

DENGUE OUTBREAK

6 more die, 645 get hospitalised

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least six more people died from dengue in 24 hours preceding 8:00am yesterday as the country grapples with a record outbreak of the mosquito-borne disease.

Of the six deaths, four were reported in the capital.

At least 645 patients were hospitalised in the 24-hour period, according to DGHS.

Dengue has so far claimed at least 1,583 lives this year and nearly 2,98,094 were infected, making this the deadliest year since the first recorded epidemic in 2000.

According to DGHS data, 3,848 patients were undergoing treatment at hospitals.

For the love of fountain pens

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"Ballpoint pens, as cheap as they are, being made of plastic and often for single use, mean there is a lot of wastage. One will simply throw away a pen after a couple of week's writing, which means thousands of such pens are piling up and contributing to plastic pollution. It is not sustainable," he said.

"With just one fountain pen, you could write for years if you take care of it. All you need is to buy new ink bottles, which are not so expensive. The issue, however, is with paper. These days fountain pen friendly papers are not manufactured much, so users often find difficulty to use these pens to write on regular paper. However,

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Police have arrested two members of a gang who used to masquerade as senior officials of the Prime Minister's Office to embezzle money from nomination aspirants of Awami League ahead of the upcoming national election.

After a ruling party leader and nomination aspirant filed a complaint in this regard, police arrested the two from Noakhali on Thursday. Harun Or Rashid, additional commissioner (detective branch) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, said yesterday.

The arrestees are Md Yeasin, 46, and his daughter, Suriya Yasmin, 22.

They used to call the aspirants and say, "We have special instructions for your nomination."

For nomination, you have to pay Tk 20 crore to the party fund. Keep the fund ready and submit it soon after getting instructions," said Harun.

The DB chief said both father and daughter are experts in using technology. They saved their numbers on WhatsApp, True Caller, etc, with the names and pictures of senior officials of the PMO.

So whenever they made those calls, the officials' names used to pop up on the screen," he added.

Harun said police recovered several voice call records from the arrestees' phones, in which they were heard identifying themselves as senior officials and seeking money for the nomination.

Investigators said Yeasin used to sell electronic products in Dhaka.

They randomly target politicians from different districts who collected nomination forms and are desperate for nominations, and then used to contact them, promising to secure their nominations, said Harun.

Asked how many people have been embezzled by the gang, Harun said, "We would interrogate the arrestees during remand and then we may be able to say clearly."

"We have arrested several fraud gang members earlier for such fake nomination calls based on complaints," he said.

Harun said people should stay alert of such gangs and inform the police if anyone falls victim to such fraudulence.

"We are investigating whether any other such gangs are active and conducting drives to arrest them," he added.

Kaiser Hasan passes away

STAR REPORT

Morshed was son of late KG Morshed and late Zuleikha Morshed, and husband of late Suraiya Morshed.

His namaz-e-janaza will be held after the Zohr prayers at Gulshan Azad Mosque today.

His children Waleed, Lamiya and Fazeela request all to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

CLIMATE ACTION

UK to work closely with Bangladesh

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The UK and Bangladesh will continue to work closely to turn climate commitments into action and have common objectives for COP28, said British Deputy High Commissioner and Development Director, Matt Cannell.

"It is vital that COP28 keeps the 1.5 degree target alive, makes progress towards a clean energy transition, away from fossil fuels, and rebuilds trust on climate financing commitments," he said at a discussion organised by the British High Commission Dhaka at the High Commissioner's Residence on Thursday.

The event titled “Towards COP28: Building momentum for climate action” brought together representatives from policymakers, academics, private sectors, civil society, youth and media.

11 years on

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punishment. The government and the BGMEA have been negligent in taking initiative to deliver justice, he alleged.

Many injured workers lost their ability to work, some are being critically ill, and are facing acute hardship. They need treatment and financial support, but neither the government nor the BGMEA are acting in this regard, Mintu said.

Rafiqul Islam Sujon, president of Bangladesh Garment and Shilpa Sramik Federation, said, "worker leaders like him are frustrated seeing that none of their demands were met even 11 years after one of the worst tragedies of the country's garment sector."

Meanwhile, BLAST paid tribute to the victims at Dhaka's Jurain graveyard around 10:00am yesterday.

