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MRT won't bring much respite

Urban transport expert says

The much-hyped Mass Rapid Transport will hardly ease traffic congestion in the capital because by 2035, when all metro rails will be operational, only one-tenth of the commuters will be using the trains, an expert said yesterday.

When the population increases and more vehicles hit the streets, the congestion will worsen, said Tanwir Nawaz, member of advisory committee of the government's Strategic Transport Plan.

Addressing a seminar on The Future Planning of Urban Transportation in Dhaka at Krishibid Institution Bangladesh, he said the city size had multiplied 20 times since 1971.

But the number of commuters has grown from less than a million to over 28 million, he told the event organised by Mukto Akash, a magazine.

Quoting the government's strategic transport plans, he said the population of Dhaka would be around 38 million by 2035 and there would be a daily demand for 61 million to 65 million trips.

That means almost 35 million people would need to commute by motorised transports, he said, adding that the metros would be able to provide mass rapid transport to less than 8 percent of the commuters.

Tanwir, chairman of Urban Habitat consultants, said the number of cars, motorcycles and other vehicles would grow faster than the number of public transports vehicles. Buses are expected to carry 45 percent or more of the commuters, he added.

One of the major causes for traffic congestion was the inadequate allocation of space for roads, he said.

Less than 4 percent of the urban land area would be



Due to littering and lack of maintenance, layers of muck accumulate in the lake surrounding the Swadhinata Stambha at Suhrawardy Udyan, making it look like a landfill. Inset, paper cups and plastic waste thrown in the lake. The photos were taken yesterday.



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CORONAVIRUS FEARS

Avoid non-essential foreign trips

IEDCR asks citizens

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR) yesterday advised people to avoid foreign tours which are not mandatory to stay safe from the novel coronavirus infection.

The government body gave the advice after the World Health Organization (WHO) chief expressed concern over the increase in coronavirus cases in many countries with no clear epidemiological link.

Including Lebanon and Israel as of yesterday, the number of COVID-19 affected countries has risen to 28 and the WHO has kept the global alert level at

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Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 5-20	12-45	4-30	6-03	7-30
JAMAAT 5-55	1-15	4-45	6-07	8-00

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Take steps against DC of C'nawabganj

HC asks govt for allowing picnic spot on the Mahanada

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday declared illegal a government decision to build a tourist and picnic spot on 61 acres of the Mahananda river in Chapainawabganj.

While delivering a verdict on a writ petition, the court also asked the public administration secretary to take necessary steps against Chapainawabganj Deputy Commissioner AZM Nurul Haque for allowing the project on the river.

The HC, however, said the tourism corporation can establish the tourist and picnic spot by acquiring khas (government) land near the Mahananda, Manzill Murshid, the lawyer for the Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh (HRPB), told The Daily Star.

He said DC AZM Nurul Haque allowed Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation to carry out the project on the Mahananda in 2014, violating the Water Body Protection Act 2000.

DC Nurul earlier submitted an affidavit to the HC saying that he gave the permission as Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina announced that a tourist spot

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FIRST YEAR OF BANGLADESH BANGABANDHU'S NATION-BUILDING CHALLENGES

Tribunals to try war criminals



Bangabandhu is seen with members of Kanchi Mela who called on him to give items on Liberation War crafted by them for presentation to the Soviet children during the prime minister's visit to USSR.

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MUKTI FOUZ ORGANISATIONS ABOLISHED

The government has decided that organisations and functionaries such as zonal council, zonal administration, civil liaison officer, Mukti Fauz, etc. that were constituted during and soon after the war of liberation should cease to function with immediate effect. They are prohibited from acquiring, taking over or holding any property in any manner whatsoever and from issuing any order in the name of their abolished offices. Henceforth the functions of these organisations will belong to the civil administration.



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'Fragile' global recovery at risk

IMF to G20 on coronavirus impact

AFP, Riyadh

The deadly coronavirus epidemic could put an already fragile global economic recovery at risk, the IMF warned yesterday, as G20 financial chiefs voiced "real concern" over its economic ripple effects.

Global growth was poised for a modest rebound to 3.3 percent this year, up from 2.9 percent last year, International Monetary Fund chief Kristalina Georgieva said after a two-day meeting of G20 finance ministers and

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