

77 more hospitalised with dengue

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

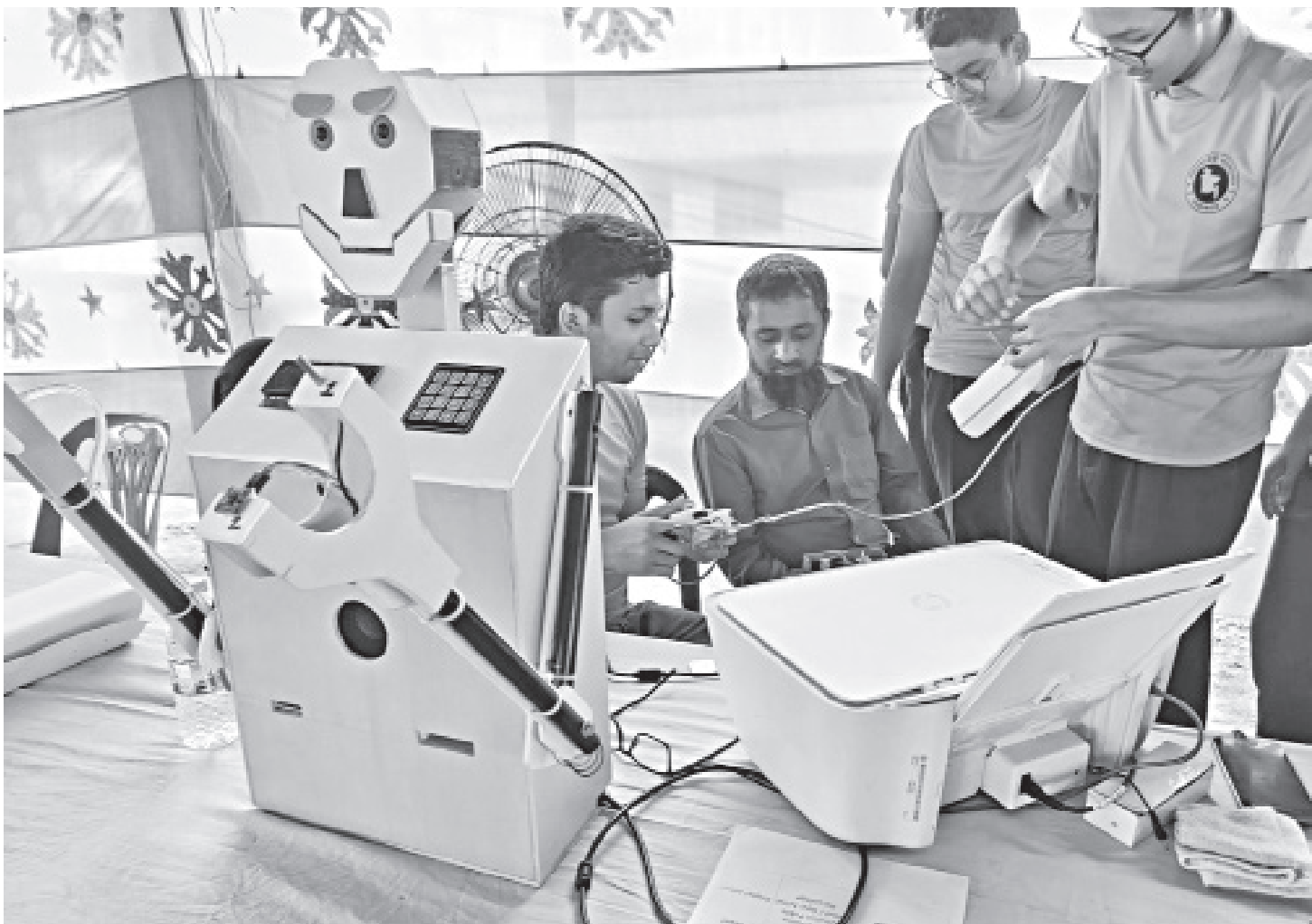
With the 77 new cases, the total number of patients rose to 3,097, according to the Directorate General of Health Services.

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 yesterday.

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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 months.

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 Moidama 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

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In the morning of July 26, Rafiqul's brother-in-law Delwar Hossain called 999, and around 11:00am, police recovered the unconscious bodies. On August 5, the mother and the other son recovered and were released from the hospital.

Mofiz Uddin Ahmed, deputy inspector general (DIG) of Sylhet Range Police, said, “Police are considering every possibility. All evidence is being forensically analysed at the laboratory and with the report, we are sure to crack the case soon.”

It's lower than

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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 all over India. “In China, the diesel price is equal to Tk 118, in United Arab Emirates it is Tk 123, in 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 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

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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 his office at Paltan on a rickshaw and pays around Tk 100. “But today, I had to pay Tk 120,” he said.

“I normally travel from Farmgate to Motijheel, spending Tk 250 to 300 for an auto-rickshaw. But

today, I had to hire one for Tk 370,” said Atiqur Islam, a resident of the capital's Tejpuribazar 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, a 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, Chandonia intersection, Salna, Rajendrapur, Masterbari, Mawna 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 of Tongi area, works in a garment factory at Bagherbazar area.

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

other passengers rented a microbus and went to our workplaces,” he said.

Sultan Uddin, a 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.

In Manikganj, low 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

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rate. In some cases, they offer even lower than that.”

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

Monira Billal, a passenger waiting at 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 previously. Similarly, each litre of petrol now costs Tk 130, a Tk 44 rise from the previous rate. The price of each litre of diesel and kerosene increased to Tk



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 Drivers Association, said, “The authorities should adjust the base fare in accordance with the hiked fuel price. Otherwise, passengers will not agree to pay extra in

addition to the fare shown in the apps.”

There are more than one lakh ride-sharing drivers registered under Pathao, Uber, and Shohoz Rides in Dhaka city, according to a 2018 document of Bangladesh Road Transport Authority.

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