



Letters will only be considered if they carry the writer's full name, address and telephone number (if any). The identity of the writers will be protected. Letters must be limited to 300 words. All letters will be subject to editing.

Taking care of people



We the citizens expect and hope that the non-political caretaker government will take care of us, establishing norms that will be permanent.

One such area is healthcare for the poor. The Dhaka Medical College Hospital is perhaps the most corrupt institution in Bangladesh! It is not run by the administration, but by the politically controlled employees union. What happens there is dictated by them, and the authorities duly accept it and overlook it all the time! Small wonder, the poor cannot afford to go there! Admission to the hospital, ambulance services, even carrying serious and elderly patients in stretchers; all have unofficial price tags attached. The axiom of this institution, the largest hospital in Bangladesh, is "Pay or perish"! This issue has been raised in the print media many times, but unfortunately nothing has been done; and the CTG is also following the no-action programme here, the largest hospital in Bangladesh.

It is due to this ingrained corruption at DMCH that a large number of private hospitals and clinics have been commercially successful! Usually expert services in these private institutions are rendered by the employees of DMCH and other government hospitals. DMCH, a massive centre of nepotism and corruption, symbolises the state of public hospitals in the country.

The CTG must clean up the mess. The chief executives of these hospitals have no initiative in this direction. They live and work on the principle: "See no evil, Hear no evil", for this they practise-- "Take no initiative, and do no good" as that is bothersome!

When will the powers that be wake up?

S.A.Mansoor
Gulshan, Dhaka

Leaders, leave the people alone

We do not disagree with the rights of two of our former prime ministers: Sheikh Hasina has every right to return to her country and Khaleda Zia too has every right to decline to go abroad. But we do also have every right to tell them that we have heard enough, seen enough, and are sick and tired of them.

The two former heads of the government, excuse for the crude inference, have been 'beneficiaries' of two tragic incidents in our post-71 history involving their dear ones. Often they would invoke the two figures quite effectively, and the gullible mass would fall into an abyssal hollow. It is not that all they did was bad, but being identified as the mother of a son involved in extortion and siphoning off money, or in the case of the other being accused of accepting millions as bribe for awarding contracts, dwarfs whatever little image we are left with. It is now our turn to invoke those leaders and tell them straight in their faces that they are just not worthy of the names they are related to. Full stop.

They should consider retirement from professional politics devoid of national interest, answer accusations, and come out clean. Please leave us alone!

Nayeem Jaffar
New York

As a long-term resident of Dhamondi (since the 1950's), I am shocked by the recent rhetoric about Dhamondi businesses and the drastic and over-the-top solutions being proposed by Rajuk.

Rajuk has, apparently at the behest of Dhamondi, Paribesh Unnayan Joto, and perhaps other groups, issued eviction notices to so-called "illegal" commercial buildings in Dhamondi. But not only within Dhamondi, but also establishments on Satmasjid Road have been issued eviction notices.

I will proudly confess: I like the businesses. I like the fact that kids can go to school nearby, and don't have to commute to far-flung places like Uttara. I LIKE the bookstores and coffee shops and restaurants. I LIKE the shopping malls. I LIKE the fact that I have nearby hospitals of some quality where I can go in an emergency. Anyone who has ever seen an ambulance stuck in cross-town traffic will tell you the same.

These are called services and amenities, and they are as necessary to the vibrancy and livability of the houses themselves.

I saw the press conference by Jote and I asked myself: Who are they really speaking for? For Dhamondi residents? Or do they wish to go back to the 1970's, when

I came to know more about Jose when I started working for his organisation - Timor Aid, the country's largest NGO in the post-liberation period. At that time, he was, among other things, the chief patron of Timor Aid and I was working as the organisation's Baucau representative. During my entire stay in East Timor, I have had several opportunities to observe Jose as an individual, and as a leader, as well as, manager - occupying, for example, a number of important national positions. It may be mentioned here, my learning curve concerning Jose's related matters started growing at a faster rate when I came to capital Dili with an international assignment. Dr. Horta was then holding the position of cabinet member responsible for the country's foreign affairs under the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET).

I found Jose to be a visionary, a strategic thinker, as well as decision-maker; a highly result-oriented person; a tactful diplomat; a reliable guide in crisis; a man of reason and mission; a good negotiator; and an effective, as well as efficient leader; among other things.

