

Dengue claims another life

UNB, Dhaka

One more death was reported from dengue in 24 hours till yesterday morning, raising the number of fatalities from the mosquito-borne disease in Bangladesh to 38 this year. During the period, 25 more patients were hospitalised with viral fever, according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS). Of them, seven patients were hospitalised in Dhaka. Currently, 141 patients are receiving treatment at several hospitals.

Two cops hurt as AL

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11:00pm yesterday and arrested an accused named Mozammel. Shakila Soltana, deputy commissioner (port zone) of Chattogram Metropolitan Police (CMP), told reporters that when police arrested the suspect, the ruling party activists interrupted them. At that time, Anwara Upazila Chairman Kazi Mozammel Hoque appeared at the scene. Due to his presence, the activists snatched the suspect from police custody. The DC said OCs of Anwara and Karnaphuli police stations and some others were injured in the attack. OC Jahir sustained serious injuries to his hand and several parts of his body from the brick attacks. To control the situation, police fired five to six blank shots, the DC added. However, the correspondent could not reach Kazi Mozammel for his comments, despite repeated phone calls.

Monitor gender budget

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Parishad, said the gender budget is not a separate budget, but part of the overall budget. This year's budget has promised to form a monitoring committee involving civil society to assess the impact of the gender budget in eliminating inequality. Mahila Parishad President Dr Fauzia Moslem said since 2009, the position of the government and the women's movement has been clarified. Emphasis has been placed on working together in the proposed gender budget. However, if the goals of the women's movement are not consistent with the goals of the gender budget, there will be no expected progress.

100 hectares of arable land waterlogged for 10 years

SAHIDUL ISLAM NIRAB, Jamalpur

For over a decade, nearly 100 hectares of fertile land in Jamalpur municipality have been submerged in water, rendered useless and overgrown with water hyacinths and other aquatic plants.

The root of the problem lies in the gradual disappearance of the Goba and Baniabazar canals, which once served as vital drainage channels. Encroachment upon these canals has significantly reduced their capacity to carry excess water away.

The unchecked filling of the canals has led to a vicious cycle: rainwater cannot be effectively drained, leading to waterlogging that worsens with each monsoon.

Villages like Sheikherhita, Chandra, Bogabait, Monirajpur, Kazirag, Shantinagar, Khupibari, Hatchadra, Dewpara, and Jogirkhupa, once known for their bountiful harvests, now face a bleak agricultural future. The waterlogged land is unsuitable for cultivation, leaving farmers with barren fields and lost income.

The problem worsened after the Roads and Highways Department constructed a bypass road to ease the town's traffic movement between BSCIC intersection and Mirza Azam intersection, said locals.

The bypass road passes through crop lands in an unplanned way instead of being connected with a bridge over the canal, thereby causing waterlogging in the adjacent areas as it is acting as an embankment and preventing excess water from receding through the canal.

Also, a culvert built in Sheikherhita area is unable to drain off receding water from the area as some locals blocked it by filling up



with soil to construct structures on the culvert, without permission from the municipality authorities.

"Before the bypass road was constructed, at least some lands were arable and produced crops regularly. Now all lands have turned into enclosed waterbodies," said Delowar Hossain, a local farmer.

Abdul Khaleq, a farmer from Monirajpur village, said, "Once I used to cultivate paddy, jute, sugarcane and vegetables in my lands here. Now I can no longer cultivate anything for past 10 years due to waterlogging."

Many others echoed them. Kamrul Hasan, a resident of Shantinagar area, said, "Every time it rains, knee-deep water enters our houses and inundates the surrounding areas."

Jahangir Salim, president of Poribesh Rokkha Andolon, said, "We urged the municipality mayor to take steps to mitigate the waterlogging problem, but in vain. With most of the culvert being blocked, the whole town may face

severe waterlogging in coming monsoon."

Rafiqul Islam, executive engineer of Water Development Board in Jamalpur, said they are planning to send a proposal to the authorities concerned to excavate Goba canal.

Sultan Mahmud, executive engineer of the Department of Public Health Engineering in Jamalpur, could not be reached over phone for his comment.

