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DEPARTING SHAHJALAL

Agonising wait vexes flyers



RASHIDUL HASAN

The outbound passengers at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport go through a painful ordeal as they need to wait even for hours in long queues just to enter the airport and drop off luggage for scanning.

Besides, people who arrive late at the airport because of the city's horrific traffic jams sometimes miss their flights after further delays at the gates, officials of a private airline said.

Different airlines are now requesting their international passengers to come to the airport three to four hours ahead of schedule.

For the chaotic situation at the airport, officials blame the shortage of entrance doors equipped with luggage scanning machines as passengers need to stand in queues to complete the security checking procedures.

Following a hijack bid of a Biman flight on February 24, the Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh has asked the authorities to ensure foolproof security checks at all airports including Shahjalal.

Taking advantage of negligence by some staffers in security checking, a youth named Polash Ahmed boarded BG-147 flight carrying a toy gun and some plastic pipes

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Dengue patient Sania from the city's South Banasree area sits beside her brother Adham at a ward in Mughda Medical College and Hospital yesterday. They along with their other sister Prova, *not in picture*, have been in the hospital with dengue since Friday.

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SK ENAMUL HAQ

RAPE BY 'OC, OTHERS' Victim's family being followed, threatened

DIPANKAR ROY, Khulna

Family members of a woman, allegedly gang-raped by an OC and several other policemen in Khulna on Friday, say they are feeling insecure as some plainclothesmen are constantly keeping them under watch.

Several unknown callers also warned them of dire consequences if they did not settle the matter through negotiations outside court, alleged the woman's mother.

Talking to The Daily Star at her home in Khulna city yesterday, the mother of the woman, a 30-year-old widow, said unknown people had gone

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We don't support torture in custody

Hasina tells the BBC

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday told the BBC that her government does not support torture in custody.

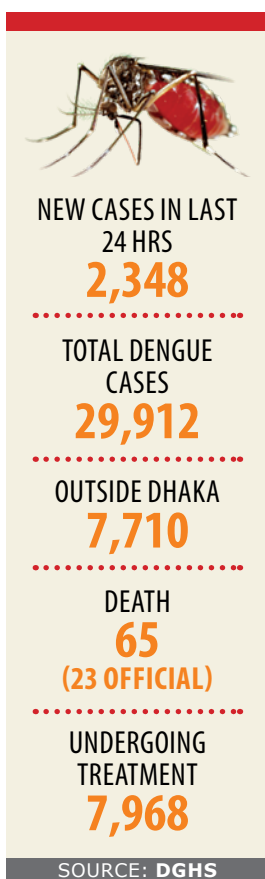
"To tell you the truth, our government is never led by any intention to torture people in custody and it [government] also doesn't do it [either]," she said.

Senior broadcast journalist at BBC World Service Manoshi Barua interviewed the PM in London when issues of Bangladesh economy, politics and social issues came up.

Her comments on the custody issue came as Manoshi asked what steps the present government took to stop such torture, which the journalist described as a legacy of subsequent governments.

"Incidentally, some [one or two incidents] may happen... if you see our position in the last 10 years, we could take appropriate measures to control crime," Hasina said.

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DENGUE OUTBREAK

Ensure there's no still water

Experts urge Eid-vacationers; 5 more die; 2,348 new cases

HELEMUL ALAM and MOHIUDDIN ALAMGIR

Health experts fear the exodus of thousands of people during the upcoming Eid ul Azha vacations could increase the record spread of the dengue outbreak in the city, as mosquitoes might use the empty homes, schools and offices as prime breeding grounds.

If stagnant water in any of those sources is not cleaned, then they may become breeding sites for the Aedes mosquito.

Educational institutions will remain closed for Eid for 10 days from August 8. Office holidays will be observed on August 11, 12 and 13, following the weekend holidays.

According to the Centre for Disease Control in America, an Aedes mosquito takes approximately 8-10 days to go from being an egg to an adult mosquito.

A big worry for experts during this period are educational institutions. "If the authorities of educational institutions do not take proper steps to clean the property, eventually it will become a breeding ground of

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Govt focuses on hospitals outside Dhaka

Takes measures to deal with outbreak during Eid holidays

MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA

The government has taken a number of initiatives to provide dengue infected patients with services, including the opening up of help desks in all government and private hospitals, and logistical support to all district and upazila hospitals.

It has also directed all community clinics across the country to be operational during the upcoming Eid-ul-Azha vacation, with adequate round-the-clock logistical support.

Keeping in mind the rush of home-goers ahead of Eid-ul-Azha, health officials have begun providing training to district and upazila doctors on dengue treatment and patient management through video conferences.

"Many people will go outside Dhaka

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Kashmir on edge

Lockdown continues; Pak army vows to stand by Kashmiris

AGENCIES

A communications blackout in disputed Kashmir entered a second day yesterday, after India snapped television, telephone and internet links to deter protests over its scrapping of special constitutional status for the Himalayan region.

Moving to tighten its grip on India's only Muslim-majority region, the government dropped a constitutional provision for the state of Jammu and Kashmir, which has long been a flashpoint in ties with neighbouring Pakistan, to make its own laws.

"We are managing for now," said a senior official at a hospital in the region's main city of Srinagar that was among the medical facilities hit by the communications crackdown.

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Workers repair the battered Hatikumul-Bonpara highway in Sirajganj's Tarash upazila yesterday. Locals said parts of the highway to Rajshahi were badly damaged last month due to waterlogging and flood. The repair work was already causing long tailbacks. Eid holidaymakers fear they would suffer delays on their journeys.

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For whose welfare?

Expatriates' welfare minister wants no trafficking cases by legal migrant workers against recruiting agents

PORIMOJ, PALMA

Expatriates' Welfare Minister Imran Ahmad wants police not to record cases under the anti-trafficking act if workers sent abroad with proper documents come up with complaints against recruiting agents.

He rather suggests actions be taken through the ministry, Bureau of Manpower Employment and Training (BMET) or Bangladesh Association of International Recruiting Agencies (Baira) instead of filing the cases.

Experts and activists say migrants can fall victim to human trafficking even after going abroad for jobs maintaining all legal procedures. So, they should be able to file cases under the Prevention and Suppression of Human Trafficking Act, 2012.

"The suggestion of expatriates' welfare minister will encourage human traffickers and leave victims unprotected. Therefore, I would say this is an ill-advised instruction," said Prof Mizanur Rahman, former chairman of National Human Rights Commission.

In a letter to the home minister on June 25, Imran Ahmad said over 1,400 licensed recruiting agents, mostly members of Baira, are involved in sending the workers abroad under the Overseas Employment and Migration Act, 2013.

After collecting job demand letters and visas, the agents get those verified by the Bangladesh missions in

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