

CNG-run three-wheelers
Confusion over govt
decision on metering

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government decision on metering for CNG-run three-wheelers in the city has created confusion among commuters and drivers.

Earlier, some newspapers reported that metering would be enforced from today (October 10).

But top officials of the traffic department of the Dhaka Metropolitan Police and the Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) told The Daily Star yesterday that the government did not schedule any date for implementation of the decision.

Recently, the government has decided that the fare of the CNG-run three-wheelers would be fixed on the basis of distance metered.

On October 2, the communications ministry fixed the fare at Tk 12 for the first two kilometres and Tk 5 for each next and asked the three-wheeler owners to install meters by November 1 this year.

The ministry also asked three-

wheeler drivers to post a laminated fare-chart on the body of the vehicle. But no chart was found till yesterday.

Sources in the BRTA said that there were some technical problems, which should be addressed before implementing the decision.

The government may need to review its decision to give some more time to three-wheeler importers.

The traffic department officials have said that January 1 is the convenient date for enforcement of metering, as all two-stroke three-wheelers will be staying off streets from that day.

Contacted, Amit Bhattacharya, general manager of the Uttara Motors Limited, the major importer of CNG-run three-wheelers, told The Daily Star that his company did not decide whether to import digital or mechanical meters. Each digital meter will cost Tk 4,000, he said.



A visiting team of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association met with opposition Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina at her Sangsod Bhaban office in the city yesterday.

Coalition govt fails to ensure good governance: Hasina

BSS, Gazipur

Awami League President and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina on Tuesday said the four-party alliance government in its first year had failed to ensure good governance in the country.

Addressing a memorial meeting at Dardaria Primary School

field under Kapasia thana of the district, she alleged that the failures of the present government had resulted in rise of criminal activities and violence as well as price hike of essentials leading to the misery of life of the people.

The meeting was organised by Kapasia thana unit of Awami League in memory of its former president Hazarat Ali Master.

Thana AL president Jamshed Ali Master presided over the meeting.

It was also addressed by AL presidium members Sayeda Sajeda Chowdhury, agriculture secretary Motia Chowdhury, Advocate Rahmat Ali, MP, Tanjim Ahmad Sohel, MP, Ahsan Ullah Master, MP, Mrs Hazarat Ali, Tongi Pourasbha Chairman A K M Mozammel Huq, Jubo League general secretary Advocate Kazi Iqbal, Chhatra League president Liaquat Sikder and former MP Aktaruzzaman.

Earlier, the Awami League chief addressed a public meeting at Bhawal Rajbari High School field and visited the house of slain BCL leader Jamal Fakir, where she consoled his mother and other members of the family. She also visited the house of late Hazarat Ali Master and expressed sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

Hasina, in her speech, upheld the success of the past government and said the people were not deprived of their rights and privileges by voting for Awami League. "The nation got independence by voting for Awami League in 1970 and self-sufficiency in food in 1996," she said.

Describing the last one year of this government as completely devoid of any success, she alleged irregularities in internal food procurement, drive and jet fuel imports.

BUET students renew call

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BUET Students' Unity Against Atrocities yesterday renewed its call to meet all the demands of the agitated students immediately.

At a press conference, the Unity leaders said that all of their demands were acceptable to the general students of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), but only the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal and Islami Chhatra Shibir were opposing their move.

The leaders alleged that by deploying police and BDR on the campus on September 8, the BUET authority has proved that they wanted to foil the agitation using muscle power.

The leaders also held the BUET authority responsible for the session jam as it closed the university twice in connivance with the gov-

ernment to thwart the agitation. They said the BUET vice-chancellor has lost his moral right to hold the position as he told that the police acted on his instruction on September 8.

The leaders also said that their move was aimed to restore the congenial atmosphere on the campus.

Their seven-point demand include trial of the killers of BUET student Sabegun Nahar Sony, repeal of the ordinance of 1961, naming a women's hostel after Sony, withdrawal of expulsion order on 12 students and withdrawal of police from the campus.

