



Human hauliers of Mohammadpur-Gulshan route parked at Mohammadpur bus stand.

MOHAMMADPUR-GULSHAN HUMAN HAULIER SERVICE

Passengers held hostage by operators

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The Gulshan-bound commuters from city's Mohammadpur area are held hostage by the operators of human hauliers who charge high fare.

"The fare is Tk 13 for a trip to Gulshan-2, which is very high. As there is no bus service on this route, we are forced to take human hauliers. Introduction of a bus service would definitely reduce our transport expenses," a regular passenger said.

The passengers said they are helpless as the operators of the human hauliers enjoy a monopoly on this route. "There is no scope for bargaining on the fare," said Shahana Alam, who regularly travels to Gulshan from Mohammadpur.

"We have to take Vespa Super [human hauliers] as we don't have much options. If I hire a CNG autorickshaw, it will cost at least Tk 70 which I can't afford," she said.

"I have been waiting here for 30 minutes but no human haulier is seen. Now I have to hire a CNG autorickshaw which is too costly. Moreover, I will be late in the office," said Ziaur Rahman, an officer of IFIC Bank's Gulshan branch.

Scores of people wait in long queues at the Mohammadpur bus stand during office hours every morning. The Gulshan-bound commuters suffer a lot due to inadequate number of human hauliers on this route.

"I am compelled to wait for this service because there is no alternative," said Emdadul Islam who

regularly commutes to Gulshan-2. He alleged that most of the time the human haulier service does not maintain timetable.

"They are usually 15 to 20 minutes late and the ticket sellers cannot provide us with information about the timings," said Humayun Kabir, a regular commuter.

Ramzan, a ticket seller of Vespa Super, however blamed it on traffic congestion.

Leaders of Dhaka Human Haulier Owners' Cooperative Association said the service was launched in 2002 with 28 vehicles. These 13-seated vehicles are not sufficient for hundreds of Mohammadpur residents who have to go to Gulshan every day.

"After 1:00pm the number of the passengers comes down sharply

and so we have to wait for a long time to get 13 passengers. If the number of vehicles is increased, we will lose our business further," said a driver of Vespa Super.

Tarikul Islam Shimul, general secretary of Dhaka Human Haulier Owners' Cooperative Association, said there is no scope to increase the number of human hauliers because the government does not give permission for new ones.

"We are interested to introduce bus service on this route but there is limited space for parking. So we cannot start the service," he added.

It is alleged that the human haulier operators prevent others from introducing bus service on the route.

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HEALTH	MARKET CLOSED	TAXI CAB	LIBRARY & INFO-
<p>Hospitals</p> <p>Heart National Institute of Cardio Vascular Diseases (NICVD), - 9130800, 9122560-59</p> <p>Burn Dhaka Medical College Hospital Burn Unit-8626812-6</p> <p>Cancer National Cancer Institute-8014914, 8826561-65 Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University-8612550-4, 861455-9</p> <p>Diabetes Diabetic Research Hospital (BIRDEM)- 9661551-5, 8616641-50</p> <p>Mother & Child Care Shishu Hospital- 9119119, 8116061-62 Azimpur Mother & Child Health</p>	<p>Gulshan 1, 2 markets-Friday Elephant Road-Friday Bishal Center-Friday Baitual Mukarram Market-Friday Polwell Market-Friday BCS Computer City-Friday Isha Khan Shopping Complex-Friday. Rajlaxmi Complex-Friday Stadium Market-Friday Bangabazar Market-Friday National Museum-Thursday Ahsan Manzil--Thursday. New Market-Tuesday Gausia Market-Tuesday Mouchak Market-Sunday Dhanmondi Hawkers Market-Tuesday Dhanmondi Hawkers Market-Tuesday Eastern Plaza-Sunday Farmview Super Market-Sunday Muktijuddha Jadughar-Sunday Dhaka Zoo-Sunday Shishu Jadughar-Sunday</p>	<p>Yellow Cab Navana 9558065 Salida 9344477, 0171620881 Cosmo 9112959 and 8127191 Cab One 7113282-3 Nihon 8624741-2 Orion 9347277 Anudip 8125285 and 8127611 Capital 9352847</p> <p>Union 8130485 Kool 0171826731</p> <p>Black Cab Cab Ex 9358401 Cabline 8321162 JBS Cab 019364575 Sajan 018126036 Anudip -- 8125285 and 8127611</p>	<p>Libraries, Cultural and Information Centers Central Public Library- 8626001-4, Shishu Academy- 9564128 Shilpakala Academy- 8614673 Bangla Academy- 8619550 Islamic Foundation- 9550280, 9556407 Nazrul Institute- 9114602 Ford Foundation- 8116133 Alliance Francaise- 8611557 Information Resource Center, The American Center - 8813440-4, 9886395-9 British Council- 8618867-8, 8618905-7 Community Development Library- 8113769, 8113604 Goethe Institute Int'l- Dhaka- 9126525-6 Indian Information Centre & Cultural Library- 8850141-2 The Russian Cultural Centre- 9116314, 9118531, 9118314 Drik Photo Gallery- 9120125, 8112954, 8123412 Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB) 9330081-4</p>
<p>Training Institute- 8624827, 8624980</p> <p>Eye Istamia Eye Hospital-9110794, 9119315 National Eye Hospital- 8117202, 8114807</p> <p>Dental Dental College -9002035</p> <p>Orthopaedics National Orthopaedics (Pangu) Hospital- 9114075, 9112150</p> <p>General Dhaka Medical College Hospital- 8626812-6 Rushmono General Hospital- 8317819 Holy Family Hospital- 83111731-25 Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Hospital- 8612550-4, 8614545-9 Bangladesh Medical College & Hospital- 8115443, 9118202,</p>	<p>Shamarita Hospital- 9131901 Suhrawardy Hospital -- 9130800, 9122560-69 Salimullah Medical Collage Hospital -- 7310061-4, 7319002-6 Cholera Research Hospital (ICDDR) - 8811751-60 Monowra Hospital 8319802, 8318135</p> <p>Blood Bank Red Crescent Centre- 9116563 Sandhani (DMCH)- 8624040 Sandhani (SMCH)- 7310061, 7310061,7319022 Dhaka Medical Collage Hospital- 8626812-9</p> <p>Eye Bank Sandhani International Eye Bank- 8614040</p> <p>Ambulances For Dead Body Anzuman Mafidul Islam (Kakrail) 9336611, Gandaria 7319808, 7318166, Al-Markajul Islam 9127867,</p>	<p>Leaves Dhaka at 4:30 pm Leaves Dhaka at 7-30 am Leaves Dhaka at 3-15 pm Leaves Dhaka at 11-00 pm Leaves Dhaka at 6-40 am Leaves Dhaka at 9-45 pm Leaves Dhaka at 7-00 am Leaves Dhaka at 5-00 pm Leaves Dhaka at 8-00 pm Leaves Dhaka at 9-20 pm</p>	<p>Cab One 7113282-3 Palki 0171052500 Cab I 7113282 Jatri 0171540074 Nipun 9572277 R-Cab 8914782 Star Cab 9571919 Shihab 018202477 & 018228675 KGN 8620011</p> <p>Reaches Chittagong at 10:35 pm Reaches Chittagong at 1-55 pm Reaches Chittagong at 10-55 pm Reaches Chittagong at 6-40 am Reaches Sylhet at 2-30 pm Reaches Sylhet at 9-20 pm Reaches Sylhet at 6-40 am Reaches Bahadurabad at 1-05 pm Reaches Bahadurabad at 11-15 Reaches Noakhali at 5-00 am Reaches Jagannath at 2-30 pm</p>

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