNB about the current drive against mosquito in Dhaka city, he said the mosquito menace is under control this year because of an early drive for cleaning hyacinths and the drains within the city corporation.

Poet Rafiq Azad nominated for Khaleqad Literature Award

Renowned poet Rafiq Azad has been nominated for the prestigious Khaleqad Chowdhury Literature Award for the Bengali year 1404, reports UNB. Netokona Sahitya Samaj will give the award to the poet in its spring literature festival to be held at the district town on February 13 and 14, said a press release yesterday.

Among others, Dr Anisuzzaman, Prof Jateen Sarker and poets Nirmalendu Goon, Helal Hafiz, Pronob Chowdhury and Abu Hasan Shahriyar will attend the festival.

Replying to a question, he said Tk 8 crore has so far been allocated for the anti-mosquito drive which will continue till February.

"It is not possible to completely eradicate mosquito, but we've been able to control it this time," Dr Ashraf said. In view of the bitter experience of last year, the DCC launched its anti-mosquito drive last September to clean hyacinth in ponds, canals and ditches in the city.

The drive was carried out in areas, including Mugdipara, Goran, Dholaikhal, Jirani Khal, Jatrabari, Mir Hajirbagh, Modhubazar, Tikkapara Jheel, Mohammadpur, Shyamoli and Islambagh.

The Chief Health Officer of DCC said the main period of mosquito menace is October to February. The Corporation's Health Department has engaged eight fogger machines in each ward to spray medicine, named Sycophiling, every alternate day to kill mosquito larvae.

Dr Ashraf hoped that the intensity of mosquito will not rise, rather it will come down within next few weeks. "Of course, there are some pockets in the city where mosquito are still present."

Dr Ashraf said it requires multi-sectoral approach to keep the Dhaka metropolitan city free from mosquito. Public awareness is important to clean drains, canal, private septic tanks and bushes which are the breeding grounds of mosquito, he added.

HC issues show cause notice on Home Secy

By Staff Correspondent

The High Court division of the Supreme Court issued a show cause notice upon four persons including the secretary to the Home Ministry asking them why Fazlu alias Hafiz, an accused detained in Jhenidah jail, was kept in fetter for last forty months, says a press release of Ain-O-Salish Kendra.

The High Court Bench comprising of Justice Mainur Reza Chowdhury and Justice Fazul Karim has ordered the government side on January 21 to consider the matter of unchaining Fazlu until the hearing of the case is completed.

On June 8, 1997 Dr Kamal Hossain in a petition said that Fazlu was kept in fetter for 33 months since 1994 which was a violation of rule-719 of the Jail Code. According to the code no person should be kept in shackles for more than three months, the petition stated.

The government side submitted an affidavit in opposition admitting the incident indirectly when the High Court division issued a show cause notice. But the government has not made it clear under which law Fazlu was kept in fetter till now.

In the petition the provision to keep the accused persons in shackles was also challenged. It was stated in the petition that the provision was liable to be repealed as it is inconsistent with article 35 (5) of the constitution.

Hanif's Eid greetings

Dhaka City Mayor Mohammad Hanif yesterday felicitated the city dwellers on the occasion of holy Eid-ul-Fitr, reports BSS.

In a message of greetings on the eve of Eid-ul-Fitr the Mayor underlined the importance for establishing a happy society by realising the teachings of restraints of Ramadan in every sphere of life.

He wished happy Eid for the city dwellers and solidarity among Muslim Ummah on the occasion.

The Mayor also sought continuous support from the city dwellers in the corporation's development programmes wishing them a happy, affluent, prosperous and safe life.

Certificate course on feature film from Feb 8-19

An advanced certificate course on "Forms and Techniques in Feature Film and Television Production" will be held at German Cultural Centre here on February 8-19, reports UNB.

David Hannan, founder of Film and Television Studies Programme in Monash University in Australia and renowned film maker Zakir Hossain Raju will conduct the course.

Monash University Film and TV Studies Programme, Melbourne and Protsabha Alternative Communication Centre will organise the course in collaboration with Democracy Watch and Worldview International Foundation, said a press release.

Law Minister holds talks with UN HR commissioner

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Abdul Matin Kharsu held talks with UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and former Irish President Mary Robinson in Japanese capital Tokyo on Monday, reports UNB.

