



## DENGUE OUTBREAK Diarrhoea now a key symptom

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

More and more dengue patients are experiencing diarrhoea this year, which is causing severe complications.

“Diarrhoea has emerged as a highly prevalent characteristic among dengue patients, which we did not see the previous year – the condition of the patients with diarrhoea is turning worse fast,” said Tariqul Matin, assistant director at the emergency unit at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU).

Roughly 40 percent of the dengue patients at BSMMU suffer from diarrhoea along with vomiting.

At noon yesterday, around 28 patients were undergoing treatment at the BSMMU, including the emergency unit and the dedicated dengue unit at the hospital, according to Matin.

BSMMU has around 50 beds dedicated to dengue patients.

Doctors at the capital’s Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital said the same as Matin.

About 30 percent of dengue patients suffer from diarrhoea, said Khalilur Rahman, director of Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital.

“This has become a very common feature of dengue infection this year.”

Another common feature among the hospitalised patients is vomiting.

“Dengue patients should take adequate fluid such as oral saline. It will prevent vomiting and the patient’s condition will remain stable,” Rahman said.

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Parents taking their nine-month-old son Mehedi, who has been receiving dengue treatment at Mugda Medical College Hospital for three days, to the nurses so that his saline drip bag can be changed. The health directorate reported another nine deaths from the mosquito-borne disease yesterday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

## Nazrul’s 47th death anniv today



BSS, Dhaka

The 47th death anniversary of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam will be observed in the country today in a befitting manner.

On August 27 (12 Bhadra of Bangla calendar year) in 1976, the poet breathed his last at the then PG Hospital, now Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Hospital, in Dhaka.

The poet was buried with state honour beside the Dhaka University central mosque.

Kazi Nazrul was a poet,

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## ABDUCTION OF NBR OFFICIAL Ex-husband is the mastermind Rab says after arresting 3

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The recent abduction of Masuma Khatun, an official of the National Board of Revenue, was masterminded by her ex-husband, Rab yesterday said after arresting three people, including the prime accused.

The victim’s ex-husband, Harun-or-Rashid, a retired government official, hired prime accused Masum alias Masud, 42, who until recently had worked as the victim’s driver, to carry out the abduction.

Masum and his two associates – Hafiz, 48, and Abdul Jalil Panu, 48 – were arrested from Gazipur’s Sreepur and Dhaka’s Sabujbagh on Friday night, Khandaker Al Moin, director of Rab’s legal and media wing, told a press briefing at the Rab Media Centre yesterday.

So far, six people were arrested over the incident.

Masuma, a joint tax commissioner of the NBR, was abducted on August 17 from in front of Viqarunnisa Noon School and College. She managed to escaped the following day, 18 hours after the abduction.

After preliminary interrogation, Rab said Masum earlier worked as Masuma’s driver but was sacked for “misbehaviour” on August 1.

Harun recently contacted Masum and said he would give him a handsome amount of money if he abducted and took Masuma to Harun’s rented house in Hatirjheel area, said the Rab official.

He was allegedly angry about her second marriage and “wanted to teach her a lesson”. He also made a complaint in this regard to the NBR in April.

“He initially paid Masum Tk 70,000,” the official added.

After receiving the money, Masum informed his associates Hafiz, Panu, Raju, Sabbir, Saiful and Shanto about the plan to abduct her and distributed the money among them.

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## 15 BNP men injured in ‘AL attack’ in Cumilla

2 have gunshot wounds; crude bomb explodes during Chhatra Dal procession in Sylhet

STAR REPORT

At least 15 BNP leaders and activists were injured, including two with gunshot wounds, in an attack allegedly carried out by Awami League men in Cumilla yesterday.

Local Swechhasebak Dal leader Monir Hossain and Jubo Dal leader Firoz Ahmed were shot during the attack, said Mafizul Islam Khandaker, member secretary of Belghar union BNP.

They were admitted to Comilla Medical College Hospital, he said, adding that doctors said they were out of danger.

The clash ensued at Goyarbhangra Bazar in Belghar North Union around 2:00pm when AL and Jubo League men brought out a procession, at which time the BNP was also holding a committee meeting.

Witnesses said AL and Jubo League men led by upazila parishad Chairman Kamrul Hasan and upazila AL Organising Secretary Ayatullah attacked the BNP programme venue.

As tensions mounted, they traded gunfire, leaving over 15 BNP men injured.

BNP leaders alleged the house of local BNP leader Mofijul Islam in Undania village was vandalised and looted.

The party planned a committee

meeting at Mofijul’s house with BNP leader Manirul Haque Chowdhury as chief guest.

