

# REGULARISATION IN GREECE

## 1,000 Bangladeshis register at embassy

JAMIL MAHMUD

More than 1,000 Bangladeshi undocumented migrants have enlisted their names at the Bangladesh embassy in Greece for a regularisation process of the Greek government, which is yet to start.

The Bangladesh mission has attested passports of the undocumented migrants and kept a manual record, which will be forwarded to the Greek authorities through an online platform.

Referring to Greek authorities, the Bangladesh mission had earlier said that the regularisation process would start from mid-September.

Asked about the delay, Bishwagith Kumer Paul, first secretary (labour welfare wing) at the embassy, yesterday said the Greek authorities had recently informed them that they were waiting for an inter-ministerial decision to start the process.

Besides, the Greek authorities did not launch the online platform yet that will be used for submission of applications by the undocumented Bangladeshis, Bishwagith told this newspaper over the phone.

He said Greek officials had assured them that the process will start by this month.

Over 1,000 undocumented migrants have

so far received the regularisation-related services including passport attestation from the Bangladesh mission since mid-August, he added.

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However, the Greece government may allow persons beyond the targeted number to avail of the opportunity, said the official.

He said after its start, the regularisation is likely to take place for six months initially

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## Raushan 'suspends' GM Quader's special power JP chair denounces order

RASHIDUL HASAN

Jatiya Party's Chief Patron Raushan Ershad yesterday said she has "suspended" the special power bestowed upon the JP chairperson by the party's charter, citing it contradictory to democracy and the constitution.

In a statement, Raushan, also opposition leader in parliament, announced to reinstate all relieved leaders of the party, including Mashiur Rahman Ranga, who was recently relieved of his presidium membership.

She also mentioned that the suspension will be in effect until the tenth council of the party.

According to section 20/1/Ka of the JP charter, the JP chairperson is empowered to make any decision unilaterally.

As per the power bestowed upon the party head, the JP boss can form, reconstitute, and scrap any committee at any level and remove or suspend anyone from the party unilaterally even if the action goes against the other parts

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**All the provisions of the sub-section, approved in the ninth national council, have been misused. By exercising this section, the party chairperson has dismissed leaders and activists without giving them any chance to defend themselves.**

**Every party, including Awami League and BNP, has such provisions in their party's charter. This provision has been in our party's charter since its formation and was also approved in the party's ninth council.**



Safwan was admitted to Mugda General Hospital with dengue around five days ago, with a very low platelet count. Yesterday, the five-year-old was seen enjoying some screen time, taking a break from playing with toys after his situation saw improvement. More and more dengue patients are requiring hospitalisation as the number of cases continues to rise across the country. At least 431 patients were admitted to different hospitals yesterday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

## The dangerous rise of dengue

HELEMUL ALAM

Twenty-four dengue patients have died so far in the country, of whom, 21 died in the last eight months.

The number of dengue cases was 6,257 till September 22, which is half the total number of infections this year, according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

Among the deaths, 18 occurred in Cox's Bazar, four in Barishal, three in Chattogram and 21 in Dhaka.

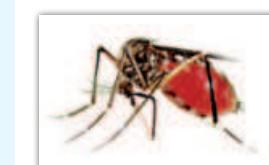
Experts urged the authorities concerned to take immediate measures against the spread of the disease and identify and neutralise clusters of Aedes mosquitoes.

A monsoon survey of the DGHS, conducted between August 11 and 23, found the presence of Aedes mosquitoes in 13.4 percent of houses under Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) and 11.75 percent of houses under Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC).

For the survey, a total of 1,319 households of 40 DNCC wards and 1,830 households of 58 DSCC wards were surveyed. It also found 13 wards under DNCC and 14 wards in DSCC to be highly risk-prone as the density of Aedes mosquitoes was found to be higher in those wards.

Entomologist Manzur A Chowdhury said dengue has already turned into an epidemic.

"It is claimed that Bangladesh is still in better condition compared to other countries when it comes to the dengue situation. But the



Dengue death toll 46

Total number of patients 12,438

1,557 still undergoing treatment

Number of recovered patients 10,835

431 more hospitalised yesterday

SOURCE: DGHS

### DGHS MONSOON SURVEY

Conducted between August 11-23

#### PRESENCE OF AEDES MOSQUITOES

DNCC: 13.4pc homes

DSCC: 11.75pc homes

#### SURVEYED HOUSEHOLDS

DNCC: 1,319 households of 40 wards

DSCC: 1,830 households of 58 wards

#### RISK-PRONE WARDS

DNCC: 13

DSCC: 14

reality is that many of our dengue cases remain unrecorded. In other countries, every single case is counted in the data," he added.

