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Four-year-old Muslima has been in Mugda hospital since Thursday when she began suffering from fatigue and weakness due to high fever and decreased platelets. More and more children are getting admitted to hospitals across the city every day. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

3 die as bulk carrier rams, sinks waterbus

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A teenage boy was among the three people killed after a sand-laden bulk carrier rammed a waterbus, causing the latter to sink in the Buriganga in the capital's Keraniganj around 8:15pm yesterday.

The waterbus with 60 people was approaching its destination in Telghat when the incident happened, said Sub-Inspector Rezaul Karim of Sadarghat River Police Station.

Two of the three deceased were identified as Md Fahim, 22, of Joypara of Dhaka's Dohar upazila and Md Ali, 14, of Chunkuthia of Keraniganj.

Fahim worked for a firm and Ali worked at a clothes shop.

When firefighters brought them to Sir Salimullah Medical College Mitford Hospital, doctors declared them dead, hospital sources said.

At least three others were also admitted to the hospital.

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JP leader killed

Murderers dump his body near Suhrawardy hospital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Unidentified assailants killed Jatiya Party leader Abdus Salam Bahadur and left his body near Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital late at night on Saturday, said his brother Abdul Karim.

Officers who recovered 60-year-old Salam's body found injury marks to both his legs, said Utpal Barua, officer-



Salam Bahadur

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Spectre of deadliest dengue year looms

Experts blame the outbreak on Dhaka city corporations' failure to take early measures

HELEML ALAM

The Dhaka city corporations seem to have learned little from the past when it comes to controlling Aedes mosquitoes, as early measures were not taken to avert this year's deadly dengue outbreak, experts say.

According to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), six people died and 1,424 others were hospitalised in the 24 hours till yesterday morning.

With the new numbers, 106 people have died in total, while the number of recorded dengue patients rose to 20,878 since the beginning of this year.

Different city hospitals are grappling with the influx of dengue patients.

With the viral disease yet to hit its peak, which normally takes place in August-September, entomologists and medical experts fear that the numbers of patients and deaths may cross those of

2019, when 1,01,354 people were infected and 179 died – the deadliest dengue year so far.

Once a seasonal fever, dengue has turned into an all-year-long phenomenon since 2014, in the absence of necessary measures to control Aedes mosquitoes – carrier of the dengue and chikungunya viruses – during the November-March.

"The impact of climate change has also made Bangladesh dengue-prone throughout the year."

Entomologist
Kabirul Bashar

This is the period when mosquito distribution and breeding are low due to drier seasons.

Entomologist Manzur A Chowdhury said that inaction during this period has led to the disproportional rise in Aedes population this year.

"For the past 20 years, we see that activities to kill Aedes mosquitoes increase during the outbreaks, but all initiatives stop once the disease subsides," he told The Daily Star.

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Tigers win first T20I series against Afghans

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A collective approach saw Bangladesh clinch their maiden T20I bilateral series against Afghanistan following a six-wicket victory in the rain-curtailed second match at the Sylhet International Cricket Stadium yesterday.

The energetic Sylhet crowd enjoyed some dominating display from the Bangladesh bowlers up front as Taskin Ahmed, who picked up his 50th T20I wicket during the game, removed both Rahmanullah Gurbaz and Hazratullah Zazai upfront.

Following a rain delay of over an hour, Shakib Al Hasan led from the front with his captaincy and also with the ball, picking up two wickets while conceding only 15 runs from three overs as Afghanistan were restricted to 116 for seven in 17 overs.

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