

AEDES ABOUNDS

16 areas in city have high concentration of the mosquito, finds health directorate; dengue cases highest since 2002; authorities not doing enough to contain menace

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Sixteen areas in the capital, including Gulshan, Uttara, Dhanmondi, Lalmatia and Motijheel, have heavy presence of Aedes mosquitoes, responsible for transmitting diseases like zika and dengue, finds a health directorate survey.

The findings are in line with the alarming number of dengue cases, at least 6,000 in the last one year, the highest since 2002 when it was 6,132.

Also, the number of dengue cases in 2016 was almost double the previous year's figure.

At least 14 people died of dengue last year. All the dengue cases, except 37 in Chittagong, were in Dhaka.

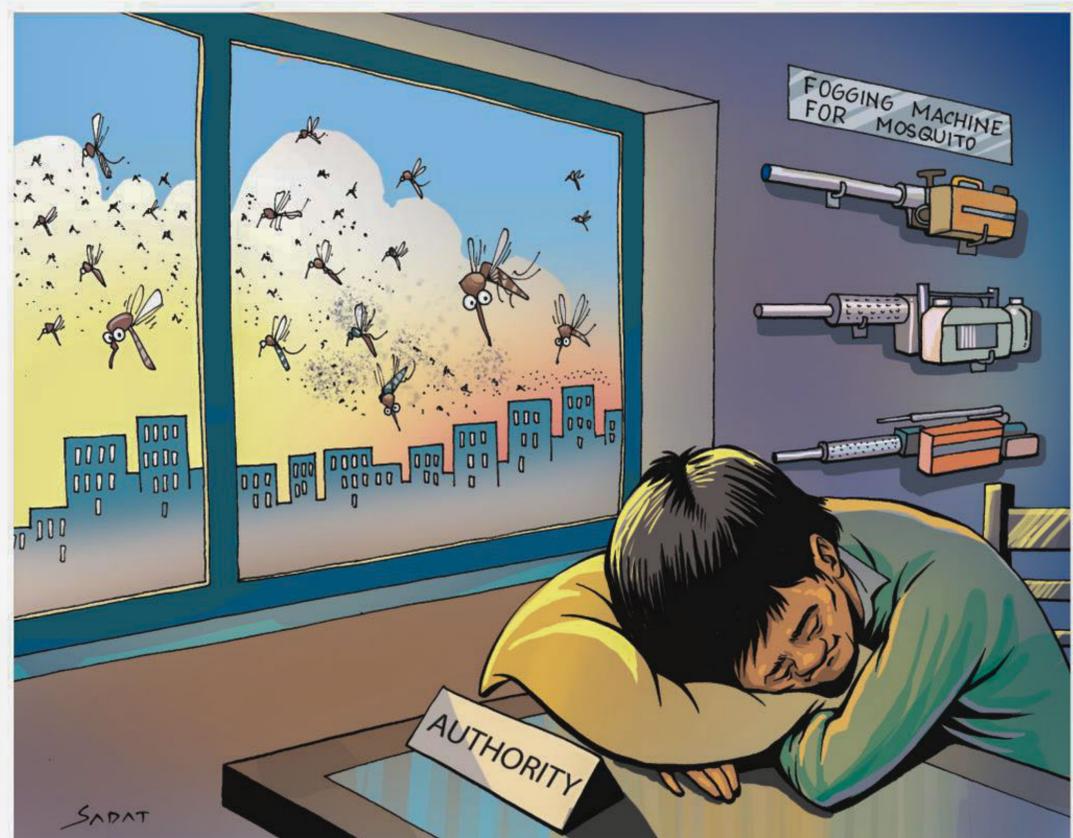
Some 10 cases of dengue were reported in the first five days of this month and most of them in Dhaka.

However, mosquito control programmes in the capital remain scanty.

The 16 areas in the capital have seen a sharp rise in the incidents of dengue fever in 2016. At least 20 houses in every 100 were found to have Aedes mosquito larvae or pupae, revealed the survey conducted by the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

Of some 50-100 million dengue cases worldwide each year, 75 percent are in the Asia-Pacific region, which is some 30 times that of 50 years ago.

