

NEWS



Children play a spirited game of football in the waterlogged field in front of Paharpur Government Primary School in Khulna yesterday. Despite the monsoon leaving most school grounds soaked and muddy, the students enjoy their favourite sport and make the most of the challenging conditions.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

One more dies of dengue; 430 get hospitalised

UNB, Dhaka



One more death was reported from dengue in 24 hours till yesterday morning, raising the fatalities from the mosquito-borne disease in Bangladesh to 115 this year.

During the period, 430 more patients were hospitalised with the viral fever, raising the number of confirmed cases to 28,632 this year, according to the DGHS.

The death has been reported in Chattogram.

Currently, 1,281 patients are receiving treatment in various hospitals across the country.

Last year, dengue claimed the lives of 575 people.

Cucusu polls schedule

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Cucusu Chief Election Commissioner Prof Monir Uddin said, "The electoral code of conduct will also be published shortly. We expect to finalise the voter list soon."

The last election took place on February 8, 1990.

The first Cucusu election was held in 1970. Though the polls were supposed to take place annually, CU authorities have managed to hold them only six times.

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Empower youth

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Writer and journalist Ashraf Kaiser noted in youth, we are not just investing in the future, we are investing in the present. The transformation of youth is the transformation of the globe," she added.

Mahmudur Rahman, chairman of IGCF, said the foundation was established with a clear mission to provide a platform for young people to share their ideas and opinions for a better future.

Economist Dr Mahbub Ullah said, "We must create an environment, facilities, and opportunities that will automatically make the youth empowered."

Prof Abdul Hannan Chowdhury, vice chancellor of North South University and chairman of Grameen Bank, called for a major overhaul of the education system.

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a man aged about 40 -- were recovered from the Barishuli area.

Sources at Sir Salimullah Medical College morgue, where autopsies were carried out yesterday, said the child and the woman were murdered by strangulation.

Viscera and other samples were collected for chemical analysis to determine the cause of death of the two others, the sources said.

Dhaka University physics professor Dr Md Kamrul Hassan criticised the country's lack of research institutions.

"Research is the driving force of a nation. We are producing export-quality students -- 1,700 went to the US from Bangladesh last year. What we are left with is the reality that our best minds are leaving, but not returning," he said.

National University Vice Chancellor Prof ASM Amanullah and Dhaka University's Dr Sukumar Barua also spoke.

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Cox's Bazar can't bear child rape cases rise

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Gawhar Nayem Wara said progress will be limited unless Rohingyas are recognised as refugees with rights.

"Education is a fundamental right of Rohingya children that cannot be denied," he noted, urging the use of local resources in aid operations and a concrete repatriation roadmap.

Presenting the keynote, COAST's Assistant Director Shahinur Islam warned that 1.15 million Rohingyas remain fully dependent on aid. With recent funding cuts, humanitarian assistance has shrunk, threatening both refugees and host communities.

He also called for accountability of Myanmar's military over genocide and crimes against humanity.

Speakers highlighted deteriorating law and order and worsening camp security.

Advocate Saki A Kawser alleged Rohingya involvement in drug and human trafficking, calling for a separate court.

Noor Ahmad Anwari said aid allocation for host communities was not working and urged an employment policy for locals.

Mojaffar Ahmed warned that children born during the 2017 influx now have major needs.

Others, including Mohammad Helal Uddin and Sukarna Abdullah, stressed food security, third-country resettlement, peaceful coexistence, skill development, and ASEAN's role in securing long-term solutions.

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She said more effective follow-up and speedy trials were urgently needed.

"We must work on understanding the psychology of the perpetrators."

She also stressed the low reporting of male rape cases and the need to break the culture of silence. "Open discussions are needed from families to schools and madrasas. Prominent societal figures must speak out. Neighbourhood-based Child Protection Committees can be effective," she said.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Strengthen laws, ensure legal action

Protect victims, witnesses

Promote awareness beyond home, school

Break culture of silence on abuse

Set up local child protection committees

On the role of families, Roksana Sultana, executive director of Breaking the Silence, said strong family guidance was crucial in preventing abuse.

"Teaching children from home about personal boundaries and respect for others can significantly reduce their risk of being abused. Strong family guidance is the first and most critical step in prevention before social or institutional interventions," she said.

Roksana also stressed the importance of schools in child protection, saying safety education should be part of the curriculum.

She added that teachers must be properly trained to safeguard children, while awareness programmes can reinforce these lessons beyond the home.

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Meanwhile, the four bodies remain unclaimed as of the filing of the report around 7:00pm.

Their identities could not be confirmed as no one has come forward to claim them, said Abdullah Al Mamun, superintendent of Dhaka district river police.

Fingerprint matching could not be conducted as the bodies had already decomposed and their fingerprints were unusable, he added.

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