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Summon Hasina via newspapers

ICT issues order
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal yesterday asked the relevant authorities to publish notices in two newspapers asking ousted prime minister Sheikh Hasina and former home minister Asaduzzaman Khan to appear before it on June 24.

The tribunals issued the order in connection with a case over crimes against humanity committed during the July uprising after the prosecution informed the court that despite drives at different places, the two could not be arrested.

On June 1, the prosecution formally pressed charges against Hasina, Asaduzzaman and former inspector general of police Chowdhury Abdullah Al-Mamun for murder, attempted murder, torture and use of lethal weapons, among others.

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This shop inside the Rajshahi Medical College Hospital campus sells essential items for patients and students. With temperatures soaring across the country once again, its shelves are now dominated by hand fans, portable fans, and stand fans. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: AZAHAR UDDIN

ROAD ACCIDENT 390 killed, 1,182 injured during Eid travel

Says Jatri Kalyan Samity

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Road crashes and fatalities saw an increase during this year's Eid-ul-Azha compared to the same period last year, the Bangladesh Jatri Kalyan Samity said yesterday.

At least 390 people were killed and 1,182 injured in 379 road accidents between May 31 and June 14 this year – marking a 16.07 percent increase in deaths, a 55.11 percent in injuries, and a 22.65 percent in crashes compared to the same period last year.

During the Eid-ul-Azha rush last year, at least 336 people were killed and 762 injured in 309 road crashes, the organisation said.

Mozammel Hoque Chowdhury, secretary general of the organisation, revealed the information at a press conference at the Dhaka Reporters Unity.

He said heavy rains had damaged highways and created potholes, which subsequently led to road crashes.

Many post-Eid crashes occurred as drivers continued operating vehicles without adequate rest, he added.

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AT A GLANCE

Total 379 accidents from May 31–June 14
Casualty up from 336 deaths and 762 injuries last year
Deaths up by 16.07%, injuries up 55.11%
Motorcycles involved in 134 crashes, causing 147 deaths

DENGUE, COVID

Health guidelines issued for HSC exams

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Amid a surge in Covid-19 and dengue cases across the country, the Inter-Education Board Coordination Committee yesterday issued emergency health guidelines ahead of this year's Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) and equivalent examinations.

The directive, released by Prof Khandoker Ehsanul Kabir, chairman of the Dhaka Education Board and head of the coordination committee, outlined several precautionary measures for examination centres.

All candidates and exam personnel will be required to wear masks at entry points. Hand sanitisers

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Dengue cases rising nationwide

HELEMUL ALAM and PRABIR DAS

Sourav Chakrabarti, an HSC student from Noakhali, came to Daudkandi in Cumilla to spend his vacation with relatives. However, his holiday turned into a period of suffering after he was diagnosed with dengue.

He was admitted to Mugda General Hospital on June 14 and is now in slightly better condition after receiving treatment.

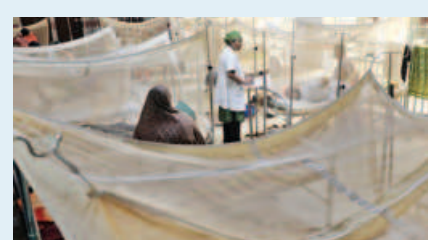
Sourav's father Shabuj Chakrabarti is also undergoing treatment in the hospital's dedicated dengue ward after contracting the virus.

"Many people in our area have been infected by this deadly virus," said Shabuj.

Tahmidul Islam, a resident of Jurain, was admitted to the hospital with a high fever on June 12. He said he is feeling a bit better after treatment but has not fully recovered.

A nurse at the hospital reported that 26 dengue patients are currently being treated in the hospital's dedicated dengue ward on the 10th floor. She noted that the number of dengue patients is increasing day by day.

According to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), at least 30 people have died from dengue across the country



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Among the hospitalised patients, 1,393 are currently receiving treatment in different hospitals in Dhaka. Of them, 38 patients are being treated at the Mugda Medical College Hospital.

Meanwhile, Barguna is now the hotspot of

dengue cases in the country, with 1,685 cases reported.

Prof Nazmul of Suhrawardy Hospital said while their hospital has not opened a dedicated dengue ward, patients are being treated as needed.

He noted that although fewer patients are being admitted, many are receiving treatment at home.

He also mentioned a rising trend in chikungunya cases this year. "Patients are coming in with dengue, chikungunya, and coronavirus infections, which often causes confusion among both patients and doctors," he said.

Dr HM Nazmul Ahsan, associate professor at Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College, explained that patients with fever and cold symptoms often have viral infections such as influenza or Covid-19.

Covid-19 patients may also experience symptoms like loss of smell and mild diarrhoea. On the other hand, a fever without cold symptoms may indicate dengue or chikungunya, he added.

"We are seeing many chikungunya patients, most of whom do not require

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Repeal public service ordinance Demand Secretariat employees

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Secretariat employees have demanded a complete repeal of the recently enacted Public Service (Amendment) Ordinance, 2025, rejecting any review or revision.

As part of their ongoing movement, which began before Eid-ul-Azha, the employees staged a rally and procession inside the Secretariat around 11:30am yesterday.

Their first gathered in front of Building No-6 and marched towards the Cabinet Division. Around 12:00pm, their leaders held a brief meeting under the Cabinet Division building and announced the next day's programme.

Nurul Islam, co-chairman of the Bangladesh Secretariat Officers and Employees Unity Forum, said, "We don't care about amendments or revisions. We only demand repeal of this ordinance. There is no room for retreat."

He also condemned those involved in passing the ordinance, saying, "This 'black ordinance' was secretly passed through the Advisory Council. We condemn everyone involved."

Nazrul Islam, co-general secretary of the Unity Forum, warned senior government officials,

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Chief RO appointed for Ducusu polls

DU CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University has appointed Prof Mohammad Zashim Uddin of Department of Botany as the chief returning officer for the upcoming Ducusu (Dhaka University Central Students' Union) election.

The appointment was made under Section 8(F) of the Ducusu Constitution by Vice-Chancellor Prof Niaz Ahmed Khan and was formally approved at the university's Syndicate meeting yesterday, according to a press release from the university's public relations office.

The press release also states that to assist the chief returning officer, nine additional returning officers have also been appointed.

They are Prof A S M Mohiuddin of the Department of Soil, Water and Environment; Prof SM Shameem Reza of the Department of Mass Communication

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13TH NATIONAL ELECTION EC moves forward with preparations Seeks updates on institutions to be used as polling centres

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ahead of the 13th national parliamentary election, the Election Commission (EC) has requested updated information on minor repairs at educational institutions used or likely to be used as polling centres.

In a directive issued yesterday, the EC asked four ministries and two directorates to take necessary measures and submit progress reports within a month.

With this move, the EC is advancing its preparatory work for the upcoming national polls. The commission has already approved the policy for setting up polling centres.

The commission has emphasised the need to remain fully prepared for the 13th parliamentary election, whether it takes place in February or April next year. As the constitutional body responsible for organising the polls, it is prioritising the preparations for the election.

The EC has already made significant progress in several key areas, including updating the voter list, finalising parliamentary constituency boundaries, and registering new political parties.

However, the EC has not yet received any official communication regarding the joint statement issued in London by the interim government and BNP, which suggested that the election could be held in the week before Ramadan, in the first half of February 2026.

On Sunday, during a press briefing, Chief Election

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Indiscriminate dumping of waste at this spot near Dhanmondi Lake has become a regular sight. During heavy rains, the accumulated garbage is washed directly into the lake, worsening its pollution. The photo was taken near the Dhanmondi 32 area in the capital yesterday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN