



## WHERE RULES DON'T MATTER

**V**EHICLES make illegal turns. Buses, trucks and auto-rickshaws take wrong lanes. Only a few stop at red lights unless the traffic policeman walks right in front of them forcing a halt. Bikers are seen on the pavements. Rickshaws ply the street with their own rules and cars park wherever it is convenient for them only. Such is the state of Dhaka city where people hardly obey the rules and traffic police do little about it. The system itself is poorly implemented. When encroachment on roads, round the year digging for utility repairs, and pedestrians jaywalking are added to the situation, we have perennial traffic jams on Dhaka streets.

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