However, AL rejected the allegations and blamed BNP men for attacking their peaceful rally.

Moreover, Upazila AL President Kamrul Kamrul Hasan claimed at least 10 of their men were injured.

Hanif Sarker, officer-in-charge of Lalmai Police Station, claimed police did not find any evidence of gunshots being fired at the scene.

In a statement issued last night, BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhruul demanded prompt arrest and punishment of the AL activists who carried out the attack.

He called it part of the government’s “grand scheme” to intimidate the BNP through violence ahead of the next general elections.

Meanwhile, in Sylhet, there was a

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## ROHINGYA RETURN Situation in Rakhine not what some say it is Says Chinese ambassador

UNB, Dhaka

Highlighting the importance of joint global efforts to realise the repatriation of the Rohingyas, Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Yao Wen has said those who keep claiming situations in Myanmar “not conducive” for repatriation have seldom visited Myanmar’s Rakhine State.

“It’s quite strange. And they didn’t answer the question of whether the situation in Cox’s Bazar is right for the displaced people to live a decent life. This is something they have to ask themselves,” he told UNB in an exclusive interview.

The current influx of Rohingyas took place on August 25, 2017, which has seen its 6th anniversary on Friday.

Go to [www.thedailystar.net](http://www.thedailystar.net) for the full interview.

## Trump mugshot merchandise selling like hot cakes



REUTERS, Washington

Former US president Donald Trump’s historic mugshot, posted by a Georgia courthouse on Thursday evening, is being turned into T-shirts, shot glasses, mugs, posters and even bobblehead dolls by friends and foes alike.

The shot of Trump with a red tie, glistening hair, and an icy scowl was taken as the Republican presidential front-runner was arrested on more than a dozen felony charges, part of a criminal case stemming from his attempts to overturn the 2020 election.

Supporters and campaign managers have embraced the image of his arrest, as they rally around Trump’s claims that the charges against him are politically motivated.

To critics, the photo symbolises that his long list of legal woes has finally caught up to him.

Trump’s Save America fundraising committee is selling “NEVER SURRENDER!” mugshot T-shirts (\$34.00), beverage holders (\$15.00 for two) and coffee mugs (\$25.00). His son Don Jr. is marketing “FREE TRUMP” mug shot t-shirts (\$29.99) and posters (\$19.99).

## ‘BCL activists torture student’, teachers attack journos in SBMC

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

At least six journalists came under attack and a camera tripod was damaged when they went to Sher-e-Bangla Medical College in Barishal yesterday to cover alleged torture of a female student.

Shakil Mahmud, a journalist of Somoy TV, told The Daily Star that Probir Saha, superintendent of a female student hall, medicine doctor Bakibillah, and some their staffers swooped on them at the administrative building when they were talking to the female student and her mother after SBMC academic council recorded their statements.

“The accused teachers and staffers of Sher-e-Bangla Medical College attacked us with chairs. They kicked me and camera tripod of Channel 24 was damaged. At least six journalists were attacked,” he said.

On Wednesday night, SBMC students brought allegations that Neelima Hossain alias Jui, a student of the 50th batch and joint general secretary of Chhatra League SBMC unit, and Fahmida Roshan alias Prabha, a student of the 7th batch of dental unit and also a BCL activist, tortured and hazed the third-year student.

The victim said the BCL leaders had

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With her one-year-old daughter on a rickshaw-van, Kajol Rekha sells kitchen utensils to support her family as her husband is ill. She earns Tk 200-Tk 250 from daily sales and spends the money on her husband’s treatment, son’s education, and family. The photo was taken in Khulna city’s Boyra Bazar area yesterday.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

## Abducted teen found dead in Chattogram

Police didn’t take  
prompt action, victim’s  
father alleges

UNB, Chattogram

A 13-year-old boy, who was abducted from Dhaka’s Jatrabari area on August 21, was found dead in Chattogram city yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Nurun Nabi, son of Golam Rasul, from Dhalpur in Jatrabari.

Aktaruzzaman, inspector of Panchlaish Police Station, said the abductors might have killed the boy after failing to realise the ransom they demanded.

Family members of the victim said after Nurun Nabi went missing, someone demanded Tk 50,000 as ransom from the victim’s father over a mobile phone call.

Golam Rasul lodged a general diary with Jatrabari Police Station the next day.

He also provided Tk 5,000 to the abductors through bKash.

Golam Rasul claimed that despite providing all information to police, they did not take prompt action.

Yesterday morning, locals spotted the body of Nurun Nabi in Hill View residential area in Chattogram and informed police.

Nurun Nabi’s brother identified the body last night.

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