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of the cases were in the Asia-Pacific region.

The WHO said the cases were approximately 30 times more than that of 50 years ago.

Epidemiologists have recommended immediate and befitting measures to clean the mosquito breeding places.

THE SURVEY

The study surveyed 2,000 households on a total of 100 sites of 41 wards under Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) and 59 wards under Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) between January 11 and January 20.

It found high presence of aedes in at least 19 areas.

Moreover, at least 19 houses in every 100 had Aedes mosquito larvae or pupae.

At least 27 percent of the households in the DNCC and 14 percent in the DSCC were found to have stagnant water, mostly in containers of some sort, with mosquito larvae or pupae, according to the report.

MM Akhtaruzzaman, deputy programme manager of Epidemic Disease Control Department, said stagnant water in the open spaces was to blame.

"Sometimes cars are washed and water cannot be drained properly. In the posh areas, usually around high rise buildings, open spaces are mosquito breeding grounds. The concentration of mosquito is higher in areas with many tall buildings."

The study also surveyed Gabtoli, Moghbazar, Malibagh, Mirpur 1, Nakhlaipara, Purbo Sheorapara, Tolarbagh, Uttara 9, Banglabazar, Elephant Road, Gulbagh, Kalabagan, Meradia, and Shantinagar.

Aedes mosquitoes can hide in the shadows of trees, behind windows and doors, the survey said.

It found Aedes larvae or pupae in plastic barrels, buckets, clay pots, used or abandoned tires, tubes and water tanks.

Wet floors and puddles in construction sites are also ideal environments for mosquito breeding, Akhtaruzzaman said.

On the other hand, in neighbourhoods with scarcity of water, people often store water in tanks, increasing the risks, he said.

Public health expert Mahmudur Rahman suggested through cleaning of areas and the use of larvicide so that the larvae could not grow to adults.

Einstein letter

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the back of the envelope refining his thinking.

The sum -- while large -- pales in comparison to the \$1.56 million that one purchaser paid for a letter from Einstein on the secret of happiness at a Jerusalem auction in October after it was initially valued at some \$8,000.

Among Tuesday's other lots were letters and photographs relating to the winner of the 1921 Nobel Prize in physics that also sold for several thousand dollars.

Winner's boss Gal Wiener told AFP that the trope "reveals the complex character of the great scientist".

German-born Einstein served as a non-resident governor of Jerusalem's Hebrew University up to his death.

On Facebook

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other women alleged sexual harassment during the Awami League's rally yesterday.

About the Bangla Motor incident, Maruf Hossain Sardar, deputy commissioner of DMP (Ramna division), told The Daily Star that no one filed any complaint regarding the incident.

"We came to know about it through journalists," he said, adding that they could not identify the police officer who rescued the girl.

Talking to The Daily Star, a student of Dhaka University said a group of people heading towards Shahbagh, surrounded her in a pincer move near Karwan Bazar.

"They groped me for about a minute, some tried to pull off my scarf whilst going past me," she said, adding that some policemen were seen nearby, but they did not come forward.

A DU student of Science faculty wrote, "After being hurled with abuse near Shahid Minar, when I came in front Fine Arts Institute by rickshaw, a group of boys sprayed water on me. I was nearly drenched.

"When I showed my anger, someone pulled my hair from behind and ran away."

She added, "It is unfortunate that I have been harassed in my own campus."

Similar accounts of harassment were also shared by at least five DU female students.

DU proctor Prof Golam Rabbani could not be reached over phone for comments.

UN rights chief suspects

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In Rakhine. Rohingyas were still fleeing because of "systematic" if lower-intensity persecution and violence there, he added.

"Victims have reported killings, rape, torture and abductions by the security forces and local militia, as well as apparently deliberate attempts to force the Rohingya to leave the area through starvation, with officials blocking their access to crops and food supplies," the UNHRC chief told the Geneva forum.

There was no immediate comment by the Myanmar government. In the Council, its delegation is allowed to respond today [Thursday].

According to Zeid, his office received reports of land inhabited by Rohingyas being appropriated and members of other ethnic groups replacing them.

"A recent announcement that seven soldiers and three police officers will be brought to justice for the alleged extra-judicial killing of 10 Rohingya men is grossly insufficient," he added.

Zeid said the Myanmar government must take steps to provide real accountability for violations and respect the Rohingyas' rights, including citizenship.

