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"...But now they [the Rohingyas] should either be treated as nationals or they should be given their territory to form their own state."

MALAYSIAN PRIME MINISTER MAHATHIR MOHAMAD (PAGE 16)

"My daughter will never return, but I want safe roads so that no parents have to endure the pain like us after losing their children."

JAHANGIR FAKIR, FATHER OF DIYA KHANOM, KILLED ON JULY 29 LAST YEAR

"Cumming (sic) District is a disgusting, rat and rodent infested mess. ... No human being would want to live there."

US PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP DRAWS FLAK FOR ATTACKING MAJORITY BLACK CITY OF BALTIMORE AND ITS LAWMAKER (PAGE 8)

## Stretched yet undaunted

Doctors, nurses find their job getting difficult every day with rising number of dengue patients

HELEMUL ALAM and SHAHEEN MOLLAH

Doctors and nurses in hospitals around the city are strained and resources are stretching thin due to the ongoing record dengue outbreak.

The associated stress is also taking a toll on the personal lives and health of both physicians and caregivers.

Mahiuddin, indoor medical officer of Dhaka Medical College Hospital, has to look after his father-in-law, a patient of brain tumour, every day before coming to work.

For the past week, however, Mahiuddin has had little time for anything else apart from work, as he has to put in extra hours due to the excessive number of dengue patients. "Every day I feed my father-in-law and also take care of him after returning home. As my wife is also a doctor, she too remains very busy," he said.

"Although my duty hours are from 8:00am to 2:30pm, I now have to spend several more hours to deal with the pressure of additional patients," Mahiuddin said.

Most doctors this newspaper spoke to mentioned that they were having to work three to four extra hours per day, mostly without any overtime pay.

"Every day, 60 to 70 additional patients are getting admitted to our medicine unit and we have to handle it with our existing manpower," said Liakat Hossain, assistant registrar of unit-6 at DMCH.

He said they had 12 such wards, each with a capacity of around 50 patients. Now, however, they are dealing

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A woman tends to her granddaughter, who is sharing a bed with another patient at Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital. The medical centre is crowded with dengue patients, following a record outbreak of the disease in the country. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

## Tk 500 max for dengue diagnosis

Govt orders pvt hospitals, clinics

BISHAKHA DEVNATH &amp; MOUDUD AHMED SUJAN

Showing symptoms of dengue, Kazi Jabunnahar, 29, went to a nearby private hospital from her Banasree house about two weeks ago.

After two days of treatment, her blood pressure dropped drastically and she went into convulsion several times.

Panicked, her husband Mustafiz Mamun paid the hospital bills of Tk 20,000 and got his wife released from there and shifted to another private hospital in the capital's Panthapath.

The cost of her treatment rose to about Tk 1 lakh in the next one week by the time she had recovered fully and went back home.

"It was quite difficult to manage the funds within such a short time. But her deteriorating condition didn't leave us any choice," said Mustafiz, a photographer by profession.

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Xulhaz



Tonoy

## Eight charged with killing Xulhaz-Tonoy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday pressed charges against eight members of banned militant outfit Ansar Al Islam, including its military wing commander major (sacked) Zia, in the killing of LGBT magazine editor Xulhaz Mannan and his friend in 2016.

Inspector Monirul Islam of the Counter SEE PAGE 2 COL 5

PACKAGED MILK OF 14 BRANDS

## No production, sale for 5 weeks

HC orders; asks authorities also to guard against purchase, consumption

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday ordered the authorities to stop production, distribution and sale of pasteurised milk of 14 companies for the next five weeks.

It also directed the authorities to guard against purchase and consumption of pasteurised milk of these companies, including some top brands such as Aarong, Igloo, Milk Vita (state-run) and Pran.

The HC gave the order after examining three separate laboratory test reports, which found that the milk of these companies contains antibiotics -- Oxytetracycline, Tetracycline and Ciprofloxacin -- as well as lead, a harmful heavy metal.

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## Sub-par Tigers surrender series

MAZHAR UDDIN from Colombo

The heads hung low, the confidence appeared to have gone down to zero and the killer instinct seemed to have disappeared. Bangladesh's dismal run continued as they lost the three-match ODI series with a game in hand with Sri Lanka registering a comfortable

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## No policemen charge-sheeted

PBI leaves them out despite video showing their involvement; ex-AL MP too not named

STAR REPORT

The Police Bureau of Investigation yesterday submitted a charge sheet, without naming any policemen, in the case over the attacks on Santals in Gaibandha more than two and a half years ago.

A video clip of that time, which was telecast on several television channels, showed that some police members were involved in torching Santal houses in the district's Gobindaganj upazila in November 2016.

Even a police probe report, submitted to the High Court in March, 2017, found in-



volvement of two policemen in setting fire to Santal houses.

Earlier in January that year, a judicial magistrate in a probe found involvement of three police personnel and some local SEE PAGE 11 COL 2



A year after the deaths of two students which sparked countrywide protests for road safety, a bus picks up passengers from near the spot of the accident on the airport road, next to a sign which prohibits this exact act. The sign was placed right after the accident, but it is not enforced. The photo was taken recently.

A YEAR SINCE ROAD SAFETY DEMO

## Lofty promises, little action

TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

After last year's unprecedented demonstration for safer roads, different government bodies, police, and transport leaders made a series of lofty promises.

Lawmakers hastily passed the Road Transport Act-2018, the Prime Minister's Office issued a 17-point directive, and police observed "traffic weeks" multiple times to bring discipline on roads. For their part,

transport leaders also made serious promises of change.

But very little has been done and the picture on Dhaka streets remains almost unchanged.

However, thanks to intensified drives targeting unfit vehicles and errant drivers, the number of people obtaining driver's licence and vehicle's fitness clearances have increased and almost all bikers now wear helmets.

Amid this hard reality, the

first anniversary of deaths of the two college students that sparked widespread protests for safe roads would be observed today.

Thousands of young people took to the streets in the capital after the two students of Shaheed Ramiz Uddin Cantonment College were run over and killed by a Jabal-e-Noor bus, which ploughed through a crowd while competing with another bus of the same company. The protests

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## DIG prisons held with Tk 80 lakh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday detained the deputy inspector general (prisons) of Sylhet division after recovering Tk 80 lakh from his residence in Dhaka.

The official, Partha Gopal Banik, allegedly obtained the money through corruption.

An ACC team recovered the cash from Partha's house in Dhanmondi, said ACC's public relations officer Pranab Kumar Bhattacharya. "A case will

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