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15 died of heatstroke so far: DHGS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A total of 15 people died due to heatstroke across the country in the last 15 days. Thirteen of the heatstroke victims were men, according to the Directorate General of Health Services.

DGHS officials said seven of the heatstroke victims died in Magura.

Besides, deaths were reported from Chattogram, Khulna, Chuadanga, Habiganj, Rajbari, Jhenaidah, Lalmonirhat, Bandarban and Madaripur.

The actual number of people dying due to heat-stress related illnesses could be higher because DGHS began keeping records on April 22, around 20 days after the heatwave started sweeping over the country.

Incidents of heatstroke claiming lives were reported earlier last month, but the cause of the fatalities were not officially confirmed.



A fishplate, an irreplaceable component in railway tracks, with missing bolts near Malibagh rail crossing yesterday. Meanwhile, multiple clips, another vital part, have been absent from the tracks in Tejgaon railgate area, inset. This photojournalist noticed multiple such bolts and clips missing between the two spots. Such negligence could result in a mishap at any moment.

'We stand by Palestine'

BCL expresses solidarity with student movement; holds protests across campuses

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leaders and activists of Chhatra League demonstrated on various public university campuses and districts yesterday, expressing solidarity with the ongoing worldwide student movement in support of Palestine.

The pro-Awami League student body demanded an immediate ceasefire in the Gaza strip.

On the campus of Dhaka University, several hundreds BCL leaders and activists from different universities and colleges brought out a procession around noon.

They waved the flags of Bangladesh and Palestine and ended their march at the foot of Raju Memorial Sculpture.

Some Palestinian students studying in Bangladesh also attended the event.

Ishak Ahmed, a Palestinian student, thanked everyone for showing solidarity with Palestine. "There are 300,000 Palestinian students in Gaza who couldn't pursue their dreams because of the current situation," he said.

Palestine students' leader in Bangladesh Abdulla Badawi, also a student of Sher-e Bangla Medical College in Barishal, gave a speech.

"We cannot turn a blind eye to our Palestinian people. I'm asking for peace, justice and basic human rights that every individual deserves," he said.

BCL leaders and activists of Rajshahi, Jahangirnagar and Chittagong universities also expressed their solidarity with the ongoing protest in their respective campuses.

People bear over 68pc of healthcare cost Says analyst

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Out-of-pocket payment accounts for about 68.8 percent of total health expenses in Bangladesh, said an analyst yesterday.

The government spends US \$54 per capita for health, which is less than the WHO recommendation of US \$88, added Prof Syed Abdul Hamid of Institute of Health Economics at University of Dhaka.

The other sources of health financing are -- general tax revenue (23 percent), NGO (two percent), development partners (seven percent), and others, including health insurance (one percent).

Hamid shared this information at the 1st Development Studies International Conference held at a city hotel yesterday. This event is jointly organised by the Development Studies department of Dhaka University and Daily Bonik Barta.

Prof Hamid said the annual government allocation for the health sector in FY 2022-2023 is around Tk 36,864 crore -- around 23 percent of total health expenditure.

The health allocation is 5.40 percent of the national budget, much lower than the 15 percent allocation recommended by WHO.

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'Left behind, left unsafe'

Study says male overseas migration disrupts traditional family structures

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The impact of male overseas migration from traditional societies on their left-behind families is often overlooked, despite Bangladesh being the 6th largest migrant-sending country globally, with 95 percent of migrants being male.

A recent study highlights the potential negative impacts of male migration on family structures and functions, despite its conventional economic benefits.

Nearly 80 percent of children from migrant worker families in rural areas are at risk of joining juvenile gangs, the study added.

Titled "The Other Side of Development: Men's Overseas Migration and Disruption in Family Dynamics in Migration-Prone Regions of Bangladesh," the study was presented at the 1st Development Studies International Conference in

Dhaka, held at a city hotel yesterday.

Prof KS Farid from the Department of Rural Sociology at Bangladesh Agricultural University, Mymensingh presented the paper.

