



## Dengue cases 5 times higher this season

Says health minister citing DGHS data for 5 months till May

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dengue infections are spreading rapidly, with the number of patients increasing fivefold in the first five months of this year compared to the same period last year.

"As of now, there have been 1,700 cases of dengue reported in the country, five times the number of cases reported in the same period last year," said Health Minister Zahid Maleque at a press briefing at the Secretariat yesterday afternoon.

"Doctors and nurses have been trained on how to identify and treat dengue cases. Meanwhile, the survey on dengue is ongoing, and reports are being submitted to two city corporations," the minister added.

"Separate wards and beds have been set up at hospitals across the country for the treatment of dengue patients," he also added.

The health minister urged everyone to keep their surroundings clean and seek immediate medical attention

### HOW TO STAY SAFE

- Use mosquito nets when sleeping
- Wear full-sleeved clothes
- Keep doors, windows closed at sunrise, sunset
- Check, drain stagnant water around the house
- Keep house, adjoining areas clean

if they become infected.

Last year, 310 people were hospitalised with dengue fever between January 1 and May 28, according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

This year, the total number of dengue cases reached 1,843, with at least 72 new patients being hospitalised in the last 24 hours till yesterday morning.

There are 226 patients who are still being treated for dengue, and 13 people have died from the infection this year.

So far, 1,604 people who were hospitalised with dengue have been discharged.

In an effort to control the spread of Aedes mosquitoes, Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) began a week-long anti-mosquito drive yesterday.

DNCC Chief Executive Officer Selim Reza inaugurated the programme at Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed Park in Gulshan.

He said, "Under the direction of Mayor Atiqul Islam, we have taken a number of steps to prepare for the rainy season. These steps will continue in every ward of the DNCC."

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With Chennai Super Kings needing 10 runs off the last two balls of the Indian Premier League final against reigning champions Gujarat Titans, Ravindra Jadeja hit a six and four in a last-ball thriller to secure a record-equalling fifth IPL title in a match that was likely skipper MS Dhoni's farewell. Chennai chased down a revised target of 171 in 15 overs with five wickets to spare in a rain-hit IPL final. PHOTO: AFP

### BUSINESS

#### Credit growth slips to 14-month low

Private sector credit growth in Bangladesh dropped to a 14-month low of 11.23 per cent in April owing to weak demand for loans, official figures showed.

This was the fifth consecutive monthly decline as businesses continue their "wait and see" approach because of the persisting uncertainty at home and abroad.

Banks' finance to the private sector stood at Tk 14,57,400 crore in April.

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### ROHINGYA REPATRIATION

# China now active but uncertainties yet to clear up

PORIMOL PALMA

China now appears to be quite active in trying to make the Rohingya repatriation a reality.

Some high-profile visits have been made over the last few months.

Chinese Special Envoy on Myanmar Deng Xijun visited Dhaka on April 6 and met Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen. Chinese Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs Sun Weidong's visit ended on Sunday. Weidong met the prime minister.

Bangladesh Foreign Secretary Masud Bin Momen's went to Kunming on April 18 and met officials from China and Myanmar.

During the Bangladesh-China foreign office consultation (FOC) on Saturday, Weidong said an early repatriation would be beneficial for Bangladesh, Myanmar and the entire region.

While China and Myanmar officials are now more active than before for

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### Myanmar not sincere Says Momen on Rohingya return

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen yesterday said Myanmar lacked sincerity when it came to the repatriation of Rohingya refugees.

"Rohingya repatriation cannot happen without Myanmar's sincerity. Otherwise, it would have started already," he told reporters at the foreign ministry.

The comment comes when China seems to be working actively in mediating with Myanmar for starting the repatriation process.

Momen said that it has been six years since

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### Students must not cover faces during exams

#### SC upholds notice of DU Bangla department

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday upheld a notice issued by Dhaka University's Bangla department asking its students to keep their faces and ears uncovered during exams and presentations.

The SC's Appellate Division yesterday stayed a High Court order that halted the effectiveness of the notice issued on December 11 last year.

The apex court also asked the HC to hear and dispose of, in two months, a rule on the authorities concerned to explain as to why the Bangla department's decision should not be declared illegal.

A full bench of the Appellate Division led by Justice Md Nuruzzaman passed the order after the department appealed against the HC order.

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PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Police fining a motorcyclist for getting on the pavement in front of Dhaka Polytechnic Institute in Tejgaon Industrial Area yesterday. Motorbikers often get on the pavement to avoid traffic even though it is illegal to do so.

### Man 'serving extra 7yrs in jail' Claims writ filed before HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Alauddin Gazi of Shariatpur's Gosairhat upazila has been behind bars "illegally for more than seven years after he finished serving his life-term in prison in a murder case".

This was claimed in a writ petition filed with the High Court by Supreme Court lawyer Bivuti Tarofder yesterday.

According to the lawyer, Alauddin could not move an appeal with the higher court challenging the trial court's verdict against him due to financial constraints when 14 other convicted in the case were

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### Official drains reservoir to retrieve phone

CNN, Online

A government official in India who drained a reservoir to retrieve a phone he dropped while taking a selfie has been suspended from his job.

More than 2 million liters of water were pumped out of the Paralkot reservoir, over a period of four days, in an effort to retrieve the Samsung handset belonging to Rajesh Vishwas, a local food inspector.

Vishwas had been out with friends last Sunday afternoon when it slipped from his grasp at the scenic spot in the central Indian state of Chhattisgarh.

In a video statement shared by the Indian Express, Vishwas said he rented a diesel pump to "drain some water into a nearby canal" in an effort to retrieve the phone and that he did this after asking for permission from a sub-divisional officer.



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