77 more hospitalised with dengue STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 77 dengue patients were admitted to different hospitals across country in the last 24 hours till 8:00am yesterday.

With the 77 new cases, total number patients rose 3,097, according Directorate General of Health

Services. Among the patients, 380 are still undergoing treatment.

A total of 2,703 patients have been released from hospitals and 14 have died so far, said the Directorate General of Health Services. Experts have warned

the city corporations of a major outbreak of dengue virus this year compared to the last couple of years. They also suggested

that the city corporations take extensive measures immediately to control the Aedes mosquitoes.



A team presenting their project and their robot model to a judge at the "NACTAR Robotics Olympiad" held in Bogura for the first time PHOTO: STAR

Robotics Olympiad held in Bogura for first time

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogura

National Academy for Computer Training and Research (NACTAR) organised "NACTAR Robotics Olympiad-22" for the first time in Bogura yesterday.

Around 331 participants, divided into 106 teams from 49 educational institutions, participated in the competitions in four categories -- Robo Soccer, Line Following Robotics Competition, Project Showcasing, and Poster Presentation.

The contest was held on the NACTAR premises in Bogura's Fultala area. Contestants were of two groups grade five to twelve and the university level.

Students of renowned universities Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet), Dhaka University, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology and North South University (NSU) participated in the event.

Besides, students from many local institutions participated and exchanged their skills and experiences with university students.

Md Shafiul Islam, director of NACTAR, Bogura, said they organised this olympiad to introduce youngsters to technology. "Next time, we'll increase the number of categories," he said.

Md Mohsin, additional secretary of Technical and Madrasha Education Division of the education ministry, was present at the programme as chief guest. The winning team will get prize money of Tk 85,000 (Robo Soccer), Tk 60,000 (Line Following Robotics Competition), Tk 60,000 (Project Showcase-Senior), Tk 35,000 (Project Showcase-Junior), Tk 35,000 (Poster Presentation-Senior) and Tk 18,000 (Poster Presentation-Junior).

5 women to receive Bangamata award

BSS, Dhaka

Five women have been nominated for "Bangamata Begum Fazilatunnesa Mujib Padak-2022" for their outstanding contributions to different fields.

They are Syeda Zebunnesa Haque (Sylhet) in politics, lawmaker Selima Ahmed (Cumilla) in economics, Dhaka University former pro-vice chancellor Nasreen Ahmad in education, Mst Achhia Alam (Kishoreganj) in social service and freedom fighter of Gopalganj district Ashalata Baidya (commander during the Liberation War) in independence and Liberation War.

State Minister for Women and Children Affairs Fazilatun Nessa Indira disclosed the information at a press conference at Shishu Academy.

The award giving ceremony will be held at Osmani Memorial Hall in the capital at 10:00am on Monday coinciding with the birth anniversary of Begum Fazilatunnesa Mujib, wife of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Malaria grips Jurachhari

UNB, Rangamati

Malaria has gripped an inaccessible hilly upazila of Rangamati district. Jurachhari has seen as many as 388 cases of the vector-borne disease in last two

According to the upazila health complex authorities, some 265 people were infected with malaria in July. The figure was 123 in June. Most of the patients are from Moidang and Dumdumya.

Ward members of Dumdumya union Laxmi Lal Chakma and Kala Cokha Tanchainga said every week, at least seven to eight cases are being reported.

"The situation may prevail till October," said Dr Ananya Chakma, upazila health and family planning officer. "Even if cases are increasing, there is no need to panic. We have adequate stock of medicines."

Women dies

In the morning of July 26, Rafiqul's brother-in-law Delwar Hossain called 999, and around 11:00am, police recovered the unconscious possibility. All evidence is bodies. On August 5, the being forensically analysed mother and the other at the laboratory and with son recovered and were the report, we are sure to released from the hospital. crack the case soon."

