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According to parents of a

No statistics is available on the number of drug addicts in the city. However, several non-government organisations (NGO) estimate that there might be

Police sources said most of these drugs reach the country through unprotected borders and all air, sea and land ports.



Common scene at numerous city points where poor addicts share a puff of heroin

In most cases, parents of the addicts suffer the most. Many

"When I found out that my son is a drug addict, we felt so help-

"But as days passed and I gained experience, I learned that the availability of these deadly drugs to the youngsters is the main cause for drug addiction," she added.

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"We are passing days in great anxiety as the transformer may collapse anytime causing accident," said Mohammad Rafiqul Haq Chowdhury, a local resident.



When contacted, Habibur Rahman, executive engineer, Tejgaon zone of Desa, said, "I have recently taken charge of this zone. I'm not aware of it."

However, Habibur assured

Star City correspondent
also contacted Mesbaur

Rahman, the former executive engineer (distribution) of Tejgaon zone who left the charge in December and is now working as assistant chief engineer in Desa. He said: "Due to lack of fund we could not relocate the transformer. In the current fiscal year we have sanctioned money for this."

RIZANUZZAMAN LASKAR

With the absence of any traffic policing, the late night traffic are left in disarray in the city's main thoroughfares with hundreds of bulky trucks and other heavy commercial transports relent-

"I face serious traffic congestion every night at Manik Mia Avenue intersection, Russell Square, Dhanmondi road 27 and on the Mirpur Road between 10:30pm and 11:00pm on my

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Basundhara Housing (Baridhara) of East West Properties Limited; Banasee, Aftab Nagar, Pallabi, Mahanagar, Mayakunja and Mayakanan projects of Eastern Housing (Islam Group) and Swarnali Abasan project of Swadesh Properties have not been approved yet but the developers are running advertisements in newspapers and televisions claiming they are approved by the government.

The preconditions include obtaining clearance from the Department of Environment, geological survey from the Department of Geology and clearance from Dhaka Transport Coordination Board and Bangladesh Water Development Board, among other agencies.

The projects may obtain approval if the developers submit their layout plan in compliance with the particular preconditions, Private Housing Projects Land Development Rules of 2004 and other related laws.

Rajuk has filed a number of cases with the police against illegal housing projects and it is the law enforcement agencies that have to take action, Harron

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Rab yesterday mounted 25 checkpoints in the city checking mainly CNG-run scooters and their occupants physically. The heavily armed men and female members of the RAB also stopped and physically searched passengers traveling on buses and black taxicabs. The picture was taken at the Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue near Karwan Bazar.