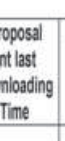
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e-Tender Notice No.: 03/2023-2024

The e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for procurement of the following works described below:

Package No.	Name of Scheme	Tender ID	Tender/Proposal Document last selling/downloading Date & Time	Tender/Proposal Closing/Opening Date & Time
FENI/POU/23-24W-40	Construction of RCC Road (a) Lomi Hazari Road, Ch. 0.00m to 475.00m and (b) Link-1: Lomi Hazari Road to Petro-Bangla Connecting Road, Ch. 0.00m to 150.00m, Total Length = 625.00 at Ward No.01 & 02 under Feni Pourashava, Feni.	908928	13 December 2023 Time : 16.00 hr	14 December 2023 Time : 13.00 hr
FENI/POU/23-24W-41	Construction of RCC Drain with Top Slab at Lomi Hazari Road west side, Ch. 0.00m to 470.00m at Ward No.01 under Feni Pourashava, Feni.	908932	13 December 2023 Time : 16.00 hr	14 December 2023 Time : 13.00 hr
FENI/POU/23-24W-42	(A) Re-Construction of Sahadebpur Shahid Badaruddoza Road (Masterpara-Alokida Road to Birinchi Temuhoni), Ch. 0.00m to Ch. 615.00m (B) Construction of RCC Drain Culvert on Sahadebpur Shahid Badaruddoza Road Ward No.03 under Feni Pourashava, Feni.	908933	13 December 2023 Time : 16.00 hr	14 December 2023 Time : 13.00 hr
FENI/POU/23-24W-43	Re-Construction of Kamal Hazari Road (Anis Pukur Part) by Bituminous Dense Carpeting (Kadal Gazi Road to Birinchi Primary School Road), Ch. 0.00m to 400.00m, at Ward No.-03 under Feni Pourashava, Feni.	908934	13 December 2023 Time : 16.00 hr	14 December 2023 Time : 13.00 hr
FENI/POU/23-24W-44	Re-Construction of Birinchi Madrasa Road (Birinchi Primary School Road to Hanganj) by bituminous dense carpeting, Ch. 0.00m to 490.00m at Ward No.-04, 05 under Feni Pourashava, Feni.	908936	13 December 2023 Time : 16.00 hr	14 December 2023 Time : 13.00 hr
FENI/POU/23-24W-45	A) Construction of Samsu Uddin Bhuiyan Road by RCC Ch. 0.00m to 166.00m & Towards East Side Ch. 00-52.00m Total Length=218m Ward No.05 under Feni Pourashava, Feni. B) Construction of RCC Drain with Top Slab at Samsu Uddin Bhuiyan Road, Ch. 12.00m to 166.00m Link-1: Towards East side, Ch. 0.00m to 85.00m, Total Length = 239.00m at Ward No. 05 under Feni Pourashava, Feni.	908937	13 December 2023 Time : 16.00 hr	14 December 2023 Time : 13.00 hr
FENI/POU/23-24W-46	A) Construction of Feni - Chagalaiya Road Bylane (Infront of Feni Polytechnic Institute), Ch. 0.00m to 135.00m at Ward No.05 under Feni Pourashava, Feni. B) Construction of RCC Drain with Top Slab at Feni - Chagalaiya Road Bylane (Infront of Feni Polytechnic Institute), Ch. 15.00m to 135.00m at Ward No. 05 under Feni Pourashava, Feni.	908929	13 December 2023 Time : 16.00 hr	14 December 2023 Time : 13.00 hr
FENI/POU/23-24W-47	(A) Re-Construction of Sultampur Central Mosque Road (Sweeper Colony Road to Dhampur Road) by bituminous dense carpeting Ch. 0.00m to 640.00m (B) Construction of (2) Two) Nos. RCC Cross Drain at Sultampur Central Mosque Road at Ward # 06 under Feni Pourashava, Feni.	908930	13 December 2023 Time : 16.00 hr	14 December 2023 Time : 13.00 hr
FENI/POU/23-24W-48	Re-Construction of Bananipara Doctor Fazle Mohi Road (Academy Road to MES Road), Ch. 0.00m to 550.00m, at Ward No.-07 under Feni Pourashava, Feni.	908931	13 December 2023 Time : 16.00 hr	14 December 2023 Time : 13.00 hr
FENI/POU/23-24W-49	Re-Construction of Azmery Begum Road (Feni-Cumilla Trunk road to Feni Girls Cadet College Road) by Bituminous Dense carpeting, Ch. 0.00m to 1042.00m Ward No.-07, 08 & 09 under Feni Pourashava, Feni.	908935	13 December 2023 Time : 16.00 hr	14 December 2023 Time : 13.00 hr
