

Dengue claims another life

60 more hospitalised
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One more dengue patient died while 60 people were admitted to different hospitals across the country in the last 24 hours till 8:00am yesterday.

The deceased was from Cox's Bazar. This is the fourth dengue-related death in Cox's Bazar.

With this, the total number of deaths rose to seven while the number of dengue patients rose to 2,206, according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

Among the patients, 276 are still undergoing treatment. Meanwhile, 1,923 patients have been released from hospitals.

Warning the city corporations of a major outbreak of dengue virus this year compared to the last couple of years, experts suggested the corporations to take extensive measures immediately to control the Aedes mosquitoes.

Dhaka is at risk of a major dengue outbreak this year compared to the last couple of years, as clear, stagnant water, the breeding ground for Aedes mosquitoes, at under construction buildings is abundant this time around.

The scenario came to light after the DGHS conducted a pre-monsoon survey between March 23 and April 4.



Squeezing between a road divider, pedestrians cross the busy Kazi Nazrul Islam avenue. Some even push the risk further by being on the phone while crossing. Despite multiple foot-over bridges in the vicinity, many are reluctant to use them, increasing the risk of accidents. This photo was taken at Karwan Bazar yesterday.

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'Make the visa process flexible'

Bangladesh urges India to ease registration for patients

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Bangladesh yesterday urged India to show flexibility in the visa regime and wanted New Delhi to address the difference in overstay fine structures applied by the country.

The Indian side was also requested to ease registration requirements for Bangladeshi patients going for treatment at various hospitals in India.

Bangladesh also urged India to ease travel restrictions through all ports for Bangladeshi nationals, according to a statement issued by the Bangladesh Foreign Ministry after holding the third edition of Bangladesh-India Consular Dialogue in Dhaka.

The entire gamut of bilateral consular issues was discussed in depth during the dialogue and the agenda items included expeditious repatriation of each other's nationals, particularly trafficked women and children, smooth issuance of exit permits and granting consular access for a longer period.

At the dialogue, the two sides agreed to expedite the process of consular access, transfer of sentenced persons and visa-related issues among others.

Both sides reiterated their earlier commitments to share real time information on detainees.

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38 children drown daily in country

Say WHO, Unicef

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As many as 38 children die due to drowning every day in the country, said a joint press release of World Health Organization and Unicef Bangladesh yesterday.

Annually, this accounts for around 14,000 deaths and represents the second leading cause for child (under five) mortality.

In this context, WHO and Unicef have called on the government, development partners, communities and individuals to raise awareness and work to prevent these untimely deaths.

"It is heart-breaking that so many lives are lost each year in this country. We know that these deaths are preventable. We urge individuals, communities and the government

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Awareness among families, communities
- Providing safety, swimming skills for children
- Ensuring childcare facilities for pre-school children
- National policies, investments for prevention

to join us in raising awareness and doing all we can to ensure every child's right to survive and thrive," said Sheldon Yett, Unicef representative to Bangladesh, marking World Drowning Prevention Day (July 25).

Globally, drowning claims the lives of over

2,30,000 people every year.

Nine in 10 drowning cases occur in low- and middle-income countries, with children under the age of five being at the highest risk.

In Bangladesh, where large areas of land remain submerged due to yearly floods, the absence of awareness and swimming skills can prove to be life-threatening, said the press release.

Children in rural areas who grow up near bodies of water are also exposed to the risk of drowning daily. "We recommend strategies and interventions to prevent drowning and continue to promote a multi-sectoral approach," said Dr Bardan Jung Rana, WHO representative to Bangladesh.

