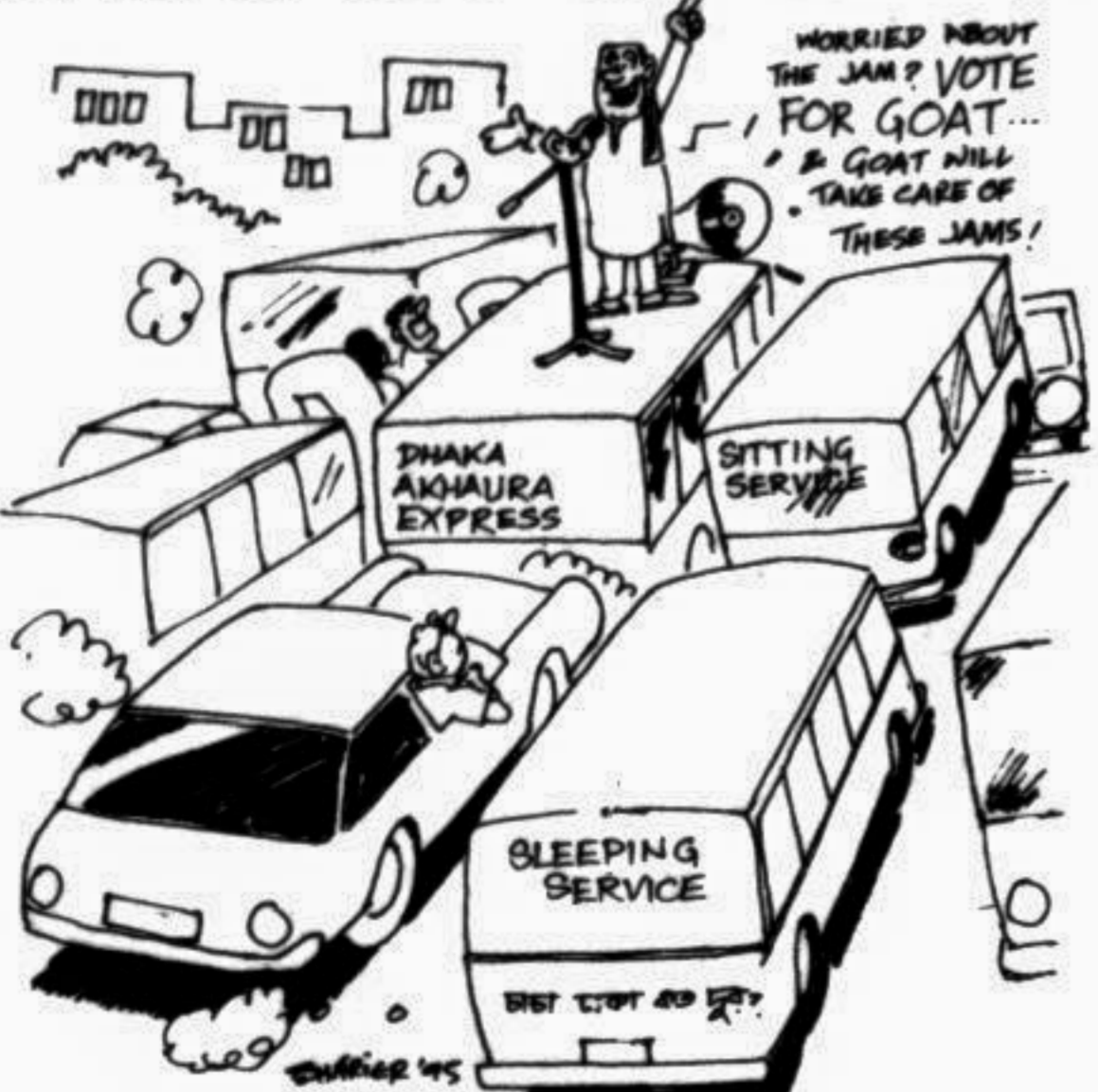


Dhaka Day by Day

Trauma of Traffic Jam

By Farhana Yusuf

Recently traffic jams have become one of the most important problems of our country. It is the centre of many discussions, much debate and a lot of speculations. The problem itself is so disturbing that most people sometimes have to think twice before going somewhere for fear that they have to spend most of their time on the road. Let's imagine a scenario. For what? After some time, my car suddenly halts and I look up to find the front of the road, both sides packed heavily with all kinds of transports. Another traffic jam! Funny, only one traffic constable is trying to control the whole mess — postling pushing and shoving hopelessly between the vehicles to try and sort something out. Fruitless effort. Meantime, I'm sitting inside the car fuming partly with anger and exasperation and partly from the heat. The frequent honking of cars, the occasional "butt" "butt" of scooters and tempos and the constant "cring" "cring" of rickshaws do very little to soothe and calm my already overwrought nerves. Minutes go by and the car moves little by little as if it has been sleeping and then something kicks it at the back to remind that it has an errand to complete. My mood has already changed drastically more so with the realization that I shall be arriving at my destination looking like a haggard and harassed human being. I look out of the window casually — interesting things entertain my vision and engage my attention for some time. On my right side I see a woman in a scooter sewing — she is so bent in her work she almost seemed oblivious to the chaos around her. On my left side I see a college-going boy reading a book! I didn't know if I was dreaming or not, it all just seemed so out of



place. Curious, I rolled down the window and told the boy whether he could concentrate and told him also that this was hardly the ideal place to read. He looked up from his book and answered with a great deal of patience that he hardly gets time to read at home. I raised one eyebrow skywards at him and muttered an "I see." I figured the woman who was sewing probably had the same reason — too busy at home to sew. Reckoned it's not such a bad idea after all. Since you're stuck in this jam for God knows how long, you might as well make use of that time and do something. A little further a woman in a car was opening a packet and handing his little boy a burger to eat. I realize suddenly that due to traffic jams every day on my way home in the afternoon, I miss my lunch most days. What I'll do from now is buy something to eat and finish my lunch in the car where I'm always stuck for half an hour. It seemed a very good solution and I suddenly felt less tired and more pleased with myself. I reached forward and switched on the stereo. The boy in the rickshaw looked up and this time he raised an eyebrow, at me. I smiled.

Hang on now, just because you find something to do during traffic jams doesn't mean that traffic jams have scored a mark of approval. Some solution must be found to this problem as quickly as possible. Work or no work, it does take up a lot of your time and energy and it is a major problem in our country right now.

