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LOCAL BODIES

Govt now can remove elected representatives

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The interim government can now appoint administrators to the local administrations like city corporations, zilla and upazila parishads in special circumstances.

President Mohammed Shahabuddin yesterday approved the advisory council's recommendation to amend four related laws.

According to a gazette
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TK 3.11CR RECOVERY

Former senior secretary held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Metropolitan Police last night arrested Shah Kamal, former senior secretary to the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief.

"DB arrested him in Mohakhali," said a DMP text message.

On Friday, DMP conducted a raid and recovered cash worth around Tk 3.11 crore, including local and foreign currencies, from an apartment, belonging to Kamal, in Mohammadpur. Kamal served as secretary from 2015 to 2019 and senior secretary from 2019 to 2020.

Gun looted in Dhaka found in Noakhali

STAR REPORT

A youth was arrested early yesterday from Noakhali with a firearm looted from a police station in Dhaka during the August 5 violence.

Arrestee Monir Ahmad, 22, is from Senbagh, Noakhali.

In primary interrogation, Monir claimed his neighbour

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Fake freedom fighters to be brought to book

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Fake freedom fighters will be brought to book, said Liberation War Affairs Adviser Farooq-e-Azam yesterday.

"Those who became freedom fighters with fake certificates will be brought under the law. They have enjoyed state allowance for so long. They would be punished for defrauding the state," said Farooq-e-Azam, a freedom fighter.

He said this while addressing a meeting in Chattogram the district's Circuit House.

Following the meeting, he visited the Kotwali Police Station, which was vandalised and torched on August 5.

METRO SERVICE RESUMPTION

Work abstention behind the delay

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Uncertainty looms over metro rail service resumption as a group of its employees vowed to continue their work abstention until all six of their demands are met.

Authorities will meet newly appointed adviser of the road transport and bridges ministry today to end the stalemate, said MAN Siddique, managing director of Dhaka Mass Transit Company Ltd.

Once the employees rejoin, operations can be resumed within five days, he said.

Operations of metro rail have remained suspended since July 18 after two stations were vandalised during the quota reform protests, which later turned into an uprising that toppled the Hasina-led government on August 5.

On July 19, attackers vandalised two



At least 169 first graders and their parents formed a human chain in front of the office of the chief adviser on Minto Road yesterday afternoon. A High Court verdict cancelled their admission to Vigarunnisa Noon School and College recently. So they are now demanding that they be allowed to attend school. After around 30 minutes, the press secretary came out of the office, spoke to the parents and assured that he will raise the issue with the education ministry.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

DENGUE IN 2024

August deadliest month so far

At least 18 dead; experts urge immediate action

HELEMUL ALAM

At least 18 dengue patients have died in the first 17 days of August, the highest monthly death toll in 2024 so far.

Meanwhile, 2,897 people have been admitted to hospitals during the same time, according to the Directorate General of Health Services.

Last year, Bangladesh recorded its highest-ever dengue toll since the first outbreak in 2000, with 1,709 deaths and 3,21,179 cases.

Experts warn that the number of cases could rise further in September if immediate action is not taken.

Prof Kabirul Bashar, an entomologist at Jahangirnagar University, said inadequate response from local government bodies, and absence of any anti-mosquito drives during the recent political upheaval has contributed to the deteriorating dengue situation.

"Anti-mosquito drives across the country are not being conducted properly. Even in Dhaka, the efforts are insufficient," he said.

He urged for comprehensive measures to control the spread of the dengue virus nationwide.

Dr HM Nazmul Ahsan, associate professor at Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital, said the number of patients with dengue shock syndromes has increased recently.

He urged everyone to remain wary of dengue warning signs, as early intervention can reduce fatalities.

The World Health Organization introduced the term "expanded dengue syndrome" in 2012 to describe patients exhibiting atypical

symptoms in vital organ systems, such as the cardiovascular, neurological, renal, gastrointestinal, and hematological systems. Dr Nazmul pointed out that a large number of patients last year were admitted with dengue shock, a critical stage of the disease.

