

# Lack of awareness

**FROM PAGE 16**  
 Nilkhet area, said he got dengue in August of 2015 and his five-year daughter was infected in August last year.  
 He said despite his home being in the university campus area, it is not that clean. Empty crisp bags and left-over coconut shells litter the area which could hold enough water for mosquitoes to breed.  
 "We use mosquito nets at night but how can we protect ourselves when we work or study?" he said, adding that he rarely saw mosquito control activities in the area.  
 Civil servant Shahinur Rahman was infected when he stayed for some days at his friend's home in Tejgunipara in September last year. The area was quite unclean.  
 "A good number of mosquitoes bit me when I used the toilet," he said, adding that he needed blood transfusion.  
 People in general and the authorities concerned are not taking appropriate measures to make sure that there are no breeding grounds of mosquitoes, like in decorative plant pots.  
 Prof Meerjady Sabrina Flora, director at the Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR), said urban lifestyle, open water reservoirs of under-construction buildings, and wastes, including empty cans, tires, tubes, coconut shells, are major factors for the rise in Aedes mosquito num-

bers.  
 Construction workers in the city state Singapore were mostly affected by zika in August and September this year, she said, suggesting that construction sites in the ever-expanding Dhaka should be monitored closely.  
 Prof Saif Ullah Munshi of virology department at the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University said much of the capital, and especially its peripheries, remains out of effective waste management system, while building of structures haphazardly and leaving containers here and there make perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes.  
 "The authorities must rise to the occasion and take a strong policy and work in unison in all fronts -- mosquito control and creating awareness," he said.  
 Prof Sanya Tahmina, director (communicable disease), at the DGHS, said it was urgent that the city corporations strengthen mosquito control programmes to save the country from major outbreaks of dengue and zika.  
 Engaging Rajuk, flat owners' associations, Real Estate and Housing Association of Bangladesh in the programme could be quite effective, she said.  
 Brig Gen SMM Saleh Bhuiyan, chief health officer (CHO) of Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC), said, "The law does not permit us to enter private

properties [to spray larvicide]."  
 "The people, therefore, have a great role to play... they should avoid keeping any water containers in and outside their homes," Saleh Bhuiyan told The Daily Star.  
 According to the DNCC, a total of 165 canals, ponds and water reservoirs in its jurisdiction belong to other organisations like Bangladesh Railway, Bangladesh Telecommunication Company Ltd, Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakkha (Rajuk), and Bangladesh Power Development Board.  
 These areas had not come under mosquito control activities until recently.  
 Considering high dengue prevalence in Dhaka, the DNCC has taken an initiative to clean these 165 water bodies on 2,273 bighas of land, Saleh said. "Many of these have already been cleaned," he claimed.  
 The Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) too has similar water bodies, the exact number of which the DSCC does not know. They belong to other authorities and remain beyond its mosquito control programme.  
 Brig Gen Sheikh Salauddin, CHO of the DSCC, said they were thinking about carrying out anti-mosquito activities in such water bodies even if it required them to impose charges on their owners.

# 22,000 fled to Bangladesh in one week: UN

**ROHINGYA ISSUE**  
**AFP, Yangon**  
 At least 65,000 Rohingya have fled to Bangladesh from Myanmar -- a third of them over the past week -- since the army launched a crackdown in the north of Rakhine state, the UN said yesterday.  
 The figure marks a sharp escalation in the numbers fleeing a military campaign which rights groups say has been marred by abuses so severe they could amount to crimes against humanity.  
 They also come the same day the UN's human rights envoy for Myanmar, Yanghee Lee, began a 12-day visit to probe violence in the country's borderlands that will take her to the army-controlled area.  
 "Over the past week, 22,000 new arrivals were reported to have crossed the border from Rakhine state," the UN's relief agency said in its weekly report.  
 "As of 5 January, an estimated 65,000 people are residing in registered camps, makeshift settlements and host communities in Cox's Bazaar" in southern Bangladesh, said the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