During the meeting, the Law Minister briefed her on the serious and genuine commitment of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and the government to institutionalise democracy and promote human rights.

In this context, Matin apprised Robinson on the various measures taken by the government, particularly on setting up of Law Commission, Granting Court to ensure speedy and inexpensive access to justice and decision to establish independent Bangladesh National Commission on Human Rights for securing protection and promotion of human rights.

Robinson appreciated various policies and measures taken by the Bangladesh government and expressed her support and that of the UN High Commission for Human Rights for implementation of these measures.

The Law Minister also exchanged views on bilateral and other issues with the Japanese Foreign Minister and Minister for Justice.

Bangladesh Ambassador to Japan S M Rashed Ahmed was present during the meeting.

German envoy meets Mannan Bhuiyan

German Charge d'Affaires Dr Ingo Karsten called on BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan at the party central office yesterday, reports UNB.

They discussed different bilateral issues, including the ensuing visit of a German parliamentary delegation to Bangladesh, said a BNP press release.

BGMEA to organise a unique election

By Staff Correspondent

A trade association will be organising a unique election for its office bearers as its two rival panels will have their projection meetings on the same days at the same time.

The association, Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA), has set new rules for the candidates who cannot visit voters more than thrice in their election campaign.

Forum and Sammita Parishad, the two BGMEA rival groups, will also have their orientation programme together in Chittagong region. Other than combined projection, only one separate meeting could be organised by these two panels.

Elections will be held on February 25 for one third of the 27 executive committee seats to be vacated.

Out of nine seats, BGMEA's Dhaka office will get seven and Chittagong two seats respectively.

"The way we have planned to conduct the election will be an example in the country, because two contesting panels will have their projection meetings and declare their electoral commitments from the same podium," said Anisul Huq, managing director of the Mohammad (Apparel) Group.

Huq is heading Forum panel and he needs only three seats to elect president from his panel in the BGMEA. Former BGMEA president Anisur Rahman Sinha was a Forum candidate. Meanwhile, a Sammita Parishad leader told this correspondent that Parishad required seven seats of elect their president from their panel.

Mostafa Golan Guddus, the present BGMEA president is from Sammita Parishad. The Parishad leader has seconded Huq's view that the BGMEA election would set an example for other elections in the country with much less cost.

IJO 1st PCC meet concludes

Farmers should be motivated to make quality fibre

The first Project Coordination Committee (PCC) meeting of the adaptive research project of International Jute Organisation (IJO) concluded yesterday with a decision to disseminate all aspects of knowledge to the farmers for production of quality jute and kenaf and their seeds, reports BSS.

The two-day meeting also decided to diffuse knowledge to the farmers for processing and storage of seeds and grading of jute and kenaf fibre.

The two-year adaptive research project on "improved varieties of jute and allied fibres and their utilisation for enhanced income generation" which begins this month is being funded by International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

The PCC meeting adopted some country specific recommendations to be implemented by the producing member countries of IJO for success of the IFAD funded project.

Representatives from the jute and allied fibre producing countries Bangladesh, China, Indonesia, Nepal and Thailand and IFAD attended the meeting.

An international workshop on the IFAD project organised by IJO which was held in the city on January 24 and 25 recommended to continue the existing research projects of IJO in Bangladesh for varietal improvement of jute and kenaf. It also recommended research on round the year cultivation of jute and kenaf for use as raw material for paper pulp.

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Hawking winter birds on despite prohibitive law

Hawking winter birds — a common scene in the city in spite of a prohibitive regulation, reports UNB.

Apart from the law prohibiting hunting winter fowl, the government last month ordered the concerned authority to take action against those involved in catching, hunting, buying and selling migratory birds.

The Kakrail road crossing beside the official residence of the Chief Justice is one point where vendors are seen selling guest birds, mainly ducks, while law enforcers remain onlookers.

Besides this entry point of the area where ministers and top government officials' residences are located, the sellers are also found even in the night at Maghbazar crossing, another entrance to this important area.

These two points of vendors selling migratory birds are not far from Dhaka Metropolitan Police headquarters and Ramna police station.

