STAFF CORRESPONDENT A mason died and his two

Mason dies in

colleagues suffered injuries as a small portion of the roof of an under-· construction shop fall on them in the city's Darussalam neighbourhood yesterday.

Rezaul Karim Selim, 55, of Majar Road, Second Colony, Darussalam died on the spot. The injured took treatment in a local hospital.

Sub-inspector Abdur Rahim of Darussalam Police Station said the roof collapsed as the three workers were trying to remove · temporary supporting

pillars from a portion.





(Left) Sand being dumped at the portion where the Circuit House road collapsed on Monday. (Right) The construction site lacking adequate safety precautions puts the adjoning structures at the risk of collapse in the city's Purana Paltan. The photos were taken yesterday.

Collapsed construction HC summons Rajuk site area still at risk

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Events fixed

to observe

Zia's birth

anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The main opposition BNP

yesterday chalked out a 15-

day programme to observe

76th birth anniversary of late

president Ziaur Rahman,

also the founder the party,

According to a party

press release, the party flag

will be hoisted at all the

party offices across the

country and pro-BNP doc-

tors will provide free medi-

cal services before the

party's Naya Paltan central

BNP Chairperson Khaleda

Zia along with her party

leaders will pay tributes to

the late president by placing

wreath at his grave at Sher-e-

On the occasion, a dis-

cussion meeting will be held

at the Institute of Diploma

BNP's front and associate

bodies will also organise

different programmes

including discussion, photo

exhibition, rally and cultural

Outgoing French

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The outgoing French

Ambassador to Bangladesh

Charley Causeret called on

Foreign Minister Dipu Moni

During the meeting, Dipu

Moni thanked the outgoing

envoy for his significant

contributions during his

tenure for further strength-

ening bilateral relationship,

said a press release of the

She also stated that the

cooperation between the

two countries are gradually

expending in different fields

such as cultural exchange,

education and holds poten-

tial for further development.

mentioned that France is

one of the largest export

destinations for Bangladesh

made products and still

there are tremendous

scopes for expansion of

The outgoing ambassa-

dor emphasised exchange of

frequent high level contacts

and visits between the two

friendly countries for further

advancement of multi

dimensional economic

bilateral trade.

cooperation.

The foreign minister also

foreign ministry.

at her office yesterday.

function to mark the day.

envoy meets

Dipu Moni

Engineers on January 21.

Bangla Nagar in the city.

office in the city.

tomorrow.

The city's Circuit House road, part of which collapsed into an adjoining construction pit Monday, could not open for vehicles yesterday, as the risk of further damage did not completely go away.

"We have been working to make the site totally risk free by dumping sand bags and taking some other measures. It may take one or two more days to entirely free it from risks", Sheikh Abdul Mannan, member planning of Rajuk, said.

He said vehicular movement will start on the road gradually.

Around 8:00am Monday, several

cracks developed on the road, which has the construction site on one side and the office of the deputy commissioner (traffic south) on the other.

Two hours after digging began in

the pit, the concrete pillars of the road protection piling collapsed damaging four feet of the 24-footwide road. On the evening the same day, the

boundary wall of an adjoining build-

ing also collapsed, leading police to

block off the road immediately. "We have been doing everything following the instruction of Rajuk to prevent further damage and to make

it risk free", Eng Manzur Ahmed,

involved in the construction work,

He said there are leakages in the Wasa water pipe, which made the piling weaker and caused the dam- ·

(Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha) · protect the lake's land and the road. filed a case against the owner and · other persons involved in the supervision of the construction site.

"We sued them because of their measures in line with Bangladesh National Building Code (BNBC)" Rajuk official Abdul Mannan said.

boss, officials

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday summoned the Rajuk chief and officials concerned in connection with the incidents of land grabbing of Gulshan Lake and collapse of a portion of the Circuit House road in the city.

