

HEPATITIS E Cases on the rise in Ctg

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An outbreak of hepatitis E has spread to many areas in the city, particularly in Halisahar, in the last few days.

The number of hepatitis E patients in Halisahar was 892 on Wednesday, up from 396 on June 28, according to Chittagong Civil Surgeon Office.

Cases of hepatitis E virus have also been reported in Agrabad, Dewanhat, Pahartoli, Double Mooring, Mansurabad and Bandar areas, said sources in Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) health department.

City residents said contamination of water supplied by Chittagong Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (CWASA) might have caused the outbreak.

Hepatitis E is a liver disease caused by the hepatitis E virus. It is transmitted mainly through contaminated drinking water, according to World Health Organisation.

Usually a self-limiting infection, it resolves within 4-6 weeks. Occasionally, a fulminant form of hepatitis develops (acute liver failure), which can lead to death.

There are approximately 20 million incidents of hepatitis E infections every year across the world, says WHO.

Chittagong Wasa on Thursday increased the level of chlorine in water to 2ppm from 1.5ppm, said a top Wasa official.

Earlier on June 30, the company hike the level of chlorine to 1.5ppm to ensure sufficient amount of the chemical in water at the consumer level, he said.

West Indies

FROM PAGE 1 first innings that condemned Bangladesh to their lowest ever Test score of 43. Bangladesh's match aggregate of 187 is the lowest in their history, beating the 226 they scored over two innings against West Indies in 2002.

The Test started on Wednesday with Bangladesh being shot out for their lowest Test score in the first session, and the Tigers then spent a day and a half chasing leather as West Indies - riding on opener Kraigg Brathwaite's 121 - scored 406. In the second evening, with less than a session to bat out, Bangladesh crumbled to 62 for six.

Mahmudullah Riyad, resuming on 15, departed off the first ball of the day when he edged West Indies skipper Jason Holder to slip. Nurul resumed on seven and unlike his teammates was positive in his movement as he went after a slightly more undisciplined West Indies bowling than had hounded Bangladesh on the first day. But he was just delaying the inevitable and was ninth out when he was caught and bowled by Miguel Cummins with the score on 143. One run later it was all over as Bangladesh slumped to their eighth-biggest innings defeat.

The second Test starts on July 12 in Jamaica.

Belgium

FROM PAGE 1 right-hand side from where Manchester City forward De Bruyne made no mistake in drilling a low shot.

By time Brazil captain Miranda was entrusted with the duty to defuse Lukaku, the Belgian had already done the damage. After that it was the Courtois' turn, the Chelsea goalkeeper who kept Brazil at bay time and again.

It is not that Brazil were at the receiving end in a game that was played at a frantic pace. They were not only unlucky to have one of their many attempts come off the post, but they had at least four shots saved by Courtois in the first half.

Brazil made two changes in the second half with Roberto Firmino coming on in place of William at the interval before Gabriel Jesus made way for Douglas Costa in 55th minute to bolster the attack.

They created a lot of opportunities but were only to be blamed as they wasted at least four chances with only Courtois to beat. Augusto replaced Paulinho in the 70th minute and headed a Coutinho floater into the net in the 73rd minute.

Brazil still had plenty of time to score but somehow managed to shoot the ball wide from advantageous positions.

With the game heading into the last ten minutes and a tiring Belgium resorting to time wasting, Neymar dashed down the flank before providing a neat cutback to Firmino, whose left footed shot on the turn flew over the bar.

Augusta had only Courtois to beat in the 80th minute but shot the ball miles over the bar. Brazil had a final chance to take the game into extra-time when Neymar nicely fed Coutinho with a superb cutback in the 85th minute. But the Barcelona forward, who had earlier in the tournament scored a couple of magnificent goals, somehow managed to shoot the ball over the bar from top of the box. And when Courtois tipped Neymar's curler over the bar, a defeat was a foregone conclusion.

Brazil's departure from the tournament means that six out of the eight teams who have already won the World Cup have left the biggest stage. France, who dispatched former champions Uruguay 2-0 in the first match of the day, are one of two remaining heavyweights alongside England.

2020 to be observed

FROM PAGE 12 the AL held such a meeting at its headquarters in a new building inaugurated on June 23.

"Elaborate programmes will be taken to celebrate the birth centenary of the great leader as my government and party want so," the PM said, adding that Mujib Borsho, to be celebrated from March 2020 to March 2021, would be followed by the golden jubilee celebration of the country's independence in 2021.

The premier said she already directed the cabinet secretary to take necessary measures to draw up programmes on government initiatives to this end.

The AL leaders and workers wanted to pay the debt of the great leader through bringing smile to the faces of the poor and distressed people for whom he had sacrificed his life, Hasina added.

