



# Aedes Mosquitos They're breeding in construction sites

Finds DGHS survey

HELEMUL ALAM

Clear and stagnant water at construction sites are the most hospitable breeding ground for Aedes mosquitoes and steps should be taken immediately to address the problem, experts said.

According to the survey of the Communicable Disease Control division of Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), flooded basements, plastic barrels and water tanks at construction sites are the prime breeding grounds for Aedes .

Among breeding sources, flooded floor basement has accounted for 11.69 percent of Aedes breeding, plastic drum 22.08 percent, plastic bucket 10.39 percent, water tank 9.09 percent, hole for water metre 9.09 percent, elevator shaft 5.19 percent, mineral water jar 3.90 percent, clay pot 2.60 percent, paint pot 2.60 percent, others 15.58 percent, according to the findings.

The 10-day survey was conducted between March 5 and March 14 in 2,996 houses in 100 neighbourhoods of 98 wards of the two city corporations in Dhaka.

Shahnila Ferdousi, line director of Centre for Disease Control at DGHS, said 72 houses out of 2,996 were found Aedes positive.

She said they have provided the findings to the city corporations and other authorities concerned to take necessary steps to destroy the breeding

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Rickshaws and other vehicles in their numbers on the Rampura DIT Road in the capital yesterday amid the ongoing nationwide shutdown imposed to curb the spread of coronavirus. The city had gone quiet after the shutdown was enforced on March 26.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ



## Time to reinvent oneself

MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA

The ongoing coronavirus pandemic has been affecting virtually the whole world as both casualties and the number of infected are on the rise.

Bangladesh is no exception. There is a shutdown across the country to contain the spread of the highly contagious Covid-19, but the numbers are going up regardless.

In such a situation, Prof ABM Abdullah, personal physician of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, urged the people to stay at home at any cost.

"We know it is tough to stay home for a long time but these are very unusual times and we all have to accept it," he told The Daily Star.

"We are at a very crucial stage and to overcome this pandemic,

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## Three held for stealing rice meant for poor

STAR REPORT

Police and local administration officials recovered over 4 tonnes of rice, provided under the government's "rice at Tk 10 per kilogram" programme meant for the poor, in three districts since Sunday.

Three people, including a government-appointed dealer to distribute the rice, were arrested in this connection.

In a wake of widespread allegations over irregularities in distributing rice meant for the destitute, law enforcers and the civil administration have been continuing drives to find whoever is involved in the irregularities.

Since March 30, over 314 tonnes of rice, five tonnes sugar, 8,048 litres of edible oil and 25 sacks of chickpeas have been recovered from the drives. Besides, 56 people were arrested in different districts in this connection, according to media reports

Our correspondents from different districts reported on the drives.

In Lalmonirhat, the local administration recovered 3 tonnes rice from a warehouse in Hatibandha upazila on Sunday night.

A motorized vehicle came near the warehouse to transport the rice around 11:00pm. Alerted, locals cordoned off the warehouse and informed the local

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## FIRST YEAR OF BANGLADESH BANGABANDHU'S NATION-BUILDING CHALLENGES

### 'Devote yourselves to alleviating human suffering'



Bangabandhu meets a cross section of people on April 21, 1972 at Gono Bhaban and asks about their problems.

April 21, 1972

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

#### BANGABANDHU'S MESSAGE TO DOCTORS

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman calls upon doctors to devote themselves to alleviate human suffering. "Let the humanitarian ideals inspire you more than what your professional obligations can preoccupy you." In a message sent to the organisers of the first conference of Bangladesh Medical Association, Bangabandhu says doctors can play a revolutionary role in carrying the fruits of independence that Bangladesh achieved at the cost of the blood of lakhs of martyrs. He wishes the conference all success.

MUKTI BAHINI KILLED 8,400 PAK ARMY PERSONNEL

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This 60-bed hospital for Covid-19 patients -- an initiative of Navana Group -- opens in Chattogram's Faujdarhat today. In this photo taken yesterday, hospital employees are seen busy with last-minute preparations.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

## Parts of Europe ease virus curbs

Germany reopens some shops as Norway restarts nurseries; NY passes 'high point'

AFP, Berlin

Germany and other parts of Europe took tentative steps to ease lockdown measures yesterday but officials warned the battle against the coronavirus pandemic was far from over.

