

## Five more die of dengue, 792 get hospitalised

### DSCC launches special drive

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least five dengue patients died, while 792 others were hospitalised in the last 24 hours till yesterday morning.

According to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), all the deaths were from areas under Dhaka North City Corporation.

With the new deaths and cases, the total number of deaths rose to 331 while total cases rose to 83,858 this year.

Currently, 3,284 dengue patients are undergoing treatment at different hospitals across the country.

Meanwhile, Dhaka South City Corporation yesterday launched a special dengue-control drive.

The operation began around 6:00am and covered Bhangapress, Naynagar, Chantek, Gobindapur, Rayerbagh, Shekdi and Uttar Kutubkhali areas under Wards 62 and 63, according to a press statement.

More than 400 workers from the DSCC's waste management and health departments, alongside local residents, cleaned drains, sewers, and footpaths, and sprayed insecticide.

A rally was also held with leaflets distributed to raise awareness.

## 2 children drown in Netrokona

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrokona

Two children drowned in a pond in Netrokona's Kendua upazila yesterday noon.

The deceased are Sadaat Mia, 7, of Borkalian village, and Tasfia Akter, 6, of Shibpur village in the union, said Kendua Police Station Officer-in-Charge Mizanur Rahman.

Police and family members said several children were playing by the pond in front of the house of late Borhan Uddin Bhuiyan, in Borkalian village under Gonda union, when Sadaat and Tasfia slipped and fell into the pond.

Family members and neighbours rushed to the pond and pulled them out. They were taken to Kendua Upazila Health Complex where doctors declared them dead upon arrival.



A fisherman sets a chai, a fishing trap made from split bamboo, along the edge of a canal in Jhalakathi's Kanchabalia village yesterday. Various small fish drift in with the tidal waters in this waterbody, prompting fishers to take advantage of it. PHOTO: TITU DAS

## RAJNAGAR HEALTH COMPLEX

# Services hampered for manpower crisis

MINTU DESHWARA, Moulvibazar

Health services at the Rajnagar Upazila Health Complex in Moulvibazar are being disrupted due to a prolonged shortage of doctors and other staff.

The 31-bed facility, which serves more than 2.5 lakh people in the upazila, has long struggled to provide basic care amid vacancies in key posts, out-of-order equipment and inadequate cleaning services.

Established in 1985, the health complex was later upgraded to a 31 bed facility, but its infrastructure and staffing have not kept pace with the growing number of patients.

At present, the hospital has only four doctors against 10 approved posts. The six vacant posts include those for junior consultants and specialists in medicine and surgery. There is no anaesthesiologist, forcing doctors from other facilities to attend on assignment.

The hospital's only X-ray machine has

been out of order for a long time, pushing patients to private facilities where the service is costlier.

Of the three ambulances assigned to the complex, only one is operational, hampering emergency transportation.



With four of the five cleaners' posts vacant, maintaining cleanliness has become increasingly difficult.

"My wife has been ill for several days, but we had to return without any service a number of times as there was no doctor. When we finally found one, he said the

X-ray service was unavailable. We had to go to a private clinic and pay extra," said Sukhon Roy, a local resident.

"We come here for free treatment, but nothing works here, not even basic tests," said Shahana Begum, an attendant. Several others shared similar frustrations.

Shelly Akhter, a senior nurse, said, "Amid the acute shortage of doctors and staff, we have to serve a huge number of patients daily. Five nurses have recently been transferred elsewhere, making matters worse."

Dr Utpal Das, resident medical officer, said, "The outpatient department serves around 450 patients daily. At least 14 more doctors are needed for the hospital to function properly."

Moulvibazar Civil Surgeon Dr Md Mamunur Rahman said he has informed higher authorities about the situation.

"We are hopeful that new appointments and repairs will be made soon to improve services at the hospital," he said.

## 10 injured as students, workers clash over half fare

### At least 10 buses vandalised

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

At least 10 people were injured during a clash between bus workers and students in Barishal city yesterday over a dispute regarding half fares.

Witnesses said more than 10 buses were vandalised during the incident, which took place around 7:00pm at the Nathullabad Bus Terminal.

According to students, two BM College students were travelling from Muladi to Barishal and requested half fare after identifying themselves as students. Bus workers allegedly refused, prompting an argument that escalated into a scuffle and eventually a violent clash.