Winter birds are also sold at Science Laboratory crossing, New Market, Elephant Road, Panthapath, Manik Mia Avenue, Rampura and Motijheel.

The government's prohibitive regulation is seldom followed as in most cases organised groups sell the winter birds at key points and commercial areas of the capital in front of police.

The law in this regard provides for a penalty of up to 2-year imprisonment and a fine of Tk 2,000 for a person charged with killing or endangering wildlife.

Asked about government's December 15 instruction to nab the bird sellers in the capital, a senior police official said they go for operation if any such news come to them.

Wildlife experts said the migratory birds are shipped to the capital and other major cities after those were netted mostly in haor areas in north-eastern Sylhet region.

More than 600 species of birds are found in Bangladesh of which about 200 are migratory. Some six lakh migratory birds visit Bangladesh during the winter and live mostly in haor and beel areas.

Police operation in the remote areas where poachers catch the bird is very rare. "They flee from the spot before law enforcers go there," said the police official.

Weather

Light rain forecast

Light rain or drizzle may occur at one or two places over Khulna, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions, and in the regions of Barisal, Patna, Bogra and Comilla during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

The Met Office said weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country during the period. It said night temperature may fall by one or two degree Celsius across the country.

The country's highest temperature 30.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Cox's Bazar and the lowest 10.2 degrees at Dinajpur.

The sun sets today at 5:42 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:41 am. Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in Percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	27.5	14.0	77	60
Chittagong	29.2	17.5	63	53
Rajshahi	25.6	12.2	87	50
Khulna	28.0	14.4	75	63
Barisal	27.5	14.0	78	—
Sylhet	28.5	14.6	66	58
Cox's Bazar	30.0	18.2	66	65

96 arrested

Police rounded up 96 people on various charges from different parts of the city yesterday, reports UNB.

The arrested include nine wanted criminals and 21 detained on charges of dacoity, murder, snatching and extortion, said a DMP press release.

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Office of the Executive Engineer

Facilities Department

Patuakhali Zone, Patuakhali

Tender Notice

No: 19 (15 colleges) Development/PZ/FD/97-98 Dated: 15-01-98/02-10-1404BS

Tenders in Bangladesh Form No-2911 under sealed cover are hereby invited from enlisted contractors of Facilities Department as per financial eligibility for completion of the undermentioned work under the project special development of selected govt colleges (15 colleges) for post-graduate education at old Zila Sadar.

Group No	Description of work	Estimated cost (Taka)	Earnest money (Taka)	Time limit for work	Category of contractors	Price of tender schedule
1 (one)	Construction of New Commerce Building at Patuakhali Govt. College.	45,00,000/-	90,000/-	9 (nine) months	A-1	1,000/-
2 (two)	Horizontal extension of the new underconstruction Arts Faculty Building at Patuakhali Govt. College	21,00,000/-	42,000/-	6 (six) months	A-1	750/-

Last date of purchasing tender document : 09/02/98.
Date & time of submitting tender document : 10/02/98 up to 12:30 PM.
Date & time of opening tender document : 10/02/98 at 1:00 PM.

- Tender document can be purchased on cash payment of the price (non-refundable) mentioned for each set of tender document from the Head Office, Sikha Bhaban, Dhaka, Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Barisal and Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Patuakhali and Barisal Zone and Office of the Assistant Engineer, Facilities Department, Barguna during office hours on all work days. Tender documents will be received simultaneously at the said offices on the prescribed date.
- Contractors should submit 97-98 renewal fee depositing receipt enlistment book, VAT registration number certificate etc. on application in own letterhead pad at the time of purchasing tender schedule and attested copies of the said documents should be attached at the time of submitting tender schedule.
- Contractor himself or his authorised representative, with his signature attested by the contractor, only can purchase the tender form.
- The prescribed amount of earnest money must be submitted with each tender through Bank Draft/ Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Patuakhali Zone.

Special terms & conditions :

- Tender will be cancelled outright if the total tender price is more than 5% (five per cent) below the estimated cost.
- Chart 'A' attached with the tender document must be filled in.
- In the interest of progress of work one contractor/firm will not be given work of more than one group.
- In case the rate quoted by more than one contractor happens to be the same in the same group, the contractor will be selected in the light of past experience from the head office.
- Original certificate to the effect that the contractor has completed similar/single work worth minimum half the amount of the estimated cost under this Department should be produced at the time of purchasing tender and attested copy of the same certificate along with income tax clearance document should be deposited with the tender.
- Validity of Security Deposit for the works of the said groups is 12 (twelve) months.
- VAT & Income Tax will be deducted from the bill of the works concerned as per rules.

