

DCC's mosquito control drive lacks monitoring

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Mosquito menace now tops as one of the major problems in the capital since Dhaka City Corporation's (DCC) mosquito control programme is limping due to lack of monitoring.

Life in the capital is severely perturbed due to mosquitoes taking over after dark and even during the days, citizens of different areas say.

Residents from different areas including Pallabi, Mirpur, Kazipara, Senpara Parbata, Shewrapara, Jatrabari, Moghbazar, Malibagh, Khilgaon, Rampura, Basabo, Madartek, Mohammadpur, Lalmatia, Kathalbagan, Shahjahanpur, Gandaria, Sutrapur and Uttara complained of not noticing any DCC pest control activity over the last one month.

A vector of many infectious diseases, mosquito remains the host of many viruses and parasites causing malaria, dengue, filaria and other diseases.

Mosquito bites make the life unbearable indoors and outdoors.

Students, especially SSC candidates, are also the victims of biting and annoyance.

Mintu, a resident of Basabo said, due to the lack of DCC's pest control activity

they have to depend on the mosquito repellent coils and nets to protect themselves from mosquito bites.

"Even the repellent coils and sprays often fail to ensure relief and eventually I have to hold myself inside the mosquito net right after dark," said Moniruzzaman, a resident of Mirpur section-12.

"Sleeping without mosquito net is unimaginable at night. We are not also free from stings during the days," said Noorjahan, a resident of Gandaria.

The sale of mosquito coils and hand spray has increased three times during the last month, said Faruk, a shopkeeper of Pallabi.

An official of DCC said a large number of men engaged in spraying do not carry out their duties properly and there is a lack of monitoring on the DCC's part.

Most of the water bodies, the breeding grounds of mosquitoes, also need to be taken care of which Tk 89.5 lakh have already been spent on cleaning the city between July 2008 and January 2009, he said.

The DCC is going to launch a two-week-long crash programme in all the 90 wards under DCC from today (Wednesday), he said.

All the wards will come under two rounds of adulticiding and larviciding during this programme, said Chief Entomologist of DCC Nasim-us-Seraj.

He said they have ample larvicide but the adulticide is just enough to execute the crash programme.

"We will buy one lakh litre of adulticide within a month and issue a work order in a couple of days," he added.

The chief entomologist said they would free the clogged drains under the crash programme and also use oily larviciding in different water bodies and sewer lines to destroy the breeding grounds.

He also said DCC has a mosquito-control crew of 606 people, 309 foggers, 572 hand sprays, 44 wheel mounted sprayers, 14 ULVs and nine Napsak power sprayers which will be used during the crash programme.

Experts said much of modern mosquito control is no longer dependent on pesticides but specialised organisms that eat mosquitoes, or infect them with a disease that kills them. Measure of this kind can be introduced in our country keeping environmental pollution in mind, they suggested.



Students of North South University stage a sit-in in front of their private university at Banani in the capital yesterday protesting a hike in their tuition fees.

Seat row to linger

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She also pointed out that the last BNP-Jamaat alliance government did not even give assassinated former finance minister Shah AMS Kibria and deceased education minister AHSK Sadeque front-row seats.

Sources said Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury backed Hasina in the meeting.

However, Chief Whip Abdus Shahid yesterday said the seating plan in the House would be redone in the next session to bring the opposition MPs back to Sangsad.

He hoped the opposition would join the parliament in the current session so that the seat-rearrangement process could be simplified.

But BNP says they want to return to parliament if this issue is settled.

"We want to join parliament proceedings but the speaker will have to take the initiative in this regard," BNP spokesperson Nazrul Islam Khan told reporters after a party meeting at BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia's Gulshan office last night.

He also said it was not decent of the newly elected speaker to change the seats given to them by former speaker Jamiruddin Sircar.

Talking to reporters at his parliament office, the chief whip, however, said, "BNP should join this session as the issue of seats will be resolved in the next session." He apprehended that the redoing of the seating plan might be difficult if the BNP does not join the House proceedings this session.

Meanwhile, the House yesterday witnessed a brief

and unilateral "debate" over seating plan in parliament in protest of which the BNP-led opposition is boycotting parliamentary proceedings.