Mofiz Uddin Ahmed, deputy inspector general (DIG) of Sylhet Range Police, said, "Police are considering every

It's lower than

such subsidy and as a result they had to raise the fuel prices long before Bangladesh, he added.

"India has been selling diesel at Tk 114 per liter and octane at Tk 134-135 per liter which is the current price in Bangladesh. As our price was lower, a huge amount of fuel was being smuggled to India through

borders," he said. He said in Kolkata, current diesel price is Tk 114 per liter (as per local currency) while Tk 112 in allover India. "In China, the diesel price is equal to Tk 118, in United Aram Nepal it is Tk 127.82, in Indonesia Tk 138.24 and in Singapore Tk 189. 78," said

the minister. Regarding the increase

in transport fares the minister said, if there are 70 percent passengers in a 50-seat bus the fare will increase by Tk 0.29 per kilometer only.

"Currently, a passenger has to pay Tk 1.80 per kilometer which will increase by Tk 2.90. Soon the government will hold a meeting with all stakeholders to ensure that no one takes unfair opportunity of the fuel price hike," he added.

Woman escapes

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Gopinathpur Union Emirates it is Tk 123, in Parishad (UP) Chairman Abdul Matin Moll.

Contacted, doctors said what caused the heart attack can be confirmed after an autopsy

A dark day for commuters

passengers," he told The Daily Star.

Aslam, driver of a Bikolpo Paribahan bus, said, "Many bus owners have decided not to bring out their buses today [Saturday] because of the fuel price hike."

Even though there is no official announcement of a bus fare hike, complaints of buses overcharging passengers were plentiful throughout the day. Ashiq, a helper of Gabtali

Link Paribahan, which plies Gabtoli-Jatrabari route, said, "We have increased bus fare by Tk 5 for all our routes due to the fuel price hike." Capitalising on the

situation, rickshaw pullers and auto-rickshaw drivers started overcharging passengers too. Ananyo Dey, a resident

of the capital's Gandaria area, normally reaches of Tongi area, works in his office at Paltan on a kshaw and pays around Tk 100. "But today, I had to pay Tk 120," he said.

"I normally travel from spending Tk 250 to 300 for an auto-rickshaw. But

Tk 370," said Atiqur Islam, a resident of the capital's Tejturibazar area.

Although the hike has not increased fares of ride-share companies yet, people who were informally hiring motorcycles had to pay more.

Syed Islam, motorcyclist standing at Karwan Bazar intersection yesterday afternoon, said "Due to the hike, we had to increase the fare." In Gazipur, hundreds

of commuters were seen waiting for buses at bus stops at Board Bazar, Chandona intersection, Rajendrapur, Salna, Masterbari, and Joinabazar areas throughout the day.

Failing to board buses, many tried to cram into human hauliers that were already jam-packed. Rafiqul Islam, a resident

garment factory at Bagherbazar area. "Normally, I get a bus

within five to 10 minutes. But today [yesterday], I Farmgate to Motijheel, couldn't do so even after waiting for over an hour. Then, I along with a few

today, I had to hire one for other passengers rented a microbus and went to our workplaces," he said.

Uddin, Sultan transport leader in Gazipur, said many bus owners did not operate their buses due to the fuel price hike.

In Pabna, bus operators have increased fare for most of the routes without any official announcement.

"I used to travel from Kushtia's Bheramara upazila to Pabna town spending Tk 70. But the bus operator took Tk 100 from me today [Saturday]," said Muslima Khatun, a schoolteacher.

Manikganj, low In presence of buses prevailed on Dhaka-Aricha and Dhaka-Paturia highways as well as on different short routes. Bus operators were seen overcharging passengers.

In Narsingdi, most of the transport owners kept bus operation suspended due to the hike, causing untold sufferings to passengers.

[Our correspondents from Gazipur, Pabna, Manikganj and a correspondent from Narsingdi contributed to the report.]

Ride-sharing riders in trouble

rate. In some cases, they offer even lower that." Even though fewer

buses were plying the city roads, passengers were still reluctant to travel via bikes, expecting a higher fare.

