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The migration will take place during
28-30 September 2023.
Banking operations will remain
suspended on those days.

EC workshops on role of polling agents October 4

**Plans two more sessions with
law enforcers, administration**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission will conduct another round of workshops on October 4 on the role of polling agents nominated by candidates in ensuring free and fair voting.

Three former CECs or ECs, three former EC officials, three academics and three media personalities are expected to join the workshop, Election Commissioner Ahsan Habib Khan said yesterday.

People often blame the EC for a poor election, but in reality, elections are a collective effort involving the EC, political parties, candidates, election officials, voters, polling agents, and more, said EC Ahsan Habib.

If the polling agents can play an effective role, it can significantly reduce election irregularities, he said.

Former CEC ATM Shamsul Huda, former ECs Md Shah Nawaz and Kabita Khanam, former vice-chancellor of Bangladesh National University Harun-or-Rashid, Dhaka University professors Robaet Ferdous and SM Shameem Reza, former EC officials Jesmin Tuli and Nuruzzaman Taludkar are expected to join.

An election commissioner said they have plans to hold two more workshops on the role of law enforcers and local administrations. The decision will be finalised after October 4, he added.

Earlier, the EC held a workshop on September 14 in which eminent citizens said the next general election will have to be free, fair and at the same time participatory and competitive.



Two parents risk not only their lives but also their toddlers' as they cross a road amid speeding vehicles. The photo was taken yesterday in front of Saarc Fountain at Sonargaon intersection in the capital.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

WATERLOGGING

**DSCC issues
show cause
notices to 4
officials**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka South City Corporation has issued show-cause notices to four officials for failing to solve the waterlogging problem in the capital's New Market and surrounding areas within 24 hours of Thursday night's heavy rain.

DSCC Public Relations officer Abu Nasher confirmed this to The Daily Star yesterday.

They were found to be negligent in performing their duties, he said.

The officials are: Assistant Chief Waste Management Officer Mohammad Asghar, Waste Management Officer Mohammad Selim Miah, Cleaning Inspector Mohammad Abdun Noor, and Mohammad Sohel.

Heavy rain on Thursday night caused waterlogging in several areas of the capital. Many areas around New Market were submerged till late Friday night.

WORLD RIVERS DAY

**'River is a living entity,
let us ensure its rights'**



TURAG RIVER, FILE PHOTO

STAR REPORT

"We need to raise awareness about rivers among the new generation. No matter how much development we achieve, it won't be sustainable without river protection," said Muzibur Rahman Howlader, former chairman of National River Conservation Commission, yesterday.

He said this while speaking at an event at Jatiya Press Club, marking World Rivers Day.

Waterkeepers Bangladesh, along with several organisations, observed the day across the country, holding various programmes aimed at raising

awareness about river pollution and conservation in 12 locations, including Dhaka.

The other locations included Cox's Bazar Sadar, Pekua, Taltali, Maheshkhali, Mongla, Kutubdia, Kalapara, Patharghata, Barguna Sadar, Paikgacha, and Barishal Sadar.

In the capital, they organised a seminar titled "River is a living entity" at Jatiya Press Club around 10:30am.

Speakers said despite Bangladesh legally recognising rivers as living entities, the onslaught against the country's rivers continues. Many rivers are

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DENGUE CASES LAST WEEK

**Over 72pc deaths due
to shock syndrome**

Shows DGHS data; death toll crosses 900

DIPAN NANDY

As many as 89 dengue patients died last week alone. Meanwhile, at least 20,155 dengue cases were reported during this time. Of this, 14,436 patients are from outside Dhaka, while the rest 5,719 patients are from the capital.

According to Directorate General of Health Services data, 63 percent of the 89 patients died within a day after hospitalisation, with an additional 24 percent passing away within two to three days, 8 percent within four to five days, and 5 percent after more than seven days.

Around 73 percent of the 89 dengue patients, who passed away between September 17 and 23, died of shock syndrome while 15.17 percent died of expanded dengue syndrome, according to DGHS data.

