

Dengue claims two more lives 65 hospitalised in 24 hours

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two patients died of dengue while 65 patients were admitted to hospitals across the country in 24 hours till 8:00am yesterday, according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

With the deaths in Cox's Bazar, the death toll from dengue this year rose to 12. With the new cases, 14 from outside Dhaka, the total number of dengue patients rose to 2,812.

Among the patients, 322 are still undergoing treatment, of whom 76 are from outside Dhaka.

A total of 2,478 patients have been released from hospitals, 367 from outside Dhaka. 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.



In Chotomoni Nibash, the staffers only have one motto: give the children the love they deserve. Scan the QR code to watch the multimedia story.

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Prof Yunus partners with World Football Summit

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Professor Muhammad Yunus is set to start a long term partnership with one of the world's largest business platforms in the football industry – World Football Summit – to help solve human and environmental problems through the sport, said a press release yesterday.

The partnership will begin at the 2022 World Football Summit event, scheduled to be held on September 28-29, in which Prof Yunus and Yunus Sports Hub will participate in different activities.

The World Football Summit regularly brings together the football industry's leading stakeholders to spark discussion, generate knowledge and promote innovation to drive progress for the game and industry.

Meanwhile, recognising the unique power of sports to galvanise the world, in 2018, Prof Yunus launched Yunus Sports Hub, a social business.

"Football – as the world's most popular sport – has a

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PRAYER TIMING					
AUGUST 3					
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JAMAAT 4:55	1:15	5:15	6:50	8:45	
SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION					



A student leaps over a pile of bricks and soil to cross New Eskaton Road yesterday. A sewerage pipe installation work of the city corporation has been going on in the area for over a month, causing much suffering to pedestrians and commuters. This photo was taken near Banglamotor.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

CHOTOMONI NIBASH

A home made of love

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Lovely Parvez was in a bit hurry to get little Khadiza ready for her medical check-up at Chotomoni Nibash, a government-run children's home in the capital's Azimpur.

Lovely, an assistant teacher of the shelter home, dressed the two-year-old quickly in a white top with red and yellow flowers embroidered on it, complimented by a pair of red and black sandals.

"Khadiza has been battling eye cancer since the age of one year and four months.



Today is the date for her chemotherapy," Lovely told this correspondent on Saturday before leaving for the hospital with Khadiza.

Chotomoni Nibash, the home for lost and abandoned children, has been Khadiza's home since she was six months old. Her mother has been going through mental health issues for a long time and is currently staying in a shelter home in Gazipur's Kashimpur.

The nannies in the home have been taking care of Khadiza's needs ever since she was brought here.

"We are putting all our efforts and spending as much as we can to get Khadiza fully cured. We are using the funds allocated for her treatment apart from the donations given by people," said Lovely.

Khadiza is among 28 children currently

living in the facility which can accommodate up to 100 children. All the kids – aged between one month up to seven years – have been either lost or abandoned.

Established in 1962, Chotomoni Nibash has so far provided shelter to more than 2,000 children, where all of them have been given new names.

The facility has three rooms – one for the children, one for storing food and one for office work. Inside the large room allocated for the children, there are facilities like slides and swings for them to play. There are also



arrangements for outdoor games like football and cricket on the building's rooftop.

The children are provided with meals five times a day with proper nutritional foods. Feasts are also arranged at different festivals or occasions.

The shelter currently has 26 staffers, including one matron/nurse, three teachers, three nannies and eight "Khalas" as they are called by the children, two cleaners and one chef. Besides, eight nannies work here on a freelance basis.

The staffers have made the facility their second home and spend a major time of the day raising the children. They work in four shifts. The nurse or nannies are actual families to the children, who call them either "ammu" (mother) or "apu" (sister).

There are five branches of Chotomoni Nibash in five divisions – Chattogram, Rajshahi, Sylhet, Khulna and Barishal.

The shelter takes in children between the age of zero and seven. Many are adopted before turning seven. The ones who remain are shifted to other government facilities like Shishu Paribar upon turning seven.

To adopt a child from the home, adoption seekers are required to apply to the family court that has jurisdiction over the child's place of residence for legal guardianship of children.

