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Buses remain parked in front of the Mohakhali Inter-district Bus Terminal. As the terminal stands in the middle of the capital, it continues to contribute to the city's traffic congestion. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

## ONGOING HEATWAVE

# Diarrhoea cases on sharp rise

AHMED DEEPTO

Nineteen-month-old Nazmul Hasan has been suffering from diarrhoea since Friday. He was initially admitted to Bhaluka Upazila Health Complex in Mymensingh, but his condition worsened. Yesterday, in a critical situation, Nazmul was transferred to the International Centre for Diarrheal Disease Research, Bangladesh (icddr,b) hospital in Dhaka.

Nazmul's case is not unique as the ongoing heatwave is causing a surge in heat-related diseases, especially among children and the elderly.

Hospitals in Dhaka are seeing a surge in patients from all over the country, presenting symptoms ranging from colds and coughs to fever and vomiting. Diarrhoea, headache, sore throat, and shortness of breath are among the more prevalent complaints among these individuals.

An average of 30 patients are being admitted per hour to the icddr,b in Mohakhali. By 2:00pm yesterday, 274 individuals had been admitted for heat and diarrhoea-related complications, a decrease from the previous day's count of 456 admissions, said hospital officials.

At the emergency department of icddr,b

hospital, 55-year-old Anwar Hossain is receiving treatment. His younger brother, Shahidullah, was beside him. Shahidullah, who resides in Old Dhaka, said Anwar, a shopkeeper in the Alubazar area, fell ill after a day of working in the heat, experiencing weakness, vomiting, and diarrhoea.

icddr,b doctor Sayeda Haque said, "There is typically an increase in the number of patients during this time of the year. Children, the elderly, and individuals with existing health conditions are particularly vulnerable to diarrhoea and other illnesses in the heat."

She suggested people to have plenty of water and saline.

Around 30 percent of children are impacted by rotavirus. They experience symptoms like fever, cold, and cough during season changes, she added.

Rotaviruses are the most common cause of diarrhoeal disease among infants and young children.

Dr Sayeda advised everyone to boil water before using. "As temperatures rise, bacteria become more active, leading to increased cases of diarrhoea, often exacerbated by high humidity and consumption of open-stale food," she explained.

## ROAD ACCIDENTS

### Bus driver arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion has arrested the driver of Raيدا Paribahan that rammmed a motorcycle near Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka killing an engineer at CAAB on Friday.

After hitting the motorcycle, the bus crashed through the boundary wall in front of the airport's third terminal.

A joint team of Rab-8 and Rab-1 arrested Mahmud Hasan from Barishal, said Lt Col Kazi Zubair Alam Showan, commanding officer of Rab-8 yesterday.

Mahmud was taken to Dhaka, Rab officials said.

The driver went into hiding after the accident that claimed the life of Muidul Islam Siddiqui, 40, a senior sub assistant

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# Govt agencies can't avoid responsibility

Speakers tell discussion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Country's roads continue to be unsafe due to negligence of drivers, their helpers, local administration, BRTA, police, faulty road constructions, pedestrians and passengers, said speakers at an event yesterday.

They also urged the government agencies and local representatives to be more vigilant in ensuring road safety.

Government officials, transport organisation leaders, bus owners and drivers spoke at the event titled "Road safety", organised by Bangladesh Road Transport Authority at the capital's Mohakhali Bus Terminal auditorium.

BRTA Chairman Nur Mohammad Mazumder said

although drivers bear the main responsibility for passengers' safety, their salaries are low.

**Road accidents can be decreased if drivers and passengers are better aware of their responsibilities.**

ABDUL MOMEN  
Deputy Commissioner of Gulshan Traffic Division

"Road accidents happen due to many reasons like illegal roadside shops and markets. Local representatives, administrations

and the Roads and Highways Department cannot avoid responsibility," he said.

"Drivers don't want to kill anyone intentionally, even an ant. Sometimes passengers also put pressure on drivers to increase speed," he added.

Every year, road crashes result in a gross domestic product loss exceeding Tk 25,000 crore in Bangladesh, he added.

Abdul Momen, deputy commissioner of Gulshan Traffic Division, said road accidents can be decreased if drivers and passengers are better aware of their responsibilities.

