

HEAVY RAIN, WATERLOGGING

No respite for city residents

Morning shower sends many parts of capital under water

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Heavy rain took the capital under ankle-to-knee-deep water and pushed the public road transport system into a near-breakdown yesterday, a day after the flooding of the city's major parts by moderate rain.

Streets, lanes and by-lanes were submerged. Traffic stood still after the morning rainfall. People, mainly office-goers, suffered immensely. Many of them had to wade through filthy water to reach their workplaces, failing to get any vehicle.

"It seems Dhaka is an orphan city. No one is there to take care of it. Whenever it rains, we face similar situation," said Muntakim Noor, a private service holder.

A major portion of the city experienced floods on Sunday as well following moderate rain.

Yesterday's heavy rain recorded by the Met office at 80 millimetres in six hours from 6:00am worsened the situation at some places.

Most part of the country, including the capital, will witness rain today also as monsoon is active over Bangladesh, a Met official said.

More often than not Dhaka city turns into a water body following a moderate rain, which experts blame on inadequate storm water drainage system managed by different authorities with little coordination between them.

They do the job haphazardly and have little clue about what the other parties are doing, according to experts.

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