"Many people do not realise they have symptoms and delay seeking medical

attention, increasing their risk of developing shock syndrome," he said.

Shock syndrome in dengue patients can be categorised into two types: compensated shock and decompensated shock.

In compensated shock, blood pressure may appear low or normal, with a narrow pulse pressure of 20 or less.

Decompensated shock, however, is more severe, with disorientation, cold clammy skin,

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DENGUE THIS YEAR

MONTH	DEATH	HOSPITALISED
August	18	2,897
July	12	2,669
June	8	798
May	12	644
April	2	504
March	5	311
February	3	339
January	14	1,055

UK shouldn't offer asylum to Hasina

Says British MP
Rupa Huq

DIPLOMATIC
CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh origin British MP Rupa Huq has said it would be unwise for the UK to give refuge to Sheikh Hasina.

"As a British Bangladeshi MP, my inbox is a lightning rod for Bangladeshi issues worldwide. At the moment, pleading mails ask me to 'ban the butcher' and similar requests as it is rumoured London is her next destination," she wrote in an opinion column published by the Standard newspaper of UK on Friday.

"I personally think given the deep unpopularity of her bloodthirsty regime and political sensitivities around immigration, it'd be unwise for the UK to give refuge to such a high-profile asylum seeker who is subject of an International Criminal Court application," Huq opined.

Huq wrote that the recent student unrest, where hundreds of unarmed minors were



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Two former AL MPs held, four more sued

Cases filed against
hundreds of party men

STAR REPORT

Two former Awami League lawmakers were arrested yesterday, while cases were filed against at least four other ex-parliamentarians in separate incidents across Chattogram, Dhaka, Thakurgaon, Dinajpur, Cox's Bazar and Rangpur.

In Chattogram, Md Abdul Latif, the former Awami League lawmaker from Chattogram-II, was placed on a three-day remand by a court in connection with a case involving the shooting and injuring of a protester during the Anti-Discrimination Student Movement.

Chattogram's Metropolitan Magistrate Jewel Deb granted the remand after police presented Latif with a 10-day remand prayer.

Latif was arrested in the Baizid Bostami area early yesterday, said Fazlul Quader Patwari, officer-in-charge of Double Mooring Police Station.

The arrest followed a case filed by Md Ershad, accusing Latif and others of opening fire on protesters on August 4.

The former MP was allegedly hiding at a relative's house in Madarbari before being picked up by the army on August 10.

ARRESTED EX-MPS

Md Abdul Latif (Ctg-11)
Charge: Firing on protesters
on August 4

Ramesh Chandra Sen
(Thakurgaon-1)
Charge: Attack on students
on July 16

SUED EX-MPS

Muhammad Saiful Islam
(Dhaka-19)
Talukder Tauhid Jang Murad
(Dhaka-19)

Charge: Death of student
Khalid Mahmud Chowdhury
(Dinajpur-1)

Charge: Attack on students
Shaimun Sarwar Komol
(Cox's Bazar-3)

Charge: Attack on student
demonstration

Meanwhile, in Thakurgaon, former Water Resources Minister and Thakurgaon-1 lawmaker Ramesh Chandra Sen, was detained at his ancestral home in Ruhea Ramnath village by a police team from Dhaka.

Officer-in-Charge Gullamul Islam Mandal reported that law enforcers from Police Headquarters claimed they were taking the political leader for his safety.

Sen's wife Anjali Rani Sen said police assured her they would bring him back within half an hour, despite her pleas not to take him due to his illness.

A photograph of the former lawmaker, tied with a ribbon or rope, soon went viral on social media.

The family insisted that, to their knowledge, no case had been filed against him.

He was later produced before a Thakurgaon court in a case filed over attack on protesters on July 16 by BCL activists.

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