

DENGUE OUTBREAK  
3 die, 742 get hospitalised  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least three dengue patients died, two from Dhaka, in the last 24 hours till yesterday morning.

With this the total number of deaths rose to 1,632, according to the Directorate General of Health Services.

With 742 new dengue cases, the total number of cases this year rose to 3,13,706 – of which 1,08,269 were from Dhaka.

A total of 2,970 dengue patients are still undergoing treatment at different hospitals across the country. Among the total cases, 3,09,104 dengue patients have already been released.

According to the DGHS data, a total of 62,382 patients were hospitalised last year, while the total number of deaths was 281.

**PRAYER TIMING**  
DECEMBER 4  
Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha  
AZAN 5-15 12-45 3-45 5-19 7-00  
JAMAT 5-50 1-15 4-00 5-22 7-30  
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KASHINAGAR IN MOULVIBAZAR  
**Student attendance drops amid erosion fear**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar



A section of road on Juri River embankment in Moulvibazar's Kashinagar recently collapsed due to erosion. The road leads to several educational institutions in the area. Villagers said it is worrisome as students have to use the eroded road amid risk.

School attendance took a hit due to growing anxiety among students and their parents, after about 70 feet of the river embankment collapsed in front of Kashinagar Government Primary School recently.

The school, established in 1962, currently has 75 students.

"The embankment is the only way to reach the school. Student attendance has dropped considerably after it collapsed recently. With the annual examinations ahead, absence of students may affect their results," said headteacher Swarti Rani Debnath.

During a recent visit, this correspondent saw that two bamboo groves continue to hold the remaining soil on the eroded portion of the road. Several sand-filled geo-bags were placed there to prevent further damage.

Raihan Ahmed, a student of the school, said fear grips them as they have to go to school and return home using the road daily.

Shahidul Islam, a resident

of the village, said they are also facing difficulties to take their agricultural produce to local markets by crossing the embankment in its present state.

"About 10-15 days back, a portion of the embankment collapsed due to erosion, despite some renovation works done recently," said Prabhat Chandra Nath, a retired health inspector and a resident of Kashinagar village.

According to the Water Development Board, the renovation work for a 110-metre stretch of erosion-prone Juri River embankment in Kashinagar area was supposed to start in June 2022 and complete by June this year.

A contractor company in

Brahmanbaria -- Hassan City -- got the job at a cost of around Tk 2 crore. The work, however, has yet to begin, and the deadline has been extended till June 2024.

"The delay in work is due to a shortage of space to keep construction materials. But we will be able to finish the work within the extended period," said Sajjad Hossain, a representative of the contracting company.

Jasim Uddin, assistant engineer of WBWD in Juri upazila, said about 3,000 sand-filled geo-bags will be needed for the embankment preservation work. "The contractor provided less sand in geo-bags. They have been asked to fix the bags' weight and start renovation work soon," he said.

and JP candidates.

In 2018, AL refrained from fielding candidates in 26 JP seats, leading to JP winning in 21 of those constituencies. However, JP candidates had lost security deposits in all 145 seats where both AL and JP candidates had contested.

JP leaders say an alliance with AL depends on the political situation. In the last three elections, JP and AL reached consensus. In 2008, JP contested 49 seats and won 29 of them where AL didn't contest, losing the remaining 20.

In 2014, despite Ershad's boycott, some JP leaders participated under Raushan Ershad's leadership, where party candidates secured victory in 33 seats where AL had no candidates, while only one JP candidate emerged victorious out of the 46 seats contested by both AL

Notably, AL didn't field an aspirant only in JP candidate Selim Osman's Narayanganj 5 seat, considering the Osman family's ties with the Bangabandhu family.

AL nominated aspirants in Rangpur 3 and Dhaka-17, where JP Chairman GM Quader is

contesting.

Election Commission is transferring officials. AL has no objection in this regard, he added.

**SC orders**

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the workers are entitled to part of its profit under the Labour Act.

Only the labour court can give an interpretation under the law, said the HC.

