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1 road dug by 4 depts

TAWFIQUE ALI

The government's failure to relocate utility networks near the Jatrabari flyover project site on schedule has been causing huge suffering to the public with dug-up roads during this monsoon.

After a decision made on March 15 at the Prime Minister's Office, utility agencies all at once embarked upon road digging in June to relocate their networks. They were supposed to finish the job in three months, which ended on June 15.

The monsoon, coupled with battered roads and road digging, has made many streets of Jatrabari and Gulistan in the capital almost impassable.

"Multiple digging has turned roads into a sea of knee-deep mud," said Muhit Hasan, a commuter, adding, "And it takes nearly four hours to travel five kilometres to Gulistan from Shanir Akhra, which normally should take half an hour by bus."

With the flyover's piers occupying the centre of the roads and trench-like digging on the edges, there is hardly any space left for vehicles and pedestrians to use, he said.

Thousands of vehicles get stuck for hours on end every day in horrendous tailbacks on the mud-covered roads in

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A man helps an elderly person cross a trench dug for laying gas lines near the capital's Sayedabad bus stand. Inset, workers excavate at Sayedabad-Jatrabari intersection to install power cables. The photos were taken recently.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

2 Bangladeshis shot by BSF

UNB, Thakurgaon

Two Bangladeshis were shot and wounded by Indian Border Security Force (BSF) along Karigaon border in Haripur upazila here early yesterday.

The injured are Zaherul Islam, 35, of Dulgaon village, and Motaleb, 28, of Jibanpur village in the upazila.

Local sources said members of BSF's Maladkhand camp fired on them when they crossed the border to bring Indian cattle.

Both the victims,

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FOREIGN OFFICE TALKS

Dhaka to focus on border, Tipai

Delhi to press for transit, transshipment

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka will ask New Delhi why killing of Bangladeshis continue at the borders despite India's repeated assurance that it will not happen again and also seek a clarification about delays in the joint survey for the Tipaimukh dam project.

At the annual Foreign Office Consultation (FOC) in New Delhi on next Tuesday, Foreign Secretary Mijarul Quayes, who will lead the Bangladesh

delegation, and Indian Foreign Secretary Ranjan Mathai will discuss all aspects of bilateral relations.

Foreign ministry officials said Dhaka would raise a host of issues, including early signing of a deal on the Teesta river water sharing, implementation of land boundary agreement, Indian position on present state of disbursement of \$1 billion Indian Line of Credit, and matters related to trade and commerce between the two countries.

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Major water conference next year

BSS, Dhaka

Dhaka will host a major water conference early next year, organisers said yesterday, insisting that the event would build a greater understanding among nations for basin-wide multilateral management of water resources from common rivers and basins.

Scheduled for January 4-5, the conference titled "Water Resources in South Asia: Conflicts to

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Rights problems consistent, acute

HRW wants regular watch by UN, US

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Human Rights Watch has painted a grim picture of Bangladesh's human rights situation, saying it deserves

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Youth dies falling off train roof

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A youth died after falling off the roof of a train at Sitakunda in Chittagong early yesterday.

The victim, Md Ujjal, 23, son of Md Yunus,

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PRAYER TIMING July 22		
Fajr	3-55	4-05
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-50	7-00
Esha	8-15	8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation



SEHRI, IFTAR TIMINGS			
RAMADAN	DATE	SEHRI	IFTAR
02	22 July		6.50 pm
03	23 July	3.55 am	6.50 pm

A male Bengal tiger came out of the Sundarbans and took position near a shrimp enclosure in Golakhali village of Satkhira on Thursday morning, sending a wave of panic through the area. The cat looked sick and hungry and its movement was slow. Villagers say the elegant animal returned to the forest for a while but came out again. According to an expert, the tiger lost its ability to hunt or collect food and was edging toward death fast. The photo was taken around 11:00am yesterday.



PHOTO: STAR

Home needs more cops to manage traffic

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) is facing a tough challenge in managing traffic as it does not have adequate number of traffic police, Home Minister Shahara Khatun said yesterday.

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COLORADO THEATRE TRAGEDY

Shooter loner

AP, Denver

James Eagen Holmes came from a well-tended San Diego enclave of two-story homes with red-tiled roofs, where neighbours recall him as a clean-cut, studious young man of sparing words.

Tall and dark-haired, he stared clear-eyed at the camera in a 2004 high school yearbook snapshot, wearing a white junior varsity soccer uniform -- No 16. The son of a nurse, Arlene, and a software company manager, Robert, James Holmes was a brilliant science scholar in college.



James Holmes

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রাজধানী উন্নয়ন কর্তৃপক্ষ
রাজউক ভবন, ঢাকা

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ONLINE POLL
Do you think the government decision to divert money from low-priority projects for the construction of the Padma bridge is justified?
Yes (12.3%)
No (85.9%)
No Comments (1.7%)
TOTAL VOTES: 633

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TODAY'S POLL
Do you think the government will be able to control the prices of essentials during the Ramadan?
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