The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender or reject all tenders without assigning any reason.

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Office of the Executive Engineer

Meghna-Dhonagoda O&M Division

BWDB, Chandpur

Notice Inviting Tenders

No. 13/1997-98/MDIP O&M Division

Tenders are hereby invited from contractors who are enlisted as "A" & "B" Class contractors for the year 1997-98 under Bangladesh Water Development Board for the following works in connection with the manufacturing, supplying of CC Block for Bank Protection of Meghna River at Dashani-Mohanpur in PS Matlab, Dist. Chandpur under Meghna-Dhonagoda O&M Division, BWDB, Chandpur during the year 1997-98.

Group No	Description of work	Estimated amount	Earnest money	Cost for tender document per set	Time for completion	Categories of contractors
			@ 1% of 2% holder			
A/DMBP	Tender No. 13/1997-98, Manufacturing, Supplying of CC Block in connection with the Bank Protective works of Meghna River at Dashani-Mohanpur in PS Matlab., Dist. Chandpur.	Tk. 50,00,000/-	125000/-	50000/-	750/-	120 days
B/DMBP	-do-do-	Tk. 50,00,000/-	125000/-	50000/-	750/-	120 days

02. Name of the office where tenders will be received on 08-02-98, 09-02-98 during office hours and on 10-02-98 up to 12:00 Noon by:

- Office of the Superintending Engineer, Dhaka O&M Circle, BWDB, Dhaka.
- Office of the Executive Engineer, Meghna-Dhonagoda O&M Division, BWDB, Chandpur.
- Office of the Executive Engineer, Gumti WD Division, BWDB, Comilla.

03. Name of the bank where tender documents will be sold up to banking hours on 09-02-98. No tender documents will be sold on the last date fixed for receiving the tender.

- Sonali Bank, Shologhar Branch, Chandpur.
- Sonali Bank, WAPDA Branch, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka.
- Janata Bank, Shomabai Bironi, Kadirpar, Comilla.

04. Tender will be opened on 10-02-98 at 12:30 PM simultaneously in the respective offices receiving the tenders in presence of the bidders who wish to be present.

05. All other relevant information may be collected from the office of the undersigned during office hours on all working days.

Md Rafiqul Quader

Executive Engineer

Meghna-Dhonagoda O&M Division

BWDB, Chandpur.

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PWD Tender Notice

No 38 of 1997-98

Sealed tenders in BD Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from approved Special Class-I, Class-I & II (Sanitary) contractors of PWD for the undermentioned works and will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Comilla/B'baria/Chandpur/Lakshmipur/Feni in their respective offices up to 12:00 Noon on 9-2-98 and will be opened on the same date at 12:15 PM in presence of the contractors who may like to remain present. Each tender shall be in a sealed cover with the name of work superscribed on it.

1. Name of work : Sanitary fittings & water supply arrangement to the Police Investigation Centre Building (Two-storied) at Sonaimuri under Begumgonj Police Station, Dist. Noakhali.

2. Estimated cost : Tk. 3,99,782/-

3. Earnest money : Tk. 7996/-

4. Time for : 60 (Sixty) days.

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5. Contract documents consisting of BD Form No. 2911, tender notice, schedule of items, addl terms and conditions etc. can be seen and purchased up to 8-2-98 from the office of the undersigned as well as by the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Comilla/B'baria/Chandpur/Lakshmipur/Feni and the Sub-Divisional Engineer, PWD Sub-Division, Noakhali during office hours on all working days on payment of usual charges.

5.(a) Tender schedule will be corrected as per approved estimate.

5.(b) If more than one contractor stood lowest quoting same rate then the lottery for the same to select single lowest will be held in the office of the undersigned in presence of tenderer, if any on 19-2-98 at 12:00 Noon.

5.(c) VAT registration certificate to be enclosed with the tender failing which tender will be cancelled.

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Executive Engineer

Noakhali PWD Division.