

Traffic Community Policing launched in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Traffic Community Policing has been launched on experimental basis to help reduce traffic jam at Lalmatia and nearby Mirpur road in the city, says a press release.

Lalmatia Community Traffic Police' has been formed under the patronisation of Dhaka Metro-

litan Police (Traffic North) with members of New Colony Kriarachakra and local youths.

Earlier, the volunteers of the community traffic police were imparted training by trainers of DMP and BRAC.

An opinion sharing meeting was also held with local elite Deputy Police Commissioner

(Traffic-North) Ansar Uddin Khan Pathan, 45 No Ward Commissioner Atiqul Islam Matin and Female Ward Commissioner Kazi Nasima Mannan were present on the occasion.

The trained volunteers will work along with the traffic police to control movement of vehicles and ensure parking rules and road safety in Lalmatia area.



Passengers wait helplessly in the nagging traffic congestion on Mirpur Road in the city yesterday. Long tailback of traffic from Kalabagan to New Market is now a regular feature but there are no visible measures to remove the traffic gridlock.

Release of political detainees demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka City Awami Jubo League (North) formed a human chain in the city yesterday demanding release of all political detainees including Sheikh Selim MP.

The Jubo League formed the human chain in front of Awami League Central Office at Bangabandhu Avenue at 11:00am.

Those who took part in the human chain included AL leaders Abdus Samad Azad, Abdur Razzak, Abdul Jalil, Begum Matia Chowdhury, Abul Bashar, Jahangir Kabir Nanak, Mirza Azam and Advocate SM Zahid Hossain.

Later addressing a rally, Abdus Samad Azad said AL leaders are being detained illegally although they were granted bail earlier by the High Court.

He said the government is not letting them speak inside the parliament by switching off the mike and making no response to their queries.

The government is passing anti-people and anti-constitutional bills and reinstating the politics of murder, he added.

Abdus Samad Azad demanded immediate release of all political detainees including Sheikh Selim and Talukder Abdul Khaleq.

Bangas Limited Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Twenty Second Annual General Meeting of Bangas Limited will be held on Thursday, December 12, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. at Chuadanga for the transaction of the following business :

- 1. To receive and adopt the Accounts for the year ended June 30, 2002 and the Reports of the Directors and the Auditors thereon.
2. To declare Dividend of Tk. 12.50 per share for the year ended June 30, 2002.
3. To elect Directors.
4. To appoint Auditors and to fix remuneration.

By order of the Board

November 20, 2002 Senakalyan Bhaban Dhaka.

S.M. Shahid-ul-Arafin Company Secretary

Notes :

- The Share Transfer Books of the Company shall remain closed from November 28, 2002 to December 12, 2002 (both days inclusive) and transfers received in order at the Share Department of the Company up to 4:00 p.m. of November 27, 2002 will qualify for the payment of Dividend to the members.
A member wishing to appoint a proxy, must deposit the proxy form, duly stamped, at the Company's Share Department during office hours at least 48 (forty eight) hours before the appointed time of the Meeting.
Only the members or their appointed proxies can attend the Meeting.

Experts recommend separate edn service commission

BSS, Dhaka

The country needs a separate education service commission to make more careful and discreet selection and appointment of teachers, an expert committee of the Ministry of Education recommended recently.

The experts committee said this commission could take the responsibility of selecting teachers for all the government and non-government educational institutions ranging from the primary schools to the college level.

The committee was formed with the leading academicians to recommend imperative measures for bringing about reforms in the education sector.

It observed that primary education has now become universal and free. Moreover, the government bears the major share of resources required for salaries

for non-government school, college and madrassah teachers.

Under these circumstances, it is imperative that the government rules and regulations are put in practice while appointing teachers, both for government and non-government institutions.

In doing so, the practice of appointing incompetent teachers through donations may be stopped and the merit of the teachers may become the sole criterion for their appointment and promotion.

The committee also recommended that since primary education is universal, each student has to be enrolled in one school or the other.