A number of books on the life and works of Bangabandhu would be published which would be very useful for knowing the country's history and Bangabandhu's struggle for the emancipation of the Bangalee nation, the PM said. "We want to celebrate the birth centenary in a massive way, involving children, youths and elderly people."

The AL chief said her party implemented massive development programmes after assuming office in 1996 and again in 2009, and it has been able to ensure food security, healthcare, education and other basic needs of people.

"Bangladesh is now moving forward on the highway of development. We want to make our country self-reliant in food and fulfil the basic needs of the people. We also want to build a modern and knowledgeable nation, illuminate every house with the power of education."

Hasina regretted that a section of her political opponents, who never wanted the country to be free from poverty and hunger, had termed Bangladesh's attaining the eligibility for graduation to a developing country "ruination".

She pledged to continue the trend of development to establish Bangladesh as a country free from poverty and hunger by 2021 and a developed one by 2041.

Sources in the meeting said the AL decided to form a high-powered committee to celebrate "Mujib Borsho", with the party chief and general secretary as the head and member secretary of the committee.

During the discussion on forming the committee, AL central committee member Mukul Bose proposed not to pick any leader who joined the AL from Communist Party.

AL presidium member Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim proposed forming a commission to identify those who created the ground for the killing Bangabandhu.

Football stars

FROM PAGE 12 aged 11-16, have been stuck in darkness deep underground after setting off to explore the cave with their 25-year-old coach after training on June 23.

The players remain trapped despite being reached this week by cave-diving rescuers, who released footage of them looking emaciated but calm, some wearing football shirts.

Their harrowing ordeal coincides with the World Cup in Russia and it has not escaped the attention of players.

"I've been speaking about it with a few of the boys," said England defender John Stones, according to British media.

"It's so sad to see where they are and we hope they get out safe and sound."

Japan's World Cup squad tweeted a video urging the team to "Hang in there!", while Brazil legend Ronaldo called their plight "terrible".

"The world of football hopes that someone can find a way to take these kids out of there," he said, according to CNN.

Special envoys

FROM PAGE 2 look at the conditions facing those fleeing violence in neighbouring Myanmar.

Burgener is tasked with enhancing cooperation between the UN and Myanmar to address the crisis in Rakhine, help bridge differences in the ethnically and religiously divided state, and assist the Myanmar government with its peace efforts.

Bangladeshi

FROM PAGE 12 arrested by Border Security Force for similarity of his name with that of the accused in a murder case, according to a report of Bangla daily Prothom Alo on May 17 last year.

According to the report, the home ministry of Bangladesh sent a letter to Indian government for the repatriation of Badal, son of Abdul Khalek and Sarafali Begum.

A lower court in India sentenced Badal to life in prison in August, 2015 on charge of murder. The verdict was upheld by the Delhi High Court in May 2016. He appealed against it, but the appeal was rejected by India's Supreme Court in December. Badal then applied to the Indian authorities for repatriation.

Officials said Badal's repatriation could facilitate greater cooperation between the two countries in terms of exchange of prisoners.

There are three preconditions for the repatriation: (1) that a convict has more than six months left of his sentence to be served, (2) there is no appeal by the person pending in a court and (3) the conduct of the prisoner has to be exemplary showing signs of reformation.

Badal, who was a student when he went to India in 2008, completed studies and even obtained a degree during his stay in Tihar Jail. He will serve the rest of his sentence in a Bangladesh jail and he will not have the option to appeal against his sentence after repatriation, according to officials.

Badal's father passed away when he was in jail in India.

An NGO in India organised two marches in Delhi in March this year for the repatriation of Badal and mobilised opinion on social media.

Prior to 2004, India did not have the domestic legislation under which foreign prisoners could be transferred to the country of their origin to serve the remaining part of their sentence.

The transfer of such prisoners to their own native countries is aimed at facilitating their social rehabilitation by allowing them to be nearer their families.

'Trump Baby'

FROM PAGE 12 signed a petition and a thousand people contributed £16,000 to a crowdfunding campaign.

The balloon will fly for two hours on the morning of Friday, July 13, at the same time as the "Stop Trump" march in central London.

A spokesperson for the Mayor said: "The Mayor supports the right to peaceful protest and understands that this can take many different forms. His city operations team have met with the organizers and have given them permission to use Parliament Square Garden as a grounding point for the blimp."

His representative added, "However, the organizers will also need to receive the necessary approvals from the Metropolitan Police and National Air Traffic Service in order for it to fly."

"Sadique's main priority is the safety of all Londoners and visitors to our city, and as always we are working in very close coordination with the Metropolitan Police and other key agencies to ensure all protests are carried out safely and securely," the spokesperson said.

The giant balloon will be tethered to the ground in Parliament Square Gardens and won't be able to float higher than 30 meters (or 98 feet).

The presence of the balloon may exacerbate tensions between Khan and Trump, who have been embroiled in several Twitter spats.

