Dengue cases reported in Khulna, Ctg

STAR REPORT

Although dengue virus has been a worry mostly for residents of Dhaka in recent years, the disease appears to be affecting a few people in other districts of the country as well.

According to figures by Directorate General of Health Service (DGHS), 7,179 people have so far been infected with the virus between January 1 and yesterday, 81 of whom were outside Dhaka.

However, officials say the number could be more, as many cases are not documented in the data of DGHS.

KHULNA

In Khulna division, 44 patients were infected with dengue over the last two weeks. Of them, 25 are from Khulna district, and 19 others from five of the ten districts of the division.

According to Khulna Health Department of Disease Control, 16 of the affected were treated at Khulna Medical College Hospital, four at Khulna City Medical College Hospital, four at Gazi Medical College Hospital, 11 at Kushtia General Hospital, five at Jhenaidah Sadar Hospital, two at Jashore General Hospital and one in Narail Sadar Hospital. ATM Monzur Morshed, director of Khulna Medical

patients who were admitted to KMCH came from outside Khulna. "Six patients are now undergoing treatment in KMCH,"

College Hospital, told The Daily Star that most of the

he said yesterday. SEE PAGE 4 COL 3







A fire broke out on the second floor of Nibedika Hostel at the capital's West Tejturi Bazar early yesterday. One student got injured while trying to escape the five-storey building in a hurry. On information, fire service deployed four units to the spot and were able to douse the flames by 5am. PHOTO: ORCHID CHAKMA, SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSHED

Ctg Port Authority launches eviction drive at Laldia Char

Dev project for multipurpose terminal set to gather pace

DWAIPAYAN BARUA, Ctg

Chattogram Port Authority (CPA) yesterday started evicting illegal structures at Laldia Char at the estuary of Karnaphuli river at Patenga after years of repeated attempts.

With this move, port users hoped that implementation of Laldia Multipurpose Terminal, one of the three mega projects for the port's expansion, would gather momentum.

CPA Magistrate Goutam Baroi led yesterday's drive with the help of police and Ansar members. Some 200 illegal structures -- mostly thatched shanties and at least 30 buildings -- were demolished on the first day, said CPA Deputy Manager (Estate) Zillur Rahman, adding that the drive was peaceful as they made public announcements about the eviction for the last 15 days asking occupants of the houses to leave. Most of the inhabitants moved on their own already, he added.

After recovering around 50 acres of land on the char, CPA would construct a multipurpose terminal and a few lighter jetties on the land, said Zillur Rahman. The multipurpose terminal will have four jetties -- two for container vessels

and two for bulk cargo carriers, Rahman said. Once the drive is completed, the port would be able to proceed with its expansion plan to build new jetties and yards which is badly needed for the country's premier sea port since it is experiencing gradual growth in both container and cargo transport.

A LONG TIME COMING

People have been living in the char, an area

owned by the port, since 1960s. Port authorities had taken several steps in the past to recover the land in the last 20 years, but failed mostly due to pressure from political parties.

Chowdhury could manage to recover a part of the char through an eviction drive, but it was stopped in the face of strong resistance from locals.

On July 12 that year, locals clashed with law enforcers during the drive, leaving at least 50 people including women and policemen injured. In 2010, a writ petition was filed with the High

Court to recover the Karnaphuli bank, and the HC subsequently directed Chattogram District Administration to conduct eviction drives at the area, but no remarkable progress was seen.

In April this year, the HC ordered CPA to conduct eviction drive by July 31, according to port officials.

CPA Deputy Manager Zillur Rahman said CPA did not need to go for any development project at this area for many years, but the port is now experiencing 10 to 12 percent growth per year in container handling, and thus it needs

expansion. The port authority several years back undertook plans to construct three mega terminals, including Patenga Container Terminal by 2019, Laldia Multipurpose Terminal by 2020

and the first phase of Bay Terminal by 2021. The proposed Laldia terminal is the first ever public-private partnership (PPP) project of the port, with an estimated cost of around US\$

301.60 million.

The cabinet committee on economic affairs in March 2013 approved the project, while Canadian consultation firm MM Group submitted its final In 2005, CPA Magistrate Md Munir feasibility report in September 2016.

Chattogram Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI) President Mahbubul Alam said due to failure in recovering the land, the implementation of Laldia Terminal has been delayed.

The terminal is badly needed for the port as soon as possible, since the port is already facing vessels and container congestion with increasing growth in vessel traffic and container transport through the port, he opined.

65 STRUCTURES EVICTED FROM CHAKTAI CANAL

Meanwhile, Chattogram Development Authority (CDA) yesterday evicted 65 structures from Chaktai canal -- one of the key canals of the port city, reports our staff correspondent.

metropolitan magistrate Saiful Chowdhury, began at 10am from Bohaddar Hat police box area. Hamidul Haque, assistant engineer of CDA

The eviction drive, led by CDA's special

told The Daily Star that with cooperation from Bangladesh Army and Chattogram Metropolitan Police, they started the drive to rid the canal of illegal structures.

On the first day, he said they were able to knock down at least 65 illegal structures along

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Four former Biman officials jailed for corruption

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday jailed four former officials of Biman Bangladesh Airlines for different terms for misappropriating Tk 28.58 lakh around 19 years ago.

