



Migrants on a dinghy are rescued by "Save the Children" NGO crew from the ship Vos Hestia in the Mediterranean sea off Libya coast yesterday.

## Aedes alarm

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Control and Research (IEDCR) has found about 400 cases of chikungunya.

The DGHS, which began recording chikungunya cases since June 1, received reports of 228 cases till yesterday from different hospitals in the capital.

"We are hearing that many people are contracting chikungunya. And not everyone goes to doctors unless it is very severe," said Prof Sanya, who also leads the CDC. Chikungunya had been spreading in the past, and there was no system in place to report it.

Chikungunya and dengue cause fever and severe joint pain, muscle pain, headache, nausea, fatigue and rash. In case of chikungunya, the joint pain is often very debilitating, but usually lasts for a few days or may be prolonged to weeks.

While dengue can be at times fatal, chikungunya is not. However, for patients with old-age complications or diabetes, chikungunya may lead to fatalities, though no fatalities have been reported yet, said Sanya.

"We are mindful about it and taking measures to address the problem," he said.

Dr Saif Ullah Munshi, virology professor at the BSMML, said he was very concerned about the rapid rise of chikungunya cases.

As dengue has been infecting people since 1999 in Bangladesh, many have developed immunity to dengue, but chikungunya is relatively new in the country.

"I fear chikungunya will be widespread," he said, and stressed the need for destroying the breeding grounds of the mosquito that grows in clean water, mostly during monsoon.

The health ministry is coordinating the efforts to prevent further spread of Aedes mosquitoes. Prof Sanya said, adding that they were engaging community people in the efforts.

The DGHS in association with the IEDCR and the two Dhaka city corporations initiated an awareness programme.

As part of it, students of all medical and dental colleges, institutes of health technology and postgraduate medical institutes will hold a campaign from 9:00am to 2:00pm tomorrow in all the 92 wards of the capital, said the DGHS director.

"They would identify the breeding sources of Aedes mosquitoes, destroy those and distribute leaflets among people," she said.

The city corporations and hand-spray machines to kill mosquitoes.

## Grandfather

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Crying, the uncle said.

Eventually, he passed away yesterday morning.

Aziz would be buried in his family graveyard after a nama-z-janaza at 8:00am today.

Four army personnel including Capt Tanvir died during the landslide in Rangamati's Manikchhari around 11:00am on Tuesday.

## Sharma, Kohli too good

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But while Sabbar's strokeplay showed why he is the player in the top order, the manner of his dismissal illustrated why he is not yet mature enough for the pivotal position. He was looking to throw his bat at everything, and after four dot balls in the seventh over Kumar cleverly bowled a slower ball asking to be cut, but ideally cut with some restraint. Instead, Sabbar tried to create the power and consequently hit it in the air, point to walk back with the score on 31 for two. Although the two youngsters everyone was hoping would perform had departed, the ease of Sabbar's strokes in his 21-ball 19 showed that he is a player of a higher class than Iqbal and Mushfiqur Rahim, who cashed in with a 123-run third-wicket partnership.

Tamim Iqbal continued the run of form that has seen him score 128 in the second game against England and 195 in the second game against Australia, and he looked good for another big one yesterday. Although he did enjoy a slice of luck when, on 16, he was bowled off by a no-ball from Haridik Pandya in the 13th over. He however soon hit his straps and started playing his shots, the most eye-catching of which was a down-the-track walk to Bumrah that resulted in a flicked six over midwicket.

He followed that up with three consecutive boundaries off Ravichandran Ashwin in the 22nd over. In between he brought up his 36th ODI 50 with his 62nd ball with a reverse lap sweep over short third man off Ravindra Jadeja in

the 19th over.

But the promise of a big total and a sublime partnership in the vein of the Mahmudullah Riyad-Shakib Al Hasan partnership against New Zealand was ended by an unlikely bowler. Occasional off-spinner Kedhar Jadhav, in the 28th over, had bowled two bad balls that were his straight to the fields. Frustrated, Tamim went for a slog across the line and was bowled for 70 off 82 balls.

