

## Dengue claims 9 more lives

UNB, Dhaka

Nine more deaths from dengue were reported in the 24 hours until yesterday morning, raising the death toll from the mosquito-borne disease in Bangladesh to 436 this year.

During this period, three deaths occurred in the Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC), five in the Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC), and one in the Rajshahi division (outside the city corporation).

A total of 1,214 more patients were hospitalised with dengue across the country, according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS). Among them, 195 were admitted to hospitals under DNCC, while 141 were hospitalised under DSCC.

Currently, 3,882 dengue patients are undergoing treatment nationwide, the DGHS said.

## AUG 21 GRENADE ATTACK CASES HC to deliver verdict any day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court is set to deliver its verdict any day on the death references and appeals of the August 21 grenade attack cases.

Yesterday, the HC bench of Justice AKM Asaduzzaman and Justice Syed Enayet Hossain kept the death references (trial court documents for confirmation of death sentences), and the appeals, filed by the convicted accused in the cases, as curia advisari vult (meaning the verdict will be delivered any day), after concluding hearing on those matters, Deputy Attorney General Md Jashim Sarker told The Daily Star.

The cases were filed following a grenade attack on an Awami League rally at Bangabandhu Avenue in Dhaka that claimed 24 lives and left about 300 injured.

Then opposition leader Sheikh Hasina, who later ran the country for 15 years as

prime minister and was forced to resign and flee on August 5 this year following a mass uprising, narrowly escaped the attack on August 21, 2004.

A Dhaka court on October 10, 2018, sentenced 19 people, including former BNP state minister for home Lutfozzaman Babar, to death in the two cases filed in connection with the grenade attacks.

Nineteen others, including BNP acting chairman Tarique Rahman, now in London, were given life imprisonment, and 11 people were handed different terms in prison.

Eighteen of the convicted accused are absconding and 31 are in jail.

During the hearing on the death references and appeals, the defence lawyers for the convicted accused prayed to the HC to scrap the trial court verdict and to acquit all the accused, saying that there is no specific allegation against them.



Fishermen clean their nets in preparation for venturing out to sea. Fishing from Dublar Char in the Sundarbans is permitted for five months each year. During this period, a fisherman earns between Tk 60,000 and Tk 1,50,000 by fishing and drying fish. The photo was taken at Dublar Char in the Sundarbans yesterday.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

## Climate migrants in Khulna demand access to civic facilities

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Climate change has forced many residents of the southwestern region of Bangladesh to leave their homes and migrate to nearby cities, including Khulna, said speakers at a workshop yesterday.

However, these displaced individuals, often referred to as climate migrants, face significant challenges in accessing essential civic facilities in their new urban environments, they said.

The daylong workshop, titled "Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Adaptation in High-Risk Areas of Khulna and Satkhira", organised by Caritas Bangladesh, was held at the Caritas Auditorium in Khulna city.

The speakers further noted that since these migrants are not permanent residents of the city and their voter ID cards are registered elsewhere, they are unable to access vital services provided by the city corporation or the government.

Without city-based voter IDs, they are denied basic amenities such as water, electricity, and other utilities.

In response to these hardships, climate migrants are urging authorities to ensure their access to civic facilities in Khulna. They are also calling for a simplified process to transfer voter registration to their new locations.

Climate-induced migrants living in Khulna City Corporation areas, especially wards 9, 21, 22, and 31, attended the workshop.

Albino Nath, regional director (designate) of Caritas Khulna region, and Md Abdul Karim, district relief and rehabilitation officer of Khulna, were also present.

## BPC's fuel pricing formula needs to be revised

Says CPD, deems its current profit margin unethical

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Fuel prices can be reduced by Tk 10-15 per litre, if the current mechanism used by Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) is revised, according to the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD).

BPC has been making profits from fuel sales despite following an automated formula to fix the prices since March this year, as the

Regulatory Commission (BERC).

The study says that the adopted pricing mechanism applies a financing charge of nine percent per litre, which is excessively high without adequate justification.

Besides, the basis for determining other rates such as commission for letters of credit, transit loss, and crude oil processing loss is not transparent and needs thorough reviews, it also said.

BERC's regulations to fix the fuel prices for the last 12 years. "The ministry never gave the power of fixing fuel prices to BERC, which is the legal authority to fix it after holding public hearings," she added.