Khan has been outspoken in his opposition to Trump's visit. He criticized the US President over his tweets following the terror attacks in London last year.

A library for labour welfare

FROM PAGE 12 "It isn't only the 13 of us anymore," adds Imam Hosain Imu, also 23, who is the library's secretary. "We have 200 associate members. We still earn money through field work, to support social campaigns against drug abuse, gambling, early marriage and dowries."

The results of their initiatives thus far are impressive. In Purbo Daliram, no child goes without schooling anymore. All students are taught basic information technology skills. All have access to free tutorial support and students from struggling families are offered financial assistance too.

Understandably, their success has attracted well-deserved attention. "We worked on a children's education programme with the library committee," says Md Akidul Islam, a deputy director with the international non-government organisation Save the Children. "It was a good experience."

"Save the Children provided the library with six tabs last year and we have downloaded 30 different educational apps that help children learn," says Imam.

Local administrators are likewise impressed. "The social work volunteers from Purbo Daliram never run after government funds," notes Mehedi Hasan, the upazila nirbahi officer in Kishorganj. "They earn their

own money through farm work. I rely on their sincerity."

"Purbo Daliram is largely free of the usual social ills," observes the chairman of Garagram union council, Maruf Hossain. "Full credit for such an impressive achievement must go to the young change makers who established the library."

A few months ago, the director general for public libraries, Ashis Kumar Sarker along with the cultural affairs minister, Asaduzzaman Noor, visited the village to see the library firsthand. On the day, the minister donated Tk 50,000 for the institution's continued development.

Recognition has been also forthcoming from the prime minister's information and communication technology adviser Sajeeb Wazed Joy with the library included as a finalist in the 2017 Joy Bangla Youth Awards.

Meanwhile at the library it's hardly the accolades that the young library-goers have in mind. A group of children sit on the floor busily working apps on the library tabs. "It's really fun," says one of them, seven-year-old Shila Akhtar. "I can draw a colourful picture on the screen." Like the other children she takes such activities for granted. Purbo Daliram, as they experience it, is simply a village that likes nothing more than to help itself.

Raifa died

FROM PAGE 1 the report, adding that Raifa's family faced harassment in every step from the very moment she was admitted to the hospital on June 28, the report mentioned.

According to family members, Raifa, two and a half years old daughter of Rubel Khan, a senior reporter of Bangla daily Samakal, died due to wrong treatment a day after she was admitted to Max Hospital in the city with a complaint of a sore throat on June 28.

However, her diagnosis and initial treatment was appropriate, the report said.

Journalists in Chittagong, Dhaka, Cox's Bazar and many areas of the country, started demonstrations demanding the government investigate the matter and take action against those responsible.

The probe body was formed on June 30 following a decision made by the leaders of Chittagong unit's

Bangladesh Medical Association and Chittagong Union of Journalists at Chawk Bazar Police Station in the city.

A lack of coordination between doctors and nurses and monitoring of her treatment was also found in the investigation.

Patients at the hospital do not get expected treatment as doctors and nurses are not experienced enough.

The probe also found that specialist doctors are not present at the hospital round the clock.

On-duty nurses do not have diploma in nursing required by the rule, it said.

The committee also suggested addressing the overall faulty treatment in Max Hospital.

The report put emphasis on ensuring the full-time service of specialist doctors at the hospital and stressed that the hospital authorities should inform the condition of the patient and the treatment required to their families.

Window

FROM PAGE 12 death of the diver, identified as Saman Kunan, who passed out and perished while returning from the chamber where the boys are trapped.

He was part of a team trying to establish an air line to the chamber where the children are awaiting rescue.

Chiang Rai deputy governor Passakorn Boonyaluck delivered the "sad news" of the diver's death to reporters massed at the entrance to the cave complex.

But Navy Seal commander Apakorn vowed the rescue bid will continue.

"We lost one man, but we still have faith to carry out our work."

Saman resigned from the Thai military in 2006 before working at Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi airport, according to a post on the Thai Navy Seals Facebook page, which said he was a triathlete and a "skilled and able diver."

Tributes poured out across social media in Thailand.

Asked how the boys could make it out safely if an experienced diver could not, Apakorn said they would take more precautions with the children.

Even for expert divers the journey is an exhausting 11-hour round trip.

"It's very risky (diving out). Think about it, a Navy Seal just passed away last night, so how about a 12-year-old kid," said Rafael Aroush, an Israeli volunteer helping the rescue bid.

Officials vowed to investigate the death, and have sent the body to a local hospital for an autopsy.

The accident marks the first major setback for the gargantuan effort, which started almost two weeks ago after the "Wild Boars" team went into the cave in northern Thailand following football practice.

Their ordeal has gripped Thailand, with the nation holding its breath for their safe escape.

