



Masks on at all times, until it's time to take a selfie. Two girls document a now-rare rickshaw ride together at Dhaka's Tikatuli area, hoping this small break from the mask won't cause much harm.

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ANTI-MOSQUITO DRIVE

DNCC fines another 18 house owners Tk 2.22 lakh

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On the third day of Dhaka North City Corporation's (DNCC) anti-mosquito "combing operation", the DNCC team found Aedes mosquito larvae in 85 houses and establishments.

The 10-day drive to protect city dwellers from the mosquito menace was simultaneously launched across all 54 wards under the city corporation on Friday.

During yesterday's drive, the DNCC team visited at least 13,688 houses and establishments, said a DNCC official.

During the operation, DNCC mobile courts fined owners of 18 houses and establishments around Tk 2.22 lakh.

The team found conditions favourable for the breeding of Aedes -- any place where stagnant water can accumulate -- in 7,909 establishments, including houses and under-construction buildings, officials added.

The larvae were found in abandoned tyres, buckets, flower tubs, bottles, water-metres, garages, broken mugs, floors,

water-tanks, plastic containers, roof-drains, yogurt pots, abandoned commodes, coconut shells, broken pots, basement and spaces between two houses.

A team comprising four garbage management workers and one spray-man is taking part in the operation in each sub-sector, while 40 garbage management workers and 10 spray-men are taking part in each sector in the drive every day.

The teams are visiting different establishments, houses and under-construction sites to check breeding grounds of Aedes mosquitoes in the area.

They are also collecting pictures and addresses of houses and other establishments and phone numbers of owners if they find Aedes larvae or mosquito breeding sources there.

All data will be stored to prepare a database in monitoring the breeding sources properly afterwards, said a DNCC press release.

Nine entomologists of the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), three entomologists, and officials of health and garbage management of DNCC are present during the drives.

Colleges in

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"The 11th-grade syllabus is usually completed by March, so there would be no learning gap. The problem can arise for 12th-grade, so we will look into the matter," he added.

All educational institutions have remained closed since March 17. The closure was extended till August 6.

On April 27, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said all educational institutions may stay closed till September, if the situation does not improve.

Educational activities of about four crore students have been disrupted due to the crisis. Higher Secondary Certificate exam has been deferred for an indefinite period. First-term exams of primary schools and half-yearly exams of secondary schools have also been deferred.

CID expanding

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PLANS OF A 'CYBER POLICE STATION' CID is planning to set up a police station which will only be dedicated to dealing with cybercrimes across the country, Mahbubur Rahman said, adding that they have sent a proposal seeking approval of the "Cyber Police Station".

Once approved, the first Cyber Police Station of the country will be set up in the capital, at CID's Cyber Police Centre, the CID chief.

The number of police station would

be increased if necessary in the upcoming days, he said.

"Cybercrime related victims across the country will be able to file cases with the police station to be manned by personnel having expertise in cybercrimes," said Barrister Mahbub.

The police station will investigate the cases, prepare probe reports and submit it to the courts, the CID chief said.

He, however, did not disclose detailed manpower plan of the police station, or budget required to set it up.

Shutting down

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crore, which means the yearly loss was only 236.63 crore, they said.

"But who will answer for the amount of subsidy given every year in other sectors including air, rail and electricity. For this reason, all those institutions will be closed? In all these cases, the amount of money being wasted is much less than the amount of loss in 50 years in the jute industry," the party leaders said.

In the proposal, they said the potential of this industry should be utilised by removing the old and outdated machines at jute mills and installing modern, sustainable technology at a cost of Tk 1,200 crore instead of the so-called golden handshake of Tk 5,000 crore which comes at the cost of closing down the jute mills.

Probe against

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Mahbub said they have started collecting information. As it is an international issue, CID has to work considering many things, he said. "We hope we will be able to disclose details soon," he said.

The CID chief further said they have progressed in the investigation of the killing of 26 Bangladeshis in Libya on May 28.

Some 67 people were arrested across the country, he said, adding, among them, CID arrested 36 people and 20 of them already gave confessional statements in the court.

Barrister Mahbub said they are investigating 15 human trafficking cases out of 26 filed after the Libya incident. But the organised crime unit of CID is monitoring all the cases and if necessary, they would take over those, he said.

He said CID is now working to confiscate wealth of these traffickers, which they earned through illegal means. For example, the CID chief said they have found transaction details of around Tk 20 to 30 crore from an agency's clerk's account.

Regarding the development, DIG Imtiaz

Ahmed said they have already completed primary investigation against three arrested human traffickers and their properties. Money laundering cases would be filed against them shortly.

He said they have also identified three masterminds behind the trafficking syndicate. Asked about their details, Barrister Mahbub said they are now abroad. "We are waiting for their return and will disclose details after arrest or else they may get alerted," he said.

"While investigating trafficking cases, we have found that some people are involved in human trafficking in different districts. For this reason, we are updating the list of human traffickers," said the CID Chief.

CID has also received two lists of human traffickers from two ministries after the Libya incidents.

Sheikh Nazmul Alam, DIG of CID, who was also present at the briefing, said they are also keeping an eye and analysing activities of previously arrested human traffickers.

Even rudimentary

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manual BP machine has increased by Tk 30 to Tk 100, and is now selling between Tk 1,500 to Tk 2,500.

Contacted, Prof Md Mujibur Rahman, head of department of medicine of Dhaka Medical College Hospital, said, "It is better and safer to buy a machine for use at home

during the pandemic."

However, going to pharmacies is inevitable for those who can't afford it.

"If pharmacies have to do it, they must make sure that staffers are wearing masks, gloves, and use sanitisers while providing the service," Prof Mujibur told this newspaper.



The pandemic may have made buses take in fewer passengers, but disregard for traffic rules continue. This bus was spotted dropping off a passenger in the middle of a road yesterday in the capital's Gulistan.

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