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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 3,21,179 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

Take swift measures to clear cargo village

Says aviation minister
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Muhammad Faruk Khan yesterday instructed the authorities concerned to take necessary measures to clear the cargo items accumulated in the import cargo village and the Dhaka airport as soon as possible.

The minister came up with the instruction in a meeting held at the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport.

The minister also said all the cargoes that have been lying at the HSIA for a long time and they should be disposed of quickly through auctions, following due process.

CAAB, Dhaka Customs House, Biman, banks concerned, and C&F agents should work through coordination to ensure speedy clearance of imported goods, he said.

"No one's negligence will be tolerated in this regard. If an importer does not release the goods within the specified time, the matter should be resolved by taking swift legal action," he said.

How could law enforcers open fire at students?

Ask women at 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 in hip during recent violence

SHAEHEN 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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