He conducted interviews with 44 stay-at-home wives of migrants, 14 community leaders, teachers, NGO workers, and 18 members of local government, as well as local people, journalists, and former expatriates of Chouddagram upazila in Comilla, known as the most migration-prone district in the country.

The large-scale migration of men abroad disrupts traditional family structures, often leading to the formation of single-parent-like families, he said.

This makes it harder to take care of kids, siblings, and parents who stay behind and puts wives at risk of facing more pressure to follow traditional roles, he added.

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Why shouldn't eco-friendly laws be formulated? HC issues rule

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a rule asking the government to explain in four weeks why it should not be directed to formulate an eco-friendly law, rule, regulation, or policy for cutting and planting trees.

In the rule, the HC also asked authorities concerned to show causes why their inaction and apathy in this regard should not be declared illegal.

The HC bench of Justice Naima Haider and Justice Kazi Zinat Hoque issued the rule following a petition filed by Supreme Court lawyer Md Tanvir Ahmed seeking necessary directives.

On May 2, the lawyer served a legal notice on the government in this regard.

CORNEA DONATION Shib Narayan's parting gift brings light to 2

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two individuals have regained their eyesight thanks to cornea donations from Shib Narayan Das, one of the designers of the first flag of Bangladesh.

Mashiur Rahman and Abul Kalam now cherish the return of light to their eyes.

Arnab Aditya Das, son of Shibnarayan Das, joyfully referred to the two individuals who received his father's corneas as his "brothers."

They were speaking at a press conference yesterday, held at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University after the successful procedures.

Shib Narayan Das passed away on April 19 at BSMMU.

BSMMU and Sandhani National Eye Donation Society collected his corneas the same day, then transplanted them into the eyes of Mashiur from Rangpur and Kalam from Chandpur district the next day.

Mashiur said, "Since birth, I've faced eye issues, but now, with Shib Narayan's family's generosity, my vision has significantly improved, and I'm immensely grateful."

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Two die as bus hits pick-up

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two people were killed after a bus rammed a pick-up in Dhaka's Matuail area earlier yesterday.

One of the deceased was identified as Babul Chisty, 45, driver of the pick-up.

Police said when Babul attempted a U-turn on the Dhaka-Chattogram highway near Institute of Child and Mother Health around 1:45am, a bus of Tuhin Paribahan rammed into the pick-up.

They died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital, said SI Abu Sayem of Jatrabari Police Station.

Some passengers of the bus suffered minor injuries as the vehicle veered off the road and landed in a nearby waterbody after hitting the pick-up, he added.

Why can't road crashes be curbed?

High-level meeting tomorrow to find answers

TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

The Road Transport and Highways Division has called a meeting tomorrow with the divisional commissioners and deputy inspector general of ranges to find out why the number of road crashes cannot be controlled.

Road Transport and Highways Division Secretary ABM Amin Ullah Nuri will preside over the meeting, where the chairs of BRTA and BRTC, chief engineer of Roads and Highways Department, all additional secretaries and joint secretaries of the division and the additional inspector general of highway police are expected to join.

Upon receiving their suggestions, the authority will go for tougher action to reduce road crashes and bring discipline to the roads, officials of the road ministry said.

Road crashes and fatalities increased by 60.28 percent and 40.33 percent respectively in the first three months of this year compared to last year, as per Bangladesh Road Transport Authority data.

At least 1,477 people were killed and 1,920 injured in 1,630 road crashes between January and March this year. The numbers were 1,051; 1,440 and 1,017 respectively in the first three months of 2023.

On April 16, a head-on collision between a bus and a pickup in Faridpur claimed 15 lives. The bus had no route permit, fitness certificate, or tax token, while the pickup carried people illegally.

The following day, a truck ploughed through several vehicles in Jhalakathi, killing 14 and injuring 12 others.

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A van recklessly carries a cargo of rods near the Motsho Bhaban area. Seemingly secured by a couple of ropes, such careless actions can lead to a disaster. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

PRAYER TIMING
MAY 7

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4-15	12-45	5-00	6-34	8-00
JAMAAT 4-50	1-15	5-15	6-38	8-30

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