

Air quality of Dhaka remains ‘moderate’

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Dhaka has ranked 60th on the list of cities worldwide with the worst air quality with an AQI score of 56 at 9:08am yesterday morning.

The air was classified as “moderate”, and even Dhaka’s air quality remained in moderate zone for the past few days, indicating an improvement of the air quality. Bahrain’s Manama, Democratic Republic of the Congo’s Kinshasa and Indonesia’s Medan, occupied the first, second, third spots in the list, with AQI scores of 197, 180 and 137, respectively.

Who will call

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during the unrest and died in Kurmitola Hospital. I got a call after he died, and then I brought his body back in Barguna,” said Liton’s elder brother Bashir Matubbar.

“Liton not only supported our parents, he also used to help us. He took care of all of us despite being the youngest,” he added.

“My brother was not involved in any politics. Then why was he shot? How do we accept his death?,” asked Bashir.

Student-led

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hopeful about its success, as no movement can be defeated when the youth and students wake up.”

He said their party has supported the student movement from the very beginning and continues to do so.

“We want to make it clear that we will provide not only support but also all-out cooperation to the students during this just movement,” he said.

Protests rock

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and office being attacked in the port city in the evening. The houses of Education Minister Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury Nowfel and Mayor Rezaul Karim, and the office of Awami League MP Md Mohiuddin Bachchu in Chattogram were among them.

Besides, some 200 people threw stones at the car parking of BNP leader Shahadat Hossain’s apartment at Badshah Miah Road.

There is still

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the Prime Minister, to the students, and send it to the educational institutions,” he said.

Basudev Dhar, president of Bangladesh Puja Uđjapan Parishad, also spoke among others.

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Date: 03-08-2024.

:e-GP Tender Notice (Time Extension):

The following corrections are hereby made on the tender notice of Procurement of Non-MSR Goods (Diet & Non-Diet) Tender for Chittagong Medical College Hospital in the fiscal year 2024-2025 vide the office reference no: **CMCH/Tender/2024-2025/e-GP/Non-MSR (Diet & Non-MSR)/7081** Date: **22-06-2024**.

SL. No.	Tender Id	Name of Goods	Previous Timeline		Correction Made	
			Tender/ Proposal Last Selling Date & Time	Tender/ Proposal Closing & Opening Date & Time	Tender/ Proposal Last Selling Date & Time	Tender/ Proposal Closing & Opening Date & Time
1	999517	Procurement of Diet goods (Milk, Bread, Egg, Banana etc) for the fiscal year 2024-2025.	21-July-2024 14:00	22-July-2024 14:00	08-August-2024 14:00	11-August-2024 14:00
2	999518	Procurement of Diet Goods (Dressed Mutton & Chicken Meat etc) for the fiscal year 2024-2025.	21-July-2024 14:00	22-July-2024 14:00	08-August-2024 14:00	11-August-2024 14:00

The other terms and conditions will remain unchanged.

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Located between Patuakhali Sadar and Baufal upazilas, around an acre land of Kashipur canal is being filled up with sand for setting up a kitchen market with car parking.

PHOTO: STAR

Canal land grabbed for kitchen market

Locals allege Patuakhali-2 MP gave the directive

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Around an acre land of Kashipur canal, located between Patuakhali Sadar and Baufal upazilas, is being filled up with sand for setting up a kitchen market with car parking.

The work is being done allegedly upon the directive of ASM Feroz, lawmaker of Patuakhali-2 (Bauphal) constituency, while being supervised by Majnu Howladar, chairman of local Adabaria Union Parishad.

According to locals, Bangladesh Water Development Board constructed a sluice gate and a dyke on the 300-foot wide canal around 1990, before the Local Government Engineering

Department constructed the Patuakhali-Baufal road on the dyke to connect Baufal, Galachipa and Dasmina upazilas with Patuakhali district town.

As such, Kashipur became the junction where the three roads to Patuakhali Sadar, Baufal and Galachipa upazilas meet, thereby paving way for hundreds of businesses emerge on the canal’s banks, which eventually led to its encroachment.

Some local businessmen at Kashipur market, wishing anonymity, said the local UP chairman plans to expand the market and began filling up sand across one acre of the canal’s land as part of it.

Some of the land may also be sold as plots later, they alleged.

“The market lacks adequate space. Often, fish and vegetables have to be kept on the busy road adjacent to the market due to space constraint. To ease the shop-owners at the market, the UP chairman has initiated to expand the market by filling up some portion of the canal,” said Mojibur Rahman Howladar, a local UP member.

Contacted, UP chairman Manju Howladar claimed he has only been supervising the market’s expansion upon directive of local lawmaker ASM Feroz.

“The road here is very narrow while numerous different vehicles including buses and trucks ply it every day. The kitchen market is largely set

up on the road, which makes it difficult for the shop-owners to run their businesses smoothly. So,lawmaker ASM Feroz directed to fill up some portion of the canal to provide space for the market. I am only supervising the work,” he said.

ASM Feroz said the initiative has been taken in public interest.

“The canal has already been gradually filled up and largely abandoned, and hardly comes to any use,” he added.

Contacted, Patuakhali Deputy Commissioner Noor Qutubul Alam said he was unaware about the canal filling.

“It is illegal to fill up or encroach on canals. Necessary legal actions will be taken in this regard after inquiry,” he added.

2,000 families

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Brahmaputra river has become blocked over the years and is therefore unable to serve its purpose anymore, further worsening waterlogging, they also said.

Moreover, as there is no dustbin in the area, people are compelled to leave their garbage in the open, thereby posing risk of environmental and health hazards, the locals added.

