

Dilemma over action Against trade unions

Illegal toll collection in transport sector

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Director of Labour Dr Ruhul Qudus has said they are thinking of a 'strategy of action against trade unions' involved in illegal toll collection in transport sector while some other officials in the directorate are skeptical about any 'effective step' by them.

A police official at Cantonment thana, seeking anonymity, admitted toll collection by trade unions from vehicles plying in Dhaka-Gazipur route, saying 'it is nothing new because police also do the same.'

Asked about this, state minister for expatriate welfare and overseas employment Quamrul Islam, who is MP of Uttara and Gulshan area, said he had repeatedly asked police to nab the extortions, but it was yet to be done.

This correspondent yesterday saw toll collection by trade unions from vehicles at a number of points in the route -- Motijheel, Farmgate, Mohakali, New Airport, Tongi Bazar, Tongi Station road, Board Bazar and Joydevpur.

Three unions out of the seven responded to the notices and categorically denied the allegations. They, however, claimed that they collect toll only from their members and not from any vehicle.

When asked what action the directorate would take against the trade unions served with show notices, the deputy director of labour in charge of Dhaka division, said although they know that those unions were involved in toll collection, they do not have the authority to cancel their registration.

"What we can do is to file a case with the labour court for cancellation of registration on charge of illegal toll collection," he said, adding that the process is very lengthy.

Khaleda greets Syrian PM

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia has congratulated Syrian Prime Minister Dr Mohammad Mostafa Miro on the occasion of the National Day of Syria.

In a message of felicitations the Prime Minister conveyed her warmest greetings to her Syrian counterpart and the people of Syria on the auspicious occasion.

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Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for interview and no other correspondence will be entered into.



Haphazard parking of vehicles on both sides of the road adds to the traffic congestion in city. This picture was taken from busy Dikusha area of the city yesterday.

Govt firm to protect environment Minister tells Country Dialogue Workshop in city

UNB, Dhaka

National Institute of Mass Communications (NIMC) yesterday awarded 'Screen Play and Direction' diploma to 18 people at a simple ceremony here.

Managing Director of Film Development Corporation (FDC) Wasimul Bari Rajib formally gave away the certificates to the participants.

The function was addressed by

Director General of NIMC Syed Shujauddin Ahmed, course director Bhaswar Banerjee, NIMC Director Shaikh Saleque, course resource persons Shibli Sadik and Mohiuddin Faruq.

NIMC conducted the ten-week

course under its extension project.

Paying tributes to the pioneers

and legendary personalities of

the country's film industry Rajib said congenial atmosphere in the film

industry would be restored to

attract educated young boys and

girls.

The concluding ceremony was

followed by screening of short

films, which were produced as

part of course curriculum.

He said the government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Khaleda Zia, is fully committed towards environment conservation. The people have already observed some of the successes of the government such as ban on polybags and air pollution control in Dhaka city, he added.

The State Minister was inducting a 3-day Country Dialogue Workshop (CDW), organised jointly by the Ministry of Environment and Forest, Global Environment Facility (GEF) and United Nations Development Programme

(UNDP) at Sonargaon Hotel in the morning.

Addressing the function, Jafirul Islam Chowdhury said yesterday that the government has taken up massive programmes for arsenic mitigation and protection of rivers and water bodies from illegal occupation.

Environment and Forest secretary Sabiuddin Ahmed chaired the function while UNDP Resident Representative Jorgen Lissner, CDW Programme Coordinator Stephen Gold, Ton Boon von Ossesse from GEF Secretariat and joint secretary Harun-Or-Rashid of MOEF also spoke on the occasion.

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Bangladesh's green agenda.

To press ahead with all the programmes for conservation and sustainable development, he said, Bangladesh needs support from the world community, particularly international agencies like GEF.

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UK exhibition
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A five-day "Innovation UK Exhibition" will begin at British Council auditorium on Saturday to display some of the ways to turn ideas into reality in the UK.

Vice Chancellor of BRAC University Prof Jamilur Reza Chowdhury will inaugurate the exhibition at 10.30 am.

British Council has organised the show with the objective to create a network between young scientists of Bangladesh and the United Kingdom.

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