

## Dengue cause for alarm now

Cases of the mosquito-borne fever five times that of last year

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The number of recorded dengue fever cases in May and June was more than five times that of the corresponding months of last year, and things are getting even worse.

Only 347 people were infected in the two months of last year, but this year 1,864 got infected in May and June, according to Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

What's more alarming is that in the entire month of July last year at least 946 people were infected but only nine days into this month, 1,182 people have already been diagnosed with dengue.

Three people have died of dengue so far this year.

However, Dhaka South City Corporation Mayor Sayeed Khokon yesterday sought to played it down.

The situation "is under control", he said, adding that there was no reason for panic.

Admitting that infection rate was higher this year, Khokon citing the Health Department said about 2,100 patients came from outside Dhaka to get treatment for dengue in the last few months and over 1,800 of them were cured.

"The medicines we are using to kill the mosquitos are slightly less effective than promised ... overall, the

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India spinner Yuzvendra Chahal (R) celebrates the dismissal of New Zealand skipper Kane Williamson yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

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মূল কাঠামোতে ব্যবহৃত হচ্ছে শুধুমাত্র

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## First semifinal to resume today

SAKEB SUBHAN from Manchester

Rain was the major actor at Old Trafford yesterday, but unlike in the group stages it will probably not have the final say when the first World Cup semifinal between New Zealand and India will resume at 10:30 am (3:30 pm Bangladesh time) on the reserve day today. New Zealand will resume on 211 for five in the 47th over, with 23 balls left for Ross Taylor to take the score as close to 250 as possible.

There are reserve days for the semifinals and final, and fortunately for a tournament already marred by four rain-ruined matches in the group stage, there is no rain forecast for today.

Rain forced a break in play at around 2:00pm yesterday, and while the lightness of the drizzle caused many at the ground to believe that a resumption was imminent, the intensity increased around 3:00pm. A 20-over match, which would require India to chase 148 for a place in their fourth World Cup final, was still possible when the rain had abated at around 5:30pm. A final inspection was set for 6:10pm, and when it had started raining by then, play was finally suspended.

While Indian fans may rejoice at the fact that the match would not be reduced to a 20-overs-a-side affair as they have seemingly bowled themselves to a strong position, it may not be straightforward even for a strong Indian batting lineup.

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## They think they are zamindars

HC says about some DCs, OCs; snubs ex-Sonagazi OC's bail plea in case over circulating Nusrat's video

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday observed that some deputy commissioners and officers-in-charge of police stations consider themselves as "zamindars" and act as if they are "all in all".

It made the observation while hearing a bail petition filed by ex-Sonagazi OC Moazzem Hossain. The police official was sued for recording a statement of Nusrat Jahan Rafi, who was burnt to death in Feni,

on his mobile phone and circulating the video clip on social media without her consent.

The court said Moazzem, the then OC of Sonagazi Police Station, utterly failed to protect the life of madrasa student Nusrat and damaged police department's image.

After hearing the arguments, the HC bench of Justice Md Moinul Islam Chowdhury and Justice Khizir Hayat rejected the bail petition on the grounds that it was not properly

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## HC rebukes BSTI over milk report

Asks its lawyer not to provide misleading info to media

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday rebuked the lawyer of BSTI for claiming that the court expressed satisfaction with its test report on pasteurised milk of 14 brands.

The court also verbally asked the authorities concerned not to publish any misleading information and advertisement on pasteurised milk involving this court until it passes a written order.

During hearing a writ petition, the HC bench of Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed and Justice Md Iqbal Kabir Liton told BSTI lawyer Barrister Sarkar MR Hassan that the court did not hold any hearing or passed any order on the pasteurised

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Holding posters, students under the banner of "General Female Students of Dhaka University" form a human chain in TSC area of the university yesterday protesting recent rape incidents across the country. They demanded trial of the rapists at special tribunals and capital punishment for them.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

## RMG worker, 11-year-old girl raped

Three arrested

STAR REPORT

Three people were arrested on charges of rape in Chattogram and Savar yesterday.

In Chattogram, Md Shahadat Hossain Raju, 30, and his friend Md Mohabbat Ali, 25, were arrested on charge of raping a 21-year-old garment worker.

The victim lived alone in CEPZ area, our Chattogram correspondent reported.

Raju met the victim through relatives and had developed a friendship with her over the last two months. He had told her

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