

## CA returns to work after minor medical procedure

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus underwent a minor medical procedure to remove a skin lesion in the Combined Military Hospital, Dhaka, on Thursday.

He resumed his duties yesterday morning, said the chief adviser's press wing.

Yunus will meet leaders of several political parties today as part of the ongoing dialogue with them.

## Giving Hasina asylum is like sheltering a killer: Rizvi

BSS, Dhaka

BNP Senior Joint Secretary General advocate Ruhul Kabir Rizvi yesterday said giving asylum to Sheikh Hasina is like providing shelter to a "killer".

He said this while speaking to journalists after paying tributes to BNP founder Ziaur Rahman at his grave.

Referring to a statement of a neighbouring country regarding providing shelter to Hasina, the BNP leader said they have clearly said that Hasina is in their country and their behaviour to this end is that of a "big brother".

"We have extradition treaty with India. Arrest warrant has been issued against Hasina. We have to bring her back to the country through due diplomatic process under the treaty," he said.

## Amar Desh to return by Dec Says Mahmudur Rahman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The daily Amar Desh is set to return to circulation by December, according to its publisher and editor, Mahmudur Rahman.

He made the announcement during a press conference yesterday at Jatiya Press Club.

"We will bring Amar Desh back to stand against Indian expansionism and looters. We urge the government not to place any legal obstacles in its relax," Mahmudur said.

He accused the previous government of destroying the newspaper's press and highlighted that setting up a new one would take time. However, he confirmed plans to print the paper from two other presses in the interim.



Rickshaws cruise through the Shahbagh area, disregarding the DMP signboard right above that has "banned" it from plying the road. Blatant disregard for law and order continues to be a problem throughout the country. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

# Dengue danger NOT OVER YET

## Experts fear rainy weather may prolong season

HELEMUL ALAM

As rain and thunderstorms are expected in various parts of the country over the next few days, experts warn that the dengue season could extend further this year.

The chances of the situation improving in October remain low.

According to the Bangladesh Meteorological Department, rain and thunderstorms, accompanied by gusty winds, are likely in Dhaka, Khulna, and



season continues," Saifur added.

He stressed the need for ongoing control measures, citing Singapore as an example where year-round mosquito control programmes have helped reduce dengue cases over time.

"If Bangladesh had implemented active control measures consistently, the situation would be under control," he said. He urged the government to establish a monitoring cell to oversee anti-mosquito activities across the country.

Even a small-scale monitoring system could yield significant results next year, he said.

Saifur said with dengue spreading across the country, there is a risk of further increases in cases and expansion to more areas next year. "The government must take a long-term approach, and setting up a monitoring cell is crucial," he said.

According to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), at least three dengue patients died, and 411 others were hospitalised in the last 24 hours till yesterday morning. This brings the total number of deaths to 237, with total cases reaching 47,461.



Sylhet divisions, with isolated showers expected in other regions, including Rangpur, Rajshahi, Mymensingh, Barishal, and Chattogram. This weather pattern is expected to continue until Sunday.

Prof Kabirul Bashar, an entomologist at Jahangirnagar University, said the ongoing rainy season might extend the dengue season until December or even January.

"Although the density of Aedes mosquitoes has remained static in the last two weeks, this level is still enough to spread dengue further," he said.

Prof Bashar emphasised the importance of controlling mosquito breeding sites and

managing hotspots to curb the spread of the virus. "Necessary steps must be taken to control Aedes mosquitoes to manage the situation effectively."

Entomologist GM Saifur Rahman echoed this sentiment, saying the current pattern of rainfall is highly conducive to Aedes mosquito breeding.

"This type of rain won't wash away mosquito larvae or eggs, so without immediate action, dengue cases in the most vulnerable areas will rise further," he warned.

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## 22-DAY BAN ON FISHING

# Fishermen struggle to make ends meet



Fishermen in Barishal are passing idle time amid the ongoing ban. Some are taking the opportunity to repair their nets or just tidy them up to keep them ready for the future.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

SUSHANTA GHOSH, Barishal

Amid the ongoing 22-day ban on fishing, fishermen across Barishal division are going through a difficult time to remain afloat.

Visiting the Jele Palli (fishermen's village) under Tungbaria union of Barishal Sadar upazila yesterday, this correspondent found most fishermen passing idle hours while some were engaged in repairing their fishing nets and boats.

With hardly any income during this time, most fishers are compelled to borrow money

from non-government organisations.

"We are basically living on rice and potatoes. Only once in a while we may have lentils and vegetables, which are quite expensive these days. We neither have any income nor any savings to fend for ourselves during the ban on fishing," said Scema Begum, a housewife.

Of the 376 fishermen in the village, 196 are registered, and only 155 of them got the government's assistance of 25 kilogrammes of rice.

"Almost all the 376 fishermen had to take

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## Want swift justice, fair compensation

### Says family of hawker shot dead during protests

SHAHEEN MOLLAH and NILIMA JAHAN

The family of Md Shahjahan, a 24-year-old hawker from Dhaka's New Market area who was killed in the capital the same day Abu Sayed died in Rangpur, is demanding swift justice and appropriate compensation for his death.

Shahjahan was shot dead on July 16 during clashes involving police, Chhatra League members, and protesters near Dhaka City College.

Several high-profile figures, including Salman F Rahman, former private sector adviser to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, former law minister Anisul Huq, and Ziaul Ahsan, former director general of the National Telecommunication Monitoring Centre, have been arrested in connection with his death.

Shahjahan, who grew up in Kamrangirchar's Chand Masjid area, had recently been evicted from his makeshift shop in front of Balaka Cinema Hall, just two weeks before his death.

Desperate for work, he had been trying to support his pregnant wife while struggling to meet basic expenses like rent and food.

"My son even wanted to pull a rickshaw, but no one would let him because he was inexperienced," said Ayesha Begum, Shahjahan's mother.

On the day of his death, Shahjahan, the third of

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## Shamsher Mobin sent to jail

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sent Shamsher Mobin Chowdhury, chairperson of Trinamool BNP, to jail in a case filed over the murder of a Jubo Dal leader, Shamim Mia, in the city's Paltan area on October 28 last year.

Metropolitan Magistrate Afnan Sumi passed the order after police produced him before the court.

On September 14, Abbas Ali, a former member of JCD central committee, filed the murder case with Paltan Model Police Station against 704 people, including most AL top leaders and several police officials, and 12,000 unnamed persons.

Detectives arrested Shamsher at his home in the capital's Banani DOHS on Thursday.

On Wednesday, the former foreign secretary and his wife were allegedly barred from travelling abroad by the immigration police at Dhaka airport. The cops did not allow them to board an international flight without clearance from "top-level" authorities.

## Teen killed while trying to stop theft

STAR REPORT

A teenager was killed while trying to stop cattle thieves from stealing a cow in Cumilla's Nangolkot upazila yesterday.

The deceased is Farzana Akter Pinky, 19. She was a second-year HSC student at Banggodda Badsha Mia School and College.

Quoting locals and family members, AK Fazlul Haque, officer-in-charge of Nangolkot Police Station, said five to six people, on a microbus, tried to steal a cow from in front of Pinky's house around noon.

When Pinky tried to resist them, they ran over her and fled away.

She died on the spot.

The stolen cow was recovered in Daulatpur area in the evening, 4km away from the spot, said the OC. Police are trying to arrest the perpetrators, he added.



People browse through a collection of winter clothes at a wholesale shop in the Sadarghat area of the capital yesterday. With winter approaching, many have started venturing to such shops in advance to get better deals.

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