



Under the soft blanket of the rare winter sun, a child rides his bicycle in the morning as schools are out. His parents work in a tea garden in Sylhet's Malnichhara, and after a long time of saving up, they were finally able to buy the bike for their son. Such a small glimpse of happiness is all that keeps up the spirit amid the harsh reality of workers in the tea gardens. This photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

### 3 cops hospitalised after being shot during training

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Three police constables of Chattogram Metropolitan Police suffered bullet wounds during a training exercise in Betbunia Police Firing Range in Rangamati yesterday.

The constables were identified as Minu Ara of Akbarshah Police Station and Ovi Barua and Sumon Kanti Dey of Bakalia Police Station.

The police officers were undergoing treatment at Chattogram Medical College Hospital.

Krishna Pada Roy, Chattogram Metropolitan Police commissioner, told The Daily Star, "The three suffered bullet injuries in their legs and hands during a training session in Betbunia of Rangamati."

"Later, they were taken to CMCH. We will make all necessary arrangements for their treatment," he said.

### 75 died from respiratory illnesses outside the capital in two months

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 75 people, including children, have died of acute respiratory illnesses in around two months since November 14 outside of Dhaka city, according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

Of them, the highest 50 people died in Chattogram division, followed by 21 in Mymensingh, and two each in Khulna and Barisal divisions.

During the same period, at least 50,130 people, including children, suffered from acute respiratory illnesses, the DGHS data showed.

Contacted, health officials at the Health Emergency Operation Centre and Control Room at the DGHS said the data from the hospitals in Dhaka city were not available.

In Bangladesh Shishu Hospital and institute, at least 86 children died of pneumonia in November and December, Prof Jahangir Alam, director of the hospital told this newspaper last week.

Meanwhile, diarrhoea claimed three lives while causing 3,29,144 illnesses, according to the data.

During winter, the incidence of respiratory illnesses, including childhood pneumonia rises countrywide.

Around 12,000 children under five years of age die of pneumonia and 9.33 lakh become sick each year in the country, according to icddr.b.



Although it's illegal to pick up and drop off passengers in front of the toll plaza near Mayor Hanif Flyover in Dholaiipar area, certain bus owners seem to be above the rule, as they are found doing the same act time and time again, right under the authority's nose. This photo was taken recently.

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### 32 more hospitalised with dengue

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 32 dengue patients were hospitalised, 17 of whom are from outside Dhaka, in the last 24 hours till yesterday morning.

The total number of dengue cases this year rose to 321 during this time, according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

A total of 155 patients have been released so far.

Some 165 dengue patients are still undergoing treatment across the country.

Meanwhile, the total number of deaths in dengue was 281 last year, while the total number of cases was 62,382.

Experts urged authorities concerned to conduct extensive drives identifying clusters of Aedes mosquitoes.

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