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Indigo farming showing promise



Babar pumped up for 'high intensity' clash

CASELOAD

409

1,359

671

1,749

0

6

14

8

26

179

105

281

593

DEATHS

36

68

1

55

2

7

375

3,162

6,060

2,769

10,148

101,354

1,405

28,429

62,382

123,808

OVER 3.7M CASES.

2,000 DEATHS IN 70

COÚNTRIES AS OF AUG 23

SOURCE- EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL

CASELOAD

31,464

73,979

425

79,415

6,099

YEAR

2010

2011

2012

2013

2014

2015

2016

2017

2018

2019

2020

2021

2022

2023*

COUNTRY

India (July 31)

Thailand (Aug 23)

Afghanistan (July 8)

Malaysia (Aug 31)



US approves first arms to Taiwan



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Pallekele yesterday.

Tigers stumble in

Asia Cup opener

Bangladesh started their Asia Cup campaign horribly, losing to co-

hosts Sri Lanka by five wickets following an abysmal batting display in

bundled out for a meagre 164-run total in just 42.4 overs. Sri Lanka lost

a few early wickets and also suffered a wobble at the end but, with no

scoreboard pressure, managed to cruise to victory with 66 balls to spare.

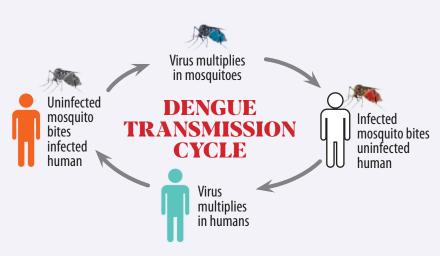
Shoriful Islam, and skipper Shakib Al Hasan removed the Sri Lankan

top order, reducing them to three for 43 in 9.2 overs.

Hopes were raised in the Bangladesh camp when Taskin Ahmed,

Despite a 122-ball 89 from Najmul Hossain Shanto, the Tigers were

Lone school on verge of collapse in Bajra



BOTCHED DENGUE RESPONSE

Where does the fault lie?

HELEMUL ALAM and DIPAN NANDY

2019 was a watershed for dengue, with the highest number of cases ever reported globally. For Bangladesh too, it was a loud wake-up call, with record caseload and deaths. But the government continued with its slumber.

The local government, rural development and co-operatives minister and the two Dhaka mayors, however, maintain they have done enough. And yet, the Aedes aegypti mosquito, the primary vector for dengue, is having its most successful

outing, already besting its 2019 record, thanks to insufficient preparedness. A complete lack of planning, coordination and accountability among the government bodies has emerged as the narrative of Bangladesh's fight against

Singapore SEE PAGE 2 COL 1

WB to help DENGUE SCOURGE (BANGLADESH) ramp up DEATHS the fight 1 STAFF CORRESPONDENT 2

The World Bank vesterday approved \$200 million to help Bangladesh improve primary healthcare services for treatment, prevention and referral for common including illnesses mosquito-borne diseases like dengue, and medical waste management in Dhaka, Chattogram City, Savar and Tarabo.

One of the objectives of the project -- called the Urban Health, Nutrition and Population Project will be to strengthen the existing mosquito control unit of the Local Government Division with adequate technical support, equipment, human resources training.

With high population density, climate change and rapid urbanisation, new health challenges are emerging, including an increase of dengue SEE PAGE 7 COL 7

Bangladesh yesterday.

Najmul Hossain Shanto's 89-run knock was the highest for

However, Sadeera Samarawickrama and Charith Asalanka stitched together a 78-run fourth-wicket stand, all but securing their path to Samarawickrama scored his fourth ODI fifty – a 77-ball 54 – while

Asalanka was unbeaten on 62 off 92 deliveries as the defending champions began the six-nation tournament on a strong note. The defeat in their first game will see Shakib and his troops under

a lot of pressure as qualifying for the Super Four stage now becomes more tricky for the Tigers, who came into the tournament with a lot of

Thanks to the hybrid model being followed in this Asia Cup, Bangladesh will now have to travel to Lahore and beat Afghanistan in their final group-stage game on September 3. On top of that, the Tigers will also hope for Sri Lanka to beat Afghanistan in the other group game in order to qualify for the Super Four without bringing run-rate into the equation.