Some shops reopened in Germany and parents dropped their children off at nurseries in Norway as tight restrictions in

place for weeks were lifted in parts of the continent.

After being hit hard by the virus that first emerged in China late last year, Europe has seen encouraging signs in recent days, with death rates dropping in Italy, Spain, France and Britain.

The hope is tempered by fears of new

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#### GUN RAMPAGE

### 16 murdered, suspect dead in Canada

AFP, Montreal

A gunman who drove a mock-up police car killed at least 16 people including a female constable in a shooting rampage across Nova Scotia, Canadian federal police said Sunday, the worst case of its kind in the country's history.

The shooter, identified as Gabriel Wortman, 51, was shot dead by officers after a 12-hour manhunt across the eastern province ended Sunday morning.

Among the victims was a veteran female constable with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, which also handles municipal and provincial law enforcement in the province.

Police said the suspect had been on the run since Saturday night, when

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#### PRAYER TIMING APRIL 21

Fajr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha  
AZAN 4:25 12:45 4:45 6:27 8:00  
JAMAAT 5:00 1:15 5:00 6:31 8:30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

## Beaten for demanding dues

### 10 RMG workers injured in Ashulia

STAR REPORT

Garment workers were beaten up allegedly by a local union parishad member's men when they gathered in front of a factory for their dues in Savar's Ashulia yesterday.

During the attack, at least 10 workers suffered injuries.

The injured workers said they worked at Elaine Apparels Ltd in Ashulia's Charabagh area.

They had to leave their jobs due to constant pressure from the factory authorities. Four months later, despite being given many dates, they are yet to be paid their wages, they said.

Around 25 workers went to the factory gate around 10:00am, as instructed by the authorities, to take their dues, they said.

Soon, around 20 men, all loyal to local union parishad member Hossen Ali, attacked the workers with

bamboo and wooden sticks and asked them vacate the factory area.

"After the attack, we tried many times to contact the factory authorities but they did not receive the phone calls," said one of the workers.

Billal Sheakh, organising secretary of Garment Sramik Sanghati (Ashulia Thana Committee), who was present during the attack, told The Daily Star that the UP member's gang attacked

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# গণবিজ্ঞপ্তি

## কোভিড-১৯ থেকে বাঁচতে হলে ঘরেই থাকি, সুস্থ থাকি

- করোনায় সারা বিশ্ব আজ বিপর্যস্ত।
- মানুষ বাসা-বাড়ি থেকে বের না হলে সংক্রমণের ঝুঁকি বহুলাংশে কমে যায়।
- মনে রাখবেন, অসাবধানতায় যে কেউ যে কোন সময় করোনা ভাইরাসে আক্রান্ত হতে পারে।

### কাজেই ঘরেই থাকুন সুস্থ থাকুন

- একান্ত প্রয়োজনে বাইরে গেলে অবশ্যই মাস্ক পড়ুন।
- স্বাস্থ্য অধিদপ্তর কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত সব স্বাস্থ্যবিধি অবশ্যই মেনে চলুন।
- বারবার সাবান পানি দিয়ে কমপক্ষে ২০ সেকেন্ড হাত ধোবেন। অপরিচ্ছন্ন হাত দিয়ে মুখ, নাক ও চোখ ছোবেন না।
- নিয়মিত কুসুম গরম পানি, আদা চা এবং গরম স্যুপ পান করুন। লবণ মিশ্রিত কুসুম গরম পানি দিয়ে দিনে ৩-৪ বার গড়গড়া করুন, নাকে মুখে গরম পানির ভাপ নিন।
- জ্বর, সর্দি, কাশি, গলা ব্যথা হলে বাড়িতেই আলাদা থেকে চিকিৎসা নিন। প্রয়োজনে করোনা বিষয়ক হটলাইনগুলোতে ফোন করুন: ১৬২৬৩৩; ৩৩৩; ১০৬৫৫; ০১৯৪৪৩৩৩২২২ অথবা নিকটস্থ স্বাস্থ্যকর্মী বা হাসপাতালে যোগাযোগ করুন।

## মনে রাখবেন আপনার সুরক্ষা আপনারই হাতে

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