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## It's December, why is dengue

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General of Health Services, said, "Winter is late this year, and the rainfall prior to the onset of the season has created favourable breeding conditions for Aedes mosquitoes."  
Prof Kabirul Bashar, an entomologist of Jahangirnagar University,

earlier said a national vector-control guideline and its proper implementation is necessary to control the Aedes mosquito population.  
A separate institute should be set up to conduct research and regularly share updates with the agencies involved in eradicating the

mosquitoes, he added.  
The authorities need to continue their efforts against the spread of the disease and identify and neutralise clusters of Aedes mosquitoes, recommended experts. Besides, there is no alternative to keeping people's surroundings clean, they added.

## Raise its members to 20

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The challenges of the 21st century and to fulfil the responsibilities assigned by the Constitution in a timely manner, said the parliamentary body.  
About bringing the PSC secretariat under a legal framework, the parliamentary committee said all secretarial work is done through the commission secretariat. However, as the law does not mention anything regarding the establishment of the secretariat, problems are being created in the execution of the work.  
Awami League lawmaker HN Ashikur Rahman presided over the meeting at Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban.

The Bangladesh Public Service Commission (PSC) Bill 2022 was placed in parliament in October this year, incorporating punishment for involvement in any irregularities in any PSC examination.  
State Minister for Public Administration Farhad Hossain placed the bill, which was sent to the parliamentary standing committee on public administration ministry for further examination.  
The maximum punishment for involvement in leaking question papers of any PSC exam will be 10 years in jail or a financial penalty or both, according to the draft law.

The bill will replace the Bangladesh Public Service Commission Ordinance, 1977, in line with a judgment of the High Court over the laws of military regimes.  
The maximum punishment for adopting unfair means or helping any examinee to do so in the examinations, and engagement in answer-sheet forgery would be two years in jail or a financial penalty or both.  
The penalty is one year of jail or a financial penalty or both for creating obstacles or anarchy in the examination process.  
As per the bill, other related offenders will also be brought to book under mobile courts.

## 2 killed, 3 hurt

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of his motorcycle and hitting a roadside tree at Barabaisdia union of Rangabali upazila on Tuesday evening.  
Two pillion passengers of the bike - Maruf Dewan, 18, and Ripon Pada, 12 - were seriously injured. They were undergoing treatment at a local medical facility.  
Two separate cases of wrongful deaths have been filed with Patuakhali and Rangabali police stations.

## Treat discrimination

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community in the law. Section-02 of the draft law has a provision of protecting the rights of only people with physical disabilities," said Zakir.  
"The provision that states that in the absence of parental identity, a child will not be barred from accessing education, should be more clarified. The reasons for which educational institutes can deny admission should be more elaborate and clarified," he added.

Shamim Haidar Patwary, member of the parliamentary standing committee on the law ministry, said the draft law has already been tabled and passed by the Cabinet Division.  
"The law will not be acceptable if we propose things that are unamendable. We have to implement the best we can from the already tabled law," he said.  
Khodeza Nasreen Akhter, member of the parliamentary standing committee on the law ministry, spoke at the event among others.

## Putting everything

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Contacted, Atahar Ali said, "I am not involved in sand lifting. Chairman Rubel booked my dredger at a minimal rate."

However, he didn't say anything about the warnings of the administration.

Rubel's manager Zahid said they are extracting sand for the hi-tech park, under the supervision of one Helal Uddin.

Helal Uddin, sand supplier for Singra Hi-tech Park, said he had an agreement with Rubel's company "Ark Balumhal" to supply the sand.

"They will supply 1.5 million cubic feet of sand to the hi-tech park. They are being paid according to the contract. It's not my concern where they extract sand from," he added.

Swaraswati Halder, a resident of the riverbank said she took refuge in this village as his previous homestead was devoured due to river erosion.

"But now, the riverbank has started breaking here too, because of sand lifting. Where will we go if history repeats itself?"

Shahidul Islah of the same area said Chairman Rubel's cohorts dragged him out of his residence and bashed him mercilessly when he spoke up against sand lifting. "If you protest, there will be consequences."