Yesterday, Bangladesh saw a batting meltdown with no batter other than Shanto, who smashed seven boundaries on way to his fourth ODI fifty, managing to register a decent score.

Debutant Tanzid Hasan Tamim was dismissed after scoring four while Naim Sheikh looked uncomfortable before being dismissed on SEE PAGE 7 COL 4

Unbearable weight of grief Parents lose both children to dengue SHAHEEN MOLLAH This would be the first

Every Thursday, Mohammad Ibrahim's seven-year-old daughter Isnat Jahan Raida would call him at work in the evening and ask him to take

her somewhere on the weekend. On most Fridays over the last few years, Ibrahim and his wife Rabeya Akhtar took their children Raida and nine-year-old Arafat Hossain Rauf somewhere for dinner

of many difficult weekends for Ibrahim and Rabeya. Dengue claimed both the children.

Raida died on August 25 just about a week after

Arafat died. Both of them were students of a kindergarten.

"What can I tell you? Everything has turned upside down," Ibrahim, a garment factory employee in the capital's Mirpur, SEE PAGE 7 COL 7



Should Bangladesh try Wolbachia?

Studies show method reduced dengue cases by 70-80pc

MOUDUD AHMMED SUJAN

Many countries including Singapore, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam and Brazil are opting for the Wolbachia method for dengue control.

Under the method, lab-grown male Aedes aegypti mosquitoes infected with the naturally occurring Wolbachia bacteria are released into the wild. The bacteria compete with viruses inside the mosquito, thus hindering viral replication and transmission of diseases like dengue, Zika, chikungunya and yellow fever.

This is the rationale behind a Wolbachia replacement strategy, where Wolbachia-carrying mosquitoes are released to take the place of Aedes aegypti mosquitoes to reduce disease transmission.

Instead of replacement, Singapore uses a suppression strategy wherein non-biting male Wolbachia-carrying mosquitoes are released to mate with female non-Wolbachia-carrying Aedes mosquitoes.

The resulting eggs do not hatch because of cytoplasmic incompatibility, leading to a decline in both Aedes mosquito populations and the spread of disease. This strategy directly targets the mosquito population and does not rely on Wolbachia's ability to reduce viral transmission.

Developed by researchers from the University of SEE PAGE 7 COL 1 HOW OTHERS CONTROL DENGUE -- PAGE 2

THE THIRD VIEW



DSA to CSA: A sham of a reform

MAHFUZ ANAM

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Political rifts will only hurt the judiciary

Says outgoing CJ

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Outgoing Chief Justice Hasan Foez Siddique yesterday said it does no good to the judiciary when political rifts leave the streets and enter the

"We need to bear in mind that divisions and discords among the lawyers and the resulting reactions harm the judiciary. If political



Siddique

ideologies are implemented politically and the courts are kept at a safe distance, the judiciary feels comfortable," he

He made the remark in a farewell speech at his courtroom in the Supreme Court's Appellate Division.

The chief justice, who will retire on September 25, appeared in the courtroom for hearing and disposing of cases on his last working day yesterday, as the court will go on a 37-day annual vacation from today.

The farewell, which took place after he concluded the court proceedings, was accorded by Attorney General AM Amin Uddin and Supreme Court Bar Association President Md Momtaz Uddin Fakir and its Secretary Abdun Nur Dulal in a jam-packed courtroom.

"It cannot be said that the state and the judiciary are operating in the right way if the laws crush the poor SEE PAGE 7 COL 5



PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

The bridge to a ferry pontoon in Chattogram's Boalkhali upazila goes under spring tide Wednesday afternoon forcing people to wade though knee-deep water. The authorities have set up the terminal next to the Kalurghat bridge which remains shut since August 1 for repairs.

Korvi wins Magsaysay Award



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Korvi Rakshand, founder of Foundation, has been honoured with the Ramon Magsaysay Award for his unwavering dedication to education and social change.

the 13th Korvi. Bangladeshi have to received the honour, has won the award in the emergent leadership category this year.

The announcement about this year's awardees was made yesterday by the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation.

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