Unity leaders Ziaul Haq, Bijoy Shankar Talukder, Sayed Hadiuzzaman Hadi and Imran Habib were present at the press conference held at the Dhaka Reporters' Unity office.

PPD gets UN observer status

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The UN General Assembly has given the observer status to the Partners in Population and Development (PPD).

The status was given in the fifty-seventh session of the 6th committee after being supported by over 100 countries and agencies, according to a press release.

The committee will now place the recommendation at the UN general assembly plenary session for ratification.

PPD secretariat expressed profound gratitude to Dr Khandaker Mosharrar Hossain, minister for health and family welfare and partner board members.

The secretariat also wrote a letter to the Secretary General of the United Nations Kofi Annan informing him about the activities of the PPD, the press release added.

JU proctor resigns over allegation

JU CORRESPONDENT

Proctor of Jahangirnagar University (JU) Enamullah Parvez has resigned Tuesday in the wake of a teachers' agitation.

JU Vice-chancellor Prof. Jasim Uddin Ahmad accepted his resignation yesterday.

The VC appointed Prof. Mojibar Rahman, provost of Bangabandhu hall, as Proctor on a temporary basis on the same day.

In his resignation letter, Enamullah Parvez said he could not continue as he had personal business to attend to.

JUTA agitation began on September 16 regarding the 11-point demand which includes his removal.

JUTA demanded his removal alleging that Enamullah has failed his duty as a proctor and also favoured one of the two factions of the pro-BNP Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) while harassed the other faction.

JUTA began the non-cooperation movement from September 16 for the 11-point demands that include holding all the elections due including that of the VC panel, removal of the JU proctor, creating permanent posts for the teachers, appointed on temporary basis, withdrawal of police from campus and introducing a set of law against sexual harassment.

World Mental Health Day today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The World Mental Health Day 2002 will be observed in the country today as elsewhere in the world.

The day is observed to educate families and communities around the world to help those who suffer from mental illnesses.

Almost ten per cent of the world population suffer from minor mental problems like anxiety, hysteria, phobia and obsession while one per cent from serious mental disorder like depression, schizophrenia and mania, revealed a report by the World Health Organisation (WHO).

The report added that a large section of people around the world suffer from depression leading them to commit suicide. Three per cent of them are men while nine per cent are women.

This year the theme of the day is 'Effects of Trauma and Violence on Children and Adolescence'.

Prolonged and repeated traumatic experiences often result in serious mental health problem especially the children are most vulnerable to it.

Each year six lakh children in European Union become the victim of torture, said a report by the WHO.

A recent survey by the UNICEF found that in most of the Asian countries, domestic disputes take place in 29 per cent families and results in tormenting the boys in the family. Almost 60 per cent of children in whole Europe confront the violence by their family members.

However, children in urban areas are more effected by social violence than children in rural areas and girls are more exposed to it. These circumstances may

lead a child to serious mental illness.

Not only physical torture but also emotional reasons may cause different psychological problems.

Different researches have revealed that the kids staying alone at home while their parents are out at work or parents having their children living abroad suffer from 'empty nest syndrome'. In most of the cases they turn to commit suicide.

The National Institute of Mental Health and National Forum for Psychiatrists in Bangladesh will observe the day with the assistance of the WHO. They have taken different programmes from October 1 to 10 to mark the day.

President Iajuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Khaleda Zia have given separate messages on the occasion of the World Mental Health Day.

In his message, the president said any form of mental torture and violence against children should be avoided to enable them becoming good citizen.

The prime minister in her message said the children should not confront mental problem or violence since they will be the chief contributor to the development of the country in future as a good citizen.

The Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharrar Hossain and State Minister Amanullah Aman will lead a colourful rally from National Museum this morning.

It will be followed by a discussion meeting. Bangladesh Betar and Bangladesh Television will put on special programmes highlighting the significance of the day.



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