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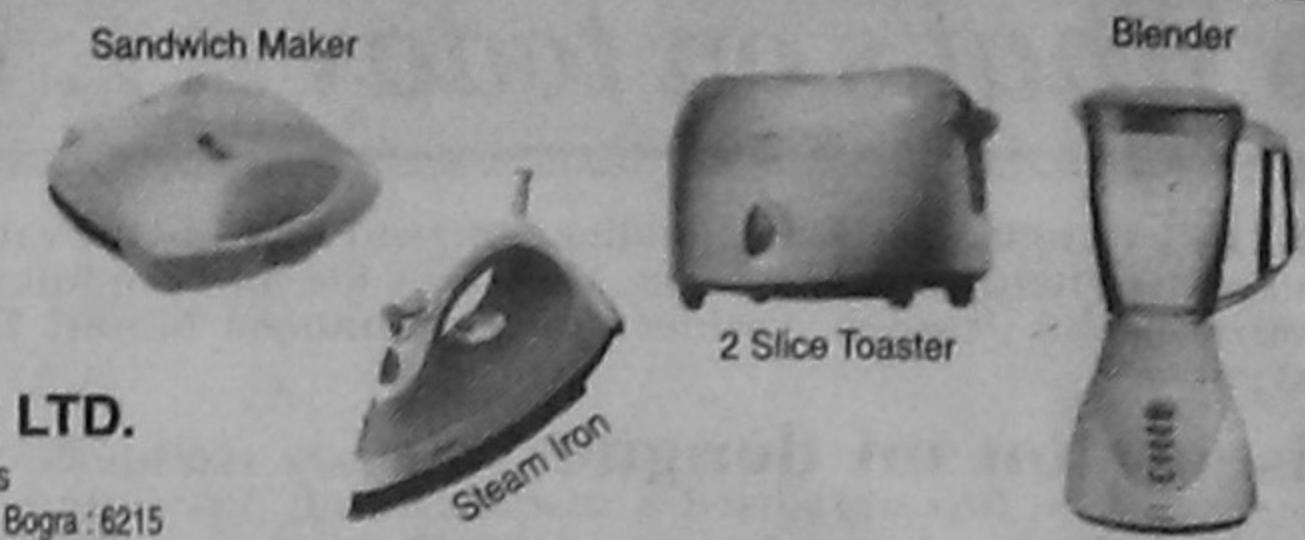
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Dhaka : 8115307-10 CTG : 716353, 723578 Khuha : 720304 Bogra : 6215**Dengue in Khulna**

From Staff Correspondent
KHULNA, July 29: Six people with dengue fever were admitted to Khulna Medical College Hospital (KMCH) and Upasham Clinic on Friday night.

Condition of two undergoing treatment in the clinic are critical, said Dr Nazmul Ahsan, Associate professor of KMCH.

The first victim of dengue fever is Shahid Parvez, 25, an M. Com examinee from Azam Khan Commerce College and son of Professor Mujibar Rahman of Sonadanga.

Arrangements are being made to send two other dengue patients to Dhaka for better treatment. They are Feroza Begum, 48, of Pabla village under Daulatpur thana and Amin, 25, of Morrelganj in Bagerhat district.

City dwellers are now scared of the prevalence of Dengue Haemorrhagic Fever (DHF). There is no Dengue Test-kit in any of the two hospitals here.

Meanwhile, Acting Mayor of KCC has appealed to the city dwellers to actively participate in elimination of Aedes mosquito.

The Civil Surgeon, Khulna said all possible measures would be taken for treatment of dengue patients.

Clash during KU concert: 14 held

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, July 29: Fourteen outsiders were arrested on Friday night for their alleged involvement in the fierce clash during an open concert on Khulna University (KU) campus on Thursday night, police said.

OC of Battalghati thana filed a case as complainant on Friday while an official of KU filed a general diary.

Guardians of the arrested outsiders have strongly protested police action and blamed some unruly students of the university for creating chaos during the open concert on KU campus.

On the other hand, the teachers and students of the university have demanded adequate security measures on the campus.

Rape: Seven arrested at N'ganj

NARAYANGANJ, July 29: Police today arrested seven people on charge of violating a teenage garments worker on Thursday.

The arrested are Masum, 20, Akbar, 19, Mizan, 20, Anwar, 21, Jalal, 20, Shafiqur, 22 and Manju, 20.

They were arrested from Chandmari of Fatullah thana, police said.

Police said the gang of seven swooped on the garments worker aged about 18 while she was returning home at about 8 pm on Thursday.

