

Plainclothes cops hound cab drivers

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adding that the drive will go on until the situation is completely under control.

City commuters, however, expressed their doubts over the effectiveness of the new effort of the traffic department.

Nurul Islam, an undergraduate student from Uttara, said, "I don't really understand the use of this new idea. Though they [traffic officials] are always there on the streets anyways, they stand there as mere onlookers while we have to practically beg the autorickshaw and taxicab drivers to take us on."

Despite all the scepticism, the traffic police authorities are

optimistic that the new step will help diminish some of the unruly behaviours practised by the cab drivers.

"The situation has already improved since we started this new mission. Already a lot of taxicab and CNG autorickshaw drivers are more careful about their conduct," said an official concerned at the traffic department of DMP.

Moving from one place to another within the city is getting increasingly difficult and costly day by day for thousands of helpless commuters as autorickshaw and cab drivers are holding the commuters hostage for extracting extortion-

ate fares. The situation turned worse after most thoroughfares of the city were declared off limits to rickshaws -- a favourite mode of transport of the commuters. The commuters thus are left without any choice but to virtually plead the cab drivers to take them to their destinations.

Furthermore, the punitive measures against the violators of traffic rules are so insignificant that this punishment can hardly make the offenders abide by the law, said the joint commissioner of traffic wing. The fine is so negligible that the drivers become all the more arrogant having paid the fine

once or twice, he added. "There are no specific laws against the meter rules violations. Therefore, we have to punish the offenders by applying existing traffic regulations," said an official concerned at the traffic department of DMP. "The offenders become more acquainted with the penalties and all the more arrogant after having paid the fine multiple times," he added.

As per existing rules, police can fine an offender of traffic rules between Tk 50 and Tk 500, which is so lenient in today's context that it fails to deter them from committing the same crime again, he said adding that

even if the police file cases against the offenders, they get immediate bail.

Jashimuddin, joint commissioner of traffic, said the new effort of the traffic department would reduce misconduct in the public transportation sector to some extent.

"Autorickshaw and taxicab drivers are already more careful about demanding exorbitant fares," he claimed.

"We will continue the first-hand monitoring until the problem is completely solved. We also welcome feedbacks and suggestions from everyone on how the situation could be improved further," he added.



A big billboard is being built on the same spot where some people were injured and vehicles damaged after a billboard fell on them during a storm last year. But the authorities are indifferent to it.

A children's park

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and beautification of the DCC, said that the community level awareness is very crucial in saving the public spaces.

General public has to mount pressure on the respective local ward commissioner and make the DCC accountable for its duty to keep the public spaces in proper shape, he said.

Taiyab Afzal, joint secretary of Dhanmondi Cricket Academy, said they received a letter from DCC around two years back saying that the playground should be used for sports purposes only. But, he said, the academy does not have any authorisation from the DCC.

About exacting money from the users, he said, "We need money to maintain the field." Sabur Khan, general secretary of the academy, said many influential quarters made attempts on several occasions to take control of the field, which had long been in a deplorable state.

"We, the locals, resisted the moves and took over the duty of its maintenance."

Replying to a question on whether they are authorised to do it, Khan said, "We have not got any such authorisation."

DCC Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka said that he would see how Dhanmondi Cricket Academy has taken over the children's park.

"We have neither authorised nor appointed any such clubs as agents to take over and maintain public playgrounds for exclusive purposes," he said.

A little attention

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He agreed and Nur pulled a rickshaw from evening to 11pm that night. He earned Tk 70 that night and Jamir was quite impressed. The security money of taking a rickshaw was Tk 80 but Jamir did not charge that money from him.

"That Tk 70 was my first earning with which I started my life anew," said Nur with pride.

However, he could not take more than one passenger or drive on bumpy roads.

"Some times people did not want to ride my rickshaw seeing my physical impairment," he said.

After the story was published on Star City many readers, including a student, an advocate, a housewife and a government official, came in his aid. They helped him in cash and kind. Their support also helped Nur to have an artificial limb with which he can walk.

He also got a big amount of money from a number of others with which he bought a piece of land in his village and now planning to cultivate it.

"I also got an offer of a job but I want a shop of my own," he said.

Today Nur can help his father repay his loans with ease and support him to continue his younger brothers' studies.

"When I went to my village the neighbours became astonished to see me walking," said a jubilant Nur.

"I am so happy to be able to walk that I cannot express my feelings in words," Nur said with eyes brimming with tears.

"When I did not have my left hand I had a strong desire to have a photo of mine wearing false limbs so that I can see how I look with all four limbs. Then one day I went to the 'shola artists' (craftsmen who make things using polystyrene) at Shabbagh and requested them to make me an arm of shola. They told me that they are unable to make it for me. I felt dejected. Now I got a leg of my own. I cannot say how nice it feels," said Nur.

However, Nur still hopes to have an artificial hand one day.

(Star City thanks its readers for extending their kind support to this young man who took a brave stance on life.)