# 10 'JMB' suspects held in city

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
 The Rapid Action Battalion claimed to have arrested 10 suspected members, including a woman, of the JMB's "Sarwar-Tamim" group from the capital's Uttara and Kalabagan areas early yesterday.  
 Of them, at least four were former colleagues of fugitive top JMB militant Maynul Islam Musa, a suspect in the July 1, 2016 Gulshan café attack, at the school, said Rab.  
 Three of the four colleagues used to meet the investigators of Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime (CTTC) unit of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, the investigating agency of the café attack, since Musa's link to militancy emerged in July, two of the arrestees told The Daily Star last month.  
 The arrestees are Shariful Islam, 46, former principal of Life School in Uttara, its former academic coordinator Ziaur Rahman, 31, incumbent Principal Mizanur Rahman, 43, former teacher Mufti Abdur Rahman bin Ataulah, 37, Abu Sadat Md Sultan Al Razi alias Liton, 41, Al Mizanur Rashid, 41, Kowshik Adnan Sobhan, 37, Meraj Ali, 30, Shariar Wazed Khan, 36, and Jannatul Mohol alias Jinnah, 60.  
 Requesting anonymity, a CTTC official told this correspondent that the trio had helped the investigating agency with providing information about Musa. The CTTC did not find their involvement in militancy.  
 The Rab, however, claimed they came to know about the arrestees' link to militancy during investigation of a case filed with Ashulia Police Station after suspected JMB militant Sarwar Jahan jumped to death while trying to flee from a building during a raid in Ashulia on October 8 last year.  
 According to the CTTC, Musa had a close connection with Maj (ret'd) Jahid, a trainer of the Gulshan café attackers, and slain "Neo JMB" leader Tanvir Kaderi, who had sheltered the attackers. Jahid was killed in a drive in the capital's Mirpur on September 2 last year.  
 Speaking at a press conference at the Rab media centre in the city's Karwanbazar, Col Anwar Latif Khan, additional director general (operations) of Rab, yesterday said the 10 arrestees used to try to motivate the guardians of schoolchildren into militancy.  
 None of the arrestees took part in terrorist activities. Their role was to increase members of

the militant group and to promote its ideology among a target group of people through invitation, Anwar added.  
 There was a prayer room at Life School where the arrestees used to meet and invite people, mostly guardians. Woman member Jannatul of the group used to work with female guardians, the Rab official told journalists.  
 Suspected militants killed or arrested in recent drives by police or Rab were basically motivated by Shariful who had been doing this for around two and a half years, he said.  
 The arrestees, said Anwar, used to communicate among themselves using "secret apps" which could not be tracked down normally. They selected students for admission to the school after interviewing guardians who would be motivated into militancy.  
 The Rab official, however, said they did not receive any complaint from guardians about anyone trying to motivate them to get involved in militancy.  
 During a visit to the school on December 28, this correspondent talked to Principal Mizanur Rahman about Musa. The principal filmed the conversation with the reporter saying that he would hand over the video footage to CTTC officials.  
 "Counterterrorism officials took all the documents and computers from the school in September [last year]. We met them on several occasions and we need to inform them everything time to time," he said.  
 The school has around 110 students and 23 teachers, said the principal.  
 Talking to The Daily Star over the phone on that day, Ziaur, who left the school with Shariful, said they left the institution following an internal dispute among its founders and set up another school named "Knowledge Home" in Uttara.  
 Asked if "Sarwar-Tamim group" and "Neo JMB" was the same outfit, the Rab official refused to make any comment.  
 According to a press release provided to journalists by the Rab, Sadat became acquainted with Maj (ret'd) Jahid at the school. His son and Jahid's daughter were classmates.  
 Jahid also invited another arrestee Rashid to the outfit. Meraj was also recruited by Jahid.  
 Kowshik recently had a discussion with his friend Shahriar about going to Syria while Mufti Abdur Rahman met Maj (sacked) Zia, military wing chief of banned militant outfit Ansar al-Islam, said the release.

