Mosquitoes farmed, in fact

This year, Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) kept aside Tk 30 lakh, out of Tk 25.6 crore, for its mosquito control programme.

Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC), on the other hand, set aside Tk one crore out of 20 crore for the same reason.

"The fume of fogger machines destroys a portion of mosquitoes but their breeding grounds remain untouched. If these are not cleaned regularly, mosquito breeding will be unstoppable," said a councillor of DNCC preferring to be unnamed.

A DSCC official claimed that the make-up of the insecticide is tested in three different places to ensure they are not harmful for people.

THE BREEDING GROUNDS

The Daily Star correspondents recently visited different canals around the city such as the ones in Manda, Jirani, Sangbadik Colony, Baishtaki, Ramchandrapur and Hazaribagh. There, they found the water stagnant due to accumulated garbage.

Mosquitoes were found breeding under the nose of DSCC officials in almost dried lakes at Osmani Udyan where renovation work is going on.

Most of the ponds under private ownership were found to be well managed, but there were exceptions also.

The pond at Tulabagicha is covered

with hyacinths and small plants due to several years of negligence. Md Sayed, owner of Tulabagicha

pond at ward 54 of DSCC, said he does

not clean the pond because he wants to fill it up. Elsewhere, locals of Kalsi in Mirpur said the condition of Sangabadik Colony Khal was so bad that it was possible for a small boy to walk over

the canal. Shangbadik Colony Khal has not been

cleaned, they said. FAILURE EVERYWHERE

Due to the combined failure, citizens can find no respite from mosquitoes be it in an airport, hospital, open space, slum or a bedroom on the 10th

floor of a building. Wasa received an allocation of around Tk 5.5 crore from the government to clean its canals and storm sewerage drain this fiscal year, but it

was yet to begin any initiative this year. This has increased culex mosquito populations, which serve as vectors for various diseases. Talking to The Daily Star, Wasa

Managing Director Taqsem A Khan blamed the city corporations for the spread of mosquitoes.

"If the DSCC was able to do 100 percent garbage management then cleaning canals and drains would not be necessary," said Taqsem, adding that they would start their canal and storm water drain cleaning activities from mid March or from April.

Rajuk Chairman Abdur Rahman also said it was the DSCC's task to

Iraq Invasion

The Iraq invasion also needs to be

remembered for how the UN and the

world was duped by the US and UK on

a total lie about Saddam Hussein

possessing Weapons of Mass

Destruction(WMD) and how these

two allies consequently browbeat the

UN to join their collective voice to

provide a legal cover to the invasion.

extremist ideology and terrorist follow-

ers spread far and wide and it brought

many Muslim majority countries face to

face with a brutal reality that they never

knew existed within their folds. Many of

their young men, and some women,

started to become blood thirsty follow-

ers of an ideology claiming its roots in

Islamic scriptures that no genuine

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Syria is ruined with millions of its people

homeless and refugees. The world faces

threat of terrorism with fascism raising its

ugly head in the heart of the very Europe

The passengers were asked to disem-

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had a flight to test if the matter had been

properly resolved, said Biman General

Manger (public relations) Shakil Meraj.

Saidpur for recheck," Meraj said.

Food was served to the waiting

The passengers got on board again

around 6:00pm but the plane was not

allowed to leave due to runway closure

in Dhaka. The plane waited on the

tarmac until 7:30pm when air traffic

control told it that it would not be able

to make it to Saidpur before Saidpur

Following the pilot's announcement,

the aggrieved passengers started yelling

and refused to disembark. There were

heated exchanges of words between the

Daily Star that he was on holiday and

One passengers, a banker, told The

airport would close at 8:00pm.

crew members and the passengers.

Biman flight returns

Fifteen years after the invasion, Iraq is

Muslim could related to.

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an air-traffic controller.

passengers, he said.

Soon after the birth of ISIS, its

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And all this for oil.

