

Special traffic management in city during Ramadan, Puja

Iftar sellers won't be allowed on footpaths

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The government will not allow iftar sellers to set up any structures on the roads and footpaths in the city during the Ramadan to ease traffic congestion.

The iftar sellers will have to display their items inside their shops during the whole month to keep the space in front of the hotels and restaurants for smooth vehicular movement.

This was decided at a meeting of the home ministry on traffic management during the Ramadan and Durga Puja in the city yesterday with State Minister Lutfozzaman Babar in the chair.

The meeting asked the communications ministry, Dhaka City Corporation and other departments concerned to stop road digging during the Ramadan and repair the rundown roads, especially the lanes and bi-lanes used by rickshaws.

Babar ordered senior officials of the traffic department of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) to remain on the street during the day to ensure smooth traffic movement and do their official work during the night, if necessary.

"Dhaka is a metropolis of about 1.5 crore people but we have only six percent spaces for roads for such a huge population. Besides, twenty trains pass through the city halting traffic for about four hours

everyday," Babar told reporters emerging out of the meeting on traffic congestion.

To ensure smooth vehicular movement, a traffic month begins from September 20 and will continue till the Eid-ul-Fitr.

Traffic police will be given 200 new motorbikes while members of the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) will get 50 motorbikes soon for patrolling in the city, said meeting

DCC to rebuild Golap Shah Mosque

Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) is going to rebuild the Golap Shah mosque at Gulistan, says a press release of DCC.

The press release yesterday said that the authorities would spend Tk three crore to make the four storied mosque complex at the adjoining area of Osmani Udyan.

Sadeque Hossain Khoka, the mayor of the city corporation yesterday laid the foundation stone of the complex. Mosaddeque Hossain MP was also present at the occasion. Nearly 1600 devotees would be able to say their prayers once the mosque complex is finished.

Technical college teachers observe hunger strike

Bangladesh Technical College Teachers' Association (BTCTA) observed a hunger strike at Muktagang in the city yesterday to press their 12-point demand and the eight-point demand of National Front of Teachers and Employees (NFTE), says a press release.

Their demands include a separate pay scale, greater allocation for technical education and eliminating discrimination between general education and technical education in the country.

Different professional groups expressed solidarity with the programme.

They ended their hunger strike with juice offered by NFTE President Principal Kazi Faruk Ahmed and Member Secretary of Peshajeebi Samannaya Parishad Dr Kamrul Hasan Khan.

