

# Adulterated food drives restart in the city

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Five new mobile courts resumed the drive against food adulterators in the capital on Thursday, 52 days after its abrupt postponement.

Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (CMM) Jalal Ahmed in a meeting at the CMM court on July 3 ordered the magistrates concerned and health inspector of Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution (BSTI) and Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) to start the food drive again.

Ten senior assistant secretaries have been given the power of a magistrate to lead the drives and they have already taken the responsibility.

On the first day of the drive, the court fined a diagnostic centre at Mohammadpur for using expired saline and 're agent' while several restaurants

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at Dhanmandi and Kawran Bazar and some fast food shops at Bailey Road were also fined for various reasons including unhygienic condition.

However, talking to Star City the owners of some restaurants in the city expressed their frustrations over the mobile court

drive.

"In the name of the drive, mobile courts often harass us and charge huge fines showing silly causes, which hampers our business," an employee of Hotel Cafe Baghdad on Topkhana Road alleged. "Last month members of a mobile

court demanded Tk 1,00,000 as fine without any reason," he said.

A staff of a well-known restaurant in Gulshan-1 area said every month they pay the inspectors of a mobile court certain amount of money so that no action is taken against them.



Mobile court fined a food and beverage shop at Karwan Bazar on Thursday for selling water without obtaining license from BSTI.

Refuting the allegation, Shafique Anwar, a magistrate involved in the mobile court drive, said, "We haven't received any specific allegation so far. It is a propaganda against the mobile courts to stop our activities."

"There is no scope of such irregularities as the higher authorities are monitoring the drives regularly," said a newly appointed magistrate, on condition anonymity, when asked about the allegation.

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During the previous drives, employees of different residen-

tial hotels, restaurants and biscuit factories in the city attacked the members of some mobile courts and assaulted them.

On April 16, employees of Nabisco Biscuit and Bread Factory in Tejgaon Commercial Area assaulted the mobile court members during a drive. Similar incident took place on May 17 when a mobile court conducted a drive in Nazirabazar under Kotwali Police Station.

On May 21, some employees of different residential hotels

and restaurants of Topkhana Road attacked the members of a mobile court during a raid. After the incident the drive against adulterators was postponed.

Another source who was present in the meeting at CMM court on July 3 said the CMM expressed his dissatisfaction over the Topkhana Road incident and asked all mobile court members to handle such situation tactfully.



Despite continuous reporting in the media and inconvenience faced by both pedestrians and others, an open dustbin on the main road at Shantinagar has not been removed by the authorities.

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## Sri Lanka trade show

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director of Link Natural Products (Pvt) Ltd adding that as time goes by their products will flood the local market.

The banking sector had already been introduced when the Commercial Bank of Ceylon started operations in Dhaka. They now have almost five branches operating in the city.

Bio Extracts (Pvt) Ltd had many of their herbal products on display. The products ranged from vitamins, blood sugar and cholesterol regulators, and even hypertension reduction capsules.

Thimira Rajapakse, executive director, EDB at the inauguration said that Bangladesh is a country with vast potential for development of the Sri Lankan export that has been virtually untapped. He said that he had studied the opportunities available for business during his earlier visits, and "this unique exhibition will open new vistas for our manufacturers and traders in quality products".

Taking these facts into consideration he said that he had recommended the idea of this exclusive single country exhibition.

Thosapala Hewage, secretary to Sri Lanka's ministry of enterprise development and investment promotion traced routes to the historical connections

between Sri Lanka and Bangladesh, and that these connections should prevail through friendship and stronger trade ties.

Vadivel Krishnamoorthy, high commissioner of Sri Lanka to Dhaka, said that trade relations between Sri Lanka and Bangladesh was given a boost at the EDB sponsored 5th Saarc Trade fair held in Dhaka in 2003.

He also said that the "Sri Lanka Single Country Trade Exhibition 2006" has added its significance with the emergence of SAFTA from July 1, 2006, and hoped that both countries would reduce their tariffs to provide better opportunities to enhance trade volume and values.

He further said that in this globalised world when there is no quota and preferential treatment in international trade, both countries could remain as competitors only if the markets are expanded through regional cooperation.

The exhibition ends today at 8 pm. Although entrance to the exhibition was free for the first two days, a sudden introduction of Tk 20 as entrance fee irritated some visitors.

