



Dengue claims six more lives
Death toll now 199

UNB, Dhaka

With six more deaths reported in 24 hours till yesterday morning, this year's fatalities from Dengue climbed to 199.

During this period, 918 patients were hospitalised with the viral fever, according to the DGHS.

Among the latest deaths, three were reported in Dhaka while one in Chattogram. Of the new patients, 530 were admitted to different hospitals in Dhaka.

A total of 3,275 dengue patients are now receiving treatment at hospitals across the country.

DGHS has recorded 47,670 dengue cases and 44,196 recoveries so far.



A man sits on a van holding onto multiple tiffin carriers, which will be distributed to service holders in the Motijheel area. The food is prepared in Keraniganj based on pre-orders and then supplied before lunch. This kind of lunch service is quite popular among regular office-goers, since they can get a full meal for just under Tk 100. The photo was taken near Babu Bazar Bridge recently. PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

E-tickets for all Mirpur buses from today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

All buses on Dhaka's Mirpur route will operate under e-ticketing from today.

Bangladesh Road Transport Owners Association General Secretary Khandkar Enayet Ullah disclosed this information at a press conference at the association office yesterday. Buses of 30 companies will run on the Mirpur route under e-ticketing from tomorrow, he said.

A total of 60 buses will operate in Dhaka from January 31, 2023, while 97 buses of Dhaka and its suburbs will run under e-ticketing from February 28 next year.

That means the operations of 5,650 buses in Dhaka and its suburbs will be brought under system by February 28.

Enayet said, "We have been receiving complaints for a long time regarding the collection of additional fare. Our association has been working for a long time to eliminate that. From September 22, the e-ticketing system was introduced to stop the collection of extra fare."



Women and girls most vulnerable to climate change
Says speakers at UNFPA photo exhibition

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the Australian High Commission in Bangladesh yesterday jointly launched a photo exhibition, advocating for an increased attention on upholding the rights of women and girls during disasters.

The exhibition was organised at National Museum, to raise awareness on the impact of the climate crisis on women and girls.

It will continue till November 16. All the photos displayed at the exhibition were captured by photographer Naymuzzaman Prince of UNFPA Bangladesh.

Terming Bangladesh one of the most disaster-prone countries in the world, speakers at the programme said the effects of climate change impact everyone, especially, women and girls in the country.

It also intensifies life-threatening dangers for women and girls, such as going missing, being trafficked, and being sexually abused, among others, they said.

UNFPA Representative Kristine Blokhuis, Deputy High Commissioner of Australia Nardia Simpson and UN Resident Coordinator Gwyn Lewis spoke at the event.

Speakers also held a discussion at the event, moderated by Dr Ahsan Uddin Ahmed, member of the Independent Technical Advisory Panel of the Green House Fund.



The lost art of hand painted posters

MOHAMMAD JAMIL KHAN

There used to be a time when movie posters and banners were hand-painted by artists.

Big banners were hung on high walls in front of theatres and posters were kept in glass boxes outside the main auditorium.

But those days are long gone. With the advent of technology, movie posters and banners are now digitally procured.

This begets the question -- what happened to these painters who once made a living drawing these posters?

"Majority of these painters, who were involved in the profession are either dead or sitting idle at their homes. Only a few of them are working jointly with graphic designers as assistants," said Md Soyeab, a painter who left the profession after 2003.

Soyeb said he started his career back in 1965 when he was just 13 years old.


After the recently released Bangla movie "Operation Sundarbans", the practice of handpainted posters was revived.

Soyeb was among the two artists who painted posters for the movie. His co-artist was Bidesh Kumar Dhar, now working with graphic artists as an assistant.

While talking to The Daily Star recently, these two artists shared the journey and end of the industry.

Bidesh Kumar, popularly known as BKD among people in the film industry, said making hand-painted movie banners and posters completely stopped after





Bidesh Kumar



Md Soyeab

2005.

"We were around 70 to 80 people in Dhaka, who used to make movie posters. Upon completion of the art, these posters were distributed across the country and hung in front of different movie theatres," said BKD, who started his career in 1961.

"But people stopped reaching out to us after 2000," he said.

When asked how artists survived in that period, Soyeb said primarily he used to draw portraits between 2005 and 2006.