ORGANISATIONS	NOS /AMOUNT OF WATER BODIES (OWN AND MAINTAIN)	SEPARATE ALLOCATION FOR CLEANING	
DNCC and DSCC	2700 bighas	1.30 crore	
Wasa	26 canals	5.5 crore	
DC, Dhaka	35 canals	nil	
Bangladesh Water Development Board	Around 93 km canals, 1 retention area and 1 pond	nil	
Public Works Department	2 lakes, 4 ponds	nil	
National Housing Authority	3 ponds	nil	
Rajuk	3 lakes and 2 ponds	nil	
Jute Research Institute	1 pond	50,000	
Shishu Academy	1 pond	nil	
National Botanical Garden	7 lakes and 5 ponds	nil	
Bangladesh Road Research Laboratory	6 ponds	nil	

City

maintain and clean the canals.

When queried about the water accumulating at the renovation site in Gulshan and Banani lakes, he admitted that as the work is going on, it might contribute to the increase of mosquitoes in the areas.

"The death of Mayor Annisul Huq was a factor for the delay in beginning the anti-mosquito drive," said Dewan Abdul Mannan, councillor of ward-11 of the DNCC.

WHAT IS BEING DONE?

"We've changed medicine (insecticide) and the result is good. Hope to be successful in controlling mosquitoes," Dewan said. He added that if Wasa, Rajuk and the railway and water development board cleaned water bodies on a regular basis, the situation would not be so bad. DNCC Chief Executive Officer

Mesbahul Islam said the city corpora-Since the last rainy season, the tion could not be held liable for the unclean water bodies of other organisations. "We're trying our best to control

mosquitoes," he said, adding that they spread insecticides even in restricted places like the airport. DSCC Mayor Mohammad Sayeed

Khokon claimed that mosquito populations in most of the areas, except peripheral ones like Goran, Banasree and Jurain, were under control.

He said they had started twoweek crash programmes for two weeks and are going to start massive awareness and cleanliness programmes shortly.

Mentioning that they have learnt from last year's horrific experience of Chikungunya outbreak, Khokon said they were giving high priority and were going to start a massive awareness campaign.

Responding to a question about failure of the early drives against mosquitoes, Khokon said normally they clean drains before the rainy season. He said 200 workers have been deployed to clean the drains.

"Condition of my old town resi-

that suffered most from its scourge in the

the war and have tried to trace back its

origin and indicate the probable

causes. Many of the declassified war

time documents and several of the

inquiry commission reports have

revealed the worst aspects of Western

duplicity that has all but destroyed the

that recount the events and end with a

description of our own battle with

Shakhawat Liton have sifted through

thousands of pages of news reports

and various commission findings and

produced a narrative that, we believe,

our readers will find both absorbing

and also highly disturbing-disturbing

as to how countries that wish to be

leaders of our time, stoop to lies,

manipulation and deceit for profit and

was supposed to join work in Rangpur

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There were children, elderly and

sick passengers who had been at the

airport for more than nine hours to go

to Saidpur. The flight itself is about 45

Meraj apologised to the passengers

to fly but the runway closure in Dhaka

and the subsequent Saidpur Airport

closure forced them to cancel the flight.

Saidpur Airport to keep the airport

open an extra 30 minutes so that the

Bombardier Dash-8, of US-Bangla

Airlines, crashed in Nepal's Tribhuvan

International Airport killing 51 people,

On March 4, a Bombardier Dash-8, of

He said they had even requested

Just over a week ago, another

his boss for another day's leave.

The first of the series will be printed

We have prepared a series of stories

The Daily Star's Inam Ahmed and

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We, in The Daily Star, have revisited

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"It's not a major problem. There for the cancelled flight and said the

might be technical glitch in a flight. flight was cancelled under extreme

The plane came back without going to circumstances. He said they were ready

dents is far better than my Banani residence which is under DNCC," he

CHIKUNGUNYA SEASON IMMINENT

Whereas the city dwellers are reeling from the menace of culex mosquito, the fear of Chikungunya looms large.

