



Vehicles pass a dilapidated section of Mirpur Road in the capital's Kalyanpur area. The condition of the road deteriorated due to the last few days' incessant rain. Also, concrete slabs placed earlier on the road to help pedestrians cross a submerged portion are still there. The photo was taken on Monday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

### BNP marks Khaleda's 73rd

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among flood victims on the occasion.  
On July 15, Khaleda went to London for receiving medical treatment and spending time with her family members there.  
The BNP chief underwent the surgery for cataract in her right eye at Moorfields Eye Hospital last week. She may return home after celebrating Eid-ul-Azha with her family members in London.  
Khaleda was born in 1945. But, there are debates about her actual date of birth and even the birth year.  
The biodata of Khaleda Zia submitted to the Parliament Secretariat when she was made the opposition leader last suggests that she was born on August 15, 1945.  
The controversy over the birthday began in 1991 when Khaleda first celebrated it on August 15 after assuming office as prime minister and declared it as her 'official birthday'.  
Avami League leaders have long been claiming that her birthday is September 5, 1945 as per her marriage certificate while August 19, 1946 as per her first passport. Khaleda herself put the date as August 9, 1944 while registering for her matriculation exams, they said.  
Amid the ruling party's criticism to celebrate her birthday on National Mourning Day, BNP last year decided not to cut any cake at the wee hours of August 15 showing a reason that the country was in a serious crisis and many flood victims were going through immense sufferings.  
Last year, she, however, cut cakes at night of the following day and party leaders and activists also celebrated it on their own.

### Preserved with love

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Enak Ahmed, a principal of Iamia Islamia Lalmaiia Madrasa, a part of the mosque, said the mosque was constructed by one Surayya Bibi during Shaista Khan's period. It was dug up so that the devotees can use it for ablutions.  
The name of the mosque used to be Bibir Mosque, which was renamed Lalmaiia Shahi Mosque Complex during the Pakistan period, he said.  
A madrasa, orphanage, library and the pond is under the complex and the reservoir is being maintained by the mosque authorities since 1949.  
It is being maintained with care and affection by the authorities, which becomes evident from its serene surrounding and clean water.  
"We clean it twice a month and put lime in it to clean it," said the principal. He said

they do not allow anyone to use soap while bathing to keep the water clean.  
Abdul Mannan, khadem of the mosque, said the total area of the mosque is around 14 acres and the pond around 1.5 acres.  
**POND AT RESIDENTIAL MODEL**  
The pond inside the Dhaka Residential Model College in Mohamadpur was dug up in 1983. Surrounded by trees, it is being maintained by the school authorities on a regular basis.  
It was renovated in 2015. The depth of the pond is 15 feet and it is 245 feet long and 95 feet wide.  
The school authorities released different kinds of fish in it. The pond is also fenced and students are not allowed to swim in it.  
"Swimming is not permitted for ensuring safety of the students," said Zulfikar Ali, assistant security officer of the college.  
(Edited by HASAN MEER)

### A sign of hope

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**POND AT SHEIKH KAMAL BHABAN**  
The reservoir was filled up in 2015. The Sheikh Kamal Bhaban, a road and a field was constructed on the land, said the proctor.  
**POND AT NIOH**  
Even around a decade ago, there used to be a pond on Sayed Mahibul Morshed Avenue in Sher-e-Bangla Nagar. The National Institute of Ophthalmology and Hospital (NIOH) was built there after filling it up.  
The construction work started in 2006, said Mohammad Rakibul Hossain, administrative officer at the hospital.

**POND AT AGR TRAINING INSTITUTE**  
The pond inside the Agriculture Training Institute is in a good condition. It is also surrounded by trees.  
The around half-acre pond was dug up in 1997/98, said Mohammad Shahjalla, a staff at the institute.  
**2 PONDS IN CHANDRIMA UDIYAN**  
There are two ponds inside the Chandrima Udiyan. One of them is in a relatively better condition while the other one needs maintenance.  
Mohammad Rafiqul, a security guard, said the authorities concerned restored the reservoir and its banks after the water became polluted and almost dried up.  
Mohammad Milon, a vendor in the area, said the reservoir was renovated around nine months back.  
About the other pond, he said the water body is in dire straits for the last 15 years. The size of the pond will be around two acres.



I'LL BE BACK HOME SOON... A hajj pilgrim bids farewell to his daughter at Ashkora Hajj Camp in the capital yesterday before departing for the airport. PHOTO: STAR



Adiba Imran, a student at the capital's Biam Laboratory School, receives an award from the school's Director General Mizanur Rahman yesterday at the school's auditorium. The third grader became first in an art competition held on the school premises on the occasion of National Mourning Day. School Principal Shahana Haq is standing on the DG's left.

### Hajj pilgrims to reach

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Earlier on Sunday, the HC ordered the authorities concerned to take steps to resolve the complexities relating to sending hajj pilgrims to Saudi Arabia within 48 hours.  
The court also ordered sending those intending pilgrims, who are yet to reach Saudi Arabia for performing hajj, by hiring private aircraft, if needed, and take actions against those behind the mismanagement.  
Sources at the religious affairs and civil aviation ministries said some complications have cropped up for hajj pilgrims this year due to fraudulence of some hajj agencies, visa problems and cancellation of hajj flights.  
They said some hajj agencies intentionally did not rent houses at the right time for the pilgrims as the Saudi authorities have increased the maulam (guide) fees and house rents. "The agencies did it with a hope that the house rent would get slashed at the last moment. So, at the eleventh hour, they cancelled the tickets they booked earlier as they could not rent houses for the pilgrims."  
Religious Affairs Minister Principal Marwan Rahman said all the hajj pilgrims will reach Saudi Arabia by the stipulated time as they have sorted out all the problems.  
He said they will take all legal steps, including cancellation of licences, against those agencies responsible for the cancellations of flights.  
AM Mosaddique Ahmed, managing director and CEO of Biman Bangladesh Airlines, said they had to cancel a total of 21 scheduled hajj flights due to a shortage of pilgrims, thanks to hajj agencies' lack of coordination and failure to rent houses in Saudi Arabia.  
Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Rashed Khan Menon said the Biman authorities were asked to carry the hajj pilgrims in its scheduled flights.  
Shahadat Hossain Taslim, secretary general of Hajj Agencies' Association of Bangladesh (Haab), said the visa complexities have almost removed. "Only 1-2 agencies are still facing the problem to go visa. I hope they'll get visas by August 18."  
Besides, he said, the complexities regarding the pilgrims' house rent have also been settled.  
Taslim assured that no more hajj flight will be canceled for the shortage of passengers.  
Biman started operating hajj flights on July 24. A total of 127,198 pilgrims from Bangladesh are supposed to go to Saudi Arabia this year. Of them, the national flag carrier is scheduled to carry 63,600 passengers while the rest by Saudi Airlines until August 28.  
The return flight will resume on September 6 while end on October 5.

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### Homage to

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Special prayers were offered at all mosques, temples and places of worship of other religions across the country.  
Marking the day, Bangladesh Sheikh Mujib Medical University provided free treatment to 4,788 patients. Islamic Foundation organised dua mahfil. Besides, Dhaka University, Begum Rokeya University, Rangpur, Bangladesh Export Processing Zone Authority, Janata Bank Ltd, Anti-Corruption Commission, also observed the day.

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