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Rickshawpullers wait in line for passengers under the overbridge near Baitul Mukkaram Mosque in the city, creating traffic jam. A gang of extortionists arranged the parking of 3-wheelers in exchange for money.

Withdraw 2-stroke vehicles, save people from air pollution

BSS, Dhaka

Communications Minister Nazmul Huda yesterday called on the owners and drivers of vehicles with two-stroke engines to withdraw their transport from the city roads spontaneously to save people from air pollution.

"Don't renege on your promise to withdraw such vehicles from the city as the poisonous black smoke emitted by those is not only harmful to people in the street but also you and your children," he said.

Huda was addressing a rally at the historic Paltan Maidan in support of the government decision to ban vehicles with two-stroke engines in the city from September 1.

Chaired by Environment and Forest Minister Shahjahan Siraj, the rally was also addressed by State Minister for Communi-

cations Salahuddin Ahmed, State Minister for Environment Zafrul Islam Chowdhury and State Minister for Home Lutuzzaman Babar.

Huda said the government would not hesitate to implement any hard decision in the interest of the nation.

The government is committed to turning Dhaka city into one of the most clean cities in the world, Huda said.

Shahjahan Siraj said the black smoke spewed by two-stroke engines virtually transformed the city into a gas chamber that takes deadly tolls on people, especially children.

Cancer asthma and lung diseases claim lives of thousands of people in the city a year, he said.

The environment minister said the government was going to make catalytic converter and die-

sel particulate filters mandatory for vehicles to cut the level of poisonous gas in the air and make fertiliser from the waste to save the city from environmental degradation.

He said the ban on polythene shopping bags and movement of time-expired vehicles on city roads already started bearing fruits.

He urged the people to be wary

of environmental hazards and extend cooperation to the government for the implementation of such programmes.

"Your cooperation is a must as the programmes can not be made successful with laws only," he said.

The state ministers sought people's cooperation to protect the environment.

Environment experts say black

smoke emitted by two-stroke engines was responsible for 80 per cent of the city's air pollution.

The engines are mostly used by autorickshaws and tempos.

The rally was attended by thousands of school and college students, NGO activists and leaders and activists of the four-party alliance.

The rally was followed by a huge procession.

Project to map solar, wind energy resources

UNB, Dhaka

A pioneering project to map the solar and wind energy resources of 13 developing countries, including Bangladesh, using Satellite Technology and Ground Base Data has recently been launched by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

In Bangladesh, the Renewable Energy Research Centre of Dhaka University has taken up a 30-month sub-project (May 2002-October 2004) with the support of the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

Experts are convinced that the project, called the Solar and Wind Energy Resource Assessment (SWERA), may prove that the potential for deploying solar panels and wind turbines in these developing countries is far greater than is currently supposed.

Stop harassment by police, demand truck owners

UNB, Dhaka

The Bangladesh Truck and Tank-lorry Owners-Workers Unity Council yesterday demanded of the government to take effective steps to stop harassment by BRIA and police.

They also protested the government move to privatise the petroleum sector, saying that the entire transport sector would be affected if private enterprises control the fuel market.

The council at a meeting yesterday urged the government to reinstate the previous toll rates for all bridges and ferry services including Meghna and Meghna-Gumti bridge.

Chaired by Safar Ali Bhuiyan, the meeting was also addressed by Rustam Ali, Mohammad Ismail, Habibur Rahman, Jalal-Uz-Zaman, Iliasur Rahman, Fazlul Huq and Ahatar Hossain.

11 arms seized

UNB, Dhaka

Police recovered 11 firearms, 40 bullets and 25 explosives during their ongoing countrywide drive in the last 24 hours ending at 6am yesterday.

They also arrested 1,416 people, including six listed criminals.

The listed criminals are Habib and Ashraf of Kushtia, Wares of Sirajganj, Mojibur Rahman Mia of Narayanganj, Swadhin of Dhaka city and Zia Nikari of Satkhira.

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National Professional Project Personal (BCC and Advocacy)
Under Service Contract
Salary: Taka 70,000 - 90,000 (negotiable)
Duration: Initially 3 months (renewable till December 2005)

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Bangladesh wishes to appoint a National Professional Project Person (NPPP) under a UNFPA funded project.

The NPPP will be required to coordinate on behalf of the UNFPA, all aspects related to planning, implementation and monitoring of all major activities of UNFPA support to BCC and Advocacy in the areas of RH and gender. In particular, s/he will closely work with her/his counterpart at the Directorate of Family Planning (DFP) and liaise closely with other ministries. A detailed TOR can be obtained on request from UNFPA office.

Qualification and Experiences:

- Masters in Social Science. Candidate with higher degree on communication/advocacy will be preferred.
- At least five years of direct experience in the mid-level position on communication/IEC/advocacy.
- Experience in project planning, management and monitoring.
- Practical work experience in GOB/UN/Multi-national agencies and conversant with GOB procedures.
- Fluency in both written and spoken English and Bengali.
- Good interpersonal, communication, analytical problem solving, team building & learning skills.
- Proven ability to work at policy and senior management level.
- Self motivated and ability to take initiative.
- Good skills related to computer literacy and financial understanding.

Interested candidates meeting the above requirements are requested to apply in writing with a CV a copy of recent photograph, providing names of two professional referees to the UNFPA Representatives, IDB Bhaban (15th Floor), Begum Rokeya Sharani, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207. This should be sent under cover marked "Application for the post of NPPP." The closing date for receipt of application within 01 September 2002.

- QUALIFIED FEMALE CANDIDATES ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY
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