Mushfiqur had been batting in his usual calm, assured manner, notching his 26th ODI half-century off his 61st ball. But when Tamim's dismissal was followed by the departure of Shakib, who was backed into a corner by Jadeja's left-arm spin and edged a cut to keeper MS Dhoni for 15, Mushfiqur should have been looking to rebuild the innings. Instead, as if the plan to hit Jadhav out of the attack was never readjusted following the part-timer's success, Mushfiqur stepped out and hit a full toss straight to a gleeful Kohli at midwicket to be out for an 85-ball 61 and leave the Tigers at 179 for five in the 36th over.

India's death-over bowling machine then took over, and although Mahmudullah Riyad and Mosaddeq tried to maximise the runs, both departed in successive overs off Bumrah to leave Bangladesh at 229 for seven at the end of the 45th over. Some luck and lusty blows from skipper Mashrafe, who finished on an unbeaten 30 off 25 balls, took the Tigers to a barely competitive total when an above-par one was required.

## Dhaka, Stockholm

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The foreign secretary said this is the first-ever bilateral official visit by any head of government or state of Bangladesh to Sweden.

The Swedish premier at the talk said the visit of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has opened up the "next phase of relations" between the two countries, Shahidul said.

The visit also unveiled the door of long-term relationship between Sweden and Bangladesh, the foreign secretary quoted洛夫 as saying.

He said at the talks the two premiers pledged to work together to fight terrorism.

He said the two leaders discussed various issues and identified some new sectors like energy security, technological innovation, trade and smart city development, for cooperation.

The Swedish prime minister discussed with Hasina how the Scandinavian country could help Bangladesh ensure energy security.

Lofven also expressed Swedish interest in the talks including technology innovation and highlighted the role of the private sector in this regard.

The Swedish prime minister said there was a huge potentiality for expanding cooperation in trade and business between the two countries.

The foreign secretary pointed out that currently, the volume of trade was hugely in favour of Bangladesh.

Lofven said Sweden was collaborating with some new innovative ideas as countries about setting up smart cities.

The Swedish prime minister said Hasina how Sweden could contribute to developing smart cities in Bangladesh.

The foreign secretary said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina extended her thanks to her counterpart as Sweden recognised independent Bangladesh since February 4, 1972, one of the first European countries to do so.

Sweden has always helped Bangladesh, she said.

Elaborating the country's march

towards development, she said Bangladesh has attained 7.24 per cent GDP growth in the outgoing fiscal year and pointed out tremendous development in various sectors of Bangladesh, including IT.

She mentioned the setting up of 100 special economic zones in Bangladesh to spur economic development.

Regarding the 2030 Development Agenda where Sweden is one of the main players in the framework, she said Sweden wants to implement the agenda teaming up with developing countries where they have identified Bangladesh as a potential country.

With the global deal where the Swedish prime minister at the UN in 2014 floated a new idea underscoring the need for improving industrial relations considering the changing nature and work of the industries, Lofven said that the concept was old-fashioned and new industrial relationship would have to be developed.

"It would be important to ensure the right of workers," the Swedish prime minister said, adding that they want to make global experience in this regard with some pilot countries.

About Hasina's announcement to support the Ready-made-Garment Tripartite Consultative Council, as a new commitment in the framework of Global Deal, Shahidul said the Swedish government wants to provide technical support to this end and the Bangladesh government accepted the offer.

"Now, one of the buyers has come up with some new innovative ideas as Bangladesh has been facing challenges at different times in the RMG sector," added the foreign secretary.

The Bangladesh delegation that represented in the talks included Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali, PMO Senior Secretary Surajya Begum, Foreign Secretary Md Shahidul Haque, Labour Secretary Md Mahidul Shipper, Bangladesh Ambassador to Sweden Md Golam Sarwar and Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA) Executive Chairman Kazi Anisul Islam.

## 2 Malaysian pilots found dead

after their military plane goes missing

AFP, Kuala Lumpur

Two Malaysian pilots were found dead after their military plane went missing, triggering a search-and-rescue mission yesterday, an air force spokesman told AFP.

The Hawk 108 fighter jet took off at 11am and contact was lost at 11:30am when the plane was believed to be near the border of the Malaysian states of Pahang and Terengganu.

The two pilots' bodies were found in a swampy area in Chukai, a town in Terengganu, the spokesman who did not want to be named, said.

"The plane has not been found yet and we are investigating," the spokesman said without providing more details.

