



Sreepur Thana Road in Gazipur has been waterlogged for the past two months due to a poor drainage system, causing misery to the residents. The photo was taken yesterday.

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French National Day celebrated in Dhaka

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The French embassy in Dhaka celebrated the French National Day, also known as Bastille Day, on Tuesday.

Diplomats, political leaders, civil society representatives, educationists, journalists, noted artists, and fashion designers, among others, attended the reception at the Embassy Residence De France at Gulshan.

Bangladesh has recognised France as an active voice in promoting and protecting democracy and freedom across the globe, said Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali at the programme.

France Ambassador in Dhaka Sophie Aubert also spoke at the celebration wishing a stronger friendship between Bangladesh and France in the coming days.

Rajshahi road crashes kill 6, hurt 10

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Three people were killed and five others injured when a truck and a three-wheeler collided head-on in Kesharhat area of Mohonpur upazila in Rajshahi yesterday.

The deceased were Jahangir Hossain, 40, Yakub Ali, 45, of Mohobbatpur and Akbar Hossain, 38, of Amrail.

Meanwhile, in Puthia upazila, Mizanur Rahman, 58, and his son-in-law Nazmul Haque, 35, were killed and another was injured when a mini-truck hit a parked truck at Baneswar.

In Rajshahi city, Joynal Abedin, 35, was killed and four people were injured when a truck hit a rickshaw-van in Kukhandi area.

29 eminent citizens express solidarity with Swan workers
UNB, Dhaka

Twenty-nine eminent citizens yesterday in a statement expressed solidarity with the workers of Swan Garments (Pvt) Ltd and Swan Jeans Ltd who have been demanding their wages and festival bonuses before Eid.

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Obituary City DESK


Sultana Shaheed Khuku; wife of Shahidur Rahman Shaheed, former chief administrative officer of defence ministry; died of a heart attack on Tuesday. She was 69.

She was a member of Banani DOHS Cultural Committee. A qulakhani will be held at Banani DOHS Community Center after Asr prayers tomorrow.

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Sreepur Thana Road waterlogged for last two months

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Poor drainage system has left Sreepur Thana Road in Gazipur waterlogged for the last two months.

Locals claimed it takes about half a day for water to recede after rain, and the recent incessant rainfall has left the road perpetually waterlogged.

Although the 183m road is not very long, it is important as it connects Sreepur Police Station and five schools to the main road of the upazila.

The road breaks off into two -- one going to the police station and the other to a rest house.

The branch of the road leading to the rest house is in a more terrible condition as an ineffective drain was dug up a month back to mitigate waterlogging. Instead of easing the situation, the drain worsened it.

Teachers and students of the school have repeatedly informed the authorities con-

cerned of the problem but to no avail. They recently formed a human chain regarding the issue.

Md Deluar Hossain Mia, headmaster of Sreepur Pilot Girls High School and College, said often the students have to brave knee-deep water to go to school.

"They are forced to hire rickshaws as walking to school has become impossible," he said, adding that the students have been demonstrating for the last two months for a solution to the problem.

Akram Hossain, a caretaker of the rest house, said rickshaws cannot reach the rest house due to the drain, which was dug up across the road.

Councillor of the municipality, Abdul Jalil, said necessary steps would be taken so that the problem can be solved before Eid.

Asaduzzaman, officer-in-charge of Sreepur Police Station, said people can reach the police station using another route but it is way longer.

PRAN-RFL Group CEO Amjad Khan laid to rest

UNB, Dhaka


Maj Gen (rtd) Amjad Khan Chowdhury, chief executive officer of PRAN-RFL Group, who died in the USA on July 8, was laid to eternal rest at Army Graveyard in the capital's Banani yesterday, said a press release.

His namaz-e-janaza was held on the Military Museum ground after Zohr prayers.

Amjad Khan died of old-age complications at the age of 76. His body was brought back home on Tuesday.

He was the founder president of Real Estate & Housing Association of Bangladesh (REHAB), Bangladesh Agro-Processors' Association (Bapa), and former president of Underprivileged Children's Education Programme (UCEP).

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Child worker 'abducts' son of employer for Eid bonus

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Frustrated as the employer had not paid three months' arrears and Eid bonus, a child worker of a wallet making factory kidnapped the owner's 16-month-old son from his residence on Tuesday and demanded a ransom of Tk 2 lakh, said Rab.

But Rapid Action Battalion (Rab)-2 officials yesterday arrested the 16-year-old abductor and his 14-year-old friend, who aided him in stealing the child from the capital's Kamrangirchar,

and also rescued the child from the Jatrabari intersection, said Rab officials at a press briefing yesterday.

The child labourer told Rab officials that he was truly outraged as Shamim had not paid his salary for the last three months which led him to perpetrate the abduction.

Shamim told The Daily Star that he would pay his employees on the 28th of Ramadan, and when asked about the worker's arrears, Shamim gave inconsistent replies.



Students of different universities form a human chain in Kaliganj of Jhenidah demanding safety during travel on roads, the demonstration was sparked by a recent road death in the area of a Dhaka University student.

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