Home maker Nipa Halder and local resident Shymal Halder also echoed the same, adding that sandbagging the bank started some three years ago.

"River erosion is now imminent. Once it starts, everything will be ruined," they feared.

When this correspondent finally got a hold of Chairman Rubel after numerous attempts, he simply denied doing anything "illegal". He said he buys sand from Naogaon and sells it to the hi-tech park authorities.

## Paddy varieties going extinct

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Farmers said in the past, they would meet the demand of paddy on their own fields.

"We even used to collect these varieties of rice for different purposes like making cake, puffed rice and flavoured rice," said elderly farmer Abdul Latif Howder.

People are now not interested in taking farming as a profession. Instead of farming, they like to work in other sectors such as construction and

public transport, he said.  
"During the peak season of cultivating and harvesting paddy, it gets difficult to arrange labourers even with high payment," said another farmer Romis Howlader.

Besides, low production from local varieties is another reason behind these varieties going extinct.

Farmer Mohammad Shahjahan said, "Cost of farming is also increasing alarmingly but farmers can't get expected profit from this sector."

Admitting to the issue, Mohammad Nazrul Islam Sikder, deputy director of DAE in Pirojpur, said, "As farmers have to produce more paddy on limited land, they are interested in cultivating different hybrid varieties. They also cultivate a handful of local varieties as those are profitable."

Bangladesh Rice Research Institute has revived many of the traditional varieties but their qualities are not the same, he added.

## Abide by the law

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occurred, some two lakh Ansars worked. They are the ones who cooperate with the administration by performing more responsibilities during the elections and puja celebrations."

Referring to Bangladesh India relations, Asaduzzaman said India's contribution to the 1971 Liberation War is undeniable. "Talks have been held with India to stop border killings. They [India] don't support such killings either."

The minister said Bangladesh government to keep an eye on the issue of free movement in border areas. "If there is a problem at the border, a flag meeting is being held immediately. Besides, the home ministries of the two countries are working jointly to solve various problems and crises."

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Mohammad Shahriar Alam; lawmaker Adiba Anjum Mita; and Maj Gen AKM Nazmul Hasan, director general of Ansar

force, were present.

The home minister unveiled the inaugural name plaque of the newly constructed Ansar and Village Defence Party's model upazila building at Bagha and Tanore.

Later, he inaugurated a mural of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on the Rajshahi district police lines ground around 1:00pm.

He attended a reception of freedom fighters of the district and inaugurated a monthlong health camp for the freedom fighters.

## Yet to be rescued

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Police Station on Tuesday night accusing unknown persons, confirmed Md Abdul Halim, officer-in-charge (OC) of the station.

The other six abductees are Absar Uddin, 22, Noor Mohammad, 24, Mohammad Ullah, 38, Selim Ullah, 32, Md Ridwan, 18, and Nurul Haque, 52.

Inspector Moshir Rahman of Baharchhara Police Investigation Centre said, "Police are searching the hills to rescue the missing persons."

## A step forward

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Hamidur Rahman, director general of Wage Earners' Welfare Board, said it is important to ensure the well-being of workers abroad.

Shakirul Islam, chairperson of Ovbashi Karmi Unnayan Program, emphasised supporting workers who return to the country as they are burdened with different challenges.

Prof Ishrat Shamim,

president of Centre for Women and Children Studies, said after returning home, female migrant workers face multi-dimensional challenges including health hazards.

Marina Sultana, director (programme) of Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit, said collaboration is important to chalk out policy framework to reintegrate returnee migrants.

## All religious faiths

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citizens of the country," she said.

In this context, she mentioned the measures taken by the Awami League government for the welfare of the transgender community and other disadvantaged communities.

"We have secured their (Hijra community) rights in the Constitution. They are recognised as 'third gender' in terms of job seeking, in all forms or identity cards," she said.

Referring to the mosque-based education, she said the AL government has arranged the same education in Hindu temples, churches and other places of worship.