State news agency Bernama, citing air force chief Afendip Buang, reported that the bodies had parachutes attached to them.

There have been other recent cases of military plane incidents in Malaysia.

In December, a military Beechcraft B200 turboprop crashed in the town of Butterworth in northern Malaysia.

In May last year, an air force Aermacchi MB339CA jet crashed in a small town in the rural state of Pahang but there were no casualties.

## SC advice

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The circular signed by registrar Ashab Syed Dilraj Hossain of the High Court Division of the Supreme Court said the apex court had noticed that without consulting it, primary notices and enquiries were being conducted against allegations of misconduct and corruption by judicial officers at the instruction of law and justice division of the law ministry.

The circular said as per article 116 of the constitution, the president, with the advice of the Supreme Court, controls and disciplines judicial officers and judicial magistrates.

Therefore, it is mandatory for the competent authorities to take the Supreme Court's advice in determining placement, transfer, promotions, granting leaves, costed judgements and enquiries being conducted against allegations of misconduct and corruption by judicial officers, it said.

According to article 109 of the constitution, the High Court Division of the Supreme Court has the authority to supervise and control the members of judicial service (lower court judges).

The judicial service and its members have been separated and made independent from other services by articles 109, 116 and 116 (A) of the constitution, it said.

The priority of the Supreme Court advice has been ensured, regarding discipline of judicial officers, by the apex court verdict in the Masdar Hossain case (known as the judiciary separation case), the circular said.

It said it was mandatory for the authorities to take advice of the Supreme Court to this effect according to the Bangladesh Judicial Service (determining workplace, promotion, leave granting, disciplinary rules and other job conditions) Rules, 2007, issued by the president.

## EXPLOITATION OF TEXTILE WORKERS

# EU asks Dhaka to step up efforts

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh needs to step up its efforts to prevent the exploitation of textile workers, Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) said in a non-binding resolution adopted on Wednesday.

The 2013 Sustainability Compact, aimed at preventing tragedies like the April 2013 Rana Plaza disaster, had resulted in moderate improvements in workplace safety, but respect of workers' rights was lagging behind, MEPs noted in the resolution adopted by a show of hands.

Textile workers in Bangladesh, many of whom were young women, suffer long working hours, low wages, uncertainty and hazardous conditions, they said. "Trade union leaders are often persecuted."

The reviewing the implementation of the 2013 Compact, MEPs suggested a series of measures, according to the European Parliament website.

The government of Bangladesh should swiftly amend the 2013 Labour Act to ensure freedom of association, collective bargaining and to recruit more factory inspectors, they suggested.

The mandating of the ACCORD, a platform including EU companies that help implement the Compact, should be renewed after its expiry in May 2018 and international brands ought to take their CSR policy more seriously to ensure their working conditions, they suggested.

They observed that the EU Commission table an EU-wide legislative initiative on the garment sector for a due diligence system.

Bernad Lange, chair of the Commitment and International Trade (INTA), said, "Despite some progress in recent years, the situation on the ground remains worrisome."

"We are very concerned about the lack of meaningful progress in implementing the commitments of the Sustainability Compact by

Bangladesh. Countries, which respect fundamental rights at work, should not be encouraged by benefiting from unrestricted access to our market," he said.

Lange said the government of Bangladesh would need to demonstrate that it is willing and able to deliver on its own promises and the demands of the international community.

Standing rapporteur for South Asia, Sajjad Karim, said the EU trade policy was powerful and based on values, meaning they demand their trading partners respect core principles in the areas of human, labour and environmental rights.

"I have done all I can as chair of the INTA Monitoring Group for South Asia to get Bangladesh to comply. It seems they are not listening. We cannot keep issuing appeals and statements every year -- we have to set tangible results on the ground for privileged market access to be continued," he said.

Bangladesh benefits from the most favourable regime under the EU's trade preferences that grant duty and quota-free access to the EU market, except on arms and ammunition.

In July 2013, in response to the Rana Plaza tragedy, the EU took the initiative of launching a Sustainability Compact for Bangladesh to improve labour rights and factory safety.

The initiative brings together the EU, the government, the USA, Canada -- the main markets for Bangladesh garment products -- as well as the International Labour Organisation.