In a suomoto order, the court directed age. "We will continue our safety · Rajuk Chairman Nurul Huda, its Ramna zone work following the guidelines of engineer, and authorised officers of Ramna and Gulshan zones to appear before it on On Monday night, the Rajuk January 24 to explain why the have failed to

It also directed the officials concerned to take steps so that such incident of collapse does not repeat.

The HC bench of Justice AHM Shamsuddin Choudhury Manik and Justice Jahangir negligence of taking proper safety: Hossain Selim came up with the order following two reports published on The Daily Star and the daily Prothom Alo yesterday, Deputy Attorney General ABM Altaf Hossain told The

Tk 35 lakh fine to

The Daily Star report said a portion of the Circuit House road collapsed into a 33-footdeep construction pit Monday as the underground piling adjoining the road caved in.

According to the Prothom Alo report, about five Bighas of Gulshan Lake land has been detached from the original lake due to earth filling and construction of structures on that land.

The court also issued two separate rules asking the Rajuk chairman and officials to explain in two weeks what steps they have taken to prevent the grabbing of Gulshan Lake's land and why they should not be directed to protect the lake from grabbers.

In another rule, the court asked the officials concerned of Rajuk to explain why action should not taken against the owners of building which caused the Circuit House road to collapse and against the persons who are responsible for the collapse.



PHOTO: STAR

Sammilito Peshajibi Parishad stages a mass hunger strike in front of Jatiya Press Club in the city yesterday protesting all forms of repression on professionals.

2 women killed in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered the bodies of two women bearing stab marks from Kafrul and Paltan areas of the city yesterday.

The deceased was Mortuza Begum, 50, of Kafrul. The identity of the other woman, aged around 30, could not be known.

Kafrul police said they recovered the body of Mortuza from a drain at Damalcoat around 12:30pm. Stab marks were found on her right eye. She also bore injury marks on the back of the head.

Mortuza's son Mohammad Alam told reporters that her mother used to live in his

house. She left home around 11:00am on Monday for her daughter's house in the area and since then she was missing.

Police said Mortuza had lent some money to her son-in-law Adbul Jabbar and Jabbar was refusing to pay back the money.

The victim's family and police suspected Jabbar's involvement in the killing. Police

detained him for interrogation. Meanwhile, Paltan police said they recovered the unidentified woman's body: wrapped in a shawl from the footpath near

Rajarbagh Police Lines early yesterday. The body also bore marks of stab injuries in the neck and right hand.



people.

Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to Bangladesh Dr Abdullah Bin Naser Al-Busairi pays a courtesy call on Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia at her Gulshan office in the city yesterday.

Three amputated human legs found

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered three amputated human legs from Kalyanpur Lake in the city's Darussalam area yesterday.

Officer-in-charge of Darussalam Police Station Abdul Malek said they recovered the legs after being informed by locals at 12:30pm.

The legs were sent to Dhaka Medical Collage Hospital (DMCH) morgue for autopsy, he said.

According to the source at the morgue, among the legs two were covered by bandages and all the three were amputated from below the knees. Malek said they were suspecting that the legs

were dumped in the lake after surgery at any hospital or clinic. The police have been investigating the matter to find out the source of the amputated legs, the OC said.

Prof Amjad Hossain, former head of Orthopaedic and Trauma Surgery of DMCH, told The Daily Star that dumping amputated parts of a body here and there is a criminal offence, more so in a water body.

According to the rules concerned, amputated parts of a body will have to be given either to the relatives of the patients who will bury it or to the medical waste collectors.

The Department of Health and the Department of Environment can take action against the hospitals and clinics that do not follow the rules, said Khandakar Anisur Rahman, executive director of Prism Bangladesh, a non government organisation that is working jointly with Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) to collect medical waste in DCC area.

He said authorities of hospitals and clinics will have to keep amputated parts separately in a packet and inform them.

"We collect it from the hospital separately and bury it in Matuail landfill," he added. The incident has also caused panic among the local

factory for pollution

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Department of Environment (DoE) yesterday fined a dyeing factory in Gazipur Tk 35 lakh for polluting a lake of Shafipur Ansar Academy and the Turag River. The fine was realised later on the day following a hearing.