"I also used to paint signboards and banners. But those kinds of work also stopped after 2006."

Sharing the experience of working as a painter in a movie after such a long time, Soyeb said, "I was a bit nervous when the 'Operation Sundarbans' team contacted me for a poster."

"I thought I will not be able to draw with the same skill I once had," he said.

"Making a poster is not an easy job as we have to bring the whole sequence of the movie in a single painting," Soyeb explained.

"When BKD and I worked as painters in the '60s, our monthly salary was around Tk 5 only. And when we left the profession in 2003, the salary was Tk 600

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Dhaka air 'unhealthy'

UNB, Dhaka

Dhaka's air quality continued to be in the "unhealthy" zone yesterday.

With an air quality index (AQI) score of 161 at 8:41am, the metropolis ranked fifth in the list of world cities with the worst air quality.

An AQI between 101 and 200 is considered "unhealthy", particularly for sensitive groups.

India's Delhi and Pakistan's Lahore and Karachi occupied the first three spots, with AQI scores of 346, 246 and 204.

PRAYER
TIMING

NOVEMBER 13

Fajr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha	
5:05	12:45	3:45	5:21	7:00	
JAMAAT	5:40	1:15	4:00	5:24	7:30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



Youths under the banner of "Chakriprattashi Juba Prajanma" bring out a procession in the capital's Shahbagh area yesterday with a demand to raise the age limit to enter government jobs to 35 years.

PHOTO: STAR

No new BCL committee before next council: Nasim

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The ruling Awami League has instructed the incumbent Chhatra League (BCL) leadership not to form any new committee as the date of BCL's next council to elect new leadership has been fixed, AL Joint General Secretary AFM Bahauddin Nasim said yesterday.

"The date to hold the next BCL council has been scheduled for December. They [BCL leaders] were instructed not to announce or form any fresh committee before the council," Nasim told the reporters at the AL chief's political office in Dhanmondi after a meeting of charter sub-committee

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Sajeed Wazed hands over youth award

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister's ICT Adviser and CRI Chairperson Sajeed Wazed Joy yesterday handed over the Joy Bangla Youth Award 2022 among winners.

The award is designed to recognise countrywide young changemakers, help them network among themselves and enhance the services they are already providing to their communities.

Since its inception in November 2014, Young Bangla, the youth wing of Centre for Research and Information, has been conferring Joy Bangla Youth Award to the youths and youth organisations involved in changing the social paradigm in their respective areas.

In the sixth edition of the event, award was given to 10 youth organisations under five categories.

Besides, two persons were conferred with "Lifetime Joy Bangla Youth Award" for their special contributions to the country.

Next nat'l polls to be peaceful, inclusive: minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh is now self-sufficient in food, including milk, egg, and meat, and the country is no longer dependent on foreign aid, said Agriculture Minister Abdur Razzaque yesterday.

He was speaking at an event marking the golden jubilee celebrations of Caritas Bangladesh at Notre Dame College.

"We get only two percent of our total budget as foreign aid. Earlier, it was more than 20 percent," the minister added.

He also said the next parliamentary election, scheduled to be held in early 2024, will be peaceful and inclusive.

"We will ensure that it will be a free, fair election. All people and political parties will take part in it," the minister added.

James Romen Boiragi, president of Caritas Bangladesh, presided over the event.

Among others, State Minister for Social Welfare Ashraf Ali Khan Khasru and former adviser to a caretaker government Rasheda K Chowdhury spoke.

3 members of a robbery gang held in Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police claimed to have arrested three members of a robbery gang in the capital's Mohammadpur area that used to knock autorickshaw drivers unconscious to steal their vehicles on Friday night.

The three were identified as Manik Sarder, Md Delower, and Ilias Kanchan, AKM Hafiz Akhtar, additional commissioner (crime and operations) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police told a briefing at its media centre yesterday.

During primary interrogation, they gave information about their gang and confessed to stealing around 200 autorickshaws so far, the official said.

The gang, posing as passengers, would hire battery and CNG-run autorickshaws and befriend the driver.

Then they would offer them food spiked with sedatives to knock them unconscious, before making away with their vehicle.

The stolen autorickshaws would then be sold in the Kamrangirchar area for Tk 15,000 to Tk 20,000 each.

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