

## Dengue claims three more lives

UNB, Dhaka

Three more people died from dengue in the 24 hours till yesterday morning.

With the new number, the official death toll from dengue rose to 50 this year, according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

During the period, 270 more patients were hospitalised with the viral fever, DGHS said.

Of the new patients, 178 were admitted to hospitals in Dhaka.

A total of 1,405 patients, including 944 in the capital, are now receiving treatment at hospitals across the country.

So far, the DGHS has recorded 8,248 dengue cases and 6,793 recoveries this year.

The country logged 281 dengue deaths in 2022 – the highest on record after 179 deaths recorded in 2019. Also, it recorded 62,423 dengue cases and 61,971 recoveries last year.



**CELEBRATING EID...** Taking a break from monotony, children were seen enjoying Eid with their parents at different amusement parks and tourist places around the country. While some chose to book a trip on a carousel, others enjoyed the day making friends with animals at the zoo. Meanwhile, many others decided to take a dip in the sea or relish the rain. The photos were taken from National Zoo in the capital's Mirpur, Chattogram's Patenga Beach and Sylhet's Sada Pathar area.

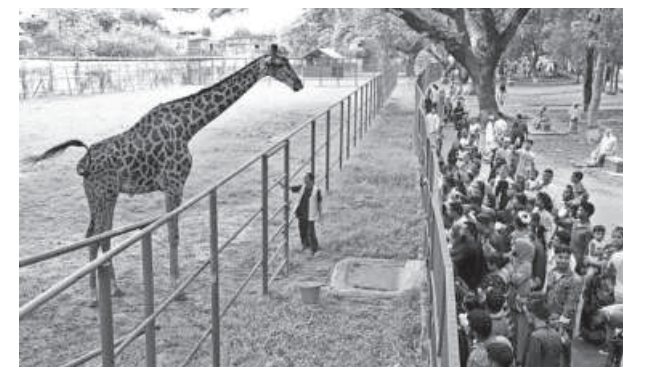


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## 150 people get free health check-ups

### Faraaz Hossain Foundation holds medical camp in Bogura

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogura

A daylong free health check-up camp for underprivileged people was organised in Bogura yesterday.

Faraaz Hossain Foundation organised the camp at Bogura's PepsiCo plant in Fuldighi area from 10:00am to 3:00pm.

Around 150 unprivileged men, women and children from Bogura Tinmatha, Shakpalarmor and Medical College areas received free treatment and medicine there.

The camp was held commemorating Faraaz Ayaaz Hossain.

Faraaz has become an epitome of supreme sacrifice for the cause of humanity. His refusal to leave his friends during the militant attack at Gulshan's Holy Artisan Bakery on July 1, 2016 was not only an act of bravery that the world saluted but also set the burning example of



**Doctors conduct medical check-up of Bogura residents, as part of a camp organised by Faraaz Hossain Foundation yesterday.**

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what a pristine youthful mind can do when it comes to choosing the right path at the expense of mere mortality.

Yesterday, Masum Hossain, 40, a rickshaw puller, came to the camp from Shakpala area. He said, "My 8 year old son was suffering from fever for the last five days... I came to know that a free medical camp was arranged here with specialist doctors. So, I brought my child here and the doctor treated him cordially. They also provide us with free medicine."

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## Invest more to make CETP fully functional

### SAVAR TANNERY ESTATE

Tanners association urges govt



PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

**Tannery workers processing rawhide at a depot.**

STAR REPORT

The government should invest more to make the central effluent treatment plant (CETP) at the Savar Tannery Industrial Estate fully functional, said Shaheen Ahamed, chairman of the Bangladesh Tanners Association, yesterday.

The estate has been set up to help the country's tannery industrial estate get rid of pollution stemming from rawhide processing. But it has not made significant progress to put in place a fully functional liquid and solid waste management system, a salt purification system, and a common chromium recovery unit even though the work to construct the estate started in 2003 and tanners were moved to Savar from the capital's Hazaribagh in 2017.

Currently, the CETP has the capacity to treat 25,000 to 30,000 cubic metres of liquid waste against

the peak demand of 45,000 cubic metres usually seen during Eid-ul-Azha.

"Leather exporters have not been able to capture a major share of the international market as the promise of setting up an environment-friendly industrial estate has not been materialised yet," Ahamed said during a press conference at a hotel in the capital.