Messages of support for the "Wild Boars" have come in from across the world, including from football stars in Russia for the World Cup.

The unprecedented rescue mission has been dogged by the threat of rains, which complicate pumping water out of the cave system.

Intermittent rain hit the already muddy camp site yesterday.

Over 1 lakh marooned

FROM PAGE 12 river char areas, along with their livestock, have taken shelter on government roads, WDB dams and their relatives' houses in the mainland.

Shahjahan Ali, 48, in Lalmonirhat sadar upazila's Bongram village, said his six-member family, along with their livestock have taken shelter on a government road. "We have been facing acute crisis of food and clean water," he said.

The Lalmonirhat sadar Upazila Nirbahi Officer UNO Jayashree Rani Roy told The Daily Star people were more interested in getting a river embankment than relief materials.

Elsewhere in Kurigram, the Dharla was flowing 26 cm above danger level at Dharla Bridge point of the upazila yesterday.

The Brahmaputra, the Teesta and the Dudhkumar rivers were flowing at 35 cm at Chilmari Ghat point under Chilmari upazila, 83 cm at Kaunia Ghat point under Kaunia upazila and 104 cm at Noonkhawa point under Sadar upazila, below the danger levels, local WDB sources said.

Sources in the district relief and rehabilitation office said people of nine unions under Phulbari, Ulipur and Sadar upazilas were marooned in the recent flood, with waters still rising.

In preparation, the local administration has converted 428 educational centres into flood shelters.

Kurigram Deputy Commissioner Sultana Pervin said they were "pre-

pared" and that the "overall flood situation is in our control".

"We are preparing to distribute 2,000 packets of dry food among the flood victims."

In Sylhet, more low lying areas of Gowainghat, Companiganj, Fenchuganj and Kanaighat have been affected by flash floods.

The Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre (FFWC) said the Surma and the Kushiyara are flowing above danger level while the Old Surma and Someswari are overflowing.

Sunamganj's Cholti, Rakti, Patli, Jadukata rivers and Sylhet's Sari, Gowain and Piyain rivers were nearing danger level, our Sylhet correspondent reports.

The district's most affected upazilas are Sadar, Chhatak, Dowarabazar, Bishwambarpur and Tahirpur, where thousands of people remain stranded.

Road communications between Sunamganj and Tahirpur and to Chhatak snapped as many parts of the roads went underwater.

Amid heavy rainfall in different parts of the country and water from the upstream, the Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre (FFWC) on Thursday said water level of all major rivers was increasing and the country might experience a moderate flood in the middle of this month.

[Our Lalmonirhat, Kurigram and Sylhet correspondents contributed for the story]

New headache

FROM PAGE 1 The state banks also decided to bring down the lending rate to a single digit.

Bankers, however, said it will not be able possible for the banks to reduce the lending rate to a single digit if they don't get deposits at 6 percent interest.

Seeking anonymity, the managing director of a private bank told this correspondent yesterday that a state-run bank refused to keep its funds with his bank at 6 percent interest.

The state-run bank deposited Tk 137 crore in the bank three months ago at an interest rate of over 10 percent, and the fund will mature next week.

The MD said the state-run bank conveyed to them that it will withdraw the fund upon maturity if it doesn't get 9 percent interest.

"We have already sought intervention from the central bank in this regard."

Bangladesh Bank on Monday asked the state-run banks to deposit funds in private banks at 6 percent interest after Standard Bank Ltd alleged that state-run Agrani Bank refused to keep funds with the private bank at this rate.

Talking to this correspondent on Thursday, an official of a private bank said a leading mobile company told the bank that it would withdraw deposits of Tk 70 crore if the bank didn't offer it 11 percent interest.

"We cannot offer them such a high interest rate," said the official.

tor of Southeast Bank, told this newspaper that a number of individual savers applied to the bank for withdrawing funds.

"A depositor at our Basundhara branch has applied for withdrawing Tk 19 crore from the bank because of 6 percent interest rate ... This is not a good sign for the banking industry."

The MD thinks individual savers will withdraw funds from private banks and use those to buy national savings certificates and bonds that offer return of more than 11 percent.

The government should cut the interest rate on savings instruments immediately so that it matches the deposit rate offered by banks, he said.

Syed Mahbubur Rahman, chairman of the Association of Bankers Bangladesh, a forum of managing directors of private banks, said everybody should play his due role in bringing down the lending rate.

"A number of state-owned banks and agencies are yet to respond to the central bank directive to deposit funds in private banks at 6 percent interest rate," he said.

It will be tough to implement the initiative unless the government and non-government entities agree on the new deposit rate, said Mahbubur, also managing director of Dhaka Bank.

"It will be highly appreciated if the authorities concerned instruct all to follow the new rate," he said.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

পুলিশ স্টাফ কলেজ বাংলাদেশ
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