A fact-finding mission set up by the UNHRC, headed by former Indonesian attorney general Marzuki Darusman, is due to report on its initial findings on Monday after interviewing victims and survivors in Bangladesh and other countries.

Pending their final report, the UN General Assembly should establish a new independent mechanism to expedite criminal proceedings in courts against those responsible, Zeid observed.

MILITARY DENIES VIOLENCE

Myanmar military has denied any violence, extrajudicial killings, rape and arson committed in Rakhine, and put the blame on the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (Arsa) for "genocide and ethnic cleansing" in Rakhine's Buthidaung-Maungdaw, The Guardian reported yesterday.

A total of 102 British MPs signed a letter asking the UK Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson and the EU to impose sanction on Myanmar over the campaign of violence committed against its minority Muslim community.

In a statement responding to the letter, the Myanmar army on Tuesday accused the UK lawmakers of making "one sided-accusations" about the plight of the Rohingyas.

According to "hard evidence" the military allegedly collected, it claims that between 10,000 and 20,000 Rohingyas took part in attacks on police in August last year -- a vastly different figure from the military's estimate of 1,000 Rohingya insurgents at the time.

The army also claimed to have carried out an investigation into the violence in Rakhine, which concluded that "security personnel did not commit extrajudicial killings or sexually abuse and rape women. There was no unlawful detention of people, beating, killing and arson as well."

In the case of Rohingya villages that had been burned down, "Arsa extremist Bengali terrorists set fire to houses and fled to Bangladesh first. They also threatened, coerced and persuaded other villagers to flee to Bangladesh, and many fled as a result," the military's own investigation found.

However, the army later admitted that its soldiers were involved in the murder of 10 Rohingyas, the human remains of whom were found in December in a mass grave outside Inn Din, a village in the Maungdaw township.

The military's denial directly contradicts mountains of evidence collected by organisations such as Amnesty and Human Rights Watch (HRW) as well as multiple reports in the media, with two Reuters journalists on trial in Myanmar for their investigations into mass graves.

Phil Robertson, deputy Asia director of HRW, said, "It's not often that you see a bald-faced lie of this magnitude, but then again, the Tatmadaw [armed forces] have a lot of experience in having no shame -- since they've been covering up their human rights atrocities for decades."

"Statements like these indicate why the international community must prioritise hauling Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and other Burmese military commanders up in the international criminal court to stand trial for the crimes against humanity they've ordered or committed," he told The Guardian.

Tigers seek turnaround

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remain a force to be reckoned with.

The main mantra for Bangladesh on this tour is to avoid pressing the panic button when faced with difficult situations and a 41-run win in the practice match against a SLC President's XI, where Bangladesh had a good outing in all three departments, will provide some confidence.

However, it will be important for the think tank to form a balanced playing eleven, which was yet to be finalised until yesterday. It was learnt that Bangladesh may opt for three seamers in Rubel Hossain, Taskin Ahmed and Mustafizur Rahman.

Left-arm spinner Nazmul Islam, who impressed on debut against Sri Lanka with his economical bowling and tight line and length, is also expected to feature in the line-up while the team management will have to decide whether they will go for a second spinner in the form of Mehedi Hasan Miraz or include seam-bowling all-rounder Ariful Haque, whose ability to hit the ball hard in the lower-middle order could prove an asset in this format.

Liton Das had a good outing in the warm-up game, looking in fine touch

as he scored 40 off just 18 balls, and the team management will have another decision to make between selecting him or sticking to the out-of-sorts Sabbir Rahman at the number three position.

Mushfiquur Rahim will slot in at number four followed by skipper Mahmudullah Riyad while wicketkeeper-batsman Nurul Hasan, who was in fine fettle during the Dhaka Premier League, also has a chance to make the playing eleven.

Soumya Sarkar, who failed to score a single run in the warm-up game, is expected to retain his place to open the innings alongside stalwart Tamim Iqbal.

India will also come into the match with some considerable weight on their shoulders after falling to a five-wicket defeat to Sri Lanka in the tournament opener and the Men in Blue's relatively inexperienced bowling attack will remain an area of concern for Rohit Sharma and his troops.

They may include another spinner in the line-up to partner leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal and left-arm spinner Axar Patel is expected to fill that role and return to the playing eleven.

Wind of Change

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On March 8, the radio station in Dhaka began broadcast at 8:30am by airing Bangabandhu's March 7 rally's speech. Other stations in the then East Pakistan followed suit.

