

Legal notice

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the Dhaka Metropolitan Master Plan and filling up flood flow zones.

The notice served to the secretaries of housing and public works ministry, environment and forest ministry, land ministry, chairman of RAJUK and the director general of environment department said unplanned urbanisation is rapidly destroying the flood plains around the capital.

Land grabbing and illegal occupation of the flood plains is contributing to rapid environmental degradation.

It is Rajuk's official responsibility to ensure a healthy development of the capital and all public and private organisations and individuals are legally bound to follow the master plan.

"But it is regrettable that in violation of the master plan, some private housing companies are illegally filling up all flood flow zones," the notice said.

The legal notice, also said that the master plan clearly shows "fourteen special planning zones" clearly mentioning every mouza of the flood flow zones and forbidding earth filling there.

Ignoring the law, some developers have continued and embarked on filling

up the flood flow zones and are advertising in the media as well.

In many instances Rajuk has filed cases against the offenders but has not taken any step to physically stop the earth filling.

Rajuk on August 14, 2004 asked nine housing companies to stop filling up the flood flow zones but soon withdrew its own directive.

Lack of action from Rajuk and other government agencies has made the master plan virtually ineffective.

The legal notice asked the government to respond within ten days stating what action has been taken against the offenders.

2 killed in Munshiganj road mishap

BDNEWS, Munshiganj

Two people were killed in a road accident at the Srinagar-Chhanbari intersection on the Dhaka-Mawa road yesterday.

The accident occurred in the morning when a BRTC bus hit a

scooter at the Srinagar-Chhanbari intersection on the Dhaka-Mawa road leaving two people dead on the spot.

The deceased were identified as Joydeb Das, 42, Kukutia UP member and scooter driver Jewel, 19, of Basaibhog village.

