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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 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.

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 Howlder.
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 Howlder.
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 India has requested the 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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abductors were demanding the ransom over phone. We couldn't fulfil the demand due to our financial condition."
"On Tuesday morning, the kidnappers agreed to release my two brothers in exchange for Tk 50,000 for each of them. Then they stopped contacting us," he said.
Mohammad Habib, another brother of the duo, filed a case regarding this incident with Teknaf 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, chairman of Oribashi 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 faiths enjoy equal

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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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Memo No: 26.00.0000.066.07.006.17-673 Date: 21-12-2022
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)
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17. Pre-Tender Meeting: Not Applicable
Information for Tenderer:
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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)
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