They took her to a place in the area and raped her.

Local people later rescued the girl in an unconscious state and sent her to Narayanganj hospital.

Victim's sister filed a case with Fatullah thana in this connection.

The arrested were produced before a court here today for recording their confessional statement, police said.

3-member body at Gopalganj to probe bomb incident

From Our Correspondent

GOPALGANJ, July 29: A three-member committee to investigate the bomb planting incident arrived here today.

The members of the committee are DIG Dhananjay Sarkar, Senior SP of CID Mujib Rahman and Senior SP of Special Branch Golam Mostafa.

Meanwhile, two persons including a police constable today left for Habiganj to identify one Abdul Hannan who was earlier arrested there in connection with the bomb incident.

Shibir worker held at Chokoria

COX'S BAZAR, July 29: Police arrested an Islami Chhatra Shibir worker at village Alakkhar Char in Chokoria upazila today, reports UNB.

Abul Hashem of Panchala in Chittagong city was arrested from a hideout here, said police who suspected his involvement in the eight murders in Chittagong.

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Dengue infection**Anti-body test not necessary: Experts**

Dismissing the necessity of anti-body test for identification of dengue fever, medical experts yesterday urged the people not to undergo the test as it is not necessary for treatment but an economic burden, reports UNB.

They also urged the people not to be panicked because almost all the dengue patients recovered from the disease. People should not worry for blood or platelet transfusion, pain and respiratory problem.

Dr Syed Atiqul Haq said he found that many people had done blood test at their own initiative. "I have not sent any dengue patient for anti-body test."

It is not fair if physicians send patients to laboratory for blood test without monitoring the disease, he added.

Prof Mobin Khan, head of Hepatology department (deals with liver) at BSMMU said, one should not be scared as 99 per cent dengue patients were cured.

Dr Mobin said dengue fever would not happen from biting of all aedes mosquito except those carried dengue virus.

"None should be panicked as it reduces the resistance power of human body", said Dr. Mohamad Fazlul Haq, Professor of Medicine department at Dhaka Medical College and Hospital.

He said sometimes people become panic when diarrhoea is branded as cholera. "People are found sick in panic situation," he told the newsmen.

Citing an example Prof Mahmud said, "I have seen one of my relative had become worried for platelet transfusion without necessity."

To increase awareness, he said they have taken steps and will hold a seminar on dengue shortly.



Jon Kum-Jin (C), North Korea's senior cabinet councillor and vice chairman of the Asia-Pacific Peace Committee, is surrounded by South Korean reporters as he arrived at Seoul's Kimpo International airport yesterday for inter-Korean talks scheduled to begin today. —AFP photo

Two Koreas to hold talks today

SEOUL, July 29: In the first such visit in eight years, high-level North Korean officials came to Seoul today to discuss ways to boost peace and reconciliation, reports AP.

Cabinet councilor Jon Kum Jin and his four deputies will discuss tomorrow with South Korean officials ways to implement agreements reached at the historic inter-Korean summit last month.

The northern delegation, accompanied by 13 assistants and seven journalists, flew in on a commercial flight from Beijing because there are no direct air links between the two Koreas.

"We came here to find ways to quickly implement historic agreements reached by leaders of two Koreas," Jon said at a dinner hosted by South Korean Prime Minister Lee Han-dong.

"With the summit agreement, a new era in inter-Korean relations opened and a milestone was set up to realize the historic achievement of national unification," he said.

The address came in response to Lee's speech.

"We have to transcend the ideological differences and accompanying conflict," Lee said. "Let us develop the future of the nation in the spirit of seeking national harmony and actual benefits for all Koreans," he then proposed a toast to a fruitful result to the talks.

The North Koreans plan to return home Monday after two rounds of talks Sunday.

It marked the first visit to Seoul by a senior North Korean delegation since 1992, when

Jyoti Basu's condition stable

NEW DELHI, July 29: The condition of West Bengal Chief Minister Jyoti Basu, admitted to All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), after complaining uneasiness, is stable and fine, hospital sources said. Reports PTI.

Basu who was admitted to the Institute's Cardiac Care Unit yesterday, was shifted to a private room this morning, elaborating its position.

Basu was first admitted to Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital after he complained of uneasiness during a meeting of CPI (M) central committee here yesterday.

He was later shifted to AIIMS for further medical check up.

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Anwara Park at Farmgate in the city has been subjected to sheer negligence by the Dhaka City Corporation for long. The fountain of the park is now a breeding ground of mosquitoes and the park itself a trash can.