Given the present day status of democracy, development and governance in East Timor, it now appears the country is yet to cross its transitional phase in many respects, relative to time, space and other variables, though. The country is small but resourceful. The management of the country's internal security, politics and resources has not yet been able to make a significant contribution to the country's per capita human development. Poverty is still at the chronic stage. Delivery of public services is yet to become competitive, more equitable, and cost effective. It should be noted here, a continually unstable East Timor could inter alia facilitate a quick transformation of the country into a full-fledged safe heaven for terrorists. Further, East Timor has a vital role to play in say, the region's peace and stability.

We would request the government to use our gas and coal resources for solving the power problem, but to do so wisely.

Masud Ahmed
Dhamondi, Dhaka

With the deteriorating law and order situation in the country, the interim caretaker government should immediately take strict measures, especially in the prime residential area of Gulshan. Similar measures should also be taken in Baridhara, Bani and Dhamondi areas. These areas should have security posts including vigilance teams and closed circuit cameras to ensure the security of residents.

All residents must have IDs and stickers in their cars. Traffic movement in and out of these areas, especially Gulshan and Baridhara,

With the deteriorating law and order situation in the country, the interim caretaker government should immediately take strict measures, especially in the prime residential area of Gulshan. Similar measures should also be taken in Baridhara, Bani and Dhamondi areas. These areas should have security posts including vigilance teams and closed circuit cameras to ensure the security of residents.

All residents must have IDs and stickers in their cars. Traffic movement in and out of these areas, especially Gulshan and Baridhara,

With the deteriorating law and order situation in the country, the interim caretaker government should immediately take strict measures, especially in the prime residential area of Gulshan. Similar measures should also be taken in Baridhara, Bani and Dhamondi areas. These areas should have security posts including vigilance teams and closed circuit cameras to ensure the security of residents.

All residents must have IDs and stickers in their cars. Traffic movement in and out of these areas, especially Gulshan and Baridhara,

With the deteriorating law and order situation in the country, the interim caretaker government should immediately take strict measures, especially in the prime residential area of Gulshan. Similar measures should also be taken in Baridhara, Bani and Dhamondi areas. These areas should have security posts including vigilance teams and closed circuit cameras to ensure the security of residents.

All residents must have IDs and stickers in their cars. Traffic movement in and out of these areas, especially Gulshan and Baridhara,

With the deteriorating law and order situation in the country, the interim caretaker government should immediately take strict measures, especially in the prime residential area of Gulshan. Similar measures should also be taken in Baridhara, Bani and Dhamondi areas. These areas should have security posts including vigilance teams and closed circuit cameras to ensure the security of residents.

All residents must have IDs and stickers in their cars. Traffic movement in and out of these areas, especially Gulshan and Baridhara,

With the deteriorating law and order situation in the country, the interim caretaker government should immediately take strict measures, especially in the prime residential area of Gulshan. Similar measures should also be taken in Baridhara, Bani and Dhamondi areas. These areas should have security posts including vigilance teams and closed circuit cameras to ensure the security of residents.

All residents must have IDs and stickers in their cars. Traffic movement in and out of these areas, especially Gulshan and Baridhara,

With the deteriorating law and order situation in the country, the interim caretaker government should immediately take strict measures, especially in the prime residential area of Gulshan. Similar measures should also be taken in Baridhara, Bani and Dhamondi areas. These areas should have security posts including vigilance teams and closed circuit cameras to ensure the security of residents.

All residents must have IDs and stickers in their cars. Traffic movement in and out of these areas, especially Gulshan and Baridhara,

With the deteriorating law and order situation in the country, the interim caretaker government should immediately take strict measures, especially in the prime residential area of Gulshan. Similar measures should also be taken in Baridhara, Bani and Dhamondi areas. These areas should have security posts including vigilance teams and closed circuit cameras to ensure the security of residents.

All residents must have IDs and stickers in their cars. Traffic movement in and out of these areas, especially Gulshan and Baridhara,

With the deteriorating law and order situation in the country, the interim caretaker government should immediately take strict measures, especially in the prime residential area of Gulshan. Similar measures should also be taken in Baridhara, Bani and Dhamondi areas. These areas should have security posts including vigilance teams and closed circuit cameras to ensure the security of residents.

All residents must have IDs and stickers in their cars. Traffic movement in and out of these areas, especially Gulshan and Baridhara,

With the deteriorating law and order situation in the country, the interim caretaker government should immediately take strict measures, especially in the prime residential area of Gulshan. Similar measures should also be taken in Baridhara, Bani and Dhamondi areas. These areas should have security posts including vigilance teams and closed circuit cameras to ensure the security of residents.

