

Girl raped in Lalmonirhat

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A girl was gang-raped while she was visiting the airport area in Lalmonirhat on Saturday evening.

The victim's father filed a case against three persons with Lalmonirhat Sadar Police Station yesterday noon, said Officer-in-Charge Ershadul Alam.

Police said the victim, a college student, went to the airport area with her friend on Saturday afternoon. Two of his friends were also with them. They forcibly took her to a nearby maize field and raped her, according to the case statement.

The rapists then fled the spot, stealing the girl's phone. Later, locals rescued and took her to a hospital.

OC Ershadul said they are trying to arrest the accused.

Meanwhile in Barishal's Gournadi area, five youths have been arrested for gang-raping the wife of a Saudi Arabian expatriate. The incident took place on Saturday afternoon. Police arrested the rapists at night. They are – Shishir Howlader, Salman Sikder, Yasin Molla, and Rezaul Bepari, and Rejaul Karim of Sarikala area.

18 BCL men

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ACTION against them such activities are repeated," said Shaikat.

The hall authorities spoke to the ones involved in the disputes regarding seats and assured that the matter was sorted, informed Prof Muhammad Zayed Hossain, Provost of Dr Muhammad Shahidullah Hall.

"We, however, did not form any probe committee as no formal complaint was submitted to us in this regard," he added.

DU Proctor Prof Maksudur Rahman said, "We tried to find out the actual cause of the disputes and urged them to obey the university rules. We will soon be arranging a meeting to decide on whether to form a probe committee to investigate the incident."



An "Environment Rally" was held at the Central Shaheed Minar in the capital yesterday afternoon. A group of 15 green and rights organisations participated in the event where speakers urged people from all strata of life to raise voice against pollution. Among others, rights activist Sultana Kamal, Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association chief executive Syeda Rizwana Hasan and Association for Land Reform and Development executive director Shamsul Huda spoke at rally.

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NCD the silent killer Dengue 'Den-2'

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to 30pc from 42pc current rate," said Prof Rahman.

The widespread socio-economic impacts of the continuing Covid-19 epidemic and limited NCD prevention and control activities during this period were identified as contributing factors to the worsening prevalence of risk factors and diseases.

Based on the survey findings, the research team proposed several policy recommendations.

These include intensified efforts in tobacco cessation and control, improvement of access to fruits and vegetables throughout the year, promotion of physical activity through improved environments, and increased screening programmes for hypertension and diabetes in healthcare facilities.

The adoption of digital monitoring and surveillance systems was also suggested to improve coverage, care, and follow-up for NCD cases.

"The survey indicates that we have been failing to provide quality treatment to the population. So, we have to undertake innovative ways, and

we have already started research on it," said Prof Robed Amin, director of NCD Control Unit at DGHS.

Researchers also shared separate studies on the current scenario on mental health, palliative care, disability, diabetes, cancer, noise pollution and impacts of saltwater intrusion.

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Zahid Maleque, minister for health and family welfare, Prof Abul Bashar Mohammad Khurshid Alam, director general of DGHS, physicians and experts from different organisations attended the day-long event, among others.

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Cleanliness is also necessary to prevent the infections from spreading across. Dr Tahmina also urged people to make sure that their yards are clean and stagnant waters are removed following rains.

"Many gravely ill patients with dengue shock syndrome visited the Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College and Hospital yesterday. However, there is a huge lack of resources and facilities when it comes to testing the patients and determining the variant they are affected with," said HM Nazmul Ahsan, associate professor of the college.

Conducting tests in RT-PCR labs is necessary if one wants to identify the variant. Further studies could also be conducted to know which cross variants are the most lethal. However, the facilities are expensive, he informed.

Severity is depended on several factors – serotyping, genotyping and the sequence of the cross infection.

Echoing with Dr Tahmina, Dr Nazmul said, "Serotype sequence is very important for determining the severity, but we have failed to do this study so

far. We have to attend many patients that are in critical conditions but we don't know which variant has infected them. This leads to further deteriorating their conditions and untimely deaths," he said.

Dengue symptoms include severe stomach pain, vomiting, breathing problems, blood in nose, gums, vomit or stools, weakness and a significant decrease in platelet counts. A patient with these problems should be hospitalised immediately as the infected one can reach a critical stage within 24-48 hours of showing these signs, he asserted.

Pregnant women and patients suffering from cancer or heart, kidney, and liver complications have to be taken under special supervision, said Nazmul.

Meanwhile, a mobile court yesterday imposed Tk 28,000 as fines upon visiting a construction site and several houses in the capital's Dhalpur.

"We fined the site's supervisor and four others as we found Aedes mosquito breeding at their premises," said Zahangir Alam, executive magistrate of Dhaka South City Corporation.

AL in full throttle

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seeking vote for Anwaruzzaman.

Leaders of AL-affiliated organisations – including Jubo League, Chhatra League, Swachhchasebak League – are also campaigning in the city.

Moreover, expatriate leaders of the ruling party are also travelling to Sylhet to campaign for Anwaruzzaman, who is also an expatriate and joint secretary of the party's UK chapter.

Meanwhile, the JP candidate is mostly seen with local leaders while notable central leaders are absent in his electoral campaign.

Other independent mayoral candidates are campaigning mostly in the areas where they are known to the locals.

PROJECTION SHOWS BIG WIN FOR AL CANDIDATE

An estimate shows that the AL candidate Anwaruzzaman will win with a difference of around 1 lakh votes from his closest

contesting JP candidate.

The vote projection was conducted for the first time in Bangladesh by Social Engineering and Election Maneuvering Architecture, a sister concern of the Europe-based research institute Wise GOV.

