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Death for Dhaka if DAP fails

TAWFIQUE ALI

The capital city appears to be destined to suffer from irreversible planning and environmental disaster, as the government has failed to implement the detailed area plan (DAP) and allowed unplanned development and destruction of wetlands.

The DAP, through which the capital's master plan was supposed to be implemented, indicates every structure, lake, canal, wetland, retention pond, road, open space and all topographical features, and outlines designated land use.

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Munir finally leaves DoE



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government finally released the enforcement director of the environment department on Tuesday, ignoring demands of green groups and general public for completion of his three-year term.

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This aerial photo taken recently shows how people, especially real estate developers, are encroaching on the river Buriganga, ignoring repeated warnings from environmentalists that Dhaka would soon become unliveable due to destruction of its water bodies.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Parking toll for using road!

All vehicles forced to pay to cross road near DITF venue

PANKAJ KARMAKAR

Traffic management staff of the Dhaka International Trade Fair are illegally collecting parking toll from vehicles that use the road next to the fairground.

Every vehicle taking the road has to pay a parking toll, whether the vehicle parks in front of the venue or only uses the road, said around a dozen of the toll collectors.

"The road has been leased for this month," claimed a toll collector,

identifying himself as a policeman. Cars are charged Tk 15 while CNG-run auto-rickshaws and motorbikes are charged Tk 10.

Export Promotion Bureau (EPB), designated to organise the fair, has leased out the parking lot to Dhaka Metropolitan Police Traffic Control Welfare Fund for Tk 12 lakh.

Asked if there was any legal bar to such a lease, Additional Attorney General MK Rahman told The Daily Star, "If any organisation is registered to the government, it can take out a

lease." This correspondent visited two toll collection points yesterday and on Tuesday noon. One is located in front of the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre and the other in front of Gono Bhaban Government High School.

Both the entry points were guarded by several toll collectors, wearing T-shirts saying "parking ticket provider". All of them claimed they were policemen. Some traffic

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PM smells rat in teachers' demo

Says they had secret link with opposition

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday alleged that the agitating non-government teachers kept contact with the opposition to press home their demands.

"In the name of agitation, you [teachers] maintain secret contact with the opposition and think everything will be all right. It's not fair," she told the teachers while replying to lawmakers' queries in parliament.

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Eat earlier, lose weight

THE TELEGRAPH ONLINE

Many diets warn against late night heavy meals and snacks as people are more likely to opt for unhealthy dishes.

But it is also thought that the body's metabolism is slower then, leading to the weight being stored instead of being burned off.

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SSC exams begin Sunday

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Secondary School Certificate (SSC) and equivalent examinations will begin on Sunday with 13,03,203 examinees taking part from 27,073 educational institutions across the country.

Although the number of examinees rose over the last few years, this year the number fell by 1.16 lakh.

According to education

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Tough contest among spellers

MOYUKH MAHTAB

The competition at Mastermind School yesterday was one of the fiercest so far in the school activation rounds. With over 30 eager participants, a roomful of audience members and teachers cheering, Spelling Bee witnessed a head-to-head competition as spellers put their skills to the test.

Round after round went on until four spellers came

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WAR CRIMES TRIAL SQ fires his counsels

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

War crimes accused Salauddin Quader Chowdhury yesterday fired his senior counsels for failing to get the International Crimes Tribunal-1 to adjourn his case so that he could join the parliament session.

The BNP leader would now have a tribunal-appointed lawyer to defend him. SQ Chowdhury, a lawmaker, told the Tribunal-1 that according to the East Pakistan Assembly Members' Privileges Act, 1965, he was entitled to join the parliament session with the proceedings against him put on hold.

Tribunal-1 yesterday morning rejected SQ Chowdhury's petition to facilitate him in joining the 16th session of this parliament. He had filed similar petitions last year but those were also rejected.

On Tuesday, the tribunal heard defence and prosecution submissions on the

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JAIL KILLING CASE Mushtaq met all accused on Nov 2 night

Says state counsel

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The then president Khandaker Mushtaq Ahmed held a meeting with all the accused of the jail killing case on November 2, 1975 night at Bangabhaban where the decision to kill the four national leaders was taken.

Anisul Huq, principal state counsel for the case, told this to the Supreme Court yesterday.

As per the decision, Risaldar (ret'd) Muslemuddin, Dafadar Marfat Ali Shah and

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Chittagong Kings paceman Rubel Hossain relived a boyhood pastime yesterday, picking plums from the trees. The paceman, along with his teammates, spent the day off at the club owner's house in Raojan, Chittagong. PHOTO: STAR

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The Daily Star

Integral Energy Limited ONLINE POLL

Do you agree with lawmaker Rashed Khan Menon that the violence carried out by Jamaat-Shibir activists indicates weaknesses of law enforcement agencies?

Yes (56%)
No (39%)
No Comments (5%)
TOTAL VOTES: 330

TODAY'S POLL

Do you agree with Information Minister Hasanul Haque Inu that the government has acted against all misdeeds?

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PRAYER TIMING January 31

Azan Jamaat	
Fajr	5-35 6-10
Zohr	12-45 1-15
Asr	4-15 4-30
Maghrib	5-46 5-50
Esha	7-15 7-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

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