Stressing the need for identifying the clusters, Manzur said the authorities will have to collect the addresses of dengue patients for identification purposes.

"They will also have to take effective measures within a 500-yard radius of the homes. This measure, called hotspot management, will be crucial in raising awareness," added Manzur.

Dr Md Ekramul Haque, deputy programme manager of malaria and ATD control programme at DGHS, said they have already sent dengue diagnosing kits to upazilas and asked all the hospital authorities to arrange separate wards for dengue patients if necessary.

He said the number of dengue cases this year is high in September due to the late rain.

"Many hospitals have already arranged for separate dengue wards. We have also directed the

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US didn't give any specific reason yet  
Says foreign minister about sanctions on Rab

UNB, NEW YORK

Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen has said the US government provided no specific information to Bangladesh on the sanctions imposed on the country's elite force, Rapid Action Battalion (Rab), and some of its top serving and former officials.

The minister mentioned this while replying to a question by journalists during a media briefing that focused on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's programmes during the 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York on Tuesday.

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## KUNIO HOSHI MURDER HC confirms death for 4 JMB militants

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday confirmed the death sentences of four JMB militants and acquitted another accused in a case filed for killing Japanese national Kunio Hoshi in 2015.

Three masked assailants riding motorcycles shot Hoshi several times when he was heading to his farm on a rickshaw at Alturi village of Kania upazila in Rangpur on October 3 in 2015. The 66-year-old died on the spot.

On February 28, 2017, a Rangpur court sentenced the five accused to death in the murder case.

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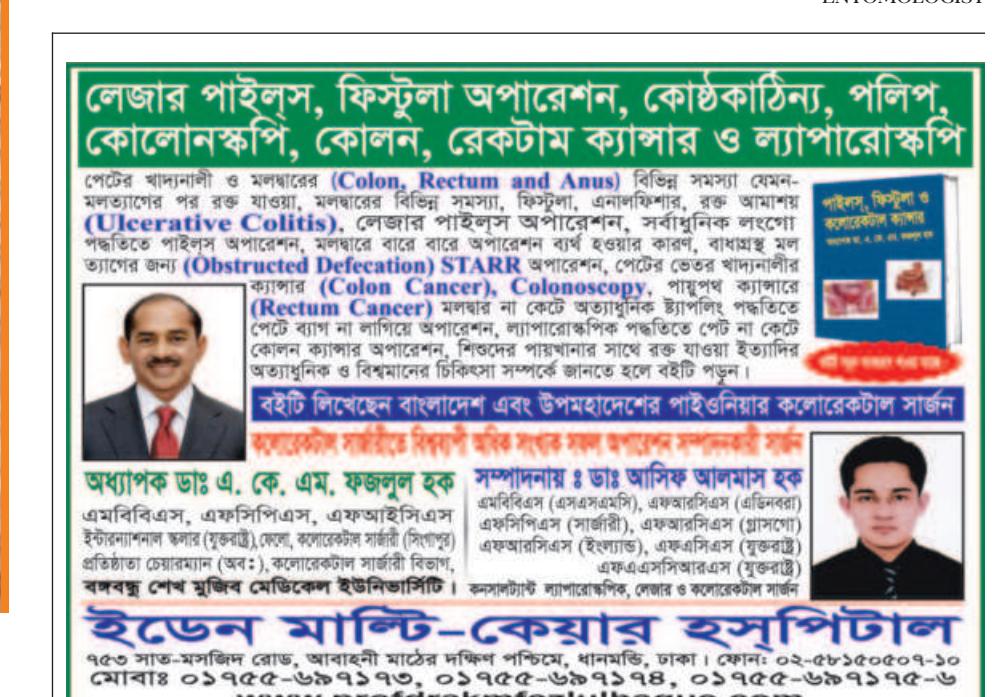
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ENTOMOLOGIST



These colourful rings come with different connotations for different people. While some like them only as accessories, others believe they can bring good fortune and end the perils of their lives. This ring-seller uses this to his advantage and sells the same rings at various rates to people, depending on their purposes. The photo was taken in Tejgaon area recently.



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