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# Moon ride on Jatrabari road

HELEMUL ALAM

With only a week remaining before people will start heading towards villages to celebrate Eid-ul-Fitr with their families, Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) has failed to keep its promise to repair the busy Gulistan-Jatrabari road.

Jahangir Alam, chief engineer of DSCC, while accompanying Communications Minister Obaidul Quader during a visit there on July 30, had pledged locals to repair the road by the next three days.

But as of Monday, the Gulistan-Jatrabari road was still full of craters causing vehicles to struggle and taking agonisingly long time to cross a small distance.

The most damaged parts of the road lies near Sayedabad bus terminal, in front of Jatrabari wholesale fish market, near the office of Rapid Action Battalion-3 in Tikatuli and Demra intersection.

Coupled with this situation, there is also road-digging by the Dhaka Power Distribution Company (DPDC) which was still going on until Monday. Jillar Rahman, administrator of DSCC, during the visit of the communications minister when locals and transport workers blasted them for the sorry state of the road had assured that the digging by the utility service providers would end by July 31.

Monirul Islam, site supervisor of Sun Rise, the company that is setting 33KV electricity line there for DPDC, said it would take a few more days to complete the work. They still had 400 metres of the 1,300-metre line pending.

He said the battered condition of the road was slowing down the progress.

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A traffic policeman tries to mend the roads with brick chips at Jatrabari in the capital. Construction of a flyover there, poor or zero road maintenance, and heavy traffic flow have left the road in tatters. A lot of people heading home for their Eid holidays would be using this road.

PHOTO: TAMIM JAMSHED

## Behold Mount Sharp!



PHOTO: NASA/JPL-CALTECH

This image taken by Nasa's Curiosity shows what lies ahead for the rover -- its main science target, **Mount Sharp**. The rover's shadow can be seen in the foreground, and the dark bands beyond are dunes. Rising up in the distance is the highest peak **Mount Sharp** at a height of about 3.4 miles, taller than Mt Whitney in California. The Curiosity team hopes to drive the rover to the mountain to investigate its lower layers, which scientists think hold clues to past environmental change.

## Bus passengers count extra fare

*Operators cash in on huge pre-Eid demand*

PANKAJ KARMAKAR

Like every year, many bus services are taking advantage of people's desperation to go home for Eid, charging additional amount for advance tickets.

They are charging Tk 50 to Tk 100 extra compared with normal fares on different routes from Dhaka, claim passengers.

"It usually costs me Tk 350-400 to travel

from Dhaka to Chowgachha in Jessore with a certain bus company. The same bus company has charged me Tk 500 for the same route's ticket for August 18," said Mohammad Ridoy at Gabtoli bus terminal yesterday.

A staffer of Labiba Enterprise demanded Tk 500 when this correspondent sought an advance ticket for August

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## AMINBAZAR KILLING HC orders Rab probe

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the government to transfer the Aminbazar killing cases to Rab, saying the Criminal Investigation Department could not make significant progress in its investigations.

On the night of holy Shab-e-Barat on July 18 last year, a mob at Bardeshi village in Aminbazar beat six boys, all school and college students, dead and left another

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## Curbs on NBR chief's power

*Muhith restricts him from taking important decisions*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In an unprecedented letter, Finance Minister AMA Muhith has restricted the chairman of National Board of Revenue from making any important decision, as he did not comply with the minister's recommendation.

"He [NBR chairman] is going to be transferred very

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## Check power grab thru' backdoor

PM urges all BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday called upon all to remain alert so that none can come to power in undemocratic way and play ducks and drakes with people's voting rights.

She also said her

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## Mojaheed denied bail

*Prosecution allowed more witnesses against Mollah*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

International Crimes Tribunal-2 yesterday allowed a prosecution petition seeking permission to bring in additional witnesses in the case against Jamaat leader Abdul Quader Mollah.

The three-member tribunal, led by its Chairman

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**PRAYER TIMING August 8**

	Asan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-10	4-15
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-41	6-51
Esha	8-15	8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

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20	9 Aug	4.06 am	6.40 pm

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