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A mother picks up her school-going child in her arms to take her to school through knee-deep water on Ziaur Rahman Sarani in Matuail while a woman cooks in her kitchen, right, that had been flooded. The people of the area have been enduring such waterlogging for several days. In the photos on the bottom row, Dhania College, Kadamtoli Road and Kajlarpur kitchen market are seen inundated.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

50,000 suffer in DND waterlogged area

HELEMLU ALAM

Ashraf, a security guard at an ATM booth of Dutch Bangla Bank Limited in Mirerbagh, has been wearing lungi instead of his uniform while coming to his workplace from home since Tuesday. The reason is but to save his uniform from getting soaked, as dirty water has submerged most parts of his route to work for the last four days.

"I wear the uniform once I reach the ATM booth. After the day's duty, I have to change the dress again to keep it dry for the next day," he said.

The rainwater also flooded his house at Mirajnagar and he had to put three bricks under each leg of his cot to keep it above water.

The recent spells of torrential rain have triggered waterlogging in the Dhaka-Narayanganj-Demra (DND) embankment area and caused immense sufferings to around 50,000 people living there.

The waterlogging exposed the poor drainage system of this area.

Purba Mohamadbagh, Munshibagh Bridge, Miraznagar in Kadamtali, Shyampur, Shonir Akhra

and Doniya are the worst affected areas due to a clogged drainage system.

Abul Kalam, a restaurant owner in Mirajnagar, could not open his restaurant as the surrounding area has been inundated by knee-deep water from Tuesday.

"I have to incur a loss of Tk 15,000 due to this," he said.

Sirajul Islam, a rickshaw garage owner at Mirajnagar, said he had to count a loss of Tk 40,000 last month as his garage went under knee-deep to waist-deep water due to the heavy rainfall.

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Discussion on challenges before mass media today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Editors of leading national newspapers will hold a discussion today for sharing views on the challenges the mass media faces at the moment.

Titled "Challenges before Mass Media", the discussion will focus on issues arising out of the formulation of policies and laws and other government moves concerning mass media.

The programme, organised by Editors' Council,

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Syrian rebels surround UN peacekeepers

THE GUARDIAN ONLINE

Syrian rebels surrounded dozens of defiant Filipino peacekeepers in the Golan Heights on Friday and demanded they give up their weapons, hours after taking 43 Fijian soldiers hostage, authorities said.

Seventy-five Filipino members of a United Nations peacekeeping force were defending two posts on the Syrian side of Golan Heights, and were prepared to fight back rather than surrender, their commander in Manila said.

"We can use deadly force in defence of the UN facilities," Colonel Roberto Ancan told reporters.

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The Daily Star



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ONLINE POLL

Do you think Border Guard Bangladesh's agreement to receive border management training from Indian Border Security Force would be justified?

Yes (19%)
No (81%)

TOTAL VOTES: 167

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think it was justified for the BNP to say that this parliament is illegal and has no elected representative so it cannot be empowered to impeach judges?

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BNP denied permission to form human chain

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP-led 20-party alliance is determined to form a human chain in the capital today though police have denied the permission. Earlier, the ruling Awami League requested the alliance to call off the programme.

The BNP-led alliance on Monday announced to the programme to be held in the capital and elsewhere in the country to mark the International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances.

On the other side, the AL had earlier this month declared a month-long programme including a rally today to mark August 15, the National Mourning Day.

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PRAYER TIMING August 30		
Fazr	4-30	5-05
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-45	5-00
Maghrib	6-33	6-36
Esha	8-00	8-30

Source: Islamic Foundation



Google tests drones for goods delivery

BBC ONLINE

Google has built and tested autonomous aerial vehicles, which it believes could be used for goods deliveries. The project is being developed at Google X, the company's clandestine tech research arm, which is also responsible for its self-driving car.

Project Wing has been running for two years, but was a secret until now.

Google said that its long-term goal was to develop drones that could be used for disaster relief by delivering aid to isolated areas.

They could be used after earthquakes, floods, or extreme weather events, the company suggested, to take small items such as medicines or batteries to people in areas that conventional vehicles cannot reach.

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2 Bangladeshis killed in UAE construction site accident

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two Bangladeshi workers died after falling from an under-construction building in Sharjah city of the United Arab Emirates on Wednesday, reported the Gulf News, a local English-language daily.

MHA, 40, died on the spot while the other unidentified worker succumbed to his injuries at Al Qassimi hospital, said the newspaper on Thursday.

MHA would probably be the initials of the victim's name.

The daily neither gave further details of the workers nor did it mention the floor number in which they were working when the accident happened.

Contacted, AKM Mizanur Rahman, first secretary (labour) at Bangladesh Consulate in Dubai, could not confirm the incident yesterday.

"The local police told me that they had found a case regarding the death of

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রাজধানী উন্নয়ন কর্তৃপক্ষ

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