"The life of every passenger depends on the bus driver. So they should drive carefully," he said.

Mahbub E Rabbani, BRTA

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### A joyride turns tragic

Six-year-old girl dies after father loses control of vehicle

STAR REPORT

A girl, who was travelling with her parents in an auto-rickshaw driven by her father, died when the vehicle overturned in Shimulia area of Munshiganj yesterday.

The accident occurred around 1:45pm, said Zainal Abedin, officer-in-charge (investigation) of Padma Bridge North Police Station.

Shanta, 6, daughter of Shakil, a driver by profession, was taken to the health complex, where doctors declared her dead.

Her parents sustained minor injuries and received primary treatment at Srinagar Upazila Health Complex, said police.

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## Appeal against High Court order

### Teachers urge Buet authorities not to allow student politics on campus

DU CORRESPONDENT

The Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology Teachers' Association has urged the university authorities to appeal immediately against the High Court order allowing student politics on Buet campus.

The demand came from a meeting of the association three days ago, according to a press statement signed by its president Prof Mizanur Rahman and secretary AKM Monjur Morshed.

The HC recently gave the order following a petition filed by leaders of Chhatra League.

Student politics was banned on Buet campus after a group of BCL men killed Abrar Fahad, a second-year student, at the university's Sher-e-Bangla Hall on October 7, 2019.

The Buet teachers' association in the statement also said they are ready to form a panel with expert lawyers for facing legal proceedings in this regard.

It also urged the authorities to take steps to resume academic activities as students have been boycotting classes and examinations since their protest.

## 'Brothers in crime'

### Siblings held for extorting people in guise of IT workers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

They pretended to be IT freelancers to gain trust of their victims. Then they used to hack into their Facebook and Instagram accounts and extort money from them by threatening to disclose personal information.

The Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime unit of Dhaka Metropolitan Police has arrested two siblings - Shamim Ahmed Joy, 23, and Mohammad Swadhin Ahmed, 18, - over cyber fraudulence.

At a press briefing at the DMP Media Centre yesterday, CTTC Chief Md Asaduzzaman said their primary targets were expatriate Bangladeshis residing in Europe, the US, and Australia. Additionally, they would extract money by sending messages to the relatives of the expatriates through the hacked IDs, he added.

"My mother had a stroke. Urgent money needed. Send me USD 3,000," is one such message they used to send from the hacked accounts, said Asaduzzaman.

Recently, Joy extracted 10,000 Canadian dollars from a Canadian expatriate by hacking his Facebook ID. Initially, he identified some alleged weaknesses in the ID and offered to rectify them before obtaining the necessary passwords and information to hack the account.

Following the incident, the victim's father lodged a complaint with the cybercrime department of CTTC.

The CTTC then arrested the two brothers from Tengra area in Demra on Friday, following a case filed with Uttara East Police Station.

Police seized a CPU, two mobile phones, a router, and 12 SIM cards purchased with fake NIDs. Additionally, they recovered user IDs and passwords for 500 domestic and foreign Facebook accounts from their possession.

According to the official, they have fraudulently obtained approximately Tk 50 lakh so far.



BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir speaks at a commemorative programme marking Gonoshasthaya Kendra founder Dr Zafarullah Chowdhury's first death anniversary. The event was held at the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh in the capital's Ramna area yesterday.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

## It's time to shake up state apparatus

Fakhru tells event marking death anniv of Zafarullah Chowdhury

STAR REPORT

There is not even the faintest trace of the spirit of the independence in the country that the late Dr Zafarullah Chowdhury fought for, said BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir yesterday.

He said this while speaking at a discussion held to commemorate the first death anniversary of the Gonoshasthaya Kendra founder and freedom fighter at the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh in the capital.

Fakhru said Zafarullah was always optimistic and believed in the power of the youth. He welcomed changes. He struggled throughout his life for the spirit of independence, he said.

"He dreamt of a new and better world. He was ultimately a revolutionary," Fakhru added. "For that reason, he fought for the country's freedom and founded Gonoshasthaya Kendra. He should be remembered by the nation forever."

Fakhru also expressed concerns about the tough time the country is currently passing, urging the need to overcome it.

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