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Two more die
of dengue

BSS, Dhaka

Two more dengue patients died and 98 were hospitalised in the last 24 hours till yesterday morning, according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

During the period, 74 dengue patients were hospitalised in Dhaka.

This year, the total number of cases rose to 5,496 while 53 deaths from dengue were reported.

In the past 24 hours, 68 dengue patients were discharged from different hospitals.

Among the total cases, 4,910 patients have already been released, the DGHS statement added.

Last year, the country recorded 1,705 dengue-related deaths and a total of 32,179 dengue cases.

Meanwhile, anti-mosquito drives have either remained completely suspended in some areas or been slowed down since the recent unrest in the country centring the quota reform protests.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina speaks to an injured youth at the National Institute of Traumatology and Orthopedic Rehabilitation (NITOR) in Dhaka yesterday. *Inset*, earlier, the premier visited Setu Bhaban to witness the extent of damage caused by the recent violence centring the quota reform protests.

PHOTO: BSS

Release quota
organisers
immediatelyDemands HRFB;
urges authorities
to refrain from
picking up students

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Human Rights Forum Bangladesh (HRFB) yesterday condemned and expressed deep concern over the picking up of three organisers of the quota reform protests by detectives and demanded their immediate release and security.

The forum also urged to ensure safety of all students and maintain highest caution so that no students face any harassment.

It also demanded compensation for the affected students, their rehabilitation and proper treatment to prevent any kind of potential disabilities.

Signed by 23 members of the forum, HRFB in a statement also demanded fair and impartial investigation into the recent violence to ensure justice.

HRFB, referring to media reports, said around 200 people were killed and over 1,000 injured in the violence that spread across the country, centring the quota reform protests. The

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How could law
enforcers open
fire at students?

Ask speakers at women's rally

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Women at a protest rally yesterday wanted to know under which law the law enforcement agencies fired bullets at students and the masses during the quota reform protests.

They also demanded the resignation of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Under the banner of "Chhakra Janata Pashey Nari Samaj," women from all walks of life organised the rally at the capital's Purana Paltan around noon, condemning the arbitrary killings, assaults, cases, and arrests by the police against students.



PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

"I don't know why the forces opened fire on the students and masses. Was there a national emergency that necessitated the use of live ammunition by law enforcement agencies?" asked Sadia Arman, a senior lawyer at the Supreme Court.

"If there had been an emergency, it might have been justifiable. However, since the situation during the quota reform protests did not warrant

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'Every time he wakes up, he cries out in pain'

Says father of Yasin who was shot during recent violence

SHAHEEN MOLLAH and
NILIMA JAHAN

Twenty three-year-old Md Yasin, a pickup van helper, was struck by a bullet on July 19, when he went to a nearby grocery store in an alley close to his house.

Fired from a distance, with tremendous force and speed, the bullet first pierced his wallet, then his hip and finally exited through his stomach.

He is now fighting for his life at Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital in the capital.

On that evening, there was a clash going on between quota reform protesters and law enforcement agencies in the Rayerbazar area, near the Martyred Intellectuals Memorial.



PHOTO: STAR

Yasin undergoing treatment at Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital.

Yasin, who lives in Rayerbazar area with his brother Md Mizan, a day labourer, said, "I had no idea there was a clash going on."

"The bullet first went through

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Rickshaw-vans parked in a queue in Tejgaon area yesterday afternoon. Even though the curfew break has been extended to nine hours, many low-income people, including pullers of such vans, are still struggling to find work.

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