Zakia Sultana, deputy director of the Department of Agricultural Extension in Jamalpur, said, "If the existing situation cannot be resolved, the around 100-hectare waterlogged lands may be brought under fisheries projects if the landowners show interest."

Faisal Ahmed, assistant engineer of Jamalpur Municipality, said they are now working with a master plan to address waterlogging issues and have submitted a proposal for a Tk 6 crore project.

Jamalpur Mayor Sanowar Hossain Sanu said they are taking steps against illegal encroachers.

Drains of death

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On Saturday, around 6:00pm, Saidul left the house. He didn't return. She said she heard from the neighbours that Saidul had fallen into a drain.

This correspondent did not see any slab covering the drain where Saidul fell when visiting the spot yesterday.

Even the canal where Saidul was found was left unguarded.

"Several children have fallen into the canal over the last two years," claimed Mohammed Ali, a local.

Similarly, there are no slabs or retaining walls in numerous drains and canals throughout the port city.

A Chattogram City Corporation survey in 2021 identified 5,527 spots in drains, canals and footpaths as risky.

The situation worsened when the Chattogram Development Authority began renovating the city's drains and canals in 2017.

In that year, Shilbrata Barua, a retired government officer, fell into an open drain while heading to a wedding in Bakalia. His body was found near a canal the next day.

Saleh Ahmed, a vegetable vendor, fell into a canal in the Muradpur area in 2021 and is still missing after nearly three years.

His family, now without

its main provider, struggles to make ends meet and remains in grief and despair. Sadek Ullah Mahin, Saleh Ahmed's only son, described the accident as a tragedy that shattered their dreams and forced him to abandon his studies.

Both CDA and CCC, the main authorities responsible for alleviating public suffering, said they lack funds required to install protective slabs or retaining walls.

However, The Daily Star published a report on May 22 titled "Deadline extends, cost rises, but suffering continues", highlighting how despite four ongoing projects worth Tk 14,389 crores, waterlogging and the nightmare of open drains still persist.

Lt Col Ferdous Ahmed, the project director of the CDA mega project, said the installation of slabs on drains and building retaining walls by the canals was not part of the project. "However, we are constructing retaining walls along many canals on humanitarian grounds."

OC Monjur Quader of Bandar Police Station said locals rescued the body and informed police. "His body has been kept at the morgue for autopsy. The real reason of the death can be confirmed only after an investigation."

AL made us dependent

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About the proposed national budget for the fiscal year 2024-25, he said there are no directions in the budget to address the problems being faced by people.

There is no measure in the budget to reduce inflation and taxes have

been imposed on all imported goods and machinery that could have increased production.

Fakhrul said the education system has collapsed as a direct result of politicisation and the biased appointment of teachers based on their allegiance to the ruling party.

DU students protest quota

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the quotas are reinstated, a tougher movement will be announced after June 30."

Rakib Al Hasan, a former DU student who also participated in the protest, said, "We strongly protest the new order of quota reinstatement, as it's discriminatory."

A team of representatives of the protesters submitted a memorandum to the

Attorney General's office, attaching their demands. They urged the government not to resume the quota system, said Hasnat Abudullah, a representative.

Meanwhile, the Supreme Court yesterday upheld the HC verdict till July 4.

Justice M Enayetur Rahim, chamber judge of the Appellate Division of the SC, sent a petition -- filed by the government

challenging the HC judgement -- to its full bench for hearing on the matter on July 4.

Following a writ petition, the HC on June 5 declared illegal the government decision that in 2018 cancelled the 30 percent quota system for the freedom fighters' children in the civil service of the ninth to 13th grades.

Private univs

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On June 4, UGC formed the six-member committee, headed by Prof Bishwajit Chanda, to produce a draft policy on it. The committee also includes other UGC members, officials, and private university teachers.

Talking to The Daily Star, Prof Biswajit, the committee's convener and in-charge of private university division at UGC, said they were told to develop PhD coursework or research-related modules appropriate for different academic disciplines or clusters through a panel of experts.

"We already had internal meetings regarding the matter. Hopefully, soon we'll have official meetings to produce a draft policy on introducing PhD programmes at private universities. Before that, we can't discuss any further," he added.

Only institutions that meet specific standards should be permitted to run these programmes, said UGC sources.