George Pereira of the EDB and in-charge of all the stalls said that the loss of some valuable equipment from the stalls forced them to take this action.

## DTCB's existence shrouded

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"Interestingly, the director at the PM's office, Jalaluddin Kadri who sent the file back three times was an engineer at RHD before joining the PM office," said the official.

When contacted Jalaluddin Kadri, who has recently been made Officer on Special Duty (OSD) to the establishment ministry, said that he was not interested in making any comments on the matter.

The destinies of 70 different level officials of the board, mostly transport and IT experts remained uncertain.

"We can go back to our old jobs, but what would become of those who joined the DCTB leaving their previous jobs," said an official working in the DCTCB on deputation.

When contacted Sadeque Hossain Khoka, mayor of Dhaka City Corporation and the chairman ex-officio of DCTCB said there is no reason to be worried.

"The end of DUTP project does not mean the end of DCTCB. We are looking for an alternative source for the survival of the board. Moreover, I believe the board would be absorbed under the revenue sector soon," said Khoka.

When contacted, communication minister Nazmul Huda expressed his disappointment over the matter. "I do not find any reason for not absorbing DCTCB under revenue sector," he said.

"We had undertaken the procedure to put DCTCB under the revenue sector and had it been passed on time there would have been no such crisis," said Huda.

## healthouting, taxicab & train timing

### HEALTH

#### Hospitals

Anjuman-e-Mofidul Islam 9336611, 7411660  
**BARDEM** 8616641-50  
**Cholera Hospital (ICDDR)** 8811751-60  
**CMH (Dhaka)** 9870011  
 Dhaka Medical Collage Hospital 8628612-6  
**Holy Family Red Crescent** 8311721-5  
**Islamia Eye Hospital** 9119315, 8112156  
**Lion Eye Hospital** 9129127  
**Medinova Medical Services** 8620353-4  
**Mirpur General Hospital (Pvt) Ltd** 9007873, 8015444  
**Mitford Hospital** 7319002-6  
**National Heart Foundation Hospital** 8014914, 8010491, 8021399  
**Orthopedic Hospital** 9112150

**Salimullah Medical College Hospital** 7319002-6  
**Samorita Hospital** 9131901  
**Shahid Suhrawardi Hospital** 9122560-78, 9112086, 8114856, 9130800  
**Shishu Hospital** 8116061-2, 9119119

#### Clinics

**Akad Clinic** 8015855, 8022581  
**Arogyaya Niketan** 9333730  
**BAVS Maternity** 8016413-4  
**Dhaka Monorog Clinic** 9005050  
**Gulshan Mother & Child Clinic** 8822738, 8812992  
**Ibn Sina Clinic** 8119513  
**Jahanara Clinic (Pvt) Ltd** 8912929  
**Judi Maternity** 9113322  
**Paltan Poly Clinic** 9557385  
**Retina Eye Center (Clinic)** 9884588, 9884566  
**Shishu Bekash Clinic** 9351625

**The Eye Clinic** 9333238

#### Blood Bank

**Red Crescent Centre-** 9116563  
**Sandhani (DMCH)-** 8624040  
**Sandhani (SMCH)-** 7310061, 7310061, 7319022  
**Dhaka Medical Collage Hospital-** 8626812-9

#### Eye Bank

**Sandhani International Eye Bank-** 8614040

#### Ambulances For

**Dead Body**  
**Anzuman Mafidul Islam (Kakrail)** 9336611, Gandaria 7319808, 7318166,  
**Al-Markajul Islam** 9127867,

### MARKET CLOSED

Gulshan 1, 2 markets-Friday  
 Elephant Road-Friday  
 Bishal Center-Friday  
 Baitual Mukarram Market-Friday  
 Polwell Market-Friday  
 BCS Computer City-Friday  
 Isha Khan Shopping Complex-Friday.  
 Rajaxmi Complex-Friday  
 Stadium Market-Friday  
 Bangabazar Market-Friday  
 National Museum-Thursday  
 Ahsan Manzil-Thursday.  
 New Market-Tuesday  
 Gausia Market-Tuesday  
 Mouchak Market-Sunday  
 Dhanmondi Hawkers Market-Tuesday  
 Dhanmondi Hawkers Market-Tuesday  
 Eastern Plaza-Sunday  
 Farmview Super Market-Sunday  
 Muktiyudha Jadughar-Sunday  
 Dhaka Zoo-Sunday  
 Shishu Jadughar-Sunday

