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Waterlogging in Port City Intensifying, not improving

CDA's housing projects in farmland, wetland creating waterlogging in new areas

MOSTAFA YOUSUF, Chattogram

The Chattogram Development Authority has been filling up vast swaths of low-lying land, designated as water reservoirs, in the name of building residential areas.

The state-run agency is building 4,533 plots at its Ananya Abasik area in Kuwaish and Panchlaish. In the 1995 Master Plan, these areas are earmarked as farmland and wetland.

Filling up of farmland and wetland or changing their nature by any means is illegal.

Moreover, the housing project, launched in 2011, does not have the mandatory clearance from the environment ministry, officials said.

In a letter in 2018, the environment department ordered the CDA to halt the project, but the city development authority paid no heed to the call.

Ironically, however, the CDA is implementing a separate Tk 5,616 crore project to solve the port city's waterlogging problem that affects millions. Since the project's approval in 2017, the CDA has been able to do only 17 percent work.

Town planners and locals say the housing projects are intensifying the problem. With thousands of residential plots occupying some 778 acres of water retention area, localities that were once known as flood-free zone now quickly go under rainwater.

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A man sifting through a field of throwaway plastic in search of saleable objects at Signboard near Dhaka-Chattogram highway. Such pictures reveal that the initiatives to curb polythene use remain ineffective. The photo was taken last week.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Man beaten to death in port city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A young man was beaten to death allegedly by his gang members in the port city's Kattoli area early yesterday over a mugging incident.



Mubarak

The dead is Mubarak Hossain, 20, of Dakkhin Kattoli area.

Mainur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Pahartali Police Station, said police arrested two members of the gang -- Md Rubel and Md Hridoy -- over the murder.

The police official said the gang members, including Mubarak, Rubel and Hridoy, had been involved in criminal activities, like mugging and theft, for long.

Quoting locals, the OC said the three and their other gang members were talking to each other near the CDA market. At one stage, Mubarak slapped Rubel after an altercation ensued between them over a mugging incident.

Rubel left the spot and came back a few minutes later along with several others and started beating Mubarak. At one point, Rubel hit Mubarak's head with a bamboo stick, leaving him critically injured, said the OC.

Mubarak was taken to Chattogram Medical

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Mash ruled out of SL tour

SPORTS REPORTER

A hamstring injury has forced Bangladesh skipper Mashrafe Bin Mortaza out of the upcoming Sri Lanka tour, for which the team is scheduled to leave from Dhaka today.



During Bangladesh's last practice session at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday, ahead of the three-match ODI series in Sri Lanka, Mashrafe pulled his hamstring while bowling at the nets and was later ruled out of the series. Chief selector Minhajul Abedin later informed the media on Mashrafe's condition and added that all-rounder Forhad Reza would replace

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Communications disrupted as flood batters roads

Red Cross says 4m people at risk of hunger, diseases

STAR REPORT

Flood has disrupted road and rail communications across the country as roads, bridges and rail tracks in several districts have been damaged or inundated, causing immense suffering to people.

Flood water completely damaged at least 171.78km of roads and partially damaged at least 3,303.25km of roads in 14 districts until Thursday, according to the Department of Disaster Management.

Besides, at least 4.65km of embankments were destroyed and at least 382.3km of embankments partially damaged in 10 districts.

Moreover, some 235 bridges and culverts were damaged in nine districts, the department said.

According to Water Development Board, water level of main rivers

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Tiger takes catnap on bed in Indian home

CNN ONLINE

A family in India found a wild tiger "relaxing on a bed" in their house following a deadly monsoon which flooded parts of South Asia this week, according to Indian conservationists.

In an image released by India's Wildlife Trust, the massive predator can be seen lounging on a bed in the unnamed family's home in the village of Harmuti, in the northeastern state of Assam.

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PRAYER TIMING JULY 20

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4-15	12-45	5-00	6-54	8-15
JAMAAT 4-50	1-15	5-15	6-58	8-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



Pedestrians walk by what is left of the footpath occupied for about a month by a lorry in the capital's Tejgaon area. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

It will be looked into

Minister says about Priya Saha's comments about minority oppression

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shahrir Alam yesterday said the government would "hear and examine" the allegation made by Priya Saha, who works in a Bangladeshi NGO, to US President Donald Trump about oppression of minorities.

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Teacher hacked in Barishal village

A group of students attack him for protesting harassment of girls

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhalakathi

A schoolteacher was hacked by a group of students in Barishal's Muladi upazila on Thursday after he protested derogatory statements written against him on the school wall recently.

The victim, Mirza Noman, was taken to the upazila health complex for treatment.

He suffered injuries in the head, but is out of danger now, said doctors.

Noman, 32, teaches at Char Laxmipur High School in Muladi. He came under attack at his house on the afternoon.

"Around 20-25 students stormed into my home with machetes and sticks, dragged me outside, and started beating me. At one

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