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Drive to free footpaths proves futile

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 24-hour ultimatum for removal of all roadside illegal structures went in vain as most of the footpaths in the capital were seen occupied yesterday.

A meeting chaired by State Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Jahangir Kabir Nanak on Monday decided to conduct massive drives to free footpaths in 24 hours for public movement, thus improving traffic situation on the streets. The LGRD ministry asked the authorities concerned to remove all illegal roadside establishments, makeshift shops, banners and festoons by 12:00noon yesterday.

Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC), Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) and Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) failed to implement the decision. Magistrates of the city corporations, however, blamed lack of logistics and insufficient police force for that.

During a visit to different areas in Dhaka yesterday, the presence of illegal occupants were seen as before. DSCC and DNCC conducted a few drives at some

Dhaka South City Corporation demolishes illegal structures at Chankarpool in the capital yesterday. However, the fruit stalls set up illegally occupying the entire pavement near Simanto Square market remains untouched in Dhanmondi.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON



Beware of mobile hackers

ABDULLAH MAMUN

Mobile phones, especially of the smart kind, could be hacked into just like a computer and a user could lose personal data from the device.

The regulators became concerned with this recently after such allegations were made in the Indian media.

The experts said receiving calls or texts (SMS) from numbers that had not been authenticated might open the door for hackers and smartphones were more vulnerable than other phones.

Mollah-backed Razakars killed 57 at Keraniganj

PROSECUTION WITNESS TELLS WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL

A prosecution witness yesterday told the International Crimes Tribunal-2 that Jamaat leader Abdul Quader Mollah led a team of Razakars that killed at least 57 people at Ghatarchar in Keraniganj area on November 25, 1971.

Mozaffar Ahmed Khan, a freedom fighter and the first prosecution witness in the war-crimes case against Quader Mollah, gave his statement before the tribunal and appealed for exemplary punishment of the "war criminal".



He narrated the incident of killing 57 unarmed villagers of Ghatarchar, which was orchestrated following a meeting of local Razakars (an auxiliary force of Pakistani occupational force) with Quader Mollah.

The 60-year-old witness said, "On November 23 or 24, 1971, local Dr Joynal, KG Karim Babla, Mokhter Hossain organised a meeting at Ghatarchar with the connivance of Islami Chhatra Sangha leader

Prof Muntassir cross-examined for 2nd day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eminent historian Prof Muntassir Mamoon was cross-examined for the second day yesterday.

The prosecution witness told International Crimes Tribunal-1 that Ghulam Azam was a member of the Executive Committee formed by the peace committee in 1971.

Ghulam Azam's counsel Mizanul Islam asked Muntassir yesterday whether he knew that the peace committee had formed a 21-member executive committee.

CTG ARMS HAUL CHARGE SHEET Babar asked cops to drop NSI issue

Ex-DIG tells court

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Former state minister for home Lutfozzaman Babar had ordered the CID to submit the charge sheets in the 10-truck arms haul cases without implicating NSI officials, ex-DIG of CID Farrukh Ahmad told a Chittagong court yesterday.

"According to the order of Lutfozzaman Babar and with consent from former home secretary Omar Faruq, the charge sheets were submitted without disclosing the involvement of NSI officials in the smuggling of arms and ammunition," Farrukh said in his deposition as a prosecution witness in two cases in this connection.

Farrukh also implicated several former National



School goers walk a plank to cross a trench on Abhoydas lane in Tikatuli in the capital yesterday. Development work during the rainy season puts many city dwellers in difficulty this year.

30 Rohingyas sent back

A CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) and police detained 30 more Rohingya people yesterday in Teknaf upazila for trespassing on Bangladesh territory and sent them back to Myanmar later in the afternoon.

The detainees, including six women and eleven children, were given food

PRAYER TIMING July 4

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-10	4-45
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-55	7-00
Esha	8-17	8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

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