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MODHUMOTI MODEL TOWN Realtor silent, clients worried

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Now nobody picks up the phone at the Metromakers office, Kutub Uddin said in frustration. "They said they had all the permissions and approvals. I am really frustrated now," Kutub, an assistant professor of Dhaka University, said.

"I had personally talked to lawyers and they said there was no chance of approval for this project. Don't know what to do at this moment," he said.

Kutub was talking about the fate of his Modhumoti plot after the Supreme Court dismissed clients' rights on the illegal Modhumoti Model Town housing project, which Metromakers owns.

Kutub had bought a 10-katha plot in Modhumoti Model Town, Aminbazar, in 2001. Over 3,000 plot owners like Kutub had rushed to Modhumoti Model Town to buy a piece of land on the outskirts of the capital when the plots went on sale.

Many, who had bought plots, yesterday went to Metromakers office on Green Road with queries about

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Rubble is dumped to mend the potholes of a street at Dayaganj yesterday when it is absolutely inundated by rain water. The shower in the morning left the street in such a sorry state and triggered area-wide traffic jams, inset.

PHOTO: TAMIM JAMSHED



Mollah fired on people

War crimes witness says 60 killed in a day at Keraniganj

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

War crimes accused Jamaat-e-Islami leader Abdul Quader Mollah directly took part in killing of around 60 people at Ghatarchar in Keraniganj on November 25, 1971, an eyewitness told the International Crimes Tribunal-2 yesterday.

Abdul Majid Palowan, a resident of Ghatarchar and seventh prosecution witness in the war crimes case against Quader Mollah, added the Jamaat leader

held a meeting at Ghatarchar on the night before the massacre.

The 55-year-old witness said he was hiding behind a tree from where he saw Quader Mollah firing on the people at Ghatarchar School ground.

Mozaffar Ahmed Khan, the first prosecution witness in the case, also narrated the same massacre in his testimony on July 3.

Mozaffar said in his testimony Quader Mollah led a team of Razakars that killed

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'Crime scene' on Mars

AFP, Washington

About 36 hours after Nasa landed its \$2.5 billion rover on Mars, it released Tuesday what it jokingly dubbed a "crime scene" aerial shot of where the parachute, heat shield and vehicle came down.

The touchdown on August 6 of the Mars

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Allow NGOs to help Rohingyas

UNHCR urges Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) on Tuesday appealed to the Bangladesh government to allow non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to continue humanitarian aid for unregistered people from Myanmar's Rakhine state.

On August 2, three NGOs -- Médecins Sans Frontières,

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No highway in bad shape

Claims Quader

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Communications Minister Obaidul Quader yesterday claimed that condition of the country's highways was "good enough" to take the heavy traffic load ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr.

"No highway is in bad shape now ... those which were in rundown

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Eid sales frustrate shop owners

MD FAZLUR RAHMAN

Afternoons are usually a busy time for any shop-owners in the run up to the Eid-ul-Fitr, the biggest festival for Muslims, but things are pretty much the other way around this year.

Mostafa Sarkar, owner of Taiyeba Fabrics at Bashundhara Shopping Mall in the capital, and his four employees were yesterday afternoon seen larking for customers as sales during the holy month of Ramadan have fallen astonishingly.

"We know that customers mostly buy items in the last weeks of Ramadan, but visit the stores the whole month. As of this year, the number of customers visiting the stores is also less compared to that of previous years," said Sarkar.

"We, however, do not know why," he told The Daily Star.

He said Taiyeba Fabrics had sold items worth Tk 1 lakh a day during the last Ramadan, but this year the average sale

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Mother and daughter return home late at night Tuesday after their night out in Eid shopping. The photo was taken on Bailey Road in the capital around 11:00pm.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

PRAYER TIMING August 9

Azhan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-11 4-16
Zohr	12-45 1-15
Asr	5-00 5-15
Maghrib	6-40 6-50
Esha	8-15 8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

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SEHRI, IFTAR TIMINGS

RAMADAN	DATE	SEHRI	IFTAR
20	9 Aug		6.40 pm
21	10 Aug	4.06 am	6.39 pm

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