Evidence shows that drowning is preventable

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লেখার পাইলস, ফিস্টুলা অপারেশন, কোষ্ঠকাঠিন্য, পলিপ, কোলোনস্কপি, কোলন, রেকটাম ক্যান্সার ও ল্যাপারোস্কপি

পেটের খাদ্যনালী ও অন্ত্রের (Colon, Rectum and Anus) বিভিন্ন সমস্যা যেমন- মলত্যাগের পর রক্ত বাতরা, অন্ত্রের বিভিন্ন সমস্যা, ফিস্টুলা, এনালফিস্থার, রক্ত আমাশয় (Ulcerative Colitis), পেজার পাইলস অপারেশন, সর্বাধুনিক ল্যাপারোস্কপিক পদ্ধতিতে পাইলস অপারেশন, অন্ত্রের বাতর অপারেশন বর্ধ হওয়ার কারণ, বাতরায় মূত্র আয়ের অন্য (Obstructed Defecation) STARR অপারেশন, পেটের কোষ্ঠ খাদ্যনালীর ক্যান্সার (Colon Cancer), Colonoscopy, পাশ্চাত্য ক্যান্সার (Rectum Cancer) ক্যান্সার বা কোষ্ঠে অত্যধিক ট্যাপলিং পদ্ধতিতে পেটের বাতর অপারেশন, ল্যাপারোস্কপিক পদ্ধতিতে পেটের কোষ্ঠ কোলন ক্যান্সার অপারেশন, শিশুর পাতলাসার সাথে রক্ত বাতরা ইত্যাদির অত্যধিক ও বিখ্যাতের চিকিৎসা সম্পর্কে জানতে হলে নইটি পড়ুন।

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The one who pledged to keep fighting

Mohiuddin Roni vows to continue protests till all his demands are met

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In April this year, Dhaka University student Mohiuddin Roni started a hunger strike for his six-point demand, including the modernisation of the university's medical centre, after not being satisfied with its facilities.

Following his 77-hour strike, the university authorities developed washroom facilities, increased medicinal amenities, set up an information desk at the entrance and took initiatives to meet his other demands.

After just three months, Roni, a senior-year student majoring in theatre and performance, made



protest on his own at Kamalapur Railway Station on July 7. The perk of the protest was that he went solo.

After a while, students from different parts of the country joined him separately in the cause.

On July 20, Directorate of National Consumer Rights Protection (DNCRP) fined online ticketing platform Shohoz for its negligence in selling tickets.

The High Court on the same day asked Deputy Attorney General AKM Amin Uddin Manik and ACC lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan to inquire about the steps that have been taken on the issue.

Roni has other work to his name that makes him stand out.

He has been working in various voluntary organisations – Rover Scout, National Children Task Force, and Bangladesh Fire Service and Civil Defence.

He is currently working as the coordinator of the Dhaka district unit of "Youth Ending Hunger" and is an active member of youth organisation BD Clean, which works to remove plastic waste in different cities of the country and raise awareness.

He has also developed "Torchlight Foundation" and Facebook-based platform "Artists for Change", which has more than 10,000 members. Through this platform, Roni has done various kinds of social

work, and focused on positive and extraordinary ideas.

One such work is his recently launched "Green Happy Birthday Campaign", to create awareness about climate change. He also organised National Barowari Debate Competition to highlight the importance of regional languages, and another campaign named "Makeup Our Power", focused on women empowerment.

His works have also received due recognition. "Makeup Our Power" was selected as one of the best ideas in the "Top Ten Project Ideas" by the British Council during the pandemic.

"Roni has always been vocal against different irregularities and engaged himself with various forms of social work," Asif Khan, a senior-year student of Arabic, told The Daily Star.

Roni, however, has pledged not to stop his protest after Shohoz's fine, until his other demands are met. He has also claimed to have been threatened to stop the protest by a quarter at the railway station.

Last Thursday, Roni and his supporters were allegedly physically harassed by some people, who forced them to leave the railway station, where they had been protesting for more than two weeks.

Later, he took position at

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headlines again. This time, he took to the streets with a six-point demand for ending mismanagement and corruption in the country's railway system, after he failed to book Dhaka-Rajshahi train tickets online on June 13, 2022. He alleged that the ticket money was deducted from his bKash account, but he did not get a seat on the train nor was he given any receipt. He filed a complaint with the authorities concerned the next day. But to his dismay, the complaint was left pending for a month. This prompted him to start a

“They are trying to harass me in different ways. They tried to attack me behind my back. I only have one thing to say to these anonymous attackers. If you have the courage, come and face me. I will not compromise with the demands.”