Last year, the disease began to spread from late March. According to the Institute of

Epidemiology, Disease Control and

Research (IEDCR), a total of 13, 814

people were contracted Chikungunya between April 7, 2017 and April 28, 2017. At least 584 persons suffered from dengue. On the face of huge criticism, both the city corporations led huge drives to control mosquito population at the time. But the initiatives began to lose

pace once the Chikungunya threat diminished at the end of the monsoon season. To push the city authority into action, Director General of Health Service recently held a meeting with the city corporations' officials with a

survey report prepared on January. The survey found 19 areas as vulnerable to Aedes mosquitoes. The areas are Banani, Basundhara residential area, Gabtali, Maghbazar, part of Malibagh, Mirpur-1, Mohakhali, DOHS, Nakhapara, East

Shewrapara, Tolarbagh, and Uttara sector-9 of the DNCC. Under DSCC, the vulnerable areas are: Dhanmondi-1, Elephant Road, Gulbagh, Kalabagan, Meradia, Minto Road and Baily Road and

Shantinagar. About the identified areas, Khokon said these areas will get extra priority.

Meanwhile, DSCC Mayor released guppy fish, an invasive species, in a drain at Kazi Alauddin Road in a bid to control mosquito breeding.

DSCC plans to release a total of 10,000 guppies, said a DSCC official, adding that the corporation has taken initiative to clean its 450 km-long long drains to combat mosquitoes.

US wants

FROM PAGE 16 US President Donald Trump and Director for South and Central Asia Lisa Curtis as well as Director for

Sanghera. After meeting officials of the UN, other aid agencies and Bangladesh officials from March 1 to 4, the US delegation met Indian Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale and other

India and the Indian Ocean Basant

officials on March 5, in an unpublicised visit to Delhi. Gokhale met Curtis and State Department officials during his visit to Washington last week, where coop-

eration on Bangladesh was discussed, The Hindu reported. Gokhale is now expected to visit Dhaka in April, while a number of ministers will visit Bangladesh in the next few months to "take the development partnership agenda to its

conclusion", an external affairs min-

istry official of India said. While the official accepted that the US proposal for a joint effort to aid Bangladesh was being discussed at the foreign secretary level, the ministry declined to comment on whether the US and India would work on joint measures to "pressure" Myanmar to repatriate the Rohingyas.

The US proposal to India may be seen as an attempt to counter China that had last year brokered a repatriation agreement signed by Bangladesh and Myanmar, the report added.

Bhutto arrives

FROM PAGE 1 On the same day, the junta let it be

known to the Awami League that a draft proclamation had been prepared, a copy of which was made available to the party. The Awami League thought the draft

proclamation had quite a few serious loopholes in it and therefore made its own suggestions, the gist of which was that the proclamation should come into force seven days after it was issued or seven days after five new governors for the provinces took the oath of office.

US-Bangla heading for Jessore, had to [Sources: The Daily Star archive and make an emergency landing at the Dhaka Bangladesh Genocide Archive] airport following technical issues.

Teacher gets life term for acid attack on niece

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinaipur

A Joypurhat court yesterday sentenced a college teacher to life imprisonment for throwing acid on his niece in Kalai upazila of the district in 2013.

The court also fined him Tk 1 lakh in default of which he would serve another two years in jail. The convicted man, Saiful Islam

Babu, 38, a lecturer of Piarapur IGM

School and College in Gaibandha, is son of Shahjahan Ali of Kathail village under Kalai upazila. The Women and Children

Repression Prevention Tribunal-2 of Dr Abdul Mojid delivered the verdict in presence of the accused yesterday. According to the prosecution, the accused sprayed acid on the girl, 22,

in her house on the night of August 20, 2013. Family members rushed her to Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College in Bogra from where she was

using a syringe while she was asleep

later referred to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Parts of her face and back were burnt in the attack. The victim's

father filed a case with Kalai police station the next day accusing Safiul. She was a first year student of Kalai

Degree College at the time of the attack

Six killed

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The accident took place around 8:30pm when they were returning home.

Jakir Hossain, officer-in-charge of Patkelghata Police Station, said police recovered the bodies and sent those to Satkhira Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsies.

The injured were admitted to the same hospital, the OC added.

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the murder when he went to the flat in 58/2 Kalachandpur from his workplace around 7:00pm.

He found the door locked from outside. Opening it, he found a blood-stained Sujata lying on the floor, said Nikhil, a relative of Tlester, who was with him at that time.