Participating in the debate, AL-led grand alliance lawmakers blasted former speaker Jamiruddin Sircar for creating the problem by unilaterally allocating all the front-row to his left to opposition lawmakers.

They also criticised the BNP-led opposition for boycotting the House and urged them to return.

Taking the floor on a point of order, independent lawmaker Fazlul Azim opened the debate, urging the treasury bench and the speaker to bring back opposition lawmakers to the House. "If the situation remains unchanged, a time may come when parliament will not have quorum to begin its proceedings," he said.

Azim said the House is having dull days witnessing unilateral discussion in the absence of opposition lawmakers. He also termed the ruling alliance's overwhelming majority in parliament 'brute majority'.

Speaker Abdul Hamid expunged the word 'brute majority' in response to treasury bench lawmakers' demand.

When the debate ended, the speaker again urged the opposition legislators to return to the House, and said it is not a major problem. "I hope I will be able to solve the problem through discussion."

Rising on a point of order, AL lawmaker Sheikh Fazlul Karim blasted BNP for keeping off the House proceed-

ings.

Participating in the debate, AL legislator Suranjit Sen Gupta held the immediate past speaker responsible for this problem. "He (Sircar) could not become speaker of parliament, he was speaker of the BNP," Suranjit said.

Jatiya Samjatantrik Dal lawmaker Mainuddin Khan Badal also criticised Sircar for unilaterally making the seating arrangement.

At the inaugural sitting of the new parliament, BNP was present but it walked out later to boycott the speech of President Iajuddin Ahmed for his alleged breach of oath.

BNP lawmakers and their three allies staged a second walkout on January 28 protesting the new seating plan of the front row that overturned Sircar's arrangement.

New Speaker Abdul Hamid gave the main opposition party four front-row seats, which prompted them to stage the walkout.

Since then the BNP has been saying that they would not join parliament proceedings until the speaker decides on their demand for three more seats in the front row.

The treasury bench outright rejected the opposition demand.

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people of Bangladesh." She prayed for the eternal peace of the departed souls and conveyed her heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family members.

Hasina also prayed to the Almighty to give strength to the survivors to overcome the losses and start all over again, the message said.

S African polls set for April 22

AFP, Cape Town

South Africa will hold general elections on April 22, President Kgama Mdlanthe announced yesterday, setting the stage for the most hotly contested race since the first multiracial polls 15 years ago.

"We believe that April 22 will be an appropriate date," parliament was told by Mdlanthe who is set to stand down after polling.

The elections will call nearly 22 million voters to cast ballots for the National Assembly as well as provincial legislatures.

Parliamentarians will then choose the president, who is widely expected to be Jacob Zuma, leader of the African National Congress which has run South Africa since the end of the white-minority apartheid government in 1994.

Voters have thus far shown enormous loyalty to the ANC, handing the party a near 70 percent majority in the last polls in 2004.

But while widely expected to be returned to power, it is likely to face its stiffest challenge to date from the Congress of the People (COPE), a newly-formed opposition party.

Zuma's campaign is already clouded by corruption allegations over an arms scandal, and the party once led by Nelson Mandela still bears the bruises of a bitter power struggle which saw Thabo Mbeki toppled as president in September.

A court last week set August 25 as the date for Zuma's trial to begin. He has denied any wrongdoing, and the party insists that Zuma will remain its presidential candidate.

Several of Mbeki's key allies were instrumental in COPE's launch in December and former ANC chairman and ex-defence minister Mosisoa "Terror" Lekota was named its first leader.

2 former VCs in plagiarism debate

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alleged that Dr Emajuddin Ahmed, former vice-chancellor of Dhaka University, Dr Jasim Uddin, former vice-chancellor of Jahangirnagar University, and Mehedi Hassan Palash, a senior sub-editor of a vernacular daily the Inqilab, plagiarised their research work.

Both vice-chancellors are known as pro-BNP while Jasim Uddin also has the reputation of having considerable affection for Jamaat.

Jasim Uddin was also awarded the highest state honour for excellence, the Ekushay Padak, by the immediate past BNP-Jamaat-led alliance government in 2006, and Dr Emajuddin Ahmed got the award from a BNP government in 1992.