The DoE also directed the authorities of Mahmud Denims Ltd to repair its Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) within 15 days.

DoE Director (enforcement) Mohammed Munir

Chowdhury led a drive in Shafipur area in response to a request by Ansar Academy officials. During the drive, the DoE team tested the water of the lake and found that the level of dissolved oxygen in it was

0.62 mg/litre compared to the standard of 4.5-8 mg/litre. Fishes and other aquatic life forms of the lake and surrounding wetlands have disappeared due to such an extent of pollu-

PM to launch 3 new dredgers today

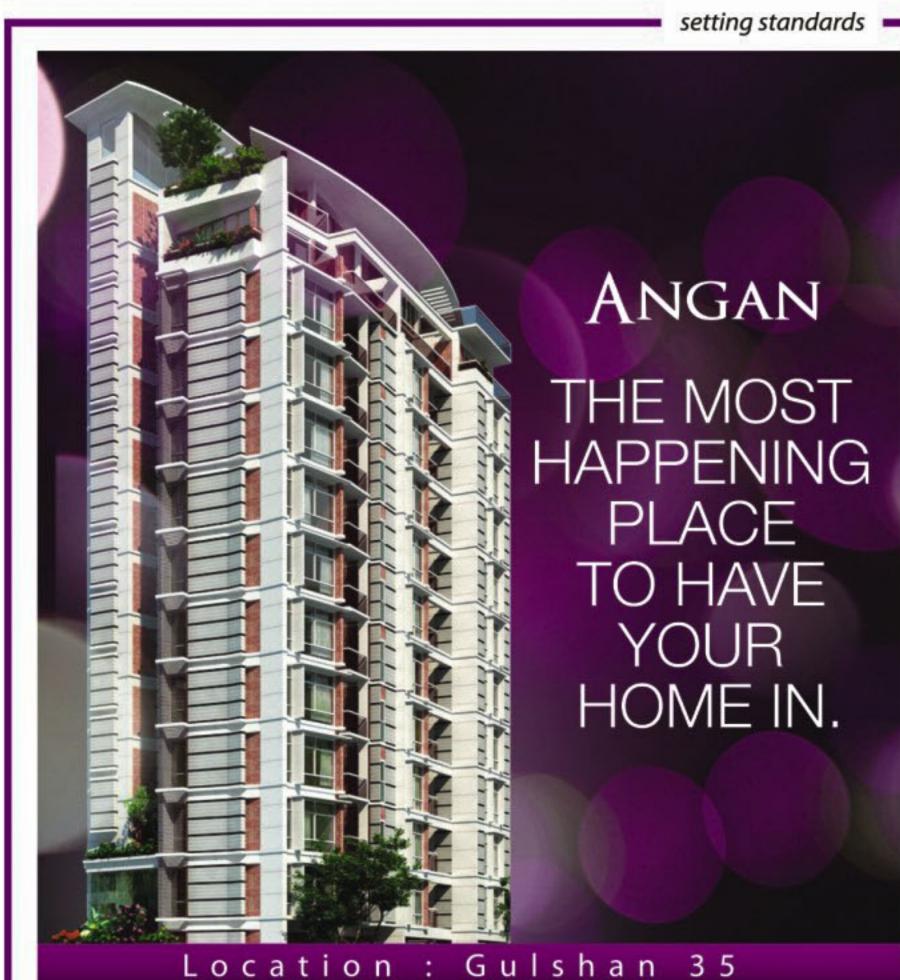
BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate three new dredgers at the old Ferry Ghat of Aricha river port in Manikganj today to help restore navigability of the country's waterways.

Shipping Minister Shajahan Khan said with these three, the number of dredgers of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) will rise to 10.

The computerised new dredgers were made at the cost ofTk57.35 crore, he added.

tion with extremely low level of oxygen, said DoE officials. setting standards



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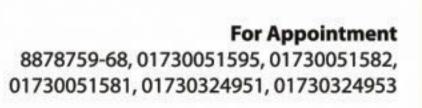


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