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we would have been happier if 60 to 70 percent votes were cast," he viewed.

Meanwhile in Barguna, a mobile court yesterday sentenced a polling official to seven-day imprisonment for his involvement with electoral irregularities at Patharghata upazila polls.

PRAYER TIMING
JUNE 10
Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 4-05 12-45 5-00 6-50 8-15
JAMAAT 4-40 1-15 5-15 6-55 8-45
SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

496 hectares of betel

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In Patuakhali, 312 hectares of betel leaf plantations were damaged, causing total losses of around Tk 6 crore to 3,284 farmers, said Nazrul Islam, deputy director of DAE in Patuakhali.

A list of the affected farmers has been sent to higher authorities for assistance, he added.

Meanwhile, the price of

betel leaves has gone up in the local market by 20 to 25 percent amid a shortage of supply following damages caused by the cyclone, said Asim Sarkar, a wholesale trader of betel leaves in New Market area of Patuakhali.

The cost of one choli (38 pieces) of betel leaves has gone up from Tk 15 to Tk 20 in the retail market as well, he added.

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Position Snapshot:
Position Name : Commercial Integration Lead
Level : Senior Level
Job Type : Temporary
Location : Dhaka, Head Office

Role Overview & Key Responsibilities:
An experienced leader to coordinate the pipeline of commercial integration initiatives, lead key Commercial projects in close collaboration with GO (Group Office) and other functions in Bangladesh as well as continuous improvement initiatives to contribute to operational excellence. The individual in this role will also be responsible for ensuring the Commercial capabilities are in place as per the CCI (Coca-Cola Icecek) standards and growth strategies can be realized by leveraging market opportunities, enhanced efficiency and discipline.

- Lead adaptation of CCI Commercial culture vision and develop necessary processes to meet the future needs of customers.
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- Provide insights and progress tracking on Transformation projects and strategic priorities within up and out of the organization.
- Prioritize strategic initiatives to optimize investment between country and customer opportunities.
- Lead internal project teams that can invest business opportunities to accelerate the capacity and capability of the Commercial function and work closely for their transition.
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Request for Application (RFA)
(Selection of Individual Consultant: National)

| A. Basic Information (Procuring Entity, Assignment, Procurement Method, Source of Fund, etc) for the Consultant: | |
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| 1 Name of the Organization | Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) |
| 2 Procuring Entity Name & Designation | AQM Golam Mawla, Deputy Managing Director |
| 3 Name of the Packages | a) Selection of an Individual Consultant for Preparing a Strategy Paper on 'Transformation of Agroecological Farming (beyond Organic) for Ensuring Nutritious & Safe Food without Compromising Yield and Reducing Input Subsidies on Chemical Fertilizer and Pesticide in Bangladesh' of Rural Microenterprise Transformation Project (RMTP) of PKSF. b) Selection of an Individual Consultant for Preparing a Strategy Paper on 'Small Scale Fish Processing & Marketing in Bangladesh for Domestic Market' of Rural Microenterprise Transformation Project (RMTP) of PKSF. c) Selection of an Individual Consultant for 'Determining Prospects and Constraints and Developing Strategies for introducing Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) in Bangladesh Livestock Sector' of Rural Microenterprise Transformation Project (RMTP) of PKSF. |
| 4 Ref. No. | a) 53.23.0000.001.03.076.24-67 b) 53.23.0000.001.03.077.24-68 c) 53.23.0000.001.03.078.24-69 |
| 5 No. of the Packages | a) PKSF/RMTP (2023-24)/SD-11 b) PKSF/RMTP (2023-24)/SD-12 c) PKSF/RMTP (2023-24)/SD-13 |
| 6 EOI Publishing Date | 10 June 2024 |
| 7 Procurement Method | Individual Consultant Selection (ICS) |
| 8 Source of Fund | GoB, PKSF, and International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) |
| 9 Development Partner | International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) |
| 10 Project Name | Rural Microenterprise Transformation Project (RMTP) |
| 11 EOI submission closing date, time, and place | Date: 03 July 2024; Time: 2:00 PM; PKSF Bhaban, E-4/B, Agargaon Administrative Area Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207. |
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| 13 Experience, resource, and delivery capacity required of the Consultant | |
| 14 Other Details | |
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