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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 matter.

"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

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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.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQUE

ADULT AEDES

Capital sees 14-fold rise compared to pre-monsoon

MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA

The adult female Aedes mosquito population in the capital is now around 14 times higher than it was in the pre-monsoon period, a government survey has found.

The concentration of mosquito larvae is also much higher, meaning the mosquito population will grow further in the upcoming days, according to the survey, 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 that says the growing number of adult female Aedes is the key reason behind the ongoing spread of dengue.

Speaking to The Daily Star yesterday, MM Aktaruzzaman, DGHS deputy programme manager for Malaria and Aedes Transmitted Diseases, said people in their houses should take necessary measures; the city corporations should do better solid waste management considering

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6 Jatiya Party leaders eyeing 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 ticket.

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

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PM to visit India in October

Lines of credit, Rohingya crisis, Teesta water-sharing likely to top agenda

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

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

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 External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will visit Bangladesh on August 20-21," Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen told

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New cases in last 24 hrs
1,870

Total dengue cases
24,804

Outside Dhaka
5,723

Death
57 (18 official)

Undergoing treatment
7,398

SOURCE: DGHS

Dengue claims 5 more lives

Rajarbagh police hospital without detection kits for a week

HELEMUL ALAM

The Central Police Hospital in Rajarbagh has been without NS1 kits needed for dengue detection since July 30.

Mariam Jamila Shapla, a pathology consultant at the hospital, said, "A shortage of kits has been ongoing since July 26, but we arranged for 200 kits from a local company on July 28. Those have run out too," she said.

The pathologist said they were currently diagnosing dengue through antibody tests and using their post experiences. "It is very

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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