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Child marriage, not under team Aparajita's watch



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S Korea scrambles jets after detecting North's warplanes



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Fear or confusion not going away



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SATIRE What do ghosts in Bangladesh eat?

"The fertilizer shortage is already affecting farmers around the world. We cannot allow the global fertilizer shortage to morph into a global food shortage."

UN chief Antonio Guterres



CURBING DENGUE Laxity at the beginning led to outbreak

HELEMUL ALAM

The authorities' failure to take proper measures early this year has led to the deadly dengue outbreak and the hot and humid weather only made matters worse, experts say.

Identifying the Aedes mosquito breeding hotspots was vital in controlling the mosquito population, said Entomologist GM Saifur Rahman.

"We recommended launching programmes to identify and destroy those, but we were ignored," he told The Daily Star.

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this year. The number of cases reported has reached 41,481 and deaths 162, according to the Directorate General of Health Services.

Delwar Hossain, a resident of Mirpur-12 in the capital, whose wife was hospitalised last month with dengue, said, "I have not seen the city corporation conducting a thorough drive anywhere near my house."

Entomologist Monzur A Chowdhury also observed that the measures taken by the authorities at the beginning of the year were barely effective.

"Besides," he said, "the warm and humid weather was favourable for Aedes. The rain in October made it even better for the mosquito to breed."

He added that dengue cases usually peak in August, but this year, it may peak this week because of the weather and the presence of multiple serotypes, a distinct variation within a species of bacteria or virus.

Experts further say when it began to rain, the eggs laid by the Aedes last year hatched and that was when the mosquitoes began to spread.

Many countries keep dengue in the list of reportable diseases that are considered to be of great public health importance. When a dengue patient is detected in those countries, the authorities store the data in their central database.

"But the system has not been introduced in our country yet," said Monzur.

Dengue has been a significant public health concern in Bangladesh for more than two decades.

THREE SEROTYPES ACTIVE THIS YEAR

There are four distinct serotypes of the dengue virus: DENV-1, DENV-2, DENV-3 and DENV-4.

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Billal Hossain along with his wife and daughter looks for a vessel near Bheduria Launch Terminal in Bhola yesterday. The family wants to travel to Barishal to see Billal's ailing nephew who is to have a surgery. Launch services on Bhola-Barishal route remained suspended since Wednesday night ahead of the BNP's rally in Barishal city today.

PHOTO: MONIR UDDIN ANIK

BCL nat'l council on Dec 3

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 30th national council of Bangladesh Chhatra League, which has remained pending for the last two years, will be held on December 3.

The local government nomination board of the Awami League announced the date after a meeting yesterday.

The board also fixed November 26 and December 9 for councils of Bangladesh Mohila Awami League and Jubo Mohila League, said Awami League Presidium Member Abdur Rahman.

Mohila Awami League and Jubo Mohila League councils are tenured for three years whereas BCL central committee is for two years.

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BNP DIVISIONAL RALLY Thousands flock to Barishal defying strike

MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA and SUSHANTA GHOSH from Barishal

Although Barishal is almost cut off from the rest of the country, BNP leaders and activists kept pouring into the divisional city

foot as two-day bus and three-wheeler strikes began yesterday morning.

Buses went off roads in all six districts of the division yesterday, said locals. The strikes caused immense sufferings to passengers.

Tension was growing

RALLIES AHEAD	RALLIES HELD
Barishal -- today	Chattogram -- Oct 12
Faridpur -- Nov 12	Mymensingh -- Oct 15
Sylhet -- Nov 19	Khulna -- Oct 22
Cumilla -- Nov 26	Rangpur -- Oct 29
Rajshahi -- Dec 3	
Dhaka -- Dec 10	

for the second straight day yesterday to join today's rally.

BNP men from different upazilas of Barishal and five other districts in the division travelled to the city by boats, trawlers, motorcycles and even on

in Barishal city as BNP men alleged that they came under attacks in different districts ahead of the meeting.

The opposition party is holding rallies at the divisional headquarters in Barishal city as BNP men alleged that they came under attacks in different districts ahead of the meeting.

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It's Taqsem's territory

Where retirement no bar to holding top Wasa posts

MAHBUBUR RAHMAN KHAN

For years, Dhaka Wasa Managing Director Taqsem A Khan has been keeping two people close to him and at the top of the organisation even though they had retired in 2016.

To do so, he had them appointed to contractual jobs at the Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (Wasa) and had even invented posts for them there violating rules.

Since 2016, former Wasa chief engineers Abul Kashem and AKM Shahid Uddin have sometimes been appointed as consultants, advisers, directors and deputy managing directors.

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Even though Australia's Glenn Maxwell missed out on this pull shot, it was the all-rounder's unbeaten 32-ball 54 that helped Australia to a hard-fought four-run win over Afghanistan in their T20 World Cup Super 12 fixture at the Adelaide Oval on Friday. The win saw the defending champions keep their semifinal hopes alive whilst eliminating Afghanistan and Sri Lanka from the Group 1. Story on Page 10.

PHOTO: TWITTER

'Pak PM, two others involved'

Claims Imran on assassination attempt, says he will resume march after recovering; PTI supporters hold nationwide protests

AGENCIES

Former Pakistan prime minister Imran Khan yesterday accused the current premier Shehbaz Sharif, interior minister Rana Sanaullah and a senior army commander of plotting a botched assassination attempt that left him wounded.

"These three decided to kill me," Imran told reporters in Lahore in his first public appearance since he was rushed to hospital after Thursday's attack.

Imran said two shooters had tried to assassinate him in the city of Wazirabad the day before, opening fire at a protest march he was leading to the capital Islamabad.

They killed one person and injured 11 others in the



attack, said Imran.

The former prime minister was recovering in the hospital after the assassination attempt that the government blamed on religious extremism.

Imran "was stable and he was doing fine" after being shot in the leg, his doctor Faisal Sultan told AFP yesterday from the hospital in Lahore.

In the video address, Imran said, "I got to know the day before the attack that either in Wazirabad or in Gujrat, they planned to kill me."

"I was hit by four bullets," said the former cricket

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