In the absence of proper waste management, tannery owners are not getting the Leather Working Group (LWG) certification despite investing Tk 7,000 crore to Tk 8,000 crore, according to the chief of the trade body.

"If we get the LWG certificate, the price of leather will be almost three times higher than the current selling rate in the international market."

In order to sell leather and leather products at good prices among large

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## Woman's body found hanging

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The hanging body of a woman was found in Chattogram's Hathazari upazila on the day of Eid-ul-Azha.

The deceased was identified as Sumi Akter, 19, of Gumanmardan union.

Parents of the deceased alleged that their daughter was killed by her in-laws, and are now trying to pass the murder off as a suicide.

Sumi got married to one Tajul Islam, resident of the same upazila, in July last year.

Tajul is currently staying in Qatar.

Mena Akter, Sumi's mother, told The Daily Star, "My daughter called me an hour before her death. She was crying... she said the family continues to harass her."

Contacted, Farid Mia, Sumi's father-in-law, said they found her body hanging from a ceiling fan on the day of Eid and rushed her to a hospital, where the duty doctor declared her dead.

Meanwhile, Siraj Mia, the victim's father, filed a case with Hathazari Police Station early yesterday, accusing Sumi's father-in-law, mother-in-law and brother-in-law of abetting suicide.

"We are investigating the matter," said Moniruzzaman, officer in-charge of the police station.

## It will be a people's movement: Fakhru

UNB, Dhaka

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir yesterday said the current regime will be forced to concede to their demand for holding the next election under a non-party government as their party is going to launch a different type of movement involving the masses.

Talking to reporters at the BNP Chairperson's Gulshan office, he, however, assured that they will not announce programmes like hartal and blockade to avoid street violence.

"It'll undoubtedly be a little different from the previous movements and the involvement of people will also increase," he said.

He said they are confident that there will be huge involvement of people, especially the youth, in their one-point anti-government movement.

He claimed that their party's recent youth rallies in different cities and districts evoked overwhelming response.

## We don't do politics to appease foreign masters: Quader

BSS, Dhaka

Awami League General Secretary and Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader yesterday said unlike BNP, the AL or Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina does not do politics to satisfy foreign masters.

"Sheikh Hasina-led government is joining BRICS (alliance) for the welfare of the people. Neither Awami League nor Sheikh Hasina does politics to appease foreign masters as BNP does. Awami League does politics for the betterment of the people," he said.

The minister said this in a statement sent to the media condemning the "politically motivated and misleading statements made by BNP leaders".

Quader said the statement of BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhru about joining the BRICS is nothing but an expression of his ignorance.

## Man dies falling off building in Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man died after falling off the third floor of an under-construction building at Gendaria in the capital on Friday.

The deceased, identified as Md Mahmud, 40, was the site manager of the under-construction structure.

He was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where the duty doctor declared him dead around 7:00pm.



**PRAYER TIMING**  
JULY 2  
Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha  
AZAN 4-10 12-45 5-00 6-55 8-17  
JAMAAT 4-45 1-15 5-15 7-00 8-45  
SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



**Marking the 102nd founding anniversary of Dhaka University, a procession, led by the university's former and existing students, teachers and staff, was brought out on the campus yesterday.**

PHOTO: STAR

## 102nd anniv of DU celebrated

DU CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University, the oldest university in the country, celebrated its 102nd founding anniversary yesterday.

DU Vice Chancellor Prof Akhtaruzzaman inaugurated the day-long programme at 10:00am by hoisting the national and university flags at the Teacher-Student Centre.

The inauguration concluded after the VC released balloons and cut a cake, marking the occasion.

A procession, led by the university's former and existing students, teachers and staff rallied around the campus, starting at Memory Eternal.

This was followed by a discussion at TSC auditorium at 10:30am. The event was chaired by the VC.

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## Building housing police outpost tilts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A two-storey building, which houses Bangshal police outpost, in the capital tilted to one side Friday afternoon forcing authorities to relocate the inhabitants to a nearby building.

Abu Naser, the spokesperson for the Dhaka South City Corporation, said the police personnel who were present at the outpost have been relocated to a nearby tin-shed building. This prompt action was taken to ensure their safety.

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**The balcony of this building, which houses a police outpost, collapsed in Bangshal on Friday.**

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