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TORTURE OF MAN HC summons 2 Jessore cops

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday summoned two officials of Jessore Kotwali Model Police Station before it in connection with the torture of a man for bribe.

Sub-Inspector Nazmul and Assistant Sub-Inspector Hadibur Rahman have been ordered to appear before the HC on January 25 and explain their role in the incident.

Issuing a suo moto rule (a rule the court issues on its own), the court also asked victim Abu Sayeed to appear before it the same day for his testimony.

The HC bench of Justice Quazi Reza-Ul Hoque and Justice Mohammad Ullah directed the superintendent of police of Jessore to investigate the reported incident of police torture on Sayeed and submit the probe report before it in 30 days.

In the rule, the bench asked the government and

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No changes in sharia banking practices

Says new Islami Bank chairman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The recent reshuffle in the board of Islami Bank will not lead to any change in its core banking practices based on sharia law, Arastoo Khan, the new chairman of the bank, said yesterday.

The bank's institutional preamble, which states its vision, mission and objective, "will never be prejudiced under any circumstances", he said at a press briefing.

"The preamble will not be violated. We would like to assure the people of the country and customers of the bank that the basic sharia law has to be strictly followed," said Arastoo.

The briefing was organised at the bank's headquarters in Motijheel at short notice to clarify the board's position and dispel confusion among people, employees, customers and general shareholders.

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BNP men not allowed to take to the streets

Police foil their nationwide demo protesting denial of nod to hold rally marking Jan 5

STAR REPORT

Obstructed by law enforcers, the BNP was unable to stage its planned demonstrations in most of the districts yesterday.

In many districts, law enforcers in riot gear took position in front of the BNP offices since early morning and prevented the opposition party men from entering their offices or even gather anywhere near those.

But no violence or police action was reported.

The countrywide street programme was announced on Sunday, in protest against police refusal to allow the BNP to hold a rally in Dhaka and also the police action on the party men in various districts on January 5.

BNP leaders in the capital and elsewhere

alleged that their leaders and workers across the country were barred from taking to the streets, but police denied the claim in most cases.

"Law enforcers started launching attacks on the party's demonstration programmes across the country since morning. Police raided homes of our leaders and activists and arrested many leaders," Ruhul Kabir Rizvi, senior joint secretary general of the BNP, told journalists at the party headquarters at Nayapalton.

On December 28, the BNP sought permission from the Dhaka Metropolitan Police to hold a rally on January 7 at Suhrawardy Udyan. The rally was to mark the third anniversary of the January 5, 2014,

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5 YEARS SINCE ZUBAIR KILLING Convicted killers 'free as bird'

MUNTAKIM SAAD

"I am a free bird... Now I can fly..."

This is what Khan Mohammad Rois alias Shohan, a condemned fugitive killer of Jahangirnagar University student Zubair Ahmed, wrote in his Facebook status a few months ago.

He is in Malaysia, according to his Facebook profile.

Ishtiaque Mehboob alias Arup, who was given life sentence for the murder, posted an Instagram photo on October 18 last year. He is seen sitting in a chair with a coffee cup on the table. According to the caption, he was at a Starbucks store in Kuala Lumpur.

Although the verdict was pronounced around two years ago, five fugitive convicted killers of Zubair, including the two, are roaming freely, much to the frustration of the family members of the victim.

The other three are Khandaker Ashiqul Islam alias Ashiq, Mahabub Akram and Zahid Hasan.

On this day in 2012, Zubair, an honours final-year student

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T20Is follow ODI pattern as Tigers blanked

AL-AMIN from Tauranga

After being 55 for three in 10 overs, New Zealand went on to score 194 for four in the third and final T20I against Bangladesh at the Bay Oval. Extraordinary indeed! Corey Anderson smashed a blazing 41-ball 94, and how many sixes did the left-hander hit on way to his highest T20 score? A small matter of 10. And four of those mighty blows settled the fate of the game as

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MP LITON MURDER Former UZ vice-chair arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Police yesterday arrested a former vice-chairman of Sundarganj Upazila Parishad in connection with the killing of local Awami League lawmaker Manzarul Islam Liton, raising the number of arrestees to 28 in the murder case.

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