The court then summons Chotomoni Nibash. The home reviews the adoption application and replies to the court, which in turn takes the final decision.

During the visit to the Azimpur facility, this correspondent saw how the nannies spent time with the children. Some were seen feeding infants, some playing with the children while others were busy keeping an eye on the children playing.

But they all had one thing in common. The look of profound care and love they carried for all the children.

Zublee Begum Ranu, deputy superintendent of Chotomoni Nibash, said, "All of us working here love the kids as much as they love us. They are also very sincere as you can see."

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India to move oil thru Bangladesh

Indian Oil Corporation to sign MoU with RHD today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) is going to sign a memorandum of understanding with Roads and Highways Department (RHD) today for transporting fuel from Meghalaya to Tripura through Bangladesh.

Bangladesh agreed following the request of its neighbouring country, as the local rail network has been snapped due to massive landslides in Assam, officials said.

The MoU will be signed at the Road Transport and Highways Division in the afternoon, ABM Amin Ullah Nuri, secretary of the division, told The Daily Star yesterday.

"We will give them the facility for a temporary period. They [IOC] have to pay a certain charge for using our road network," he said.

As per the plan, IOC, an Indian government-owned oil and gas exploration company, will send its convoys of fuel to Bangladesh via Dawki (in Meghalaya)-Tamabil (in Sylhet) border, said an RHD official.

Then the vehicles will enter Kailashahar in Tripura via Chatlapur check-post in Moulvibazar, the official said, wishing anonymity.

In 2016, IndianOil AOD, the company's northeastern division, sent a few consignments to Tripura via Bangladesh, when the supply was badly affected due to run down road conditions in Assam's Barak Valley, reported PTI on May 29.

The Indian news agency said after the only rail link connecting Assam's Dima Hasao and Barak Valley, Mizoram, Manipur and Tripura to the rest of the country

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INTERNATIONAL ROUTES

Biman launches web check-in

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Biman Bangladesh Airlines launched a web check-in service on Monday for passengers on international routes, to make journeys convenient.

Using this service, passengers will be able to select their seat according to their choices and issue digital boarding pass, Biman said in a press release yesterday.

As a result, the waiting time of passengers to collect boarding pass at the airport will be reduced.

Earlier on June 1, Biman launched the web check-in service on domestic route.

Web check-in can be done from 24 hours prior to flight departure to four hours prior to flight departure from the designated option for web check-in, by visiting Biman's website www.biman-airlines.com.

Web check-in is available up to three hours prior to flight departure on domestic routes.

MONEY LAUNDERING

HC denies bail to 2 NSU trustees

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday refused to grant bail to two members of North South University's (NSU) trustee board – MA Kashem and Rehana Rahman – in a Tk 304 crore money laundering case.

The court, however, issued two rules asking the state and the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) to explain in two weeks why Kashem and Rehana should not be granted bail in the case.

The bench of Justice Md Nazrul Islam Talukder and Justice Khizir Hayat came up with the rules after hearing two petitions. The bench also fixed August 16 for hearing on the rules.

On May 22, the HC bench led by Justice Md Nazrul Islam Talukder rejected anticipatory bail petitions filed by four members of NSU trustee board in the same case and also ordered Shahbagh police to arrest them immediately and to produce them before the trial court in 24 hours

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AB Bank received award from Large Taxpayers Unit



AB Bank Limited was awarded for being one of the highest taxpayers in banking sector for 2021-22 fiscal year at the Large Taxpayers Unit (LTU).

Mr. Tarique Afzal, President & Managing Director of AB Bank Limited received the Award of recognition from Mr. A K M Badiul Alam, Director General, Central Intelligence Cell (CIC), National Board of Revenue.

Mr. Md. Iqbal Hossain, Commissioner of Taxes, Large Taxpayers Unit (LTU), Ms. Rawnak Afroz, Commissioner of Taxes, Taxes Appeal Zone-2, Mr. K. M. Mohiuddin Ahmed, Deputy Managing Director & CFO of the Bank along with senior officials of Large Taxpayers Unit and other Banks were also present in the award giving ceremony.