All residents must have IDs and stickers in their cars. Traffic movement in and out of these areas, especially Gulshan and Baridhara,

With the deteriorating law and order situation in the country, the interim caretaker government should immediately take strict measures, especially in the prime residential area of Gulshan. Similar measures should also be taken in Baridhara, Bani and Dhamondi areas. These areas should have security posts including vigilance teams and closed circuit cameras to ensure the security of residents.

All residents must have IDs and stickers in their cars. Traffic movement in and out of these areas, especially Gulshan and Baridhara,

With the deteriorating law and order situation in the country, the interim caretaker government should immediately take strict measures, especially in the prime residential area of Gulshan. Similar measures should also be taken in Baridhara, Bani and Dhamondi areas. These areas should have security posts including vigilance teams and closed circuit cameras to ensure the security of residents.

All residents must have IDs and stickers in their cars. Traffic movement in and out of these areas, especially Gulshan and Baridhara,

With the deteriorating law and order situation in the country, the interim caretaker government should immediately take strict measures, especially in the prime residential area of Gulshan. Similar measures should also be taken in Baridhara, Bani and Dhamondi areas. These areas should have security posts including vigilance teams and closed circuit cameras to ensure the security of residents.

All residents must have IDs and stickers in their cars. Traffic movement in and out of these areas, especially Gulshan and Baridhara,

With the deteriorating law and order situation in the country, the interim caretaker government should immediately take strict measures, especially in the prime residential area of Gulshan. Similar measures should also be taken in Baridhara, Bani and Dhamondi areas. These areas should have security posts including vigilance teams and closed circuit cameras to ensure the security of residents.

All residents must have IDs and stickers in their cars. Traffic movement in and out of these areas, especially Gulshan and Baridhara,

With the deteriorating law and order situation in the country, the interim caretaker government should immediately take strict measures, especially in the prime residential area of Gulshan. Similar measures should also be taken in Baridhara, Bani and Dhamondi areas. These areas should have security posts including vigilance teams and closed circuit cameras to ensure the security of residents.

All residents must have IDs and stickers in their cars. Traffic movement in and out of these areas, especially Gulshan and Baridhara,

With the deteriorating law and order situation in the country, the interim caretaker government should immediately take strict measures, especially in the prime residential area of Gulshan. Similar measures should also be taken in Baridhara, Bani and Dhamondi areas. These areas should have security posts including vigilance teams and closed circuit cameras to ensure the security of residents.

All residents must have IDs and stickers in their cars. Traffic movement in and out of these areas, especially Gulshan and Baridhara,

With the deteriorating law and order situation in the country, the interim caretaker government should immediately take strict measures, especially in the prime residential area of Gulshan. Similar measures should also be taken in Baridhara, Bani and Dhamondi areas. These areas should have security posts including vigilance teams and closed circuit cameras to ensure the security of residents.

All residents must have IDs and stickers in their cars. Traffic movement in and out of these areas, especially Gulshan and Baridhara,

With the deteriorating law and order situation in the country, the interim caretaker government should immediately take strict measures, especially in the prime residential area of Gulshan. Similar measures should also be taken in Baridhara, Bani and Dhamondi areas. These areas should have security posts including vigilance teams and closed circuit cameras to ensure the security of residents.

All residents must have IDs and stickers in their cars. Traffic movement in and out of these areas, especially Gulshan and Baridhara,

With the deteriorating law and order situation in the country, the interim caretaker government should immediately take strict measures, especially in the prime residential area of Gulshan. Similar measures should also be taken in Baridhara, Bani and Dhamondi areas. These areas should have security posts including vigilance teams and closed circuit cameras to ensure the security of residents.

All residents must have IDs and stickers in their cars. Traffic movement in and out of these areas, especially Gulshan and Baridhara,

With the deteriorating law and order situation in the country, the interim caretaker government should immediately take strict measures, especially in the prime residential area of Gulshan. Similar measures should also be taken in Baridhara, Bani and Dhamondi areas. These areas should have security posts including vigilance teams and closed circuit cameras to ensure the security of residents.

All residents must have IDs and stickers in their cars. Traffic movement in and out of these areas, especially Gulshan and Baridhara,

With the deteriorating law and order situation in the country, the interim caretaker government should immediately take strict measures, especially in the prime residential area of Gulshan. Similar measures should also be taken in Baridhara, Bani and Dhamondi areas. These areas should have security posts including vigilance teams and closed circuit cameras to ensure the security of residents.

