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# Chikungunya onslaught on

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Cases of chikungunya are on the rise in the capital.

The number of cases rose to 2,748 yesterday from 2,700 on Tuesday, said Prof Merejy Sabrina Flora, a director at Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR).

Coordinated efforts by people, the government, and non-government agencies are needed to combat chikungunya in the capital, she said.

Torrential rain may help kill the aedes mosquito, but waterlogging will worsen the situation, Flora told The Daily Star.

The mosquito-borne disease is largely nonlethal but it may turn fatal if an ailing person is simultaneously found to have immunodeficiency or carries another disease or infection, said a health expert.

Flora said, "Dying from chikungunya is very rare."

Symptoms of chikungunya are fever, muscle pain, headache, nausea, fatigue and rash. The disease often comes with a very debilitating joint pain which can last for days. Aedes aegypti mosquito is the carrier of both chikungunya and dengue viruses.

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A woman nurses a homeless man suffering from high fever at the Dhaka University campus yesterday. A large number of people of Dhaka and elsewhere are suffering from fever, in some cases chikungunya, that leaves many victims with lingering debilitating pains in the limbs.

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## US-Qatar terror deal insufficient

Say Gulf states, reinstate 13 demands; Tillerson begins shuttle diplomacy to ease crisis

REUTERS, Jeddah

US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson yesterday met ministers from four Arab states to try to end a dispute with Qatar after the countries labelled a US-Qatari terrorism financing accord an inadequate response to their concerns.

Any resolution of the impasse must address all the

key issues for Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Egypt, including Doha's undermining of regional stability, a senior UAE official said ahead of the talks in Saudi Arabia. His comments shed light on Tillerson's uphill challenge.

The four countries imposed sanctions on Qatar on June 5, accusing it of financing extremist groups

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## His words don't match findings

DMP chief about Farhad Mazhar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Farhad Mazhar's judicial statement doesn't match with the information collected by police.

"The abduction created a big mystery. The statement Farhad Mazhar gave under section 164 [to a magistrate] did not correspond to the CCTV footage. [His mobile phone] call list and material evidence we got during investigation," Dhaka Metropolitan Police Commissioner Asaduzzaman Mia told reporters yesterday.

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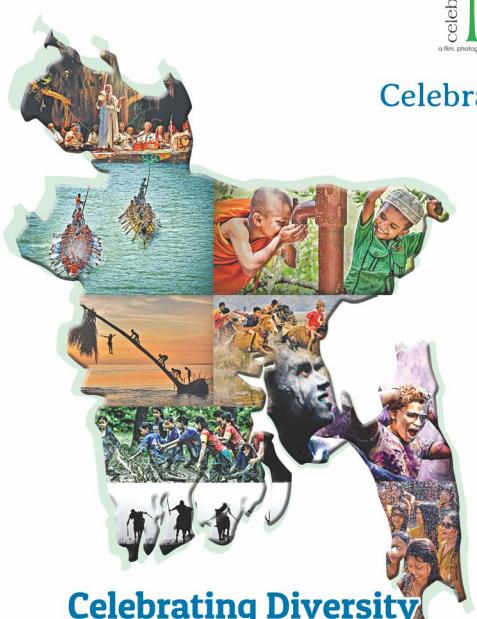
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