Sahadat Hossain, president of Bangladesh Sarak Paribahan Sramik Union, said, "Scores of buses were damaged; we demand justice."

Following the clash, students blocked the road, suspending bus movement for nearly three hours.

Airport Police Station OC Mamunul Islam said they brought the situation under control around 9:00pm. "The clash led to vandalism of 10 buses, and 10-12 people from both sides were injured."



## KILLING OF JUDGE'S SON

### Court orders 5-day remand for accused Limon

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

A Rajshahi court yesterday placed Limon Miah, the lone accused in the case filed over the killing of the son of Rajshahi Metropolitan Sessions Judge Mohammad Abdur Rahman and the attempted murder of the judge's wife, on a five-day remand.

Rajshahi Metropolitan Police Deputy Commissioner Gaziur Rahman said Limon, 35, was undergoing treatment at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital and that, around 11:30am yesterday, the hospital authorities permitted his discharge.

Later, he was produced before the magistrate around 2:00pm. Following the court order, police took him to Rajpara Police Station, where he will be interrogated.

## Case filed over Mamun

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Meanwhile, police have arrested five people, including the two alleged shooters — Faruk Hossain Foyal and Robin Ahmed Piyash. The firearms used in the killing were also recovered.

The three other arrestees are Mohammad Rubel, 34; Shamim Ahmed, 22; and Mohammad Yousuf alias Jibon, 42. All five are currently on remand in an arms case.

Asked why the alleged shooters were not named in the murder case, Ripa told The Daily Star that she signed the complaint

as instructed by police and her lawyer.

"I want justice for my husband's murder. I filed the case as they advised," she said, adding that she had no idea how to file a case.

Ripa also expressed frustration over media reports describing Mamun as a "top criminal".

"He had a past; that's true. But after his release from jail, he stayed at home, prayed regularly, and managed the family with help from relatives. Yet the media call him a top criminal," she said.

## Teacher shortage disrupts activities at 16 schools

### 251 posts remain vacant



PHOTO: STAR

ANWARUL HAIDER, Noakhali

An acute shortage of teachers has long been hampering academic and administrative activities at 16 government high schools across the nine upazilas of Noakhali.

A total of 251 posts — 16 for headteachers and 235 for assistant teachers — remain vacant at the institutions.

The schools are Noakhali Zilla School, Noakhali Government Girls' High School, Begumganj Government Technical High School, Begumganj Pilot Government High School, Senbag Government Girls' High School, Senbag Pilot Government High School, Kabirhat Government High School, Subarnachar Shaheed Joyal Abedin Model Government High School, Sonaimuri Government Girls' High School, Sonaimuri Rubirhat Bangabandhu High School, Chatkhil Panchgaon Government High School, Chatkhil Government Girls' High School, Hatiya Town Government High School, Hatiya Oskhali Khan Saheb Syedia Government High School, Companiganj Maksudah Government High School, and Basurhat Abdul Hamid Coronation Government High School.

Teachers and students have demanded immediate appointments to the vacant posts. Md Ruhul Amin, acting headteacher of Companiganj Maksudah

Government High School, said, "Out of 27 teacher posts, only 11 are filled. It is difficult to conduct classes for 450 students with so few teachers."

Shah Md Kalim Uddin, senior assistant teacher at Hatiya Town Government High School, said, "Of the 27 teacher posts, 24 are now vacant. We are having immense difficulties running a school of 350 students with only three teachers."

Acting headteachers of several other schools shared similar concerns. Due to the prolonged shortage, academic activities have been severely disrupted, said Md Nur Uddin, guardian of a student at Hatiya Town Government High School. "Students are being deprived of a proper education."

Jannatul Ferdous, a student of Chatkhil Government Girls' High School, said, "We don't have enough teachers. This is adversely affecting our academic activities."

Contacted, Mohammad Faridul Alam Hossaini, deputy director of the Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education's Chattogram office, said they were aware of the situation.

"Information regarding the vacancies was sent to the ministry last month. The ministry will take effective measures to this end. There is a directive from the chief adviser to fill the vacancies. Hopefully, appointments will be made very soon," he said.

## Intellectual pursuit being

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The Daily Star Editor and Publisher Mahfuz Anam described himself as a lifelong student of Prof Choudhury's teachings.

He highlighted how the book discusses various vice-chancellors — some who brought glory to Dhaka University and others who failed to protect its autonomy.

