

MONSOON: BLESSING NO MORE



Monsoon is considered a blessing in a country such as Bangladesh that is categorised under tropical monsoon climate. But the residents of the cities including Dhaka have started to think otherwise nowadays as the cities have become unfit to disperse water after only an hour of heavy monsoon rain. Destruction, encroachment and clogging up of existing drainage and canal networks, construction of buildings filling up low-lying areas are among a number of reasons behind the collapse of the drainage system in the capital, say experts. Clockwise from top left, almost two hours of heavy rain in the morning yesterday inundated the intersection of Mirpur Road and Area 27 in Dhanmondi. Kazi Alauddin Road in Old Dhaka. Water filled trenches below Mayor Hanif Flyover in Jatrabari area where road expansion work has been going on for a long time. Less than half of the road there is now available for traffic movement. A new drainage system on the same road already clogged up with garbage. A rickshaw van uses a makeshift bamboo bridge built to cross a trench filled with sewage and rainwater. Pedestrians use a narrow strip of a building front next to an under construction drain and sidewalk on Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue. The deep drain, filled with rainwater, can cause fatalities any time. All photos were taken between noon and 2:00pm.

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Where public sufferings know no bounds

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The sufferings of commuters travelling along Mouchak-Rampura road know no bounds as around a kilometre stretch of it from Mouchak to Abul Hotel remains in an awful state. The stretch that includes Malibagh Level Crossing area is replete with potholes, hampering smooth vehicular movement and putting the commuters at risk. The sufferings multiply especially during rain as the road gets submerged with water even at the slightest sprinkle of rain.

"My rickshaw fell into a puddle and tipped over around 15 days back in Malibagh Level Crossing area," said Md Jamal, a rickshaw puller.

"Passengers of my rickshaw got injured in the accident though I luckily escaped," he said.

Though Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) has recently repaired potholes from Malibagh intersection to Mouchak point, the portion from Mouchak to Abul Hotel under jurisdiction of Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) is still in a bad shape.

Sirajul Islam, a driver of Shohag Paribahan, said poor condition of the road contributes to traffic congestion in Malibagh level crossing area.

"As a result, it sometimes takes one hour to reach Abul Hotel of

Rampura from Malibagh Supermarket. It usually takes around 10 minutes to cross the distance," said Sirajul.

Locals said the eastern side of the level crossing gets waterlogged no matter how much it rains, causing public sufferings and affecting businesses.

Shah Alam, a street vendor in the area, said he cannot run his business during rain as portions of the road get waterlogged.



A pothole filled with rainwater near Malibagh Level Crossing on Mouchak-Rampura road. Vehicles plying the road often fail to sense the depth of such puddles and get in frequent accidents. The photo was taken recently.

Though the section of the road was repaired around one and a half months back, it did not last long in the absence of a drainage system, said Mohammad Zakir Hossain, owner of a drugstore in the area.

He claimed the daily income of his shop has reduced by fifty percent as customers don't visit his shop as often due to the poor road infrastructure.

Sushanta Kumar Paul, executive engineer of local government engi-

neering department, said the flyover construction work has damaged this one-kilometre stretch of the road.

"We continuously patched up potholes and repaired the entire stretch with concrete," said Sushanta, also project director of Moghbazar-Mouchak flyover.

As to why they did not keep this portion of the road as a smoothly functional road with asphalted surface, he said, "It would not sustain, as there is no drainage on either side of the road."

The north city corporation is supposed to take care of it, Sushanta added.

Contacted, Khondoker Mahbubul Alam, executive engineer of zone-3 of DNCC, said they are working on to construct a storm water drainage system and repair roads and footpaths from Bashundhara residential area gate to Rampura Bazar (upto Wasa road) via Rampura Bridge, and are expecting to finish the work by December this year.

As the construction work of the flyover continues on the Rampura side, they are waiting for the work to be completed first, he said.

Then they will focus on repairing the road and constructing a drainage system from Mouchak to Abul Hotel, he added.

300 bullets recovered in Narayanganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Police yesterday claimed to have recovered 300 rounds of bullets in Narayanganj 18 days after the recovery of a huge cache of firearms and ammunition in the district's Rugganj.

Police arrested Sabbir Ahmed, 32, in this connection.

The latest recovery was made by the detectives in a bamboo cluster at Agarpara of Rugganj on Monday afternoon and the bullets were kept in a plastic box, said police.

The raid was conducted on information that a large number of arms was kept there, said Rugganj Police Station Officer-in-Charge Ismail Hossain.

These recovered arms are linked with the incident of June 2 arms haul from Sector-5 in Purbachal Residential Area in Rugganj, he observed.

On that day, a huge cache of firearms, including two rocket launchers and 61 Chinese submachine guns (SMGs), were recovered from Narayanganj's Rugganj.

In connection with the incident, five people were arrested while one is on the run, said Rugganj police.

Boy drowns in Ctg canal

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A boy drowned in a canal in Dabua village under Rauzan upazila of Chittagong yesterday.

The victim, Mithu Dey, 17, of Banshkali upazila, was visiting his sister's in-law's house, said a fire service official.

Mithu went to a makeshift toilet on the bank of Dabua canal around 8:30am and fell into the canal by slipping. As there was strong current in the canal, he drowned, said the official. Later, divers recovered the body.

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FCPS Part-II (Final) Examination in General Subjects, Preliminary FCPS Part-II, FCPS (Final) Examination in the Specialized Subjects and MCPS Examinations

Subject	Paper	Date	Time	Venue
All subjects	Paper - I	01.07.2017 (Saturday)	9.00am to 12.00 noon	BCPS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212
	Paper - II	02.07.2017 (Sunday)		
FCPS Part-I Examinations Morning				
Anaesthesiology, Biochemistry, Dentistry and allied, Dermatology & Venereology, Family Medicine, Haematology, Histopathology, Microbiology, Obst. & Gynaec and allied, Ophthalmology, Otolaryngology, Paediatrics and allied, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Psychiatry, Radiology and Imaging and Radiotherapy	Paper - I	03.07.2017 (Monday)	9.00am to 10.40am	BCPS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212
	Paper - II	04.07.2017 (Tuesday)		
	Paper - III	05.07.2017 (Wednesday)		
Noon				
Medicine and allied & Surgery and allied	Paper - I	03.07.2017 (Monday)	12.00 noon to 01.40pm	BCPS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212
	Paper - II	04.07.2017 (Tuesday)		
	Paper - III	05.07.2017 (Wednesday)		

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Professor Md. Azizul Kahhar
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Chairman Abu Naser Khan, General Secretary of Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (Bapa) Abdul Matin, Anowar Sadat of Bangladesh Nadee Bachao Andolon and Sheikh Rokon of Riverine People.

Funded by the government of Sweden through its Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) office in Bangkok, Thailand, the project is a country component of Oxfam's regional programme Trans-boundary Rivers of South Asia (TROSA).

The programme will be implemented by Oxfam and regional and national partners in India, Nepal, Bangladesh and Myanmar. The Bangladesh component of the project has been named as "Trans-boundary Rivers for Our Sustainable Advancement - TROSA" and will be implemented in the GBM basins.

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