— Star photo

An evidence of extreme negligence**Anwara Park is now a safe haven for drug addicts and vagabonds**

By Staff Correspondent

When internationally famed architect Louis Kahn designed the Second Capital along with the monumental Sangsab Bhaban in 1963, the historic plan meticulously shed light on environmental, social, economic and aesthetic aspects. At least that is what architects and planners now want to believe.

The present day Anwara Public Park at Farm Gate, a part of Kahn's creation, could be a shocking sight for many. Over its three-acre space, the park bears evidence of too much negligence on the part of the authorities concerned, the Department of Archaeology (DA).

Anwara Park, situated at one of the busiest intersections in the city, is now a safe haven for drug addicts, vagabonds, beggars and male and female prostitutes.

Officials of the DA were unable to say how many people were assigned to maintain the park but they said lack of coordination and negligence of electrical and engineering wings of the Public Works Department (PWD) is contributing to the poor condition of the park.

"Our responsibility is to maintain only the landscape of the park only," said an engineer at the DA office.

Most of the concrete benches in the park are broken and the grass on the lawn has either overgrown or has disappeared due to lack of maintenance. The fountain by the VIP road has become a breeding ground for mosquitoes with rubbish and contaminated water in it. At least four places in different parts of the park have been turned into open public toilets. The small guard room-cum-fountain pump on the western side has been rented to outsiders by the 'guard' who is always busy at the Sangsab Bhaban, one source pointed out.

As night falls, the park turns into a spot of various anti-social activities. Only two lights out of about 50 could be seen working. In the darkness, clients and prostitutes openly bargain for a deal. Drug sellers move around to find prospective buyers. Male prostitutes approach any one sitting or hanging around for a 'cheap massage'. Most of the 'exclusive activities' take place on the eastern side of the park which has more bushes.

The electrical wing of PWD is to look after lighting system, the fountain and the fencing are to be repaired by its engineering wing and security is to be maintained by the local PWD office. We are responsible for maintenance of the trees, bushes and plants," said the DA engineer.

"More than two lakh people come to Farm Gate area every day. There are hundreds of legal and illegal shops but how many public toilets are there?" the engineer asked explaining why people were using parts of Anwara Park as toilets.

Meanwhile, the local Ward Commissioner recently approached DCC Mayor Mohammad Hanif to allocate a large area in the park on the western side for a mosque-cum-shopping complex.

The Commissioner is learnt to have been moved by the lack of prayer space for hundreds of people of the area. His plan included a three-story building with a mosque on the top floor. The first two floors would be turned into shopping centres. He was quoted as saying.

The Mayor sent the file to DCC's Estate Officer, who pointed out that the park belonged to PWD and therefore nothing could be done. The Mayor is now holding the file, one source said.

Rangpur arson case: Hearing today

From Our Correspondent

RANGPUR, July 29: Hearing in the sensational case of arson, looting and terrorism in Gangachara upazila will begin tomorrow in the court of District and Sessions Judge here.

Eighty people have been charged in the case. There are 115 prosecution witnesses. Deposition will begin tomorrow and will continue for five days.

The prosecution story of the case is that on April 18, 2000 several hundred armed goons allegedly led by an influential bidi merchant and his brother attacked residences of landless settlers in Hajipara Char area under Gangachara upazila.

The goons looted and damaged houses and finally set 35 houses of the settlers on fire.

At least 30 people were injured during the clash.

The case was investigated by DB police and after investigation for two months, DB inspector Atiar Rahman submitted charge sheet on June 1.

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nal case after five days.

The court dismissed the case against Anisur Rahman Akand.

The management of SIBL told the central bank that it (BB) can not investigate this particular issue. BB can only investigate books of accounts according to the Bank Company Act," an official of BB told The Daily Star.

Relations between the countries have been tense since the 1950-53 Korean War.

The envoys were expected to discuss ways of easing decades of animosity. A visit to South Korea by North Korean leader Kim Jong Il was also expected on the agenda.

"We have reported to higher authorities and suggested for action," the official added.

When contacted, Governor of Bangladesh Bank (BB) declined to comment regarding the matter.

Managing Director of SIBL, MM Nurul Haque, also declined to comment and requested this correspondent to talk to the bank's chairman.

Prof. MA Mannan, Chairman of SIBL, said with the approval of the board, he had issued a letter to the MD not to release any of its staff without prior approval of the chairman.

He admitted that the bank was in serious crisis when these employees resigned from the bank.

Mannan also termed the central bank action 'unlawful', saying that SIBL had sent a letter to the Bangladesh Bank elaborating its position.

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