Tlester then spotted the bloodstained body of his mother-in-law kept under the bed. Nikhil said Tlester immediately

took his son, who was in the flat, and rushed to the security guard Abdur Razzak and charged him for the murder. Razzak told him that he had no knowledge of the crime. Tlester then called his father-in-law

Ashish Mankhin, who was at his workplace. Later, they called police, who immediately sealed the flat to collect evidence and then sent the bodies to the morgue. Police said they collected footage

from the CCTV camera of the building where they found four youths, including Sanjit, son of Sujata's sister, entering the flat around 4:00pm. "We are primarily suspecting their

involvement in the murder," a police officer told The Daily Star.

Jahangir Alam, son of the flat owner, told reporters that Sujata, her three daughters, and her eldest daughter's husband, Tlester Daring, and his two-year old son, had been living there for one and a

half years. They all hail from Haluaghat of Mymensingh. "They have been living there peacefully. I don't

have any knowledge of any dispute in the family," Jahangir said. Elsewhere, a salesman

was stabbed to death allegedly by a "mentally challenged" man in the city's Indira Road area under Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Police Station yesterday evening. The deceased, Julhas, 50,

was a salesman at a construction material shop on Indira Road, GG Biswas, officer-in-charge of Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Police Station, told The Daily Star.

The man stabbed Julhas at his shop around 7:00pm, the OC said, adding that police detained the attacker.

The victim was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) by one Md Alam, a tea-stall owner, where doctors declared him dead. His body was kept at the

DMC morgue, Biswas added. Masud Raja, owner of

the shop, said Julhas was the caretaker and also used to manage the shop. The attacker has been

living on the streets in the area for around one and a half years, the OC added.

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Last male

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and early March lying in his pen due to discomfort from a deep wound on his right hind leg.

"His condition worsened significantly in the last 24 hours; he was unable to stand up and was suffering a great deal," Ol Pejeta said. "The veterinary team from the Dver Kralove Zoo, Ol Pejeta and Kenya Wildlife Service made the decision to euthanise him." Sudan had previously lived at the

Dver Kralove Zoo in the Czech Republic before being transported to Ol Pejeta Conservancy, about 250 km north of Nairobi, where he lived with the last two females of the same species, 27-year-old Najin and 17-yearold Fatu. After all attempts at getting him to

mate naturally failed, conservationists last year put Sudan on dating app Tinder, hoping to raise enough money to pay for a \$9 million fertility treat-Ol Pejeta said that they had col- black rhinos.

Monday that could be used in future to attempt reproduction of northern white rhinos.

It said scientists were also seeking ways to do in vitro fertilisation.

"The only hope for the preservation of this subspecies now lies in developing in vitro fertilisation techniques using eggs from the two remaining females, stored northern white rhino semen from males and surrogate southern white rhino females," it said.

While there are thousands of southern white rhinos still roaming the plains of sub-Saharan Africa, decades of rampant poaching have drastically cut numbers of northern whites. Poachers can sell northern white

rhino horns for \$50,000 per kilo, making them more valuable than gold.

Kenya had 20,000 rhinos in the 1970s, falling to 400 in the 1990s. It now has 650, almost all of which are

The BNP will also brief the diplo-

mats at the chairperson's Gulshan

office this afternoon and hold joint

BNP turns intensified in coming days.

FROM PAGE 16 sentenced to five years' imprisonment.

She is now facing a total of 34 cases. To press for her release, the BNP will

intensify its ongoing protests while

looking for new action programmes, said its leaders. "The government is not attaching importance to the party's ongoing peaceful demonstrations and we also

cannot go for tougher programmes as the government wants us to do so. So we are looking for alternatives," a senior leader, seeking anonymity, told The Daily Star. Since Khaleda went to jail, the party has been observing various

programmes including hunger strike, mass signature campaign and proces-"We will continue to hold rallies in divisional headquarters. We are plan-

ning to hold rallies in districts to mobilise public opinion to mount pressure on the government," Moudud Ahmed, party's standing committee member, told this correspondent. He added their ongoing peaceful

protest programmes will be gradually

meetings with leaders of different tiers as well as of alliance partners soon. A senior leader said, "The current political situation is not only confined to BNP and Awami League. Geopolitics is very crucial here. So,

international community might have some say." On Monday night, some senior BNP leaders held a meeting and analysed the overall situation. They will sit with the vice chairmen, joint secretary generals, organising secretaries and other senior leaders soon to finalise

the next course of action. They decided to make every effort to keep the unity among alliance partners as the government is allegedly trying to split the combine, according to insid-