Nobel laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus is the founder and chairman of Grameen Kalyan, a charitable organisation.

**AL needs**

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He also said the EU team will be in Bangladesh until January 23 to monitor the election preparations and conduct.

The EU team will audit the pre-election, election-time, and post-election environments to ensure a fair and transparent electoral process, said the EC additional secretary.

The EU team has asked for information on the number of candidates contesting the elections and the number of international observers expected to monitor the polls, he said.

The EC has assured the EU team of its full cooperation and assistance in ensuring their safety and security during their stay in Bangladesh, he added.

HC issues rule to save Chinguria canal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday ordered the government to submit a report containing all relevant information about Chinguria Khal (canal) in Patuakhali including the progress of cancelling the lease of its land with private individuals.

The district administration of Patuakhali has been directed to submit the report to the HC in six months after receiving the order.

The HC bench of Justice Mustafa Zaman Islam and Justice Md Atabullah passed the order following a petition filed by Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (Bela) seeking necessary directives to save the Chinguria canal from encroachment.

At the same time, the HC issued a rule asking the authorities to explain why their failure to recover 5.46 acres of land of the canal and to cancel the lease of its land with private individuals should not be declared contradictory to the law and constitution, and malafide and against the public interest and why they should not be directed to recover the land and to amend the land record.

AL-led 14-party alliance meeting today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A meeting of the Awami League-led 14-party alliance will be held today at Gono Bhaban.

The meeting will be chaired by the head of the alliance and AL President Sheikh Hasina.

Bangladesher Samyabadi Dal General Secretary Dilip Barua told The Daily Star that they have been informed of the meeting officially.

Ever since the election schedule was announced on November 15, there is a growing unease in the alliance over which partner gets to vie for how many constituencies, sources said.

As per the alliance sources, the seat-sharing issue will not be finalised in the meeting.

Four parties of the alliance on Saturday provided lists of their desired constituencies as asked by the AL.

**Star journo gets Odommo Sommanona award**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Four individuals and two organisations yesterday received the RTV Odomyo Sommanona 2023 for their efforts to promote inclusivity of persons with disabilities and advocate their rights.

The awardees are Sonia Akhter from Savar, Ibrahim from Dinajpur, and Hedayatul Aziz Muna from Brahmanbaria.

The Daily Star journalist Nilima Jahan received the honour in media category for her reports that improved the lives of persons with disabilities and initiated policy amendments for their betterment.

Kamrunnesa Ashraf Buddhi Protibondhi and Autism School in Netrakona, and CBM also received the honour in organisation category.



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**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

Bangladesh Accelerating and Strengthening Skills for Economic Transformation (ASSET) Project

Credit No.: 6874-BD

**Assignment Title:** Study on Analyzing Weaknesses, Prospects, and Effectiveness of Industrial Attachment of Diploma in Engineering Courses Running Under the Bangladesh Technical Education Board (BTEB)

Reference No.: S55A

The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Accelerating and Strengthening Skills for Economic Transformation (ASSET) Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") include **Study on Analyzing Weaknesses, Prospects, and Effectiveness of Industrial Attachment of Diploma in Engineering Courses Running Under the Bangladesh Technical Education Board (BTEB)**.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: [www.asset-dte.gov.bd](http://www.asset-dte.gov.bd) or can be obtained at the address given below.

The Accelerating and Strengthening Skills for Economic Transformation (ASSET) Project now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

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- Working experience in the development partner-funded projects will be an added advantage
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Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage. Consultants are requested to submit, but not limited to, the following supporting documents in support of the above-mentioned criteria:

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The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016 [Revised September 2023] ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

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Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours. 09:00 to 16:00 hours (GMT+06:00).

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail) by December 26, 2023; 14:00 hours (GMT+ 06:00).

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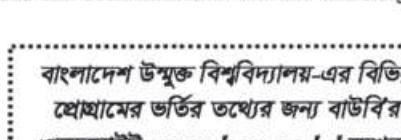
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