“Even though the Mymensingh City Corporation authority has been repeatedly claiming to be working on solving waterlogging menace by construction of new drains and repair of old ones across city areas, there is no visible development in the city’s drainage system,” alleged advocate Nazrul Islam Chunnur, convener of a citizens’ forum in Mymensingh.

Confirming that the residents of the area have been subjected to prolonged sufferings, Md Rafiqul Islam Miah, chief engineer of MCC, said, “A 10 crore taka project to construct a cross-culvert has been taken for Balashpur Madhyapara area to drain away rainwater.”

“Once the work would be completed by October this year, the residents will reap its benefits. We are also working on to unblock the drains in the area,” he added.

Solidarity amid strife

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Various bands, solo musicians, lyricists, and composers organised the “Get Up Stand Up” event at Dhanmondi’s Rabindra Sarobar to show solidarity with the student movement. Over 5,000 people attended the event, later marching to the Central Shaheed Minar.

Musicians outside Dhaka also expressed solidarity by organising similar events

in their respective districts. Artists created banners and festoons with lines from Bangla songs that have historically inspired movements and protests.

Hamin Ahmed, the current president of Bamba and a member of Miles, said, “We want no more shootings, no arrests, and a proper investigation into those who have lost their lives.”

Why did they shoot

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Abdul Gani Mridha, elder brother of Jahangir, said Jahangir lived in a rented house with his wife and two children in the Rayerbagh bus stand area. Due to poverty, Jahangir was not able to provide Sujana with an education.

He demanded that the government take responsibility for his late brother’s wife and children.

Laiju Begum said as they had no food left in

the house, Jahangir had ventured out of their home on the morning of July 19.

“Who will take responsibility for the death of my innocent husband? Who will judge his killers? How will I survive now with my two sons?” she asked.

Sujana said, “My father did not participate in the movement. He does not support any political party. So why was my father shot? I want his death to be investigated.”

Are they even okay?

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curfew is going on and in light of recent attacks on Narsingdi District Jail.

Shamsuzzaman Ome, a seventh semester student of Dhaka University’s Institute of Education and Research, was arrested from Uttara area on July 18. He was in Dhaka Central Jail in Keraniganj after a Dhaka court ordered to send him to jail.

Like Shahreear’s family, his near ones could not meet him or talk in over two weeks.

“He was never arrested

before. Police arrested him this time as he went to a logical movement. We do not know yet how he was in the police custody and in jail now,” a relative of Ome told The Daily Star, preferring anonymity.

Suvash Kumar Ghose, senior jail super of Dhaka Central Jail, said they suspended meeting with inmates for security reasons amid the ongoing events.

He said there are 9,921 inmates in the jail now against the capacity of 4,590, which is almost a regular scenario.

He went

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so happy for him.”

“He was not involved with any political parties as he had no interest in politics. My son hoped to get a job after finishing his internship, with which he would support our family.”

Farida has been inconsolable since Hasan’s death. She keeps fainting over and over again, and has stopped eating properly while grieving for her son, according to family members.

Hasan’s father, Jamal Uddin, who is an NGO worker, said he last spoke to his son on the afternoon of July 18. Hasan planned to return to Noakhali by a bus once the situation improved.

However, Hasan did not return.

Hasan was the oldest out of three brothers and sisters. His younger brother is a ninth-grade student in a high school in the district town, while their youngest sister is a fourth-grade student.

74 villages submerged, thousands affected

15 points in flood control dams breached in Feni

UNB, Feni

Floodwaters have breached 15 points in the flood control embankments of the Muhuri, Kahua, and Shilonia rivers in Feni’s Fulgazi and Parshuram upazila, inundating 74 villages.

As a result, 28,000 families are stranded, with 64 families relocated to safer areas. By Saturday afternoon, river water levels had risen 220 centimetres above the danger mark.

Fulgazi Upazila Nirbahi Officer Tania Bhuiya reported that the area was first hit by floods on July 1. On August 2, the embankments of the Muhuri, Kahua, and Shilonia rivers broke once more, worsening the situation for residents. Continuous rainfall and upstream runoff have caused a significant rise in river water levels.

The rising waters of the Muhuri, Shilonia, and Kahua rivers have submerged six unions in Fulgazi upazila, affecting 43 villages and isolating 8,000 families.

According to the Water Development Board, water levels are currently 10 centimetres above the danger mark. The Feni-Bilonia regional highway is also submerged in Fulgazi and Parshuram, severing road communication with the district.

New areas continue to be inundated.

28,000 families are stranded, with 64 families relocated to safer areas. By Saturday afternoon, river water levels had risen 220 centimetres above the danger mark.

Parshuram Upazila Nirbahi Officer Afroja Habib Shapla stated that approximately 20,000 people are stranded due to the floods caused by excessive rainfall and upstream runoff. The WDB reports that the Muhuri River is flowing 150 centimetres above the danger level, with the number of stranded families increasing daily.

In response to the crisis, the Fulgazi Upazila administration has distributed dry food to 300 families and prepared an additional 250 food packages. They have distributed 13 tonnes of rice and stockpiled 5 tonnes. The Parshuram Upazila administration has distributed 550 packages of dry food.

Abu Abdullah from Mirzanganj area reported that he has never seen water enter homes with such force. “We are struggling through the night,” he said.

Mohammed Khalil Ullah added, “Normally, this high ground does not flood, but the heavy rainfall has submerged roads, homes, crops, and fish ponds. If the water level rises further, the situation will become dire.”

Jasim Uddin, chairman of Chitholia Union Parishad, criticised the Water Development Board (WDB) for negligence, which has led to repeated breaches in the flood control embankments.

PRAYER TIMING

AUGUST 4

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