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DAP now official

All recommendations find place on gazette notification; fate depends on implementation

TAWFIQUE ALI and HELEMUL ALAM

Despite Tuesday's government gazette notification approving the detailed area plan (DAP) for Dhaka City, certain errant land development projects are likely to remain unscathed due to legal loopholes.

The government issued the notification incorporating all recommendations of a six-member expert review committee headed by noted civil engineer Prof Jamilur Reza Choudhury, said Md Nurul Huda, chairman of Rajdhani Unnyan

Kartripakkha (Rajuk).

The recommendations were aimed at protecting flood flow zones in and around the capital.

But now government high-ups are saying that they might have to take a softer stance in certain cases as the Town Improvement Act, Wetland Conservation Act, and DAP itself provide chances of appeal for violators, and discretionary authority for government high officials.

State Minister for Housing and Public Works Abdul Mannan Khan confirmed to

The Daily Star the scopes of appeal for violators.

About plots developed in flood flow zones and sold to individuals by unauthorised land developers, the state minister said, "We will take a soft stance while dealing with such cases, and we might have to accept violations in certain cases."

"But we will enforce the law sternly in the worst cases of violation," he added.

Such acceptance of errant land use will

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Germany's midfielder Mesut Ozil (C) celebrates after scoring against Ghana in the World Cup Group D match at the Soccer City stadium in Johannesburg last night. Germany won 1-0.



PHOTO: AFP

A futile win for Australia

AFP, Nelspruit

Australia ended Serbia's quest for the last 16 at the World Cup with a fighting 2-1 victory but it was not enough to take them into the knockout round at the Mbombela Stadium here on Wednesday.

The Socceroos hit back magnificently in the second half, rocking the Europeans with two goals in four minutes

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Germany set up England clash

AFP, Johannesburg

Midfielder Mesut Ozil's second-half strike fired Germany to a 1-0 win over Ghana on Wednesday and into the World Cup last 16 where old enemies England will be waiting.

The win gave Germany top spot in Group D and a showdown with Fabio Capello's England in Bloemfontein on Sunday while Ghana face Group C winners the USA in Rustenburg on Saturday.

Ozil's superb strike from the edge of the penalty area on the hour mark proved decisive while Australia's 2-1 win over

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TOP RECOMMENDATIONS

Flood flow zones filled up for housing projects have to be restored

17 housing and other development projects on flood flow zones have to be discarded

Relocate 883 toxic and heavy industries

50 metres land from riverbanks will have to be earmarked for walkway or driveway

Enlist parks, playgrounds and open spaces under DCC and other government and semi government agencies

Mark existing canals in the DAP that are not in the CS or RS maps

DAP IMPLEMENTATION Failure to cost Dhaka dear

TAWFIQUE ALI

Failure to implement the detailed area plan (DAP) for Dhaka City properly, and accommodating housing projects in flood flow zones will turn the capital into an unliveable place plagued with floods, and other environmental and health hazards, said leading urban development experts.

"If the plan is compromised any further in the face of pressure from real estate developers, Dhaka will become unliveable

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Chevron's gas hope hinges on pipeline

SHARIER KHAN

US oil company Chevron yesterday told the government that its three gas fields in Sylhet have the potential to increase gas production by 940 million cubic feet per day within 2013, almost half the country's present consumption.

But this increase production would not be possible unless the government takes up at least in one cross-country pipeline scheme to transmit the gas from Sylhet region to the mid-regions, Chevron Bangladesh's chief Steve Wilson said at a meeting with the energy ministry yesterday. He, however, floated the idea of two such pipelines.

His presentation comes against the back-

drop of an acute gas crisis that has hit power generation, fertiliser production, industries and homes. Petrobangla says the gas supply shortfall is around 400 million cubic feet per day, with the authorities giving a maximum gas supply of nearly 2,000 million cubic feet per day.

The high-level meeting, where Energy Adviser to the prime minister Towfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury Bir Bikram was present, instantly decided to assign two national companies to jointly develop one such cross-country pipeline within 2012 in consultation with Chevron.

These two companies are the Gas Transmission Company Ltd (GTCL) and the Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution

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4 killed in Saudi fire

Say families in Chandpur

A CORRESPONDENT, Chandpur

A fire killed at least four Bangladeshi workers in Nazran city in Saudi Arabia on Monday.

The dead are Khorshed Alam, 27, son of Abdul Gani, Kamal Hossain, 25, son of Rashid Fakir, Moju Mia, 26, son of Lalu Mia of Safibad village, and Mokbul Hossain, 40, son of Hafiz Uddin of Koa village in Kachua upazila.

Family members say the dead were working as construction workers in Nazran and used to share a room.

On the day of the incident they sprayed some chemicals in their room against bugs.

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BCL men press for admission for pie

One college shut, other stops process

STAR REPORT

Bangladesh Chhatra League men yesterday halted the admission process in higher-secondary classes at Hatia Govt College in Noakhali and Bogra Azizul Haq College demanding their admission "quota".

At least 20 students were also injured as BCL factions clashed over the admission process at Hatia Govt College.

BCL activists are making huge amount of money from students seeking admission to higher secondary classes at different colleges in the country.

Our Noakhali correspondent reports, a group of BCL activities led by college unit president Irajuddin asked the college officials to enrol 50 'party men' without taking any admission fees.

As the news spread, a rival group of BCL led by college unit

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