Nazrul Islam Khan, standing committee member of the BNP, was given the task of maintaining close contacts with alliance partners.

Trees, hills razed

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A huge area of the Ukhia reserve forest had already been razed to the ground following the Rohingya influx. Around 4,000 acres of forestland in

and around Kutupalong and Balukhali

of Ukhia has been destroyed to build makeshift home and collect firewood until this March, said Mohammad Ali Kabir, divisional forest officer of Cox's Bazar. This is continuing, said the official, who could not say exactly how much

of forest land has so far been destroyed. He, however, said the signs of destruction were seen even within two

kilometres of the Inani Beach, known

for its scenic beauty and corals. Ali cautioned against the risks of landslides following the destruction of the hills.

The report of a recent survey titled "Environmental Impact of Rohingya Influx", conducted by the UNDP Bangladesh, said 26,000 hectares of forestland within the 10-kilometres radius of the Rohingya camps would be destroyed in a year if the Rohingyas were not provided with alternative fuel for cooking.

Mohammed Abul Kalam, commissioner of the refugee relief and repatriation commission (RRRC) in Cox's Bazar, said the Rohingyas need 2,200 metric tonnes of firewood every day for cooking meals and currently the only choice they have is to cut down trees from nearby forests and hills.

tered camps, the Myanmar nationals set up around 200,000 makeshift tents mostly in the Ukhia upazila, he said. "The only solution we see to save the forest is to supply them gas cylin-

Failing to secure spots at the regis-

ders," he said, expressing hope that they might start providing the gas to the refugees next month. Currently, some organisations are

supplying firewood to Rohingyas but those are inadequate in comparison to the huge number of the refugees, he Some seven lakh Rohingyas fled

persecution in Myanmar and entered Bangladesh following a military crackdown on them in Rakhine since August 25 last year.

2 'robbers'

FROM PAGE 2 robbery committed on Mayor Hanif Flyover on February 16.

Death in so-called shootout continues in the country despite widespread criticism by rights groups.



বাংলাদেশ সড়ক পরিবহন কর্পোরেশন পরিবহন ভবন

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আইন উপদেষ্টা মাসিক ৫,০০০/- (পাঁচ হাজার) টাকা রিটেইনার ফি'সহ কর্পোরেশনের নির্ধারিত রেট ও "ফি" অনুযায়ী মামলার খরচ পাবেন এবং প্যানেল আইনজীবী কর্পোরেশনের নির্ধারিত রেট ও "ফি" অনুযায়ী মামলার খরচ পাবেন। নিয়োগ সংক্রান্ত সরকারি অপরাপর বিধি-বিধান আইন, বিচার ও সংসদ বিষয়ক মন্ত্রণালয়ের সলিসিটর উইং এর যাবতীয় আদেশ নির্দেশ যথাযথভাবে প্রতিপালন করা হবে

আগ্রহী প্রার্থীকে আগামী ২৫/০৪/২০১৮খ্রিঃ তারিখ অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ের মধ্যে সদ্য তোলা ০২ (দুই) কপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ফটো (রঙ্গিন), সকল শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতার সনদপত্র, বার কাউন্সিল এর সনদপত্র, চারিত্রিক সনদপত্র, নাগরিকত্বের সনদপত্র, জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্র ও অভিজ্ঞতার সার্টিফিকেট এর সত্যায়িত ফটোকপিসহ রেজিঃ ডাকযোগে প্রার্থী কর্তৃক স্বাক্ষরিত বায়োডাটা নিমুসাক্ষরকারীর বরাবর প্রেরণ করতে হবে।

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