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DENGUE PREVALENCE, INFECTION

Upscale areas more prone

Govt surveys show; 5 to 35 age group more vulnerable

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Dengue infections and Aedes mosquito prevalence are higher in areas with too many multistory buildings and shiny infrastructures adorned with decorative greeneries, although there are a few exceptions, analysis of two government surveys shows.

Take Baridhara, in Dhaka North City Corporation. It is one of the upscale areas in the capital and home to most foreign missions. But larvae presence in households is high here, and at least 50-75 people from this area have taken treatment for dengue so far.

In contrast, Gabtoli, a poorly maintained area inhabited mostly with low-income people, has so far seen 25-50 people taking dengue treatment. No Aedes larvae was found here during the survey last month.

In Baridhara, Aedes larvae was found in 50-70 percent buildings during the survey done by the health department. It is almost the same in Banani, Gulshan-1 and Gulshan-2.

In Dhaka south, areas such as Meradia, Goran, Sayedabad, Muradpur and Hazaribagh have seen fewer patients admitted to hospitals than Lalmatia, Segunbagicha, SEE PAGE 2 COL 2



A pillow is placed under the head of this child with dengue after he fell asleep while sitting on his Mughda Medical College Hospital bed yesterday. PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

OC, ASI closed over gang rape of Khulna woman

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Two policemen, accused of raping a woman on Friday, were withdrawn and closed from Khulna Railway Police Station and attached to Pakshey Railway Police Lines yesterday.

The accused are Officer-in-Charge Osman Gani Pathan and Sub-Inspector Nazmul Haque.

"The action has been taken for a proper investigation into the allegation [of rape]. It is for ensuring that they [the accused] cannot influence the probe," said Assistant Superintendent of Police (Kushtia Railway Circle) Firoz Ahmed, also the chief of a three-member probe committee formed SEE PAGE 2 COL 6

DENGUE OUTBREAK

Situation worsens

Further spread feared during Eid vacation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Every day the dengue outbreak situation keeps getting worse and authorities fear the spread of Aedes mosquitoes could get even worse during the Eid holidays.

At least 2,428 dengue patients got admitted to hospitals in 24 hours since 8:00am Tuesday, taking the total to 32,340 this year, according to Director General of Health Service (DGHS).

Bangladesh never had more than 11,000 dengue cases in a year and the number of patients getting admitted every day has been increasing since August 3.

Meanwhile, another person died of dengue yesterday taking the unofficial death toll to 68.

Aulad Hossain, 32, who had been admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital, passed away around 4:30am, Assistant Director of DMCH Naseeruddin told The Daily Star.

At the hospital, 54 dengue patients got admitted in the 24 hours. In Mitford Hospital, the number is 143 and in Mughda Medical College SEE PAGE 2 COL 4

REPORTS ON SC Journos need to show 'great responsibility'

Observes HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday expressed hope that journalists should be more responsible while preparing and publishing reports on Supreme Court proceedings.

"This holds most true for those burdened with the task of delivering news to the public. Being the mouthpiece of the agents of society and state, we hold journalists to high esteem and thus SEE PAGE 2 COL 1

Advertisement for Star Lifestyle featuring a living room scene and the text 'A VERY TECH EID' and 'There's no better time to shop for appliances than Eid-ul-Alzha.'

Advertisement for WALTON appliances featuring a woman holding fruit and various product features like 'NANO HEAT EXCHANGER' and '100% COPPER Condenser'.

Obituary for Late Afzalur Rahman Sinha, a freedom fighter and entrepreneur, with a large portrait and list of his roles including Chairman of ACME Laboratories Ltd.

Advertisement for Biman Bangladesh Airlines and City Bank co-branding, featuring an agreement signing ceremony and the text 'Biman Bangladesh & City Bank spreading wings together'.