The EU is Bangladesh's main trading partner, absorbing 46.7 per cent of its exports in 2015. Bangladesh is the world's largest garment manufacturer, with the textile sector providing almost 60 per cent of total exports; almost 60 percent of the clothing goes to a delegation.

The EU of the International Trade Committee visited Bangladesh on a fact-finding mission in November 2016.

## Almost sold out, fares

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"Some launch owners did not even open their ticket counters [at Sadarghat terminal yesterday]," he said.

Talking to The Daily Star, at least three launch owners and 22 staff said advance tickets for June 22-24 had been sold out.

While visiting the launch terminal, this correspondent found only eight of 29 counters open for selling tickets.

There was no crowd of people for buying tickets either.

Reaz ul Kabir, director of Surovi Group of Company that runs several launches on different routes, said the company allowed passengers to book tickets from June 12. All tickets were sold out by Wednesday.

Asked about the fixed date for selling advance tickets, he said the date was fixed without consulting them.

When his attention was drawn to launch owners being present in the June 11 meeting, he said, "We did not get any notice from the [launch owners'] association."

Sayedur Rahman Rintu, owner of Surovi Navigation Company, told our Bahral commission that Tuesday that the launch service provider made advance tickets available for booking on June 6. And all seats were filled by June 13.

Ad Shahiduddin, in-charge of cabins of MV Oviyan-3, 5, and 7, said the vessels would make trips from Dhaka to Muladi in Barisal and Dhaka to Vandaria in Pirojpur on June 21, 23, 25.

All tickets for June 23 had been booked five to seven days ago mostly through phone calls. Some tickets are still available for June 21 and 25, Shahiduddin said.

Mamun-or-Rashid, an executive member of Bangladesh Inland Waterways Corporation (BIWC) Association, said except some Barisal-bound launches, advance tickets were still available.

Saiful Islam, an employee of a Dhaka university, said he had bought a ticket of double cabin of Rajdip-7 at Tk 2,200 on June 10 to travel from Dhaka to Hularhat in Pirojpur where his actual ticket price was Tk 1,600.

Chargeman Kabir, a clerk of MV Jalta-1, said the launch operator charged passengers Tk 800 for a single cabin, and Tk 1,200 for a double cabin, which was 1,200 in normal time.

About the ousting of tickets, Rashid said that throughout the year, launch operators charged passengers less than the government-fixed fares as they earned from up and down trips.

But during the Eid season, they sell tickets at fixed rates since they often make one-way trip.

Zainal Abedin, joint director (Dhaka river port) of the BIWTA, said it was common practice to sell tickets from launches and get tickets booked through agents.

He, however, said selling of launch tickets from counters would increase today.

## Kindergarten blast

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According to Xuzhou city government. Two died at the site of the explosion and two were being treated.

Pictures of the scene showed more than a dozen people outside a building, many lying on the concrete and some appearing to be unconscious, including a small child.

Another video posted by the People's Daily showed emergency workers arriving at the scene with gurneys. About a dozen people lying in a hospital.

Online media reports cited a business owner near the kindergarten as saying an unexploded bomb (M100 GMT) had been a "bang", and found that there had been an explosion at the kindergarten entrance only 100 metres away.

Some people on China's Twitter-like Weibo website said the use of gas canisters by food stalls posed a danger.

"China's small restaurants are landmines, and every mobile street vendor is a moving bomb," one person wrote.

It is the latest tragedy to strike a kindergarten in China in recent weeks.

A school bus packed with kindergarten pupils erupted in flames inside a primary school on Saturday, March 5, on May 9, killing 11 children, a teacher and a driver.

Officials later said the fire was intentionally set by the driver, who was angry at losing overtime wages.

There have also been knife attacks at schools in recent years.

In January a man armed with a kitchen knife stabbed and wounded 11 children at a kindergarten in southern Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region.

In February last year, a knife-wielding assailant wounded 10 children in a schoolyard in Haikou, in the southern island province of Hainan, before committing suicide.

In 2014 state media reported that a man stabbed three children and a teacher to death and wounded several others in a rampage at a primary school that refused to enroll his daughter.

There was also a schoolyard shooting in 2013 incident in which a man killed two relatives and then slashed 11 people, including six children, outside a school in China's commercial hub Shanghai.

## HISTORY OF ATTACKS