Some 1.1 percent of the deceased had comorbidity while 1.1 percent died from dengue hemorrhagic fever, shows the DGHS data released yesterday.

SHOCK SYNDROME

Dengue shock syndrome (DSS) is a life-threatening complication of dengue fever, which typically occurs in individuals who have previously been infected with one serotype of the dengue virus and are then infected with a different serotype.

DSS is characterised by a sudden drop in blood pressure, which can lead to shock. This

is often accompanied by severe abdominal pain, persistent vomiting, and bleeding tendencies, such as nosebleeds, gum bleeding, or easy bruising. Besides, DSS also results in excessive fluid leakage and rapid drop in platelet counts.

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Meanwhile, World Health Organization in 2012 had coined the term "expanded dengue syndrome" to describe patients that do not fit into either DHF (dengue hemorrhagic fever) or DSS but show atypical symptoms in vital organ systems such as the cardiovascular system, neurological system, kidneys, gut, and hematological system.

EXPERTS' TAKE

Contacted, Prof Muzibar Rahman, former head of the medicine department at Dhaka Medical College Hospital, said, "This year, dengue infections have exhibited unusual and

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**Send Khaleda Zia
abroad for treatment
Lawyers' platform
demands in road-march**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A platform of lawyers under the banner of United Lawyers Front (ULF) yesterday organised a road-march programme near the Supreme Court demanding that the government send BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia abroad for her better treatment.

ULF convener Zainul Abedin, also BNP chairperson's advisor, and its co-convenor Subrata Chowdhury, also Gonoforum's executive president, led the road-march from the Supreme Court Bar Association premises around 1:30pm.

The road-march moved through Supreme Court Mazar Gate, Shikkha Bhaban and Kodom Foara area.



**Lower courts to
get 104 judges**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Judicial Service Commission has selected 104 candidates for recruitment to the posts of assistant judges.

The result of the exams in this regard was published yesterday, which is now available on BJSC website.

Contacted, Law Minister Anisul Huq said the government has been working to increase the number of courts and judges.

"I hope the disposal of cases will increase and the backlog of pending cases will reduce to some extent after this recruitment," he added.

**TORTURE OF 2 BCL MEN
Probe deadline
extended again**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The three-member probe body formed to investigate torture of two BCL men at Shahbagh Police Station allegedly by ADC Harun-or-Rashid and other law enforcers has been given three more days to complete their inquiry.

It would be the probe body's third deadline extension. They were supposed to submit their report yesterday.

Dhaka Metropolitan Commissioner Khandker Golam Faruq confirmed the development.

ADC Harun and other police officers allegedly took the BCL leaders to Shahbagh Police Station at 9:00pm on September 9 and tortured them for nearly an hour.

**Man held for
raping teen
in Savar**

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Savar

Police arrested a man early yesterday on charge of raping a tenth-grader in Savar.

The arrestee -- Md Rakibul Kabir Shipon, 31, used to tutor the girl.

The girl's father filed a case with Savar Model Police Station.

According to the case statement, Rakibul raped the girl on June 13 and threatened her to keep the matter secret. After her family learnt about the matter, they reported the incident to police.

OC Dipok Chandra Saha of Savar Model Police Station, said they arrested Rakibul early yesterday.

The girl was sent to the one-stop crisis centre of DMCH.



The road in front of Inland Container Depot in the capital's Kamalapur has been in a dilapidated condition for almost a month. The recent rains have worsened its condition, resulting in severe traffic congestion. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

**Two temples
vandalised in
Nawabganj**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two temples in Dhaka's Nawabganj upazila were vandalised by unidentified miscreants on Saturday night.

The incident took place at Bhurakhali village located on the bordering area between Nawabganj and Manikganj's Singair.

"The Kali temple was set on fire around 11:30pm. It was partially damaged as locals doused the fire immediately," said Ananda Bepari, president of the temple's management committee. After a few minutes, three idols were vandalised in another temple located about a hundred yards away.

Sirajul Islam, officer-in-charge of Nawabganj Police Station, said they are looking into the incident.