The PM said if she sees any particular community lagging, she would bring them forward and ensure education, jobs, livelihood and other facilities for them.

"This is the country with a non-communal spirit that we want to build," said the prime minister.

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### Invitation for Tender

01. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Commerce.		
02. Agency	Ministry of Commerce.		
03. Procuring Entity Name	Project Director (Joint Secretary), Bangladesh Regional Connectivity Project-1, MoC.		
04. Invitation for	Procurement of Physical Services		
Key Information	Procurement of Physical Services		
05. Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)		
Funding Information			
06. Budget and Source of Funds	Development Budget		
07. Development Partners (if Applicable)	IDA (The World Bank)		
Particular Information			
08. Project Code	223002900		
09. Project	Bangladesh Regional Connectivity Project-1, MoC.		
10. Tender Package No.	NSD-03		
11. Tender Package Name	Package No: NSD-03 (Vehicle Rent Services for BRCP-1)		
12. Tender Publication Date	22-12-2022		
13. Tender Last Selling Date and Time	04-01-2023 at 04:00 PM		
14. Tender Closing Date and Time	05-01-2023 at 03:00 PM		
15. Tender Opening Date and Time	05-01-2023 at 03:30 PM		
16. Name & Address of the Office (s)			
Selling Tender Document	Level-12 (West side), Probashi Kollayn Bhaban, 71-72, Eskaton Garden Road, Dhaka-1000.		
Receiving Tender Document	Same as above		
Opening Tender Document	Conference Room, Bangladesh Regional Connectivity Project-1, MoC, Level-12 (West side), Probashi Kollayn Bhaban, 71-72, Eskaton Garden Road, Dhaka-1000.		
17. Pre-Tender Meeting	Not Applicable		
Information for Tenderer			
18. Eligibility of Tenderer	Minimum 3 (three) years of experience of the Service Provider in public/private sector as Prime Contractor/Sub Contractor/Management Contractor in providing vehicle rental services. (Detail stated in ToR)		
19. Brief description of services	The scope of the Service Provider is to facilitate BRCP-1, MoC by providing 02 microbus rental (minimum 07 seated and year of manufacturing 2014 & above) along with skilled drivers. (Detail stated in ToR)		
20. Price of the Tender Document	BDT 1,000.00 (One Thousand Taka Only) for each package- Non-refundable		
21. Identification	Location	Tender Security	Completion Time
22. Vehicle Rental Services for BRCP-1	Mainly Dhaka but need to serve other districts of the country	BDT 60,000.00	12 (Twenty) months (Approx.)
Name of Official Inviting Tender	Md. Mijanur Rahman		
23. Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Project Director (Joint Secretary)		
24. Address of Official Inviting Tender	Level-12 (West side), Probashi Kollayn Bhaban, 71-72, Eskaton Garden Road, Dhaka-1000.		
25. Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Telephone: 02 55138022; Email: pd@brcp1mcc@gmail.com		
26. The Price of Tender document (Non-refundable) should be paid by Cash/Pay Order in favor of Project Director (Joint Secretary), Bangladesh Regional Connectivity Project-1, MoC from any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh and application with company letter head pad for purchase of TD.			
27. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the tenders.			
28. N.B. If it is not possible to receive/open the tender on the scheduled date for unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received/opened on the next working day at the same time & same venue.			

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Bangladesh Forests Department  
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Tender and Retender No.	ID	Package No.	Description	Last Selling Date and Time	Closing and opening Date & Time
762099		GD Opex-8	Printing & Supply of Wall Calendar and Desk Calendar for the Year 2023	02-Jan-2023, 04:00 PM	03-Jan-2023, 01:00 PM
742272					
742109		GD-43	Printing and supply of Community Operation Manual (Bangla and English) and Community Operation Manual handbook etc for Field Implementation Unit	09-Jan-2023, 04:00 PM	10-Jan-2023, 01:00 PM

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SL No.	Tender ID No.	Name of tender	Last date and time of tender security submission	Tender closing date & time
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