FENI/POU/23-24W-50	A) Construction of RCC Road at Trunk Road Bylane (Infront of Feni University), Ch. 0.00m to 152.00m, Ward No.-08 under Feni Pourashava, Feni. B) Construction of RCC Drain with Top Slab at Trunk Road Bylane (Infront of Feni University), Ch. 15.00m to 152.00m, Link-1: Ch. 0.00m ~ 52.00m, Link-2: Ch. 0.00m ~ 30.00m, Total Length = 219.00m, Ward No.-08 under Feni Pourashava, Feni.	908938	13 December 2023 Time : 16.00 hr	14 December 2023 Time : 13.00 hr
FENI/POU/23-24W-51	A) Construction of RCC Road by RCC at Sufi Sadar Uddin Road Bylane (Engr. Md. Golam Faruque House), Ch. 0.00m to 95.00m at Ward No.09 under Feni Pourashava, Feni. B) Construction of RCC Drain with Top Slab at (a) Sufi Sadar Uddin Road Bylane (Engr. Md. Golam Faruque House), Ch. 0.00m to 100.00m, Link-1: Towards Right side, Ch. 0.00m to 40.00m, Total Length = 140.00m at Ward No. 09 under Feni Pourashava, Feni.	908940	13 December 2023 Time : 16.00 hr	14 December 2023 Time : 13.00 hr
FENI/POU/23-24W-52	A) Construction of RCC Road Work South Charipur Chokidar Bari Road (Mayazi/Boro Bari Road by lane),(Start from Mayazi/Boro Bari Road to Freedom Fighter Sirazul Islam Road) Ch-0.00m to 150.00m at Ward#13.Under Feni Pourashava, Dist. Feni. B) Construction of RCC drain With Slab South Charipur Chokidar Bari Road (Mayazi/Boro Bari Road by lane) (Start from Mayazi/Boro Bari Road to Freedom Fighter Sirazul Islam Road) Ch-0.00m to 165.00m at Ward#13.Under Feni Pourashava, Dist. Feni.	908941	13 December 2023 Time : 16.00 hr	14 December 2023 Time : 13.00 hr
FENI/POU/23-24W-53	A) Construction of RCC Road Work (a) West Bijoying Obayedul Hoque Sowdagor Bari road Ch. 00-105.00m (b) Hazi Gorpan Miah Bari road Ch. 00-40.00m (c) Sheak Ahammed Miah Bari road Ch. 00-55.00m (d) Mostofa Bhuiyan Bari road Ch. 00-215.00m(55m+90m+60m) (e) Azizul Hoque Miah Bari road Ch. 00-45.00m Word No-13.Total Length= 220.00m Under Feni Pourashava, Dist. Feni. B) Construction of RCC drain With Slab South Charipur. (a) Azizul Hoque Miah Road Ch. 00 to 300.00m b) Mostofa Bhuiyan Road. Ch-0.00m to 44.00m Total Length = 344.00m at Ward#13.Under Feni Pourashava, Dist. Feni.	908942	13 December 2023 Time : 16.00 hr	14 December 2023 Time : 13.00 hr
FENI/POU/23-24W-54	(A) Re-Construction of Hazi Badsha Miah Road (Start from Feni-Cumilla Trunk Road to Pagla Miah Road) by Bituminous Dense Carpeting (DC) Ch-0.00m to 278.00m & 458.00m to 793.00m by Lane- Ch-00-140.00m (effective length 753.00m) (B) Construction of RCC drain With Top Slab Hazi Badsha Miah Road (Start from Feni-Cumilla Trunk Road to Pagla Miah Road). word no-12 under Feni Pourashava, Dist. Feni.	908943	13 December 2023 Time : 16.00 hr	14 December 2023 Time : 13.00 hr
FENI/POU/23-24W-55	Re-Construction of Modhupur Khirud Shah Road (Start from Dhaka-Chattagram Highway Road to Malek Miah Bazar Road) by Bituminous Dense Carpeting (DC). Ch-0.00m to 1000.00m Word no-15.Under Feni Pourashava, Dist. Feni.	908944	13 December 2023 Time : 16.00 hr	14 December 2023 Time : 13.00 hr
FENI/POU/23-24W-56	Construction of RCC drain With Slab and RCC U ban Box Culvert work in East Bijoying Choto Hudda Dhigi Road.(Start from Front side Choto Hudda Dhigi Road to Modhuyai Khal) Ch-0.00m to 203.00m Ward#13.Under Feni Pourashava, Dist. Feni.	910383	13 December 2023 Time : 16.00 hr	14 December 2023 Time : 13.00 hr
FENI/POU/23-24W-57	Re-Construction of Rampur Nasir Memorial College Road (Start from Dhaka-Chattagram Highway Road to End side College Road) by Bituminous Dense Carpeting (DC). Ch-0.00m to 700.00m Word no-			