By now, the "civil disobedience" movement had officially launched. Bangabandhu's edicts were being fully observed. Aspiring for a freedom always dreamt of, Bangalees of all age took up the call with a passion.

From this day on, people started collecting arms and ammunition from stores all over the country. Chhatra Union began military training at the Dhaka University campus with dummy rifles. Cinema halls all around the country stopped screening Urdu cinemas. Starting from Chhatra League, different organisations obliterated the word Pakistan from their names.

Rejection of the Pakistani rule continued.

Chhatra League President Nur-e-Alam Siddiqui, General Secretary Shahjahan Shiraj, and Dhaka University Central Student's Union Vice President ASM Abdur Rob and its general secretary Abdul Quddus Makhan gave their support to Bangabandhu's speech.

In a joint statement, they said that this present fight be termed as the "Freedom Fight".

By now, Mujib's speech and its content had spread to different corners of the globe. Its impact was visible everywhere.

Bangalees working in Pakistan International Airlines marched out of Dhaka airport and started a procession towards Sheikh Mujib's Dhanmondi residence.

In Britain, seas apart, almost 10,000 Bangalees gathered in front of the Pakistani High commission in London demanding an independent Bangladesh.

Back home, in Rajshahi, the military imposed a curfew starting from 9:00pm for an indefinite period. This decision was deemed unreasonable and the military was urged to withdraw the curfew.

In Islamabad, People Party Chairman ZA Bhutto declined to make a comment about the conditions Bangabandhu had given to join the session of the National Assembly on March 25.

Later that night, the general secretary of Awami League rubbished a press note released by the military authorities. The statement said the note gave a gross and wrong depiction of events, intentionally lowering the number of civilian casualties during the movement.

Upon Bangabandhu's orders, Bangalees had their black flags waving on their rooftops.

The winds had changed. War was coming.

They knew and they were ready. (Source: Liberation War Museum)

Rakhine leader faces court after deadly riots

AFP, *Sittue*

A Rakhine Buddhist leader facing treason charges linked to deadly riots appeared in a Myanmar court yesterday, a case that has aggravated ethnic tensions in a region also roiled by the crackdown on Rohingya Muslims.

Rakhine state has seethed with ethnic hatreds for years, with persecution of the Rohingya minority culminating in a ruthless army campaign against them that started last August and sparked a mass exodus.

Tk 92 lakh recovered

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from the bank and shared it among themselves," said ACC Assistant Director Abdul Wadud.

"We are leaving no stone unturned to find out more," he said.

When the four-member ACC team entered Saiduzzaman's one-storey building near Char Khurshid Playground around 11:00pm, they had information about a huge sum of money kept hidden there. They gleaned the information from Saiduzzaman, who was arrested earlier.

While combing the house, one of the ACC members noticed two cement bags on a concrete shelf at a corner of Saiduzzaman's bedroom. The money was found inside the bags, Wadud said.

The ACC gave the money to the DC of Kishoreganj following permission from a district court.

Talking to The Daily Star, DC Sarwar Morshed Chowdhury said his office carried out an internal probe against Setaful and found that he had embezzled Tk 8.7 crore from the land acquisition fund.

"We prepared a report and submitted it to the divisional commissioner's office in December," he said, adding Setaful was transferred to Pirojpur Deputy Commissioner's office the same month.

Receiving the transfer order, Setaful drove straight to a branch of Sonali Bank in Kishoreganj with sacks and

withdrew a huge amount of cash, witnesses told investigators.

Once the matter was informed to the authorities and his colleagues, Setaful fled the scene with the money.

The amount withdrawn at the time was Tk 5 crore, according to the ACC.

According to sources at the DC office, Setaful, with the help of some of his seniors, misappropriated over Tk 10 crore from the fund.

The ACC arrested Setaful near the Pirojpur Circuit House on January 17.

"We're investigating to know whether anyone else was involved in the matter. We will include their names in the cases if we find their involvement," Wadud said.

In his confessional statement before a judicial magistrate, Setaful said a former DC of the district and additional commissioner (revenue) were involved in the crime, reports our Mymensingh correspondent, quoting ACC sources.

The Daily Star could not reach the former DC over phone. The other person in question hung up after this correspondent told him he was a journalist.

When any land is acquired for implementing government's development projects, the land ministry recommends compensating the land owners. The compensation money is sent to the district administration before it reaches the land owner.

