

## Extortionists take

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the father organisation of bus owners, and form other committees at the city's different terminals.

The feuding factions of DPS are MA Kader-Enayet Ullah, Monir Chowdhury, Kazi Alimuddin and Ansa Amin-Hasim Dewan group.

Monir Chowdhury alleged that Kader-Enayet committee is collecting tolls from different bus terminals and added that some bus owners of Fulbaria bus stand at Gulistan has reported him (Monir) that Tk 300-400 is extorted against a bus per day.

But Khandkar Enayet Ullah, general secretary of DPS, said some route committees formed during BNP-led alliance tenure are involved in realising the toll money and in some cases some ruling party men also get involved with them.

He said DPS would fix the amount of money for service charge or maintenance charge to stop such toll collection and dissolve the committees, formed during the BNP-led alliance tenure.

Different bus owners seeking anonymity said the terminals were almost toll free in 2007 and 2008 and alleged that law enforcement agencies do not play their roles to curb the extortion in the bus terminals rather the law enforcers assist the extortionists in their illegal business.

The route committee members who have links with bus owners and workers association leaders collect Tk 260 as GB from a bus against each trip from Mohakhali terminal. Around 900 buses use the terminal in a day, sources at the terminal said.

## Tipai dam

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In response, Tharoor assured her of India greatly valuing its relations with Bangladesh and nothing would be done that could impair this relation and went against the interest of Bangladesh, said a foreign ministry press release.

Recently, a 19-member committee, headed by DMP joint commissioner (traffic), has been formed with the representatives from police, transport owners and transport workers' leaders to check extortion in transport sector but this has yielded no result.

The letters also said if the trials are held under the conventional law, it will be difficult to prove mutiny charges brought against BDR jawans outside the capital.

"Since the matter is very important, we have taken it seriously and after looking into everything we will decide," the law minister said.

State Minister for Law Qamrul Islam, Attorney General Mahbubey Alam, secretaries to the home affairs and law, director general of BDR, Chief public prosecutor of BDR Anisul Huq, chief metropolitan public prosecutor and representatives from the armed forces division attended the meeting.

## Aminul, Dulu

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58 and 46 persons respectively with the Judicial Court-3 in Rajshahi city.

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