# Bangabandhu's Homecoming Day today

**FROM PAGE 1**  
 The party expects tens of thousands of leaders and activists to join the rally to be addressed by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.  
 Visiting the venue yesterday, AL General Secretary Obaidul Quader said Hasina would deliver an important speech on how to fight extremism.  
 He also expressed the hope that people from Dhaka and its adjacent districts would join the rally to rejoice at the success in the fight against militancy, fundamentalism and conspiracies.  
 The AL has taken huge preparations for the last couple of weeks to organise the rally. Party top leaders already held a series of meetings with the party front and like-minded organisations.  
 On this day in 1972, Bangabandhu returned to an independent Bangladesh

**FROM PAGE 1**  
**Crossing-Rajmoni Crossing-Moghbazar Flyover-Love Road route.**  
**Vehicles moving to Gulistan/Motijheel/Sadarghat from Gabtoli can take Mirpur Road-Science Lab-New Market-Azimpur-Bakshibazar-Chankharpool-Bangabazar route, while those going to Gabtoli from Gulistan/Motijheel/Sadarghat can ply Bangabazar-Chankharpool-Bakshibazar-Azimpur-New Market-Science Lab-Mirpur Road route.**  
 via London and New Delhi after 290 days in captivity in Pakistan jail. People in droves came out to accord him a hearty

welcome when he arrived at Tejgaon Airport from New Delhi by a British Airways flight at 1:41pm.  
 The road from Shahbagh to Tejgaon Airport was jam-packed with people eagerly waiting for him. It took around four hours for his motorcade to reach Racecourse Maidan, now Suhrawardy Udyan, where he later addressed a mammoth gathering.  
 Pakistani occupation forces arrested him on March 25, 1971, from his Dhanmondi residence during the late-night crackdown on the people of Bangladesh.  
 He was later sent to Pakistan (then West Pakistan) and imprisoned.  
 After the nation achieved victory over Pakistan on December 16, 1971, through a nine-month-long Liberation War, the junta was compelled to free Bangabandhu.

# Over 1,600

**FROM PAGE 2**  
 The Daily Star contacted some of the villagers but they refused to talk.  
 Masud Rana, divisional forest officer in Tangail, said it is not possible to stop such incidents as those who come to cut down trees are usually large in number.  
 The local forest office currently has only 18 forest guards, six firearms (with strict restrictions on using them), one pickup and seven motorcycles for "protecting" such a huge forest area, he said.  
 Talking about works for the villagers, he said they already had submitted a proposal for a fresh Tk 18.87 crore project titled "Eco-tourism Development and Sustainable Management of Madhupur National Park through the Collaboration of Local and Ethnic Communities for 2016 to 2019".  
 The proposal has been sent to the planning ministry for approval, he added.  
 Mir Jalal Ahmed, field manager of Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (Bela), however, said apart from such "temporary" projects, a strong and sincere political commitment is also a must for saving the Sal forest.

# Trump admits

**FROM PAGE 16**  
 With less than two weeks until his Jan 20 inauguration, Trump has come under increasing pressure from fellow Republicans to accept intelligence community findings on Russian hacking and other attempts by Moscow to influence the Nov 8 election. A crucial test of Republican support for Trump comes this week with the first confirmation hearings for his Cabinet picks.  
 A US intelligence report last week said Putin directed a sophisticated influence campaign including cyber attacks to denigrate Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton and support Trump.  
 The report, commissioned by Democratic President Barack Obama in December, concluded vote tallies were not affected by Russian interference, but did not assess whether it influenced the outcome of the vote in other ways.

**ACTION MAY BE TAKEN**  
 After receiving a briefing on Friday from leaders of the US intelligence agencies, Trump did not refer specifically to Russia's role in the presidential campaign.  
 In a statement, he acknowledged that "Russia, China, other countries, outside groups and people are consistently trying to break through the cyber infrastructure of our governmental institutions, businesses and organizations including the Democrat(ic) National Committee."  
 Trump spokesman Sean Spicer told Reuters the president-elect's conclusions remained the same and that Priebus' comments were in line with Friday's statement.  
 Priebus' wording did not appear to foreshadow the dramatic reversal of Trump's apparent Russia policy that experts say would be required to deter further cyber attacks.