The estimate was made following a 52-day field survey since April 2023. The projection considered the voter diversity like supporters of political parties, religious sects, minorities, settlers, neutrals etc.

The projection shows that around 44-51 percent of voters will cast their votes and the AL candidate will get 1,35,250 (+10 percent) votes.

It also shows that the JP candidate will get 25,000-33,000 votes while other candidates will get between 3,500 and 11,000 votes.

132 CENTRES OUT OF 190 'IMPORTANT'
Sylhet Metropolitan Police (SMP) marked 132 centres out of the total 190 centres as "important".

SMP is planning to deploy additional force to these centres to avoid any

unwanted circumstances.

Out of 42 wards, all centres at 18 wards are marked "important" and all centres of only one ward is marked "normal".

Sudip Das, additional deputy commissioner (media) of SMP, said, "Many things are considered to mark the centres 'important' and the key factors are a natural calamity, remote placement, no boundary wall, and the conflicting situation among candidates."

Moreover, more force will be deployed with the judicial and executive magistrates on duty, he added.

POLLS ON JUNE 21

A total of 4,86,605 voters are expected to cast their votes via electronic voting machine (EVM).

There will be a total of 1,364 polling booths at 190 centres in 42 wards.

Eight mayoral candidates, 273 general councillor candidates for 42 wards and 87 reserved councillor candidates for 14 reserved wards are contesting the city polls.

Chaos, clash reign over

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procession of the incumbent councillor candidate Motiur Rahman was attacked with crude bombs at Chandipur under ward 7.

Rahman blamed his opponent Johirul Islam of AL for the attack.

Islam refused the allegation.

On Friday, supporters of Md Alauddin, Motiur thana unit AL secretary, and Abdus Samad of Jamaat locked into a clash, leaving five persons injured.

The clash started at 6:00pm when Jamaat men attacked Alauddin and his supporters' motorcycle near Budhpara mosque, said Alauddin, adding that five of his supporters including him were beaten at that time.

Abdus Samad brought counter allegation against Alauddin that 10 of his men were injured when Alauddin's followers attacked his campaigners.

Police took the situation under control and both the parties submitted complaints to the returning officer.

In ward-12, the incumbent councillor

Sariful Islam Babu is facing two opponents from AL – Shihab Chowdhury and Mokshed-ul Alam.

In ward-13, the councillor candidate Masud Rana blamed the incumbent councillor Abdul Momin of intimidating his voters and campaigners.

On June 11, Momin's men beat up female supporters of Rana, who is also the metropolitan Jubo League's industries and commerce affairs secretary.

The incumbent councillor Anwar Hossain allegedly burnt an election office of his contestant Murad Ali recently in ward-14.

A least four candidates from AL and its associate bodies are contesting in ward-18.

Expelled Jubo League leader and incumbent councillor Touhidul Haque Sumon is facing the city unit Jubo League organising secretary Ashraf Hossain Babu in ward-19.

Their supporters engaged in clashes for three days so far leading to law enforcers getting involved to maintain peace in the areas.

In ward 21, the supporters of the incumbent councillor Nizam-ul-Azim and the city unit Jubo League vice president Golam Faruk also clashed twice.

AL men are contesting in 19 wards out of total 30. Four of them are contesting from each of five wards, three in one ward and two each in the remaining 13 wards.

Some of these candidates are declaring themselves party-backed candidates and they are explaining to their voters how close they are with the incumbent mayor Liton, although the city AL leaders declined party support for any of the councillor candidates.

In the city corporation elections, party symbol was not given to the councillor candidates. Although BNP is not participating, some 16 BNP men are contesting the polls without the party's election symbol.

Local BNP sent a letter to its central committee recommending the expulsion of the 16 BNP men from the party for participating in the election in violation of the party decision.

BNP leaders go to US embassy

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embassy after being invited. We do not do the politics of complaining against the country," he said.

About the next general elections, Quader said many BNP leaders are preparing secretly for the elections and many parties are ready to participate in the polls. "They are living in a fool's paradise if they think that others will not participate in the polls if BNP boycotts it," he said.

Responding to a question, Quader said the national elections are not far away and in the recent city elections, about 50 percent votes were cast in Gazipur, while 40 to 45 percent in Barishal and Khulna.

"So, how can you say voter turnout was less? In many developed countries, votes are cast even below 30 percent," he said.

Replying to another query, Quader said: "We are not looking at anyone. We are looking at the people of

Bangladesh. External powers can be friends but cannot make you win the election."

Snake bites kill

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centre for collecting venom. Now we have to take measures to produce anti-venom." Health Minister Zahid Maleque said while addressing the event as the chief guest.

At the event, a total of 17 studies on different NCDs conducted during 2021-2022 were shared.

National polls

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IAB placed a five-point proposition at the press conference including formation of a polls-time national government before the tenure of the parliament expires.

Rezaul criticised the chief election commissioner for his failure and a recent remark of the latter (did he die?). He called the CEC an "inconsiderate" and "senseless" man.

The IAB also announced to organise a protest march towards the EC Bhaban on Wednesday demanding the resignation of the CEC.

It will also hold a discussion with representatives of political parties, alem-ulemas, journalists, and intellectuals to explore ways to overcome the existing political crisis and ensure a free, fair and impartial national polls on June 24.

JP's Nazrul pledges

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a development plan for the newly-included city areas, increased water supply, a power plant to generate electricity from garbage at landfills, recycling garbage, and eradication of waterlogging.

Additionally, it also aims to extend service for

expatriates, more parks and playgrounds, extended green cover, a library at every ward and daycare centres for working mothers.

Nazrul aims to establish specialised hospitals for workers of different trades, new planned housing areas and development of slums.

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