



**Old habits die hard**  
Turning the Mirpur Road leading from Elephant Road towards New Market into a one way road has eased the traffic jam to a certain extent. But rise in illegal parking on the road in front of New Market takes up almost half the road, leading again to traffic congestion in the area. Many a times, it's the lack of civic sense that complicates things in our lives, it seems. — Star photo

**DMCH nurses call off strike**

Student nurses of Dhaka Medical College and Hospital (DMCH) yesterday decided to withdraw their strike after a meeting with Health Minister Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim at his office, an official Khairuddin said, reports BSS.

The decision was taken at the meeting held between the health minister and a 10-member delegation of Bangladesh Diploma Students Nurse Union (BDSNU).

The student nurses had gone on strike following an unpleasant incident in their dormitory recently.

Selim assured them of steps to meet all their rational demands. Led by General Secretary of Assistant Nurses Association Mohammad Anisur Rahman, the team also included President of BDSNU Shahnaz Parvin and General Secretary Haroon-Ul Rashid Dillu.

**Saudi envoy calls on Mannan**

The newly appointed Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to Bangladesh Abdullah Mohammad Al-Obaid Al-Namnia yesterday called on Labour and Employment Minister Abdul Mannan at the latter's office, reports BSS.

The envoy spent quite some time with the minister and discussed issues matters bilateral interest, an official release said here.

Labour and Employment secretary Mohammad Strajil Islam was present.



National Awami Party (NAP) took to the streets yesterday protesting the indiscriminate bus fare hike in the country. — Star photo

**Govt to continue struggle for establishing peace: PM**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina visited the defence headquarters of the United States, Pentagon, on Tuesday and expressed her determination to continue struggle for establishing peace, according to a message received in Dhaka from Washington yesterday, reports BSS.

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ladeshi defence force are working in such operations in eight countries of the world.

Also on Tuesday, Sheikh Hasina placed wreaths at the tombs of the US national heroes at the National Cemetery.

Amidst an impressive honour guard presented by the US Army, the Prime Minister laid the wreaths at the Arlington National Cemetery in the morning.

Over 245,000 servicemen and their family members rest on the 612 acres of Virginia land across the Potomac River from the Lincoln Memorial.

On arrival at the cemetery tomb site, the Prime Minister was received by US chief of protocol Mary Mc French and Maj Gen James T Jackson. A 19-gun salute was heralded on arrival of the Bangladesh leader.

BSS adds: The Prime Minister also attended a luncheon hosted in her honour by the acting secretary of state Strobe Talbot at the State Department. The Secretary of State Madeleine Albright was out of the capital to attend the peace summit in Egypt.

**শাখা স্থানান্তর**

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**Tk 47 lakh German aid for flood victims**  
The Disaster Response Team of Federal Foreign Office in Germany has granted an amount of Tk 47 lakh for providing relief materials to the flood victims, reports UNB.

The relief operation will be carried out by local NGO Adventist Development and Relief Agency Bangladesh (ADRA) in Jessore and Satkhira districts.

ADRA will distribute rice, lentils, flattened rice, molasses, salt and medicine among 8,000 distressed families who have not yet received any assistance from any other NGOs.

The relief operation will continue for two months, said a German Embassy press release.

**Seminar on French Architecture Saturday**  
A seminar titled 'French Architecture - Since 1950' will be held at La Galerie de l'Alliance Francaise de Dhaka on Saturday, reports UNB.

Organised by Centre for Scientific and Technological Information (CESTI) of the Alliance Francaise in collaboration with Institute of Architecture, Bangladesh (IAB), the seminar will begin at 6pm.

Shaheda Rahman, Associate Professor of Architecture Department of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), will deliver the key-note speech in the seminar.

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