Manager of salary section Mohammad Zinnah, accounts superintendent of the section Harunur Rashid and accounts superintendent Mir Abu Sayeed Taifuddin Chowdhury were sentenced to seven years' imprisonment while assistant manager of cash and banking MA Rob was sentenced to five years' imprisonment.

Harun is still at large while the rest were present during yesterday's judgment in the corruption case.

Zinnah, Harun and Taifuddin were also fined Tk 25 lakh each, in default of which they will have to suffer one more year in jail while Rob was fined Tk 15 lakh, in default of which he will have to serve another year.

Judge Shaikh Nazmul Alam of the Special Judge Court-4 of Dhaka delivered the judgement.

The court cancelled bails of Zinnah, Harun and Taifuddin and sent them to prison to serve the jail terms.

The punishment of the fugitive will be effective from the day of his arrest or surrender, the judge said in the judgement.

After cross-examination of all 14 prosecution witnesses the judge pronounced the judgment. According to the prosecution, the convicts, in collusion with others, made forged bills and vouchers between July 2001 and June 2002, withdrew over Tk 28.58 lakh, and

misappropriated it. Later on September 5, 2010, the Anti-Corruption Commission filed the case with Airport Police Station

After investigation, the ACC pressed charges against them on January 28, 2016.

Man arrested for killing stepdaughter

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Bureau Investigation (PBI) yesterday arrested a man from Raozan upazila of Chattogram on the charge of killing his stepdaughter in the port city's Chandgaon area on July 6.

The arrestee is Md Nurun Nabi, 30, from Satkania.

Sontosh Inspector Chakma of PBI Chattogram Metro Unit said PBI arrested him on a tip-off, and handed him over to Government Railway Police (GRP), where the murder case was lodged.

According to the case statement, GRP personnel recovered the body of 15year old Soma beside the railway track on July 6 in the city's Khejurtola area under Chandgaon Police Station. Her throat was slit.

Victim's mother Nasima Akhter married Nurun Nabi seven years ago. Soma lived with her mother and stepfather in Chandgaon.

Investigators said Nabi tried to sexually assault the girl before murder.

The victim's mother filed a case accusing her husband.



This tree is one of 1,100 that are being felled to build six ten-storey dormitories in Jahangirnagar University's Tarzan Point. Despite protests from teachers and students, construction companies cut down marked trees. The photo was taken yesterday. PHOTO: MD ASADUZ ZAMAN

Road accidents kill 4 in 3 districts

Another dies as train hits her

STAR REPORT

Four people were killed in road accidents and another died as a train hit her in three districts yesterday, according to reports from our correspondents and a news agency.

Our Tangail correspondent reports, a man was killed when a bus hit him on Bangabandhu Bridge East Link Road in Soratoil area early yesterday, said Mosharaf Hossain, officer-incharge of Bangabandhu Bridge East

Police Station. Sekandar Hossain, 40, from Nikla Doripara village in Bhuapur upazila,

died on the spot, said the OC.

In another accident, a train hit a woman while she was crossing Joydevpur-Bangabandhu Bridge rail track in Jokarchar area of the district, leaving her dead, said the police officer.

The identity of the woman could not be known immediately, he said.

Our Dinajpur correspondent adds, a rickshaw-van puller was killed as a motorbike hit him in Alampur village of Khetlal upazila in Joypurhat.

village in Khetlal, died on the way to

Khetlal Upazila Health Complex, said police.

from Chapainawabganj UNB reports, a man was killed as a truck collided head-on with another fish-laden truck in Rahanpur of Gomostapur area.

Mojibur Rahman, 45, who was on the fish laden vehicle, died on the spot, said Jashim Uddin, officer-incharge of Gomostapur Police Station.

In another incident, a pickup hit a motorcyclist, Shafiqul Islam, 50, in Rabbi Fakir, 27, from Banaich Shibganj area, killing him instantly, said police.

Four get life term in Khulna

A Khulna court delivered life sentence to four people for killing a man from Dumuria upazila in Khulna.

They were also fined Tk 10,000, in default of which they will have to serve six more months in prison. Judge Md Yarab Hossain of Khulna Additional District and Sessions Cour yesterday announced the verdict. Five others were acquitted in the case.

The deceased was identified as Hafiz Farhaduzzaman, son of late Babar Ali of Moulvipara village under Shovna Union of Dumuria upazila

on June 5, 2015, Hafiz Farhaduzzaman was beaten to death while he was returning home from jumma prayers. The deceased's brother

Faruk Hossain filed a case at Dumuria Police Station against nine people. SI Jahangir Hossain,

investigation officer (IO) of Dumuria Police Station filed a charge against nine people on October 9 of that year. In the case, 22 witnesses out of 30 were accepted.



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(A Subsidiary of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation) North Patenga, Chattogram-4000

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PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

and contract forms Ahmad Fazle Rabbi Name of official inviting tender Designation of official inviting tender Manager (Construction) Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chattogram, Bangladesh.

format (Form PW3-6), without any

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Address of official inviting tender 19 Contact details of official inviting Tele No: 88-031-2501261-67, Ext-441 Fax: 88-031-2501269. E-mail: md-office@erl.com.bd, Website: www.erl.gov.bd, www.erl.com.bd a) The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all the tenders or annul the tender proceedings. b) If it is not possible to receive/open the tender on the scheduled date for any unavoidable circumstance, the same will be

received/opened on the next working day at the same time and same venue. GD-1259

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