The talent and aptitude of individual students from the higher secondary stage should be taken into special consideration for enrolment in particular courses

and educational institutions.

The process of admission to colleges or universities should start within four to six weeks of the publication of results of the higher secondary examination.

The committee suggested that the admission test should take place centrally and simultaneously throughout the country for all the educational institutions and subjects - humanities, commerce, social science, medical science, engineering and so forth.

This test will be taken under the supervision of University Grants Commission (UGC) with the cooperation of universities, and the students will have an opportunity to be enrolled in the universities and colleges department-wise according to the merit list and their chronological choice of subjects.

Viqarunnisa Noon University 'There are allegations of irregularities'

BSS, Dhaka

Education Minister Dr. Osman Farruk yesterday said that there were allegations of irregularities in the establishment of Viqarunnisa Noon University.

Making a statement in the Jatiya Sangsad, the minister said allegations were also raised against the university in the University Grants Commission (UGC) committee report.

He informed the House that the government gave primary approval for establishing the Viqarunnisa Noon University on July 2001 and later a foundation was formed in this regard under the Chairmanship of the then Awami League MP Dr. H B M Iqbal.

Dr. Farruk said some 3.3 acres of land owned by Viqarunnisa Noon University at nominal price of Tk 16 lakh without government's approval.

It is totally illegal to transfer land in such a manner without government's approval," he said.

Apart from this, Tk five crore was transferred to the university fund from the school's reserve fund without government's approval.

He said there is no existence of the foundation formed for the university as all the five members of the foundation have tendered their resignation.

The minister said the institution, which was established in such an unlawful way will cease to function normally.

Tallu Spinning Mills Limited Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Thirteenth Annual General Meeting of Tallu Spinning Mills Limited will be held on Thursday, December 12, 2002 at 3:00 p.m. at Chuadanga for the transaction of the following business :

- 1. To receive and adopt the Accounts for the year ended June 30, 2002 and the Reports of the Directors and the Auditors thereon.
2. To declare Dividend of Tk. 5.00 per share for the year ended June 30, 2002.
3. To elect Directors.
4. To appoint Auditors and to fix remuneration.

By order of the Board

November 20, 2002 Senakalyan Bhaban Dhaka.

S.M. Shahid-ul-Arafin Company Secretary

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42 tremors shake country this year

BSS, Dhaka

The country has been rocked 42 times by a series of mild tremors so far this year, posing a threat of damaging quake as the Himalayan plate has become active, experts have warned.

An expert told BSS that in the backdrop of 38 tremors in 2001, the increased frequency of tremors have been recorded so far by the lone observatory in Chittagong.

The tremors have been mostly felt in southeastern Chittagong region. It was also felt in Sunamganj in the northeast.

In Dhaka a tremor was recorded on January 24 this year. So far the quakes have been of mild intensity causing no major damage or casualties.

But geologists fear that if such small tremors continue, it indicates that the movement of the Himalayan plate which stretches in the Sub-continent has become very active. But the country is failing to properly monitor the tremors in the absence of at least four seismic observatories.

The lone observatory at Chittagong cannot pinpoint the epicenter and proper distance of the source of the earthquake, meteorological department sources said.

To have proper observatories there had been efforts to set up the stations. But shortage of funds have deterred procurement of seismic monitoring equipment.

The external economic relations department had been recently asked to look for a foreign donor to procure the equipment. But its efforts have so far yielded no results, it is learnt.

Meanwhile, a large portion of the country remains vulnerable to earth quakes. Dhaka, Rangpur, Sylhet and Chittagong, where the observatories are being built sits atop faultlines. Dhaka with a dense unplanned growth is the most fragile among all the places, warned the geologists.

Until the country develops a proper monitoring system it would remain difficult to monitor the frequent quakes occurring at regular intervals stressing the need for proper monitoring stations.

3rd World Water Forum Preparatory meet begins tomorrow

BSS, Dhaka

The three-day preparatory meeting for the forthcoming ministerial-level third world water forum begins in the Japanese city of Kyoto tomorrow to chart the future course of policies and actions on water sector across the globe.