Prof M Shamsul Alam, energy adviser to the Consumer Association of Bangladesh, said a speech of the energy adviser to the interim government created confusion that they [the ministry]

PRICING OF FUEL (Tk per litre)	Product	Current Price	Import Cost	Total Cost	Margin Between cost and price
	Diesel	105.5	50	95	10.5
	Kerosene	105.5	50	97.4	8.1
	Petrol	121	60.68	109.67	11.32
	Furnace Oil	86	42.29	85.29	0.71
BPC'S PROFIT (in crore)	FY 2020	5065			
	FY 2021	6493			
	FY 2022	-2705			
	FY 2023	4586			
	FY 2024	3500			

formula was not formed based on actual cost, it also said.

"The profit margin of BPC is unethical," said CPD in their latest study titled "Market-based Fuel Pricing: Government-led Initiatives and Possible Revision", which was unveiled in a dialogue at a city hotel yesterday.

In the study, the think-tank recommended revising the formula under the Bangladesh Energy


Additionally, exchange rate determination and adjustments are unclear in the formula and multi-layered taxes and duties, determined by National Board of Revenue rates, significantly increase the final price for consumers.

Presenting the study's findings, Helen Mashiyat Preoty, senior research associate of CPD, said the Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources didn't approve

want to keep the authority of fuel pricing to themselves.

"It wouldn't happen in the new Bangladesh. BERC is the legal authority for fixing all sorts of fuel prices and BPC is simply a licensee of the commission. The government considers BPC only as a source of revenue, as they take Tk 13,000-14,000 crore per year as taxes and dividends," he added.

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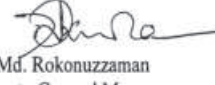
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Tender is invited from the reputed vendor companies for renewal of Oracle TS (Technical Support) for 2 (two) years with required installation, up-gradation, migration, training & local support (yearly basis). Necessary informations are given below:

01.	Procuring Entity	IT System Department, Bangladesh Development Bank PLC. (BDBL), Head Office, BDBL Bhaban (Level - 06), 8, Rajuk Avenue, Dhaka - 1000.
02.	Procurement Method	Through Open Tendering Method (OTM) of Public Procurement Rules, 2008 and The Public Procurement Act, 2006
03.	Invitation for Tender No.	BDBL/ITSD/OTM/2024/PSN/03
04.	Source of Funds	Bank's own Fund.
05.	Brief Description of the Goods and Services	Renewal Of Oracle TS (Technical Support) For 2 (Two) Years With Required Installation, Up-Gradation, Migration, Training & Local Support (Yearly Basis).
06.	Name & Address of Receiving Tender Document	IT System Department, Bangladesh Development Bank PLC. (BDBL), Head Office, BDBL Bhaban (Level- 06), 8, Rajuk Avenue, Dhaka-1000.
07.	Last Date and Time for Selling Tender Schedule	07/12/2024 up to Office Hour.
08.	Last Date and Time for Submission	08/12/2024 up to 03.00PM
09.	Date, Time and Place for Tender Opening	All Tenders will be opened at IT System Department, Head Office, Dhaka on 08/12/2024 at 03.30 PM (Intending Tenderers or their authorized representatives are allowed to attend at the time of opening of Tender).
10.	Eligibility of Tenderer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The minimum specific experience as Supplier in supply of similar services of at least 3 contract(s) successfully completed within the last 5 years, each with a value of at least 80% of the yearly basis quoted price preferably in the banking sector.</li><li>The bidder must have experience on installation, commissioning of similar products i.e (Oracle Enterprise Edition and Real Application Cluster) with at least 2 (Two) bank/government/semi-government/autonomous organization within 5 years.</li><li>The Bidder must have ongoing AMC of similar product with at least 3 (three) organizations preferably in bank.</li><li>The Bidder must have Member Partnership with respective OEM.</li><li>Supplier must have at least Four (4) Oracle Certified Expert engineer (at least one senior) on relevant product such as Oracle 19c Administrator &amp; Oracle RAC. All engaged resources should be permanent employee of OEM and certified bidder. No contractual &amp; outsourcing resources are acceptable.</li><li>Any false information submitted by bidders will be treated as disqualified.</li><li>Bidder must submit Company profile with all Certification.</li><li>Up to date Income TAX paying Certificate</li><li>Up to Date VAT Certificate</li></ul>
11.	Tender Security	Tk.4,00,000.00 (Taka Four Lacs) Tender Security Money only will be required in the form of Pay Order in favor of Bangladesh Development Bank PLC., Head Office, Dhaka.
12.	Price of Tender Schedule	Tk. 2,000 (Taka Two Thousand) Only in Cash. (Non-Refundable)

Bangladesh Development Bank PLC. reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender either in part or full without assigning any reason whatsoever. If occur any government holiday then the tender opening date will be shifted to next working day.




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খ। কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা সমস্ত দরপত্র বাতিল করার পূর্ণ ক্ষমতা রাখেন।

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