Cops looking

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communicate with others," he added.

Police have been looking for his cellphone since he was detained on Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (SUST) campus after the attack on Saturday.

Contacted, Saiful Islam, additional deputy commissioner of CTTC, said they are trying to trace Enamul as it is very necessary to recover the evidence.

The police also believe Enamul was aware of the attack and Foyzur's involvement with militant groups.

The law enforcers had earlier seized a CPU from the house of Foyzur's uncle Fozlur Rahman. It is believed the attacker was using the computer, which is under examination now.

Foyzur claims he has been self-radicalised and got involved in extremism online in 2016. He started taking the final preparation for the attack one and a half months ago, the police said.

According to the police, at least four suspects were present near the campus just a day before the attack.

The law enforcers suspect the attacker was in touch with banned militant outfit Ansar al Islam as the attack bears the hallmark of the other attacks carried out by the militant group.

Dr Iqbal, a faculty member of computer science and engineering at SUST, came under the knife attack from behind during a programme on the campus on Saturday.

Police with the support of students and locals arrested Foyzur and recovered a knife and a bicycle key from his possession.

He was seen in the CCTV footage entering the campus riding the bicycle, which was recovered from a garage near the campus later. Law enforcers are also trying to find out how it reached the garage.

Foyzur used to live in Sylhet city with his parents but sometimes went traceless for several days. His parents

who went into hiding following the murder attempt surrendered to the police on Monday.

His parents told the police Foyzur, a follower of Salafism, did not maintain good relations with his father but with his two uncles living in Kuwait. Police suspect he embraced Salafism influenced by his uncles.

Our Sylhet Correspondent visited Foyzur's village home at Koliarkapon under Dirai upazila in Sunamganj yesterday. Locals said Foyzur used to sell clothes during his visit to the village.

"He sold clothes in the local market last year and was seen selling clothes for the last time three months ago," Foyzur's uncle Abdul Kahhar told The Daily Star. He used to sell clothes only in the afternoon, he added.

Earlier, police in Rajshahi claimed to have found militants running their activities in guise of selling clothes in the area.


Abdul Wahab Mia, additional deputy commissioner of Sylhet Metropolitan Police, said they would investigate the reason behind selling clothes during Foyzur's short visit to his native village.

DRIQBAL SHIFTED TO CABIN

Dr Iqbal, who is receiving treatment at the Combined Military Hospital in the capital, was shifted to a cabin from the intensive care unit yesterday afternoon as his condition improved, said Maj Gen Munshi Md Mojibur Rahman, chief cardiac surgeon and consultant surgeon general of Bangladesh Armed Forces.

He added Zafar was not facing any difficulties and was himself taking meals and even going to the wash room without assistance. He also read books and newspapers and resumed his writings, Mojibur said.

It will take seven to eight days to remove the stitches from his wound, they informed.

 Save the Children

Invitation for Tender (IFT)
Emergency Medical Equipment
For Rohingya Response Program under ECHO Project

Date: March 08, 2018Ref No: IFT/SCI/BDCO/FY-18/00003

Save the Children International (SCI) is hereby requesting invitation for Tender (IFT) from the interested experienced bona fide organizations to supply **Emergency Medical Equipment** as per required specification.

Name of Procuring Entity :	Save the Children International (SCI)
Procurement item :	Emergency Medical Equipment
Procurement Method :	Open Tendering Method (National)
Working Experience :	The minimum years of experience should be 3 years for supplying similar goods. Detailed can be seen in Tender document.
Tender document price, Selling date, Time & Place :	A complete set of tender document (Hard copy) may be obtained from March 08, 2018 to March 19, 2018 between 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on working day from below address on payment of Tk. 500 (Taka Five Hundred) only (Non-refundable) in the form of pay order/ demand draft in favor of Save the Children International issued by a scheduled bank in Bangladesh. IFT document are also available at: http://procurement.scibd.info for free download from March 08, 2018 (Please do not use https://) Download copy is acceptable for tender participation.
Pre-Tender Meeting Time & Place :	March 11, 2018 at 11:00 am at below address (Meeting minutes will be available at http://procurement.scibd.info on March 12, 2018)
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Tender Document Dropping Date, Time & Place :	Sealed tender should be dropped into the Tender box I kept at below address on or before March 20, 2018 during office hour. Last date & time for submission: On or before March 20, 2018 within 2:30 pm.
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