# Jamaat leader remanded

**FROM PAGE 16**  
 remand, said Ashrafuzzaman, officer-in-charge (investigation) of Sundarganj Police Station.  
 Shahidul is also the headmaster of Chengmari High School in the upazila's Sreepur union.  
 The AL lawmaker from Gaibandha-1 was shot dead by unknown assailants inside his Sundarganj home on December 31.  
 The following day, the MP's sister filed

the murder case with Sundarganj Police Station accusing unnamed people.  
 Meanwhile, people of Sundarganj continued their demonstrations yesterday, demanding immediate arrest and exemplary punishment of Liton's killers.  
 Shaheed Liton Mancha, a platform of local residents, held a protest rally near Bamondanga Railway Station. Later, a procession was brought out from there.

Speakers at the rally blasted police for its failure to identify the MP's killers although eight days have passed since the murder.  
 They threatened the local administration with tougher agitations if the killers were not arrested soon.  
 Bamondanga Bahumukhi Janakalyan Sangha at another protest meeting demanded immediate arrest of Liton's killers.

# No seditious element

**FROM PAGE 1**  
 the politics of hatred... The voice is mine but I could not hear the full conversation. It cannot be said whether the tape was tampered with. Besides, there was no seditious element in my statements in the tapes," he said while exchanging views and greetings with journalists at the Jatiya Press Club.  
 This was Manna's first public appearance before the media since he was freed on bail on December 18 last year. He was in jail for over 21 months in two cases filed for sedition and inciting the army.  
 More than 20 hours after "plainclothes men had picked up" Manna from his niece's home in Banani around 3:00am on February 24, 2015, police said he was arrested by Rab members who handed him over to the Detective Branch of police.  
 Rab officials had then said Manna was arrested in a case filed with Gulshan Police Station for "trying to instigate revolt by the armed forces".  
 The arrest came a few days after his two telephone conversations were leaked.  
 In one conversation, Manna, also former organising secretary of the ruling Awami League, was heard talking to former DCC mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka about strengthening the anti-government movement, among other things.  
 The other call was made to an unknown person. During the conversation, the man asked Manna if he would like to sit with top army officers.  
 Referring to his conversation, Manna yesterday said, "There is no question of asking for dead bodies. There was nothing about dead bodies in the tape..."  
 About his experience in jail, Manna said the main problem in jail is that if anyone suffers a heart attack, there is no chance of survival, as there are so many formalities.  
 Manna said when he was in jail, he heard about deaths of three people due to this.  
 He called upon the government to return his passport so that he could go abroad for better treatment.  
 He also thanked journalists for their support which he said was more than what he expected.  
 Manna said "they were trying to create an alternative current" as they think the two major political parties were not doing enough to establish people's rights.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh  
 Directorate of Primary Education  
 Section-2, Mirpur, Dhaka-1216  
[www.dpe.gov.bd](http://www.dpe.gov.bd)  
**Invitation for Tenders (IFT)**

