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LAND DISPUTES IN CHT

22,000 complaints gather dust

Land commission sits idle as rules of business not finalised in two decades

Jamil Mahmud

It has been more than three years since Bakul Chakma filed a complaint with the CHT Land Dispute Resolution Commission in February 2016. He accused some Bangalees of grabbing two acres of his farmland and a three-acre homestead.

Bakul said he was given an acknowledgement slip on the receipt of the application back then, but he is yet to get any letter or notice over progress of the

"I filed the petition with the hope that I will get my land back," said the resident

of Khagrachhari's Matiranga upazila. "But there has been no progress in all these years. How long will I have to wait to get the commission's decision?"

In fact, this same question is being asked by thousands of people who have filed around 22,000 complaints with the commission since its inception in 1999.

Officials say the commission failed to settle a single dispute in all these years because the government has not formulated the rules of business, to allow the commission to recruit people and

⁶ Jatiya Party | PM to visit India leaders eying in October Ershad's seat

RASHIDUL HASAN At least six aspirants,

including Jatiya Party founder HM Ershad's son, his youngest brother and nephew, want to contest the upcoming Rangpur-3 by-polls with the party

The parliamentary seat remained vacant after JP chairman and also opposition leader of the

The Bailly Star

Disbursement of line of credit, Rohingya issue, Teesta watersharing likely to top agenda STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will visit India in October to further bilateral relations between the two friendly

The schedule of the official visit, the first after the formation of the new government in India in May this year,

is yet to be fixed. "We are working on the date and agenda. Indian

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Mothers with their children line up to get tested for dengue in Mugdha Medical College and Hospital in the capital. Many take the test as a precaution, sometimes even when they are not showing any symptoms of the disease. The photo was taken yesterday.

Dengue claims 5 New cases in last 24 hrs 1,870 more lives in city Total dengue cases 24,804

> Rajarbagh police hospital without detection kits for a week

HELEMUL ALAM

Outside Dhaka

Death

57 (18 official)

Undergoing treatment

7,398

SOURCE: **DGHS**

The Central Police Hospital in Rajarbagh, which sees an average of 200 patients a day, has been without the NS1 kits needed for dengue detection since July 30. Mariam Jamila Shapla, a pathology consultant at the hospital, said they had been

running without the kits for around a week. "The shortage of kits has been continuing since July 26, but we arranged for 200 kits

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Adult Aedes

Capital sees 14-fold rise compared to pre-monsoon

MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA

A government survey has found that the adult Aedes mosquito population in the capital increased around fourteen times than it was in the pre-monsoon period -- a key reason behind the rising dengue case.

The density of mosquito larvae is also much higher, meaning the mosquito population will grow further in the upcoming days, said the survey, which was done by the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS)

Potential breeding sources of Aedes include discarded tires, flooded tires, plastic drums, plastic buckets, water tanks and clay pots, according to the report.

Speaking to Daily Star yesterday, MM Aktaruzzaman, DGHS Aktaruzzaman, programme deputy manager for Malaria and Aedes Transmitted Diseases, said, "The number of adult female mosquitoes has increased around 14 times than in the pre-monsoon period.

He also said people in their houses should take necessary measures, the city

corporations should SEE PAGE 2 COL 3



Sacrificial cows being brought to the capital from different parts of the country for the upcoming Eid-ul-Azha. The photo was taken from Amin Bazar in Gabtoli yesterday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN





