



Serve country selflessly: PM

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday asked the Bangladesh Army to serve the country with professional efficiency, dutifulness and integrity by remaining loyal to the leadership as well as being imbued with the spirit of the Liberation War and ideals of the Father of the Nation.

The premier made the call while addressing the National Flag giving ceremony of the Headquarters' "71 Mechanised Brigade" "15 and 40 East Bengal (Mechanised)" as well as "9 and 11 Bangladesh Infantry Regiment (Mechanised)" at the CMP Centre and School

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Parents of children admitted to Dhaka Shishu Hospital take the shelter of mosquito nets, set up by the establishment, to spend the nights there. As dengue overwhelms the country, people have become cautious about protecting themselves from the disease-carrying mosquitoes. This photo was taken at dawn on Wednesday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

More than 1,600 unauthorised buses plying Dhaka roads

Says Taposh; 100 more buses on 2 new routes launched

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Despite ongoing drives against unauthorised buses, more than 1,600 such buses are being operated in the city, Dhaka South City Corporation Mayor Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh said yesterday.

Vowing to stop operation of unauthorised buses in the city, he said around 30 such buses have already been seized during drives.

"Our drives against such vehicles will continue and there will be no unauthorised buses in the city," he said.

The mayor did not clearly explain whether the unauthorised buses did not have route permit or registration.



The DSCC mayor said this while speaking at a programme organised to launch 100 more buses of Dhaka Nagar Paribahan on two new routes, aiming to bring discipline in the city bus service and provide better bus services to passengers.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader yesterday inaugurated the services in Dhaka's Borsila area.

Obhi Enterprise, a private operator, will operate 50 new buses for the Ghatarchar to Demra (Route-22) Staff Quarters route. The state-run Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation will operate 50 buses for Ghatarchar to Kadamtoli (Route-26).

The development came around 10 months after the authorities launched bus services on Ghatarchar to Kanchpur route under "single company, single route"

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'Need quick, and peaceful solution'
Momen on Russia, Ukraine conflict

BSS, Dhaka

Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen has called for restraints from all parties and a quick and peaceful solution to the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict.

He made the call while delivering a speech at the Sixth Summit of Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building

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Vehicles continue to move at a snail's pace on this road from Bangla Motor to Moghbazar in the capital. The reason behind the gridlock is mainly due to parked cars, which occupy a part of the road. This photo was taken in front of Ispahani School yesterday.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

Dengue claims 8 lives in a day

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Eight dengue patients died, while 765 were admitted to hospitals across the country yesterday.

These are the highest single-day numbers recorded this year.

Total dengue cases crossed the 23,000 mark, the third-highest number witnessed since the first outbreak in Bangladesh in 2000.

A total of 1,01,354 dengue cases, the highest, were recorded in 2019, and 28,429 in 2021. The death tolls were 179 and 105, respectively.

According to the Directorate General of Health Services, 23,282 dengue patients, 5,205 from outside Dhaka, have been hospitalised across the country this year so far.

This year's death toll has now risen to 83. Of the deceased, 28 died in the first 13 days of October alone.

Experts urged authorities to immediately conduct extensive drives to identify clusters of Aedes mosquitoes.

Yesterday at a press briefing in the capital's Mohakhali, Prof Ahmedul Kabir, additional director general (administration) of DGHS, said the highest number of dengue cases have been witnessed in Cox's Bazar, during the current season.

The number of deaths is high outside Dhaka. Most of them died three days after hospitalisation, he said.

DGHS has instructed authorities to prepare more hospitals for dengue treatment.

Entomologist Prof Kabirul Bashar of Jahangirnagar University said every year in October, dengue cases start going down. But this time, the numbers will keep rising.

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'Biman breaking all records'
Airline carried 8.8 lakh passengers, earned Tk 1,563cr in revenue in last 3 months

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Biman Bangladesh Airlines has earned a record amount of revenue by carrying a record number of passengers in the last three months. The national flag carrier carried around 8.8 lakh passengers and earned Tk 1,563 crore breaking all previous records.

Biman Managing Director and CEO Zahid Hossain announced the numbers yesterday at a press conference at Biman's headquarters in the capital's Uttara.

"If the trend continues, at least 32 lakh passengers can be transported in the next year," the Biman boss said.

He also mentioned that ground handling services have also improved as now all luggage can be delivered to passengers within a maximum of 45 minutes.

"Biman Bangladesh Airlines is the only organisation recognised by IATA. A recent audit conducted by European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) did not give any (negative) observations over Biman," said Zahid.

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Refrain from violence
German envoy urges all

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

German Ambassador Achim Tröster yesterday expressed concern over growing political violence and called upon all to refrain from it.

"This (refraining from violence) is not difficult. It is everyone's personal decision to behave in a civilised or uncivilised manner," he said replying to questions from the media at a press conference at his residence.

The event was organised to launch the German Business Council (GBC), a platform for German private companies operating in Bangladesh.

He said recently, his colleagues representing other countries uttered their concern because of the growing political violence.

He said as a friend of Bangladesh, he was "very concerned at the deep antagonism" he found here.

"I don't think that considering political opponents as the enemy is very conducive to a healthy democratic environment," he said.

He said his government is of the firm opinion that a country is best ruled by a democratic system. And his country is convinced that free, fair and transparent election is a big contributing factor to political stability.

"A stable business environment is important for foreign direct investment. Nobody would like to have his investment at risk," Tröster said.

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