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Memo No: LGED/UE/Ran/Ctg/Tender-28/07-08/231		Dated: 13/02/2008	
Corrigendum Notice Tender Notice No. 03/2007-2008			
The following corrections are hereby made due to unavoidable circumstances on the tender notice dated 23/01/2008 vide this office Tender Notice No-03/2007-2008. Memo No. LGED/UE/Ran/Ctg/Tender-28/07-08/50.			
Original last date & time of selling tender documents	Corrected last date & time of selling tender documents	Original date & time of receiving tender	Corrected date & time of receiving tender
26.02.2008 up to 5.00pm	10.03.2008 up to 5.00pm	27.02.2008 up to 12.00 noon	11.03.2008 up to 12.00 noon
All other terms & conditions will remain unchanged.		Md. Hasan Ali Upazila Engineer LGED, Rangunia, Ctg. Tel: 03025-56027	
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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Principal Sylhet Polytechnic Institute, Sylhet Invitation for Tenders			
Invitation for Tender No. Store/873		Date: 17/02/2008	
1. Ministry	Ministry of Education.		
2. Agency	Directorate of Technical Education.		
3. Procuring entity name	Principal, Sylhet Polytechnic Institute, Sylhet.		
4. Procuring entity code	Not applicable.		
5. Procuring entity district	Sylhet.		
6. Invitation for procurement equipment	Supply of Raw Materials & Spare Parts, Computer's Accessories, Educational Materials, Equipments & Others, Books & Magazine, Chemicals.		
7. Invitation Ref. No.	Store/873.		
8. Date	17/02/2008.		
KEY INFORMATION			
9. Procurement method	Open Tendering Method.		
10. Budget and source funds	GOB.		
11. Development partners (if applicable)	Not applicable.		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION			
12. Project/programme code (if applicable)	Not applicable.		
13. Project/programme name (if applicable)	Sylhet Polytechnic Institute, Sylhet.		
14. Tender package No.	Package No. A, B, C, D, E, F.		
15. Tender package name	Mentioned in SI No-26.		
16. Tender publication date/selling date	Selling date 01/03/08 to 09/03/08, Time: 9:00am to 1:30pm.		
17. Tender last selling date	09/03/2008, Time: 9:00am to 1:30pm.		
18. Tender closing date and time	11/03/2008, Time: 12:00 noon.		
19. Tender opening date and time	11/03/2008, Time: 12:30pm.		
20. Name & address of the office	Sylhet Polytechnic Institute, Sylhet.		
- Selling tender document (principal)	Sylhet Polytechnic Institute, Sylhet.		
- Selling tender document (others)	Sylhet Polytechnic Institute, Sylhet.		
- Receiving tender document	Office of the Principal, Sylhet Polytechnic Institute, Sylhet.		
- Opening tender document	Office of the Principal, Sylhet Polytechnic Institute, Sylhet.		
21. Pre-tender meeting (optional)	Not applicable.		
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER			
22. Eligibility of tenderer	Submission of original purchase receipt of tender document.		
	Trade license valid for 2007-2008.		
	Increase of limited company, the certificate of incorporation.		
	Income Tax clearance certificate for the 2006-2007 financial year with TIN number.		
	Bank solvency certificate issued after 30 th June, 2007.		
	VAT registration certificate (up-to-date).		
	Experience certificate and other conditions mentioned in the bid document.		
23. Brief description of goods	Mentioned in SI No-26 & in the tender document.		
24. Brief description of related services	As mentioned in the tender document.		
25. Price of tender document	Package - A, B, C, D, E, F- Tk 1200/- (one thousand two hundred) only non-refundable.		
26. Package No. A, B, C, D, E, F			
Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)
A	1	Supply of Raw Materials of Civil Department	Tk 5,500/-
	2	Supply of Raw Materials of Power Department	Tk 14,500/-
	3	Supply of Raw Materials of Mechanical Department	Tk 11,000/-
B	1	Supply of Raw Materials of Electrical Department	Tk 6,000/-
	2	Supply of Raw Materials of Electronics Department	Tk 5,000/-
	3	Supply of Raw Materials of Chemical Department	Tk 12,000/-
C	1	Supply of Raw Materials of Computer	Tk 5,500/-
	2	Supply of Raw Materials of Computer Accessories	Tk 6,000/-
D	1	Supply of Equipments: Others	Tk 9,500/-
E	1	Supply of Education Materials: All Department	Tk 10,000/-
F	1	Supply of Books & Magazine	Tk 6,500/-
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS			
27. Name of official inviting tender	Md. Anwar Hossen.		
28. Designation of official inviting tender	Principal In-charge.		
29. Address of official inviting tender	Sylhet Polytechnic Institute, Sylhet.		
30. Contact details of official inviting tender	Telephone No: 0821716372.		
31. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any/all tenders (wholly/partly).			
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9566074-75

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Citibank NA
9550060, Fax: 9562236

Dutch Bangla Bank Ltd
9568537-39
Fax: 9561889

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9558390-1, Fax: 9562364

First Security Bank Limited
9562878, PABX: 9560229,
Fax: 9561637

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95542402, 9563040,
9560099, Fax: 9564532

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9555141, 9570912-16,
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9560000, 9560027-30, Fax:
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Fax: 9566290

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MARKET CLOSED

Gulshan 1, 2 markets-Friday
Elephant Road-Friday
Bishal Center-Friday
Baitul 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-Thursdays
New Market-Tuesday
Gausia Market-Tuesday
Mouchak Market-Sunday
Dhanmondi Hawkers Market-Tuesday
Eastern Plaza-Sunday
Farmview Super Market-Sunday
Muktijuddha Jadughar-Sunday
Dhaka Zoo-Sunday
Shishu Jadughar-Sunday