Former Japanese Prime Minister Reitaro Hashimoto is expected to open the three-day meeting of the advisory committee and convenors.

Hashimoto has called upon global leaders to take urgent steps for mitigating climatic disruptions, frequent flooding, river erosions and managing water resources for the welfare of the mankind.

Secretary General of the 'Third World Water Forum' Hideaki Oda said that preparatory meeting would take stock and consolidate efforts in structuring and finalising the programme of the forthcoming Third World Water Forum to be held in Kyoto, Shiga and Osaka in March.

Bangladesh Water Resources Minister I. K Siddiqui is expected to lead a high-powered delegation at the ministerial meeting.

NZ envoy presents credentials

UNB, Dhaka

The newly appointed High Commissioner of New Zealand in Bangladesh Caroline J McDonald presented her credentials to President Iajuddin Ahmed at the Bangabhaban yesterday.

Welcoming the new envoy, President Iajuddin recalled the warm and friendly relations existing between Bangladesh and New Zealand. He said both the countries could widen its bilateral relations for the benefit of their peoples.

The president particularly stressed educational cooperation at the university level, saying that it will help exchange of ideas and knowledge.

Mentioning the congenial environment for foreign direct investment in Bangladesh, he said the New Zealand government may encourage their investors and businessmen to invest in the country.

He hoped that the trade relations between the two countries would be diversified in both traditional and non-traditional items in future.

The newly appointed High Commissioner Caroline J McDonald recalled the existing friendly relations between the two countries.

She said that there are ample avenues to develop bilateral relations. She also hoped that the existing friendly relations would be further developed and diversified in future.

WANTED As per government rule applications are invited from interested candidates for the vacant post of an Assistant Teacher, expert in English for Galachipa Secondary School, Galachipa, Patuakhali. Please apply to the undersigned along with attested copies of academic certificates before 27th November, 2002. Applicants are also requested to appear before interview board on 29th November, 2002 at 9 AM at Govt Girls' High School, Patuakhali.

C-2513 Headmaster.

Mithun Knitting & Dyeing (CEPZ) Ltd. Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Eleventh Annual General Meeting of Mithun Knitting & Dyeing (CEPZ) Limited will be held on Thursday, December 12, 2002 at 12:30 a.m. at Chuadanga for the transaction of the following business :

- 1. To receive and adopt the Accounts for the year ended June 30, 2002 and the Reports of the Directors and the Auditors thereon.
2. To declare Dividend of Tk. 10.00 per share for the year ended June 30, 2002.
3. To elect Directors.
4. To appoint Auditors and to fix remuneration.

By order of the Board

November 20, 2002 Senakalyan Bhaban Dhaka.

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Programmes to celebrate Victory Day in Ctg

BSS, Chittagong

Chittagong district administration has chalked out elaborate programmes to celebrate the 31st anniversary of Victory Day on December 16 in a befitting manner and with due festivity.

A meeting to finalise the programme of the day was held at the deputy commissioner's (DC) conference room yesterday.

Officials of the district administration, also from Zila Parishad, Police, Bangladesh Railway, Education Department and representatives from various important private and public organisations attended the meeting.

A 70-member committee headed by the DC and a number of sub-committees were formed in the meeting to make the victory day programmes a success.

Meeting sources said the programmes have been finalised in line with the national programmes

to celebrate the victory day on December 16.

This year's Victory Day programmes will be held at Polo Ground maidan as Chittagong M.A Aziz stadium will be occupied for holding upcoming West Indies-Bangladesh Cricket Test at that time, sources said.

Programmes will be heralded by a 21-gunfire from atop the court hill at 12:01 am on the Victory Day.

Other programmes include illuminations of important buildings, roads and road islands, hoisting of national flag atop building, march past, screening of liberation war based films in different cinema halls for the children, reception to family members of the martyred and injured freedom fighters at circuit house, friendly football match, cultural function at Shilpakala Academy and sports competition for women at the Mahila Samity ground.

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