

YESTERDAY'S
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Light to moderate rain is likely to occur at some places over Rajshahi, Rangpur, Dhaka, Khulna, Sylhet, Barisal and Chittagong divisions with moderately heavy to heavy falls at places over country till 6:00pm today, said Met Office. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:50pm and rises tomorrow at 05:17am.

Open dumpsters Dhaka's stigma

No visible step taken by
new mayors yet

HELEMUL ALAM and MAHBUBUR RAHMAN KHAN

When Sheikh Shahabuddin jogs at Bahadur Shah Park, he puts on a mask. He does so not to shut out dust but the putrid smell coming from the open dumpsters on the road.

This is not a problem exclusive to the congested Old Dhaka where two buildings barely have space between them and where one could easily get lost in the maze of narrow lanes. Almost all of Dhaka city is dotted with garbage containers on the road.

Taltola bus stand is a glaring example. At least four containers kept there contribute to traffic chaos on one hand and choke commuters with malodour on the other. To make matters worse, buses take passengers right from beside the containers.

Tahmina Khatun, a law student, said she had to wait sometimes up to 30 minutes to catch a ride, thus putting up with the smell. "We hoped that the new mayor would solve the problem immediately, but it has not happened so far," she said.

Driver of a small passenger vehicle, Zahid Hossain, said the dumpsters caused tailbacks especially during office hours. "Sometimes it takes as long as one hour to cross the small traffic points due to this," he told The Daily Star.

With a tinge of frustration and anger, Shahabuddin said, "It seems that the authorities don't care about city dwellers' problems."

Every day 5,000 tonnes of garbage is generated in the capital city, and 70 percent of it is collected by the Dhaka north and south city corporations. The rest is recycled and dumped randomly into canals, ditches or drains.

Presently, the city corporations collect household wastes from door to door and then store them in over 600 temporary containers, due to insufficient secondary transfer stations, before transporting them to the Aminbazar and Matuaif landfills.

Such open containers are also found at Wari (under the flyover), Mirpur-10 roundabout, Shapla Chhatar, Paribagh, Panthapath, Bangla Bazar crossing, Dholai Khal, Swamibagh, Dayaganj, Segunbagicha, Shantinagar,

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It has been quite a while since the big shopping centres of the capital where mostly affluent people shop started to be teeming with customers ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr. But the picture of the footpath or roadside shops tells a different story. They are yet to attract buyers in large numbers because the poor like slum residents or garment factory workers whom they cater to are presumably still without enough money to spend on the festivity, which is only 11 to 12 days away. And this is the situation when the country was declared elevated to the lower middle income status. The photo was taken in front of the Baitul Muqarram national mosque on Saturday.

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Protect Sakhipur reserve forest High Court tells government

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the government to take all kinds of effective steps to protect the Sakhipur reserve forest area in Tangail.

Delivering verdict on a writ petition filed on the basis of a report

The Daily Star published in June 2011, the court ordered the authorities concerned to constantly monitor the forest area to prevent further

felling of trees.

The monitoring committee will have to submit a report every six months to the deputy conservator of forests who will take necessary measures, it said.

The HC asked the deputy com-

missioner and superintendent of police of Tangail to conduct drives in the forest every six months using mobile courts to

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Govt corruption barring progress

Claims Khaleda Zia

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday alleged that the country was not progressing for the ruling party's men were engaged in corruption in all sectors.

"The country is not running as it should be due to the government's corruption...People want to get rid of this political culture of looting. A free, fair national election under a neutral administration is needed," she said.

People are eagerly expecting a change, she told an iftar party organised by the Association of Engineers of Bangladesh, a pro-BNP professionals' platform, in the capital's Bashundhara residential area.

Being unelected, the government has no responsibility towards people and is not standing beside those suffering from flooding around the country, she said.

Referring to media reports on the import of two lakh tonnes of allegedly substandard wheat from Brazil, she said

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