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Primary and Mass Education.	
2. Procuring entity name	Director General, Directorate of Primary Education and Program Director, Third Primary Education Development Program (PEDP-3).	
3. Procuring entity code	2431	
4. Procuring entity district	Dhaka.	
5. Invitation for Tender	<b>Phase-I:</b> Construction of 2-Storeyed DPE Headquarters Building of 15-Storeyed Foundation + 2-Basement at Mirpur-2, Dhaka.	
6. Invitation Ref. No.	38.01.0000.005.07.485.16-1275	Date: January 09, 2017
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>		
7. Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (National).	
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>		
8. Budget and source of funds	Third Primary Education Development Program (PEDP-3).	
9. Development partners	ADB, IDA, DFID, EU, DFAT (Former Aus-AID), SIDA, JICA, UNICEF, GPE and DFATD (Former CIDA).	
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>		
10. Project/program code	9437	
11. Project/program name	Third Primary Education Development Program (PEDP-3).	
12. Tender package No.	WD 601	
13. Tender package name	<b>Phase-I:</b> Construction of 2-Storeyed DPE Headquarters Building of 15-Storeyed Foundation + 2 Basement at Mirpur-2, Dhaka.	
14. Tender publication date	January 10, 2017.	
15. Tender last selling date	February 08, 2017.	
16. Tender closing date and time	February 09, 2017 at 1:00pm.	
17. Tender opening date and time	February 09, 2017 at 1:30pm.	
18. Name & address of the office(s):		
Selling tender document (principal)	Finance & Procurement Division, 6th Floor, Directorate of Primary Education, Section-2, Mirpur, Dhaka-1216.	
Selling tender document (other)	Website of Directorate of Primary Education ( <a href="http://www.dpe.gov.bd">www.dpe.gov.bd</a> )	
Receiving tender document	Ministry of Primary and Mass Education, Room No. 610 (6th Floor), Building No. 06, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka-1000.	
Opening tender document	Ministry of Primary and Mass Education, Room No. 610 (6th Floor), Building No. 06, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka-1000.	
19. Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	None.	
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>		
20. Eligibility of tenderer	1. The minimum number of years of general experience of the tenderer in the construction works as prime contractor or subcontractor or management contractor shall be 10 (ten) years. 2. The minimum specific experience/similar work experience of the tenderer is at least 01 (one) contract minimum construction of 2-storeyed building with 2-basement having 10-storeyed foundation having minimum plinth area 700.00sqm. including civil, sanitary & water supply, electrical etc. successfully completed within the last 05 (five) years, each with a value of at least Tk 15.00 crore. Work completion certificate must be submitted along with tender document in government/semi-government/autonomous organisation of Bangladesh. Copy of the	

21. Brief description of works	The work includes construction of 2-storeyed headquarter building with 2-basement including sanitary & plumbing works, internal & external electrification, sub-station, generator, lift, fire-fighting, CCTV & security, solar paneling works, RCC frame-structure, shore-pilling & service pilling etc.		
22. Brief description of related services	None.		
23. Price of tender document (Tk)	Principal: Taka 3,000.00 (taka three thousand) only cash with an official letter addressing Director (Finance), Directorate of Primary Education; and Other: In case of online purchase a Treasury Challan of Taka 3,000.00 (taka three thousand) only in favour of Director General, Directorate of Primary Education & Program Director, PEDP-3 should be attached during the submission of the tender (Code No. 1-2431-0000-2366).		
24.	Identification of package	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time (in months)
	Phase-I: Construction of 2-Storeyed DPE Headquarters Building of 15-Storeyed Foundation + 2 Basement at Mirpur-2, Dhaka	75,00,000.00 (seventy-five lac) only	8 (eight) months from the date of starting work
	Tender security shall in favour of Director General, Directorate of Primary Education and Program Director, Third Primary Education Development Program (PEDP-3) in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order/irrevocable Bank Guarantee (according to the PW3-6 Form of the Tender Document) from any schedule bank of Bangladesh.		
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>			
25.	Name of official inviting tender	F. M. Enamul Hoque.	
26.	Designation of official inviting tender	Director (Finance), Directorate of Primary Education.	
27.	Address of official inviting tender	Directorate of Primary Education, Section 2, Mirpur, Dhaka-1216.	
28.	Contact details of official inviting tender	Phone : 880-02-55074914 Facsimile number : 880-02-55074904 e-mail : <a href="mailto:difinancedpe@gmail.com">difinancedpe@gmail.com</a>	
29.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.		

**GD-78**  
**F. M. Enamul Hoque**  
 Director (Finance)  
 Directorate of Primary Education  
 For Program Director, PEDP-3

# Chinese robot

**FROM PAGE 16**  
 last year by a team of engineers at the University of Science and Technology of China.  
 Team leader Chen Xiaoping sounded like a proud father as he and his prototype appeared yesterday at an economic conference organised by banking giant UBS in Shanghai's futuristic financial centre.  
 Chen predicted that perhaps within a decade artificially intelligent (AI) robots like Jia Jia will begin performing a range of menial tasks in Chinese restaurants, nursing homes, hospitals and households.  
 "In 5-10 years there will be a lot of applications for robots in China," Chen said.

China's first humanoid robot, Jia Jia, is a 1.6m-tall, 60kg female robot with a human-like face and body. It can walk, talk and perform simple tasks. It was unveiled at a conference in Shanghai last year.