Comparing the two books, The Daily Star found that the plagiarisers not only copied the original research work, but also conveniently dropped sections of the history of liberation war from it.

The Institute for Environment and Development (IED), published the original research work in 2006 under the title 'Muktijuddho O Nari' [Women and the Liberation War] while Asia Publications published the plagiarised version on the occasion of the internationally prestigious annual Ekushay Book Fair in 2008.

The prices of both books were fixed at Tk 200.

The plagiarised version edited by Dr Emajuddin and Dr Jasim Uddin, and 'written' by Mehedi Hassan Palash, claims that the country's liberation was proclaimed on March 27, 1971, while the real history is that it was proclaimed on March 26, 1971, correctly mentioned in the original book.

The plagiarisers also never mention Bangabandhu when they refer to Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the supreme leader of the liberation war.

It was also found that from page 28 to page 188 of the plagiarised book was copied from the original one, albeit just conveniently dropping some sections. Even the content lists of the two books are the same, while Dr Emajuddin wrote an introduction for the plagiarised version.

Contributions of eminent women citizens like late Dr Nilima Ibrahim and late Jahanara Imam are missing from the plagiarised book, but present in the original one.

In a written statement Nari Pragati Sangha officially said, Bangla Academy under its 'Muktijuddher Dalil O Itihas Bishoyok Grontho Prokash Prokolpo', a project for publishing books on the liberation war, commissioned the

original work to the two original authors in 1999.

Later the manuscript was transferred to the Ministry of Liberation Wars Affairs after the Bangla Academy project was suspended.

The researchers finally had to seek the help of IED for publishing the book, as the liberation war ministry also could not publish it due to a lack of fund. IED published the original book in 2006.

When contacted, Dr Emajuddin Ahmed said Abbas Ali Mia, the project director of the liberation war ministry, hired him and Dr Jasimuddin as editors for a project for chronicling the history of liberation war during the BNP-Jamat-led alliance regime.

Abbas Ali gave them the manuscript of the plagiarised book to edit, but did not tell them that it was not actually written by Mehedi Hassan Palash, Emajuddin claimed.

"We published 12 volumes of the history of liberation war. But there was no fund for that specific book. Later I found that Asia Publications published the book, and came to know that Mehedi Hassan Palash was not the actual writer," Emajuddin told The Daily Star adding, "It should be investigated properly."

The original authors are scheduled to make the allegation public today through a news conference.

ised book without knowing it was already published two years ago, according to his claim.

Mehedi Hassan Palash however said he was contracted by the ministry of liberation war in 2004, and finished 'his work' in 2005.

"They gave me the manuscript and instructed me to change some of its content, which I did and got paid for it. They were not supposed to publish my name," Mehedi added.

He also said it was Dr Emajuddin who gave the plagiarised manuscript to publisher Ismail Hossain Bakul of Asia Publications. Mehedi got Tk 25,000 from the ministry for 'his work', he said.

He also said he already told the publisher to pullout the book from the market.

"The original researchers also worked for money, and the government basically bought the research," he snapped.

"They should not be upset if the government don't publish their names, since it bought the work," he added.

One of the original authors informed The Daily Star late last night that Palash emailed them and apologised.

