

31 hospitalised with dengue

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 31 dengue patients were hospitalised in Dhaka in the last 24 hours till 8:00am yesterday.

With this, the total number of dengue patients rose to 661, according to the Directorate General of Health Services.

Among the patients, 90 are still undergoing treatment. Of them, three are from outside Dhaka. A total of 571 patients have been released. There is no report of death so far.

CMCH upgraded to 2,200-bed hospital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Chattogram Medical College Hospital, the only tertiary level hospital in the greater Chattogram region, has been upgraded from 1,313 beds to 2,200.

An order from the health ministry was issued on Wednesday in this regard, said CMCH Director Brig Gen Shamim Ahsan.

With the increase in the number of beds, CMCH would get the additional manpower, logistics and infrastructure step by step, he said.

At present, CMCH has to cater to 2,600 patients on an average per day, said Prof Dr Shahena Akter, principal of CMC. It becomes difficult at times to cope with the additional number of patients.

Injured barking deer rescued

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

An injured barking deer was rescued at Fatabil of Chunarughat upazila in Habiganj yesterday morning.

A couple rescued the deer after it fell in a pond. "The deer is aged around 6-7. There are injury marks on its body and it cannot stand properly," said Forest Officer Mazharul Islam. "We will release the deer once it recovers," he added.

The deer came to the locality from Rema-Kalenga sanctuary. As some people tried to catch it, it ran away and fell in a pond of a local mosque.



YOUTHFUL SPIRITS... To beat the summer heat, these young boys decided to take a dip in a canal in Barishal's Taitoli area yesterday. Soon, this activity turned into a friendly competition of who can dive into the waterbody in a more acrobatic way.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

Bus operators expanding services in southwest

They think Padma Bridge will make business boom

TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

Bus operators -- both private and state-run -- are going to expand their services in the south-western region, following the inauguration of Padma Bridge on June 25.

Some of the major private operators, including those that provide luxury services, are planning to increase both the number of buses and destinations in different districts.

Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC), which is now operating buses in three or four southern districts, is also planning to provide services in all districts of the region.

Besides, Green Line Paribahan,



Private, state-run operators to increase buses, destinations

BRTC planning to provide services in all districts of southwest

Green Line to cut fares by up to Tk 200 in Khulna, Jashore routes

which provides AC-bus service on inter-district routes, will cut bus fares by up to Tk 200 in Khulna and Jashore routes.

Bus service through Padma Bridge is likely to see a boom, as operators think the direct connection between Dhaka and the south-western region will cut travel time, and increase fuel efficiency as well as the number of passengers.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the bridge on June 25. It will be opened to traffic at 6:00am the following day.

Once opened, the bridge will connect the capital to 21 south-western districts.

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Take care of your mother, plant trees, perform prayers

Court grants convict parole on these conditions

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

A young man was sentenced to six years in jail for peddling drugs in Barishal. But later, the court granted him parole on some interesting conditions.

Aside from not getting involved in the crime again, he was directed to take care of his ailing mother, plant 100 trees, and perform prayers regularly in the mosque. The convict is Mehedi Hasan alias Babu (22) of Barishal's Mehendiganj.

Judge KM Rasheduzzaman of Barishal District and Sessions Judge's Court on Wednesday initially sentenced the youth to a six-year term with a fine of Tk 10,000, in default of which he will have to spend another month in jail.

However, on humanitarian grounds, the judge then granted him conditional parole.

During a visit to the house of Babu's aunt yesterday, this correspondent found the young man tending to his mother, who suffers from diabetes and kidney issues.

Babu's lawyer Syed Obaidullah Saju said for the next two years, the probation officer of the social services department will monitor and observe the youth's activities. If he does not abide by the conditions, the officer will inform the court, and Babu will serve his jail sentence.

According to case documents, on October 23, 2021, Detective Branch of police arrested Babu with 15 yaba pills from his house at Karim Kutir.

During charge framing of a case filed in this connection, Babu confessed.

Sajjad Parvez, probation officer, said Babu will not be able to leave the area for next two years.

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Mehedi, who was released on parole, tending to his mother yesterday.

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Potters in Khulna are passing busy days making an assortment of decorative clay items, including fruit-like objects, vases and toys. They sell these pieces at local markets. Many of them said they are also stockpiling those for the upcoming Eid fairs. This photo was taken from Khulna's Dighalia upazila recently.

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