Phew! After about twenty-five minutes or so, the jam finally clears and vehicles start to move again. As I pass, I see the one traffic constable who was trying to control everything, poor thing, wiping his brow and heaving a big sigh of relief.



Participants at a quiz competition organised by the Science and Debating Club of Udayan Bidyalaya at the ICMA auditorium in the city yesterday. — Star photo

KMP introduces Speed Enforcement unit

KHULNA, July 30: The Khulna Metropolitan Police today introduced a Speed Enforcement unit for improving the law and order situation and ensuring safety and security of people, reports UNB.

The new unit of KMP, named "Sada Jagrato" (Ever Vigilant), began its activities this evening.

Initially, the KMP authorities have formed a 12-member Speed Enforcement Unit which will work in two shifts — each shift will be manned by three teams and each team have two police Sub-Inspector/Sergeant.

The motor-bike riding speed enforcement police will wear bullet-proof jacket and carry revolver, wireless set and siren.

One team will cover Khanjahan Ali and Daulatpur thanas, another Sonadanga and Khalishpur thanas and the other Kotwali thana.

Metropolitan Police Commissioner Ashraf Huda, while briefing newsmen about the new unit, said KMP is committed to curb terrorism and other criminal activities in the city at any cost and sought cooperation from people in this regard.

The Commissioner said that five people were killed, two dacoities committed, 13 incidents of rioting took place and some 175 other criminal activities occurred in the city in three months since April. A total of 311 cases were filed during the period, he said.

SAARC ministers meet PM

The SAARC ministers and delegation chiefs, attending a two-day meeting on women, had a word of praise for the Prime Minister's special efforts towards uplift of Bangladesh's womenfolk, reports UNB.

Their appreciation came when they made a courtesy call on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her office yesterday afternoon.

They informed the Prime Minister that they gleaned this good impression while visiting some of the woman-empowerment projects in and around the capital yesterday.

The SAARC ministers and officials observed that Bangladeshi women were on the move forward to establish their rights under the dynamic leadership of Begum Zia.

During the meeting, they discussed with the Prime Minister matters relating to women empowerment in the SAARC region and appraised her about their respective country's steps taken in this regard.

State Minister for Women and Children Affairs Begum Sarwar Rahman, Indian State

Library Assoc seminar Aug 3

By Staff Correspondent

A day-long national seminar on "Role of Libraries in the Attainment of Higher Education and Research" will be held at the Zainul Abedin Auditorium of Bangladesh Agricultural University, Mymensingh, on August 3.

The Vice-Chancellor of BAU will be the chief guest while Deputy Commissioner of Mymensingh will be present as special guest.