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সামরিক ভূমি ও সেনানিবাস অধিদপ্তর প্রতিরক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয় ঢাকা সেনানিবাস ঢাকা নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি সামরিক ভূমি ও সেনানিবাস অধিদপ্তরের আওতাধীন বিভিন্ন ক্যান্টনমেন্ট বোর্ড পরিচালিত শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহে বদলীযোগ্য নিম্নলিখিত পদে নিয়োগের জন্য নির্ধারিত যোগ্যতাসম্পন্ন বাংলাদেশের প্রকৃত নাগরিকদের নিকট হতে দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে: ক্র/নং পদের নাম পদ সংখ্যা শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা বেতন স্কেল (১) (২) (৩) (৪) (৫) ১। শরীরচর্চা শিক্ষক (জুনিয়র) ০২ (দুই)টি স্নাতকসহ বিপিএড এবং সমগ্র শিক্ষা জীবনে ০১ (এক) টি বেসী ৩য় বিভাগ/শ্রেণী গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না অথবা নূনতম জিপিএ ২.৫ থাকতে হবে। ৪১০০-৮৮২০/- ৩। ধর্মীয় শিক্ষক (জুনিয়র) ০১ (এক)টি ২য় শ্রেণীর ফাজিল এবং সমগ্র শিক্ষা জীবনে ০১ (এক)টি বেসী ৩য় বিভাগ/শ্রেণী গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না অথবা নূনতম জিপিএ ২.৫ থাকতে হবে। ৪১০০-৮৮২০/- ২। জুনিয়র শিক্ষক ২১ (একুশ)টি নূনতম এইচএসসি পাসসহ সিইনএড/বিএড এবং সমগ্র শিক্ষা জীবনে ০১ (এক)টি বেসী ৩য় বিভাগ/শ্রেণী গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না অথবা নূনতম জিপিএ ২.৫ থাকতে হবে। ৩৩০০-৬৯৪০/- শর্তাবলী: ১। পরিচালক, সামরিক ভূমি ও সেনানিবাস অধিদপ্তর, প্রতিরক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়, ঢাকা সেনানিবাস, ঢাকা-১২০৬ বরাবরে আবেদনপত্র আগামী ২২-০২-২০০৯ তারিখের মধ্যে পৌঁছাতে হবে। ২। প্রার্থীকে তার বহুস্ত্রে লিখিত আবেদনপত্রে নিজের নাম, পিতা ও মাতার নাম, স্থায়ী ও বর্তমান ঠিকানা, শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা, অভিজ্ঞতা, জন্ম তারিখসহ ২২-০২-২০০৯ তারিখে বাস, জাতীয়তা উল্লেখপূর্বক নিম্নলিখিত কাগজপত্র দরখাস্তের সহিত সংযুক্ত করতে হবে: (ক) সকল শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতার সত্যায়িত সনদপত্র। (খ) ইউনিয়ন পরিষদ কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত নাগরিকত্ব সনদপত্র এবং প্রথম শ্রেণীর গেজেটেড কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত চারিত্রিক সনদপত্র। (গ) প্রথম শ্রেণীর গেজেটেড কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক সত্যায়িত সদ্য তোলা পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ০৩ (তিন) কপি ছবি। (ঘ) মুক্তিযোদ্ধা/শহীদ মুক্তিযোদ্ধাদের সন্তানদের ক্ষেত্রে মুক্তিসূচক বিষয়ক মন্ত্রণালয় প্রদত্ত সনদের সত্যায়িত কপি। (ঙ) পরিচালক, সামরিক ভূমি ও সেনানিবাস অধিদপ্তর, প্রতিরক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়, ঢাকা সেনানিবাস, ঢাকা-১২০৬-এর অনুকূলে সোনালী/প্রদীপিত/জলতা বাসকে সিং এর যে কোন শাখা থেকে ২০০/- (দুইশত) টাকার ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার। ৩। প্রার্থীর বয়স ২২-০২-২০০৯ তারিখে সর্বোচ্চ ৩০ বৎসর। তবে বিভাগীয় প্রার্থীদের ক্ষেত্রে বয়সসীমা ৪৫ (পঁয়তাল্লিশ) বৎসর পর্যন্ত শিথিলযোগ্য। ৪। চাকুরীরত প্রার্থীদেরকে অবশ্যই যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে আবেদন করতে হবে। ৫। প্রার্থীদের লিখিত, মৌখিক ও শ্রেণীকক্ষে পাঠদান পরীক্ষা নেয়া হবে। ৬। নিয়োগ প্রক্রিয়ায় উপস্থিত হওয়া কোন সৈনিক জাভা/ক্রম জাভা প্রদান করা হবে না। ৭। নিয়োগের ক্ষেত্রে সরকারের প্রচলিত বিধি-বিধান অনুসরণ করা হবে। ৮। কর্তৃপক্ষ পদ সংখ্যা বৃদ্ধির ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন। পরিচালক সামরিক ভূমি ও সেনানিবাস অধিদপ্তর প্রতিরক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়, ঢাকা সেনানিবাস জিডি-৭৭৪