Billal, Monira passenger waiting Karwan Bazar intersection, said, "Usually, I pay Tk 120 to 150 for a ride from Karwan Bazar to Gulshan-1. But today, they've been asking Tk 200, which is way too much."

"How do I pay so much extra fare, while my salary still remains the same?" she asked.

The government on Friday night hiked fuel prices by up to 51.7 percent. As per the new prices, a litre of octane now costs Tk 135, which was Tk 89 of each litre of diesel and kerosene increased to Tk not agree to pay extra in Transport Authority.

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A group of people, including bikers, brought out a torch procession in Shahbagh yesterday evening, protesting the fuel price hike.

PHOTO: STAR

114 from Tk 80.

Belal Ahmed, general secretary of Dhaka Ride Sharing previously. Similarly, each Association, said, "The registered under Pathao, litre of petrol now costs authorities should adjust Uber, and Shohoz Rides Tk 130, a Tk 44 rise from the base fare in accordance in Dhaka city, according the previous rate. The price with the hiked fuel price. to a 2018 document Otherwise, passengers will

addition to the fare shown in the apps."

There are more than one Drivers lakh ride-sharing drivers Rangladesh

Can't find a single bus

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"Failing to find any transport, I started walking from Muradpur. I have to go to CEPZ area. I waited for 30 minutes but couldn't find any vehicle. rickshaw-pullers demanded three times the usual fare."

Buses remained off city yesterday, following a sudden strike by transport owners to protest the fuel price hike. During the strike, the transport workers were obstructing movement of buses at various places.

Tarun Dasgupta, president of City Bus Owners Association, said few vehicles plied in the morning, but the bus service stopped since late afternoon. The drivers did not want to drive buses due to the high cost.

A few CNG-run public transport vehicles were seen plying, however, informed

passengers have accused the drivers of overcharging. Jamil Hossain, a garment

worker who was waiting for a bus to go to EPZ from Dewanhat, said, "Bus services are suspended, but work is open. We have to go to office by any means. But I can't find any bus."

"I went to Ispahani the roads in Chattogram intersection from the city's Gate-2 area, as I had an urgent task there. It took me Tk 90 to go there by a rickshaw whereas it normally takes Tk 40 to 50," said Mohammad Ibrahim, a resident of the

The decision to start the strike was taken on Friday night, said Belayet Hossain, president of Chattogram Metropolitan Transport Owners Group.

However, the association withdrew its decision to stop public transport in Chattogram. Around 2:30pm yesterday, they about

Belayet

told The Daily Star, "Dhaka Road Transport Owners Association will hold a meeting with Bangladesh Road Transport Authority. In view of this, we have withdrawn the decision to stop public transport."

The government last night raised prices of diesel and kerosene to Tk 114 per litre and that of petrol to Tk 135, which is nearly 52 percent higher than the previous rate. As the fuel prices shot

up, owners of a number petrol pumps also refrained from selling fuel, said Belayet.

Ramjan Ali, a driver who plies New Market-Fatehabad route, said many bus owners have decided not to bring out vehicles because of the price hike.

Usually, around 1,200 buses and 600 human hauliers ply 17 routes in the

Bangladesh can become

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He requested western leaders to impose strong economic sanctions as Myanmar otherwise is not likely to listen to the world leadership. He said delaying the

repatriation process may pose a security threat to the entire region and beyond. Momen made six proposals for ensuring resilient economic

cooperation in the region:

strengthening cooperation,

collaboration and shared responsibility between and among countries; research, investment, and advanced technology sharing trade promotion; rapid development of connectivity; and common action to mitigate the adverse impacts of climate change.

The include marine resource exploration and creating an energy hub in this region. Momen also highlighted said.

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only be adequately and effectively addressed proposals also through mutual trust and cooperation underpinned by multilateral arrangements like ARF, he

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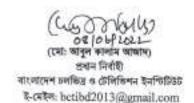
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