

Polls in 300 upazilas

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The upazilas of which draft voter list have been published are - Mehendiganj, Uzirpur and Bakerganj of Barisal, Lalmohar, Manpur, Burhanuddin, Char Fasson and Tazumuddin of Bhola, Kathalia of Jhalakathi, Nazirpur, Nesarabad and Zia Nagar of Pirojpur, Betagi of Barguna, Ali Kadam, Thanchi and Loma of Bandarban, Matlab South of Chandpur, Anwara, Hathazari, Boalkhali, Potiya and Mirsharai of Chittagong, Chaudhogram, Laksmi, Homna, Monohargram, Titas and Nangolkot of Comilla, Teknaf, Ramu and Ukhia of Cox's Bazar, Parshuram and Chhagolnai of Feni, Panchhara, Manikchhari, Dighinali, Ramgarh and Laxmichhari of Khagrachhari, Kamolnagar, Ramganj and Sadar of Laxmipur, Noakhali Sadar, Begumganj, Hatiya, Subarnochar and Shonaimuri of Noakhali, Langdu, Naniarchar and Belachhara of Rangamati, Bhanga and Nagarkanda of Faridpur, Kaliakia, Kapasia and Gazipur Sadar of Gazipur, Tungipara of Gopalganj, Sharishabari of Jamalpur, Nikhi, Kotiadi, Kuliarchar and Bhoirai of Kishoreganj, Ghior of Manikganj, Sreenagar of Munshiganj, Nandai and Phulpur of Munshiganj, Sonargaon of Narayanganj, Shibpur, Narsinghdi Sadar, Belabo of Narsinghdi, Madan, Kalmakanda, Durgapur and Kendua of Netrokona, Pangsha of Rajbari, Bhedorganj and Damudya of Shariatpur, Sherpur Sadar, Nakla and Nalitabari of Sherpur, Sakhipur of Tangail, Morelganj of Bagerhat, Jibon Nagar and Alamdanga of Chuadanga, Manirampur of Jessor, Kotchandpur and Harinakunda of Jhenaidah, Dumuria, Terokhada, Batighata, Dacope and Dighalai of Khulna, Daulatpur, Bheramara and Khoksa of Kustia, Gangni of Meherpur, Lohagara of Narail, Tala of Satkhira, Sherpur and Nandigram of Bogra, Gomastapur and Nalchhiti of C'Nawabganj, Dinajpur Sadar, Birampur, Hakkimpur, Biral, Nawabganj, Ghoraghat and Chiribandar of Dinajpur, Phulchhari, Sylhet and Sundargani of Gaibandha, Panchabibi and Khetla of Joypurhat, Chilmari, Ulipur and Rajbari of Kurigram, Lalmonirhat Sadar and Hatibandha of Lalmonirhat, Sapahar, Manda, Dhamoirhat and Badalgachhi of Naogaon, Singra and Bagatpara of Natore, Domar of Nilphamari, Pabna Sadar, Ishwardi, Atgharia, Chatmohor, Bera and Sujanpur of Debganj and Tentulia of Panchagar, Mohanpur and Durgapur of Rajshai, Mithapukur and Pirganj of Rangpur, Beluchi and Tarsh of Sirajganj, Haripur, Ranisankail and Priganj of Thakurgaon, Nabiganj, Chunarughat, Madhabpur of Habiganj, Juri and Baralekha of Moulavibazar, Jaganathpur, Jaipurt, Companiganj, South Surma, Fenchuganj and Bishwanath of Sylhet district.

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Deadly dengue back

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resident was admitted to Mitford Hospital and two people residing on Modonial Saha Lane were admitted to Sumona Clinic.

However, no information regarding latest detection of dengue cases was available at the health directorate.

During interrogation, Sentu confessed where his stock of arms was hidden in Barisal. He was then taken to Barisal and handed over to Rab-8 at Mawa Ghat early yesterday," Rashid said.

The Rab-8 members took Sentu to Kashipur Bilobari in Barisal to recover the hidden arms but as they reached the area, Sentu's accomplices opened fire on them.

Rab retaliated with gunshots leading to a short gunfight at around 4:15 am.

"Sentu was shot dead as he tried to escape at the time," Rashid said. Two Rab members were also injured and a Rab car damaged at the time.

A Rab press release yesterday said that Rab recovered Sentu's body after the gunfight along with one AK-47 rifle, a shutter gun, a revolver and a home made gun, from the scene.

Sentu was a known criminal in Barisal city and an accused in 19 cases, including four for murder. He had been in hiding since launch of the anti-crime operations.

However, Sentu's family claims that all cases lodged against Sentu were politically motivated and that he had been acquitted of all of them.

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mitigation are being incorporated in the country's development strategy, which needs a lot of funds and resources. So, the world community, particularly rich countries, historically emitters of greenhouse gases, should come forward with contribution to the countries vulnerable to climate change.

The DCC also sought assistance from Real Estate and Housing Association of Bangladesh (Rehab) in this regard, Nasim said.

The DCC has requested Rehab to ask its members to destroy discarded water tanks or reservoirs and clean up any possible places in any demolished or under construction buildings where water can stagnate for over five days, he added.

An official at the control room of the directorate yesterday said he was not aware of any detection of dengue case this season as the directorate did not "receive" any information regarding it.

The DCC Chief Entomologist Nasim said the DCC has been in close contact with hospitals and clinics in the city since July 1 to keep record of the dengue cases.

When asked what the DCC is doing following the latest detection of the mosquito-borne disease, he said, "We've already instructed our officials at zonal offices to spray adulticide and larvicide within a 500-yard perimeter of the dwellings of the dengue-infected patients."

The DCC collects the addresses of the patients from the hospitals that treat them, he added.

The DCC hopes to control dengue in the city by raising awareness among the city residents, the chief entomologist of DCC said adding that Sentu was politically motivated and that he had been acquitted of all of them.

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