



Dengue patients lying on the floor outside the Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital's admission section yesterday. The public hospital's medicine ward has run out of beds amid an increased number of dengue patients, and many are forced to receive treatment this way.

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PALASH KHAN

HC for quick actions by city corporations

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Expressing grave concern and disappointment over the dengue outbreak, the High Court yesterday observed the situation has turned so alarming that every family is scared of Aedes mosquitoes that spread the disease.

Addressing the two Dhaka city corporations, the HC bench of Justice Tariq ul Hakim and Justice Md Shohrwardi said, "There are mosquitoes on one side and on the other, people are helpless. It's up to you whether you use mosquito spray two or five times a day, but we want the mosquito menace to end. We want people to be saved from the [dengue] outbreak."

The HC bench was
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SURGE IN DENGUE CASES IN CAPITAL

Hospitals full to the brim

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Ripa, a resident of Narayanganj city, got admitted to a private hospital in Siddhirganj with fever on Tuesday.

The following day, the doctors there referred the 26-year-old woman to Dhaka Medical College Hospital, suspecting she had been infected with dengue.

When her husband, Amzad Hossain, brought her to the DMCH that night, he found that no seat was available at the medicine wards of the hospital. Even its floors were occupied by patients.

Later, he managed a small space for his wife on the fifth floor of the hospital.

"I bought a mattress and a pillow for Tk 300 from a shop near the hospital... She has to get treatment lying on that mattress," he told this newspaper.

Like Ripa, many other dengue patients are left with no option but to undergo treatment, lying on mattresses, bedsheets or blankets on hospital floors.

The rush of dengue patients at the hospital has shot up over the last few days.

According to the DMCH data, of the 800 beds in its medicine wards, 456 were occupied by dengue patients till yesterday morning. The number was around 200 last week. At least 112 dengue patients were admitted to

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RMG worker beaten to death for 'theft'

Protest turns violent, road closed for hours

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Employees of a readymade garment factory in Rampura beat a factory worker dead following allegations of theft yesterday.

RMG workers took to the street in protest and blocked the DIT Road for two-and-a-half hours yesterday afternoon, triggering tailbacks. There were chases and counter chases between the protesters and law enforcers.

Anisur Rahman, deputy commissioner of DMP's Tejgaon Division, said Delwar Hossain Sayeed, 25, a cutting assistant of Easy Fashion in West Hajipara of Malibagh, allegedly stayed back after the factory

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'Rape victim,' family face harassment

Police deny

MUHAMMAD ALI JINNAT, Cox's Bazar

Police in Cox's Bazar Model Police Station have allegedly kept the plaintiff of a rape case and her family members confined to the police station for three days and forced them to give false statements for filing another case against their own family members.

The plaintiff on Wednesday told reporters that her 5th grader daughter, who was allegedly raped, had also been confined and threatened into giving false statements.

But the man, whom she accuses of raping her daughter, has not been arrested by police, she said.

Different rights organisations in Cox's Bazar said confining a child to a police station and forcing them to give statements was illegal.

Police, however, said the allegations were false and they had unearthed the

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