"After independence and for 20 to 25 years thereafter, the process of appointing vice-chancellors has been problematic. The guardians failed to make the university a centre of creative thought — in some cases, shamefully so," he said.

"Despite much oppression, students have maintained their core spirit of building an oppression-free, discrimination-free society. That passion for free thinking has manifested in many cases, which is a tremendous achievement for our nation," Mahfuz Anam added.

Academic and writer Ahmad Mostafa Kamal discussed the book's nine

essays, noting that nearly all of them touch upon the Liberation War.

He said judging DU solely through conventional ranking systems overlooks its unique contributions.

He explained that the book shows that DU was established partly as compensation after the annulment of the partition of Bengal, with the British aiming to produce compliant civil servants.

"But they failed. Instead of producing compliant servants, this university became the epicentre of rebellion — the Language Movement, the 1969 uprising, the Liberation War, and even the July uprising."

Writer Khalikuzzaman Ilias highlighted Prof Choudhury's advantage in having compiled nearly all DU convocation speeches.

"These speeches show how generations of leaders imagined the university — sometimes as a place to produce obedient citizens and sometimes as a space for intellectual freedom,"

he said.

Calling the book "essential reading" for anyone entering DU, he said it shows the institution's resilience and ability to rise "like a phoenix".

Actor and playwright Khairul Alam Sabuj said, "In the British era, Dhaka University was not created to make us human beings. It was created to make us subservient. But the people of this country did not let that happen."

Researcher Kazi Sameeo Sheesh and Bengal Books Managing Director Mahmudul Hasan also spoke at the event.

The session was chaired by BRAC University Professor Firdous Azim.

**PRAYER TIMING**  
NOVEMBER 16

Fajr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 5-05	12-45	3-45	5-21	7-00
JAMAAT 5-40	1-15	4-00	5-24	7-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

## 30 lakh jobs

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ordinance and approved it autocratically," he said.

"On the very day this ordinance is implemented, about 30 lakh skilled workers employed in the travel and tourism sector, Hajj agencies and recruiting agencies will become jobless," he added.

He said around 6,000 travel agencies, 1,400 Hajj agencies and 2,700 recruiting agencies will be at risk.

"Under the new ordinance, travel agencies must be connected to IATA's ticket-selling platform. However, of the currently around 6,000 licensed travel agencies in the country, only about 1,000 are linked to IATA. As a result, on the day the ordinance is implemented, the remaining travel agencies will effectively be forced to shut down their

business," Morshed said.

He said agent-to-agent (B2B) business is a global practice, but the ordinance would shut it down in Bangladesh, as the law will not allow purchase or sale of tickets between travel agencies.

"As a result of banning B2B, every travel agency must obtain IATA accreditation, which costs about Tk 30 lakh. In addition, another Tk 22 lakh must be deposited for Biman Bangladesh Airlines tickets. Since 90 percent of travel agencies do not have this amount of money, all of them will shut down," he said.

Earlier on October 13, Civil Aviation and Tourism Adviser Sk Bashir Uddin said the new law is aimed at ensuring transparency in ticket sales and improving passenger services.

**NOTICE**

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH  
HIGH COURT DIVISION  
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)  
**COMPANY MATTER NO. 1936 OF 2025**  
IN THE MATTER OF:  
The IBN SINA Polymer Industries Ltd. Petitioner

—VERSUS—  
The Registrar, Joint Stock Companies and Firms Respondent

Notice is hereby given that an application under section 59 read with section 60 of the Companies Act, 1994 for confirmation of the reduction of share capital was filed before the Hon'ble High Court Division, Company Bench of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh on 03.11.2025. The Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ahmed Sobel was pleased to admit the application. Any one desirous of opposing the said application may do so before the Hon'ble High Court either personally or through Advocate within 03 (Three) weeks. Copy of the said application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of nominal fees.

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e-Tender Notice will be invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.procure.gov.bd>) for following procurement.

Sl. No.	Tender ID No.	Description	Tender Security	Online Notice Publication Date & Time	Online Tender Opening Date & Time
1	1157561	Supply of Office Equipment	13000.00	16-Nov-2025 15:30	27-Nov-2025 15:30
2	1157622	Repair of Office Building roof top	18000.00	16-Nov-2025 15:30	27-Nov-2025 15:30

This is an online Tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System portal (<http://www.procure.gov.bd>) is required.

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