All residents must have IDs and stickers in their cars. Traffic movement in and out of these areas, especially Gulshan and Baridhara,

With the deteriorating law and order situation in the country, the interim caretaker government should immediately take strict measures, especially in the prime residential area of Gulshan. Similar measures should also be taken in Baridhara, Bani and Dhamondi areas. These areas should have security posts including vigilance teams and closed circuit cameras to ensure the security of residents.

All residents must have IDs and stickers in their cars. Traffic movement in and out of these areas, especially Gulshan and Baridhara,

With the deteriorating law and order situation in the country, the interim caretaker government should immediately take strict measures, especially in the prime residential area of Gulshan. Similar measures should also be taken in Baridhara, Bani and Dhamondi areas. These areas should have security posts including vigilance teams and closed circuit cameras to ensure the security of residents.

All residents must have IDs and stickers in their cars. Traffic movement in and out of these areas, especially Gulshan and Baridhara,

With the deteriorating law and order situation in the country, the interim caretaker government should immediately take strict measures, especially in the prime residential area of Gulshan. Similar measures should also be taken in Baridhara, Bani and Dhamondi areas. These areas should have security posts including vigilance teams and closed circuit cameras to ensure the security of residents.

All residents must have IDs and stickers in their cars. Traffic movement in and out of these areas, especially Gulshan and Baridhara,

With the deteriorating law and order situation in the country, the interim caretaker government should immediately take strict measures, especially in the prime residential area of Gulshan. Similar measures should also be taken in Baridhara, Bani and Dhamondi areas. These areas should have security posts including vigilance teams and closed circuit cameras to ensure the security of residents.

All residents must have IDs and stickers in their cars. Traffic movement in and out of these areas, especially Gulshan and Baridhara,

With the deteriorating law and order situation in the country, the interim caretaker government should immediately take strict measures, especially in the prime residential area of Gulshan. Similar measures should also be taken in Baridhara, Bani and Dhamondi areas. These areas should have security posts including vigilance teams and closed circuit cameras to ensure the security of residents.

All residents must have IDs and stickers in their cars. Traffic movement in and out of these areas, especially Gulshan and Baridhara,

With the deteriorating law and order situation in the country, the interim caretaker government should immediately take strict measures, especially in the prime residential area of Gulshan. Similar measures should also be taken in Baridhara, Bani and Dhamondi areas. These areas should have security posts including vigilance teams and closed circuit cameras to ensure the security of residents.

All residents must have IDs and stickers in their cars. Traffic movement in and out of these areas, especially Gulshan and Baridhara,

With the deteriorating law and order situation in the country, the interim caretaker government should immediately take strict measures, especially in the prime residential area of Gulshan. Similar measures should also be taken in Baridhara, Bani and Dhamondi areas. These areas should have security posts including vigilance teams and closed circuit cameras to ensure the security of residents.

All residents must have IDs and stickers in their cars. Traffic movement in and out of these areas, especially Gulshan and Baridhara,

With the deteriorating law and order situation in the country, the interim caretaker government should immediately take strict measures, especially in the prime residential area of Gulshan. Similar measures should also be taken in Baridhara, Bani and Dhamondi areas. These areas should have security posts including vigilance teams and closed circuit cameras to ensure the security of residents.

All residents must have IDs and stickers in their cars. Traffic movement in and out of these areas, especially Gulshan and Baridhara,

With the deteriorating law and order situation in the country, the interim caretaker government should immediately take strict measures, especially in the prime residential area of Gulshan. Similar measures should also be taken in Baridhara, Bani and Dhamondi areas. These areas should have security posts including vigilance teams and closed circuit cameras to ensure the security of residents.

All residents must have IDs and stickers in their cars. Traffic movement in and out of these areas, especially Gulshan and Baridhara,

With the deteriorating law and order situation in the country, the interim caretaker government should immediately take strict measures, especially in the prime residential area of Gulshan. Similar measures should also be taken in Baridhara, Bani and Dhamondi areas. These areas should have security posts including vigilance teams and closed circuit cameras to ensure the security of residents.

All residents must have IDs and stickers in their cars. Traffic movement in and out of these areas, especially Gulshan and Baridhara,

With the deteriorating law and order situation in the country, the interim caretaker government should immediately take strict measures, especially in the prime residential area of Gulshan. Similar measures should also be taken in Baridhara, Bani and Dhamondi areas. These areas should have security posts including vigilance teams and closed circuit cameras to ensure the security of residents.

All residents must have IDs and