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According to the hawkers, the

Hawkers said the linemen collect tolls after 8:00pm. In some

M Kohinoor Miah, deputy commissioner, West of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) said the allegation is false. "If we find any allegation against policemen, we punish them after enquiry," he

"We have sent letters to the police seeking help to evict the hawkers from footpaths several times but there was no reply," he added.



Hawkers occupy the footpath along Indira Road near Teigaon College causing inconvenience to pedestrians

Although 20-year old buses are banned along city streets, they continue to ply.

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Sources in the traffic division of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) said that there were only 1261 traffic policemen and with that manpower, it was impossible to monitor and run constant checks for old and unfit buses

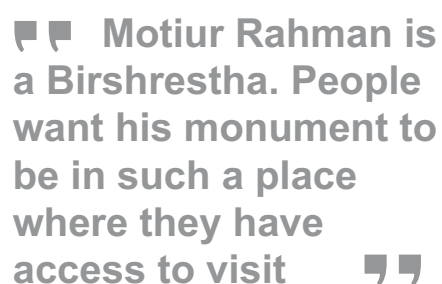
Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) in collaboration with the ministry had imposed the ban in 2002. The DMP also seized a good number of outdated vehicles during the first months of the ban. The DMP has also given clear instructions that all motorised vehicles that are less than 20 years old must take fitness and non-polluting clearance stickers from the Bangladesh Road Trans-

There are gross discrepancies between the unofficial and official lists of buses operating on the roads of Dhaka. Some 917 buses and minibuses have registered with the BRTA until December 11, 2001 but the actual number at present is believed to be 2,978 according to private surveys. Officials of the Dhaka Urban Transport Coordination Board (DTCB) and the

Meanwhile, the government is planning to impose a fresh ban that would prohibit plying of buses and minibuses that are over 10 years old. The communications minister recently revealed the plan and hoped that the Dhaka Bus-Minibus Companies Association would cooperate in implementing the design.

SABRINA KARIM MURSHED

But Mili Rahman, widow of Birshrestha Motiur Rahman, said, "I do not want this mausoleum to be erected in the cantonment area as common people will not have access to it. The monument should be built anywhere in Dhaka where commoners have



The government decided to erect monuments for the seven Birshresthas at their graves and construct school and colleges in their villages to pay homage to the country's highest gallantry awardees.

"Motiur Rahman is a Birshrestha. People want his monument to be in such a place where they have access to visit," Mili Rahman said. She said there is no need to build a grand monument. A simple grave is enough

When asked, Chief Engineer of DoA Abdul Salam said they have not yet received any instruction for the site of Motiur Rahman's memorial. "But it is for sure that it will be built in Dhaka. We will begin the construction of Motiur Rahman's memorial as soon as we get directive," he said.

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Workers are busy digging the centre of the long quiet wide stretch of road near the Faculty of Arts of Dhaka University to construct a median. No heavy vehicles are permitted to ply along this stretch. Would the median serve any purpose, wonder students of the faculty.