### TAXI CAB

#### Passenger's Complaint

01711-000990, 01711-000991, 01711-000992, DMP-999, 2627.  
**Cab Salida Ltd.** 9344477, 01711-620888, 01711-610405  
**Cosmo Cab Ltd.** 9112959, 8127191,  
**Nitol Cab Co. Ltd.** 8125285, 01711-621953  
**JBS Cab Ltd.** 0191-364575  
**Coal Cab Ltd** 8130485, 01711-826731  
**Limujin Cab Ltd.** 9318351, 9337204  
**Multi-Cab Ltd.** 9666502, 9570740  
**Nihon Taxi Cab Ltd.** 8624742,  
 8624741  
**Orion Taxi Cab Ltd.** 934727, 9347277, 01711-155144  
**Reliance Cab Ltd.** 9339563-4  
**RMS Cab Ltd.** 8118536  
**Shatarupa Taxi Cab Ltd.** 731083, 01711-458740  
**Tinni Cab Ltd.** 9662009, 01711-645257  
**Telex Cab Ltd.** 7202201  
**Aliif Cab Co. Ltd.** 0191-357838, 83116948  
**Cab One Ltd.** 9563054 Ext.-3077, 3178  
**United Cab Ltd.** 7510166, 01711-

#### TRAIN TIMING

**Subarna Express**  
**Mahanagar Prabhati**  
**Mahanagar Godhuli**  
**Turna**  
**Parabat Express**  
**Joyantika Express**  
**Upaban Express**  
**Tista Express**  
**Ekata Express**  
**Upakul Express**  
**Agnibeena Express**

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 Leaves Dhaka at 7:30 am  
 Leaves Dhaka at 3:15 pm  
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 Leaves Dhaka at 9:45 pm  
 Leaves Dhaka at 7:00 am  
 Leaves Dhaka at 5:00 pm  
 Leaves Dhaka at 8:00 pm  
 Leaves Dhaka at 9:20 pm

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**Ulka Express Ltd.** 9359885, 01711-313554  
**Cab Bangla Ltd.** 9563077 Ext.-3054, 3178, 01711-622644  
**Cab i Ltd.** 9563054, 9563077, 01711-629585  
**Cab line Ltd.** 8321162  
**Capital Cab Co. Ltd.** 9352847-9  
**Classic Cab Ltd.** 200825, 01711-233851, 01711-812415  
**Comport Cab Ltd.** 8817610-4  
**Cab Express Ltd.** 9341369, 9339337, 9348401 Ext.-111

Reaches Chittagong at 10:35 pm  
 Reaches Chittagong at 1:55 pm  
 Reaches Chittagong at 10:55 pm  
 Reaches Sylhet at 6:40 am  
 Reaches Sylhet at 2:30 pm  
 Reaches Sylhet at 9:20 am  
 Reaches Sylhet at 6:40 am  
 Reaches Bahadurabad at 1:05 pm  
 Reaches Bahadurabad at 11:15  
 Reaches Noakhali at 5:00 am  
 Reaches Jagannath at 2:30 pm

### LIBRARY & INFO

#### Libraries, Cultural and Information Centers

**Central Public Library-** 8626001-4,  
**Shishu Academy-** 9564128  
**Shilpakala Academy-** 8614673  
**Bangla Academy-** 8619550  
**Islamic Foundation-** 9550280, 9556407  
**Nazrul Institute-** 9114602  
**Ford Foundation-** 8116133  
**Alliance Francaise-** 8611557  
**Information Resource Center, The American Center-** 8813440-4, 9886395-9  
**British Council-** 8618867-8, 8618905-7  
**Community Development Library-** 8113769, 8113604  
**Goethe Institute Int'l-Dhaka-** 9126525-6  
**Indian Information Centre & Cultural Library-** 8850141-2  
**The Russian Cultural Centre-** 9116314, 9118531, 9118314  
**Drik Photo Gallery-** 9120125, 8112954, 8123412  
**Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB)** 9330081-4