The Library Association of Bangladesh has arranged the seminar.

The members of the associations who are interested to join the seminar from the city have been requested to be present at the premises of Public Library at Shahbagh of the day by 6 am.

JU students submit memo

By JU Correspondent

The students of Fazilatunnessa Hall, Jahangir Nagar University, have submitted a memorandum containing a 5-point charter of demand to the Vice Chancellor yesterday.

Their demands include removal of hall provost, repeal of the sunset rules and solution of the various existing problems.

JU Vice Chancellor, Prof. Anuril Islam received the memorandum at his office at 11 am.

In a press statement, the leaders of Gonotantric Chhatra Oykka (GCO) has supported their demands.

Weather

More rainfall likely

Heavy rainfall is likely at places over Chittagong, Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions during the next 12 hours, reports UNB.

The Met Office says moderate to moderately heavy rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty of squally wind may occur at most places over Chittagong division and at many places over Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions.

Light to moderate rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over Khulna and Barisal divisions.

The day temperature may remain nearly unchanged during the period over the country.

In its outlook for tomorrow Met Office predicted little change. Giving extended outlook for another four days weathermen forecast that rainfall is likely to increase.

The country's highest temperature 34.0 degrees Celsius was recorded at Satkhira and the lowest 24.0 degrees at Rangamati.

The sun sets today at 6:43 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:27 am.

The maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday are:

City/Town	Temperature in degrees Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	33.0	29.5	86	91
Chittagong	27.8	25.0	97	87
Rajshahi	33.2	27.0	91	78
Khulna	33.8	27.4	86	97
Barisal	32.5	26.4	89	92
Sylhet	—	25.2	96	—
Cox's Bazar	26.5	26.0	92	93

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Bharat Mohan Adhikari, Nepalese Minister for Finance and Supply, exchanging views with Redwan Ahmed MP, President and other office bearers of the BGMEA. They discussed various aspects of bilateral economic cooperation yesterday.

Poll monitoring body launched

The National Election Observation Council (NEOC), a voluntary citizens group, was floated yesterday with a view to monitoring general elections, reports UNB.

NEOC, a self-financed group, will monitor a number of election centres, as many as possible for it, to help ensure free and fair elections in the country. Dr Nazmul Ahsan Kalimullah said launching the organisation at a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club.

He said without the help of Election Commission poll watch would not be possible, so they would perform the job after getting permission from the EC.

Dr Kalimullah said they would talk to the politicians, because an observation team should have the acceptability and credibility to the political parties. The NEOC will maintain its neutrality at any cost, he added.

He called upon neutral and nonpartisan personages to come forward and join them in monitoring election.

The news conference was attended by Rafiqullah Khan, Mokhtar Ahmed, Advocate Itrat Amin, Shaheen Sultana, Ahmedullah and Golam Monwar Kamal.

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a. Trade Licence b. Bank Solvency Certificate c. Income Tax Certificate (current year) d. Original/Photocopies of Bangladeshi Nationality Certificate e. Statement of Bank transaction for last six months f. Affidavit from a Class I Magistrate regarding partnership of the business (if any) g. 03 (three) copies of attested photograph (passport size).

2. College Authority reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason and is not obliged to accept the lowest tender.

Group No.	Name of items/supply	Earnest money (Taka)	Estimated cost (Taka)	Cost of tender form (Taka)	Place of collecting/purchasing & dropping the tender form/schedule	Date & time of dropping the tender
a	b	c	d	e	f	g
1	Supply of (Cadet/ Employees) clothings	18000/-	600000/-	500/-	1. Office of the Principal at College Campus 2. Station Headquarters, Rajshahi Cantt.	07 August 1995 at 1200 hrs.
3	Supply of Blazer, Wob-belt Epaulette, Beret Cap, Pullover etc.	2700/-	90000/-	400/-	db	db
5	Supply of Leather shoes	2400/-	80000/-	400/-	db	db
10	Supply of Sports Articles	6000/-	200000/-	400/-	db	db
13	Supply of fire wood	2500/-	50000/-	400/-	db	db
15	Supply of Science Equipments/Chemicals	2400/-	80000/-	400/-	db	db
17	Plumbing Hardware Equipments	10500/-	350000/-	400/-	db	db
19	Supply/Repair/Polishing of Furniture & Supply of finished timber/plank	16500/-	550000/-	500/-	db	db
30	Supply of fodder for Dairy Farm	2400/-	80000/-	400/-	db	db
31	Supply of light mattress	3000/-	100000/-	400/-	db	db

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