

'Easy bikes' make others feel uneasy on streets

They often run without any headlight at night

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Battery-run three-wheelers, locally called easy bikes, often ply the district town and nearby highways without any headlight during night, making them vulnerable to serious accidents.

The easy bike drivers run the vehicles without headlight to save power and have more mileage with the same battery charge while but the traffic policemen turn a blind eye, said the people concerned.

Observing the situation in the evening and night during the last several days, this correspondent saw that almost all the easy bikes in the town run without headlights and often ignore repeated requests of passengers in this regard.

"About a month ago I received injuries at Art Gallery Moar in the town when my motorbike collided head-on with an easy bike at night as failed to see the vehicle that was plying without headlight," said Ataur Rahman, principal of Thakurgaon Business Management and Technical College.

"An easy bike carrying us collided head-on with a passenger bus at Duramari



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A battery-run easy bike plying a road in Thakurgaon town without headlight at night, ignoring risk of an accident anytime.

Kandar on Thakurgaon Station Road two weeks ago as it was running without headlight at night. We luckily survived as the bus was able to check its speed with a hard break. The easy bike driver had ignored our repeated request to put on the light," Mostafizur Rahman of Asramparin in the town said.

Demanding restriction of plying of easy bikes on highways, truck driver Shah Jamal said, "Highways vehicles often run 70

kilometres or more and so, it is very tough to control the speed after sudden appearance of easy bikes that ply without headlight."

Asked about the reason for not using headlight at night, Md Jahangir, an easy bike driver of Thakurgaon Station Road area, said additional 10 kilometres can be covered with the same battery charge if the headlight is kept off.

"Tk 500 is to be paid to the bike owner per day and Tk 80 is needed to charge the

battery of the vehicle overnight. Excluding expenditure, a driver can earn Tk 200/300 per day," said Md Johurul Islam, an easy bike driver of Thakurgaon Pally Bidyut area.

When contacted, police Sergeant Md Faruk said, "We always supervise the matter and oblige the drivers to run vehicles with headlight. We also fine and seize the vehicle if it plies without headlight."

He, however, could not inform how many vehicles



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A mural of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was unveiled at Bangabandhu Udyan in Barisal city yesterday. Made by artists Hafiz Ahmed Babu and Aminul Hasan Litu, the mural was placed on the spot where Bangabandhu delivered a speech at a public meeting on January 1, 1973.

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STAR NATIONAL DESK

English language fairs held under English in Schools (EIS) programme, a joint initiative of The Daily Star and mobile operator Robi, saw lively participation of young learners from nine more high schools of Moulvibazar, Kurigram and Kushtia districts yesterday.

Adcomm Ltd is the creative and event partner of the English language fairs.

Our staff correspondent from Sylhet reported that over 200 students of Srimongal Government Girls' High School, Bhunobir Dasharath High School and BTRI High School in Srimongal upazila of Moulvibazar district took part in the English language fair held at Srimongal Government Girls' High School auditorium in the morning.

Arati Dev, headmaster of the girls' high school, inaugurated the fair.

After watching The Lion King, a globally renowned movie, the students spontaneously responded to questions in English.

Later, they participated in other events including situation-based question-answer, extempore speech, role-play and vocabulary practice. Md Fahad of Robi conducted the programme.

In Kurigram, at least 250 students of Nageshwari Government

Students rejoice at receiving prizes at the end of the English language fair at Nageshwari Dayamoyee Pilot Academy in Nageshwari upazila of Kurigram yesterday.

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Lively participation by kids from nine more schools

Girls' High School, Nageshwari Dayamoyee Pilot Academy and Nakharganj BL High School under Nageshwari upazila of the district joined the fair held at Nageshwari Dayamoyee Pilot Academy auditorium, reports our correspondent.

Headmaster KM Anisur Rahman of the school opened the fair at around 11:00am.

Following screening of The Lion King, a globally renowned movie, the

students participated in spot quiz, vocabulary test, one-word question and quick questions—all based on the movie. Selected students took part in extempore speech on different topics and role-play.

Our Kushtia correspondent adds: Students of Kushtia Government Girls' High School, Dinomoni High School and Kushtia Police Lines School and College took part in joyful activities at the English

language fair held at the girls' school auditorium in the morning.

After watching the movie, The Lion King, over 150 students from the three schools participated in spot quiz, vocabulary test, one-word question and quick questions—all based on the movie. Selected students took part in extempore speech on different topics and role-play.

Robi representative Solaiman Haque



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Prize-winning students of Srimongal Government Girls' High School along with their teachers pose for photograph at the English language fair held at the school auditorium yesterday.

SNAPS AND SNIPPETS

Abducted siblings rescued

A CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

Detective Branch (DB) of police on Monday rescued two abducted siblings from Majidee area of the district town and arrested three people in this connection. The arrestees are Saiful Islam, Sajjadur Rahman Rubel and Saifuzzaman Sohag. DB officer in-charge Bellal Hossain said housewife Rokeya Begum along with her brother Mohsin on Sunday came to the town from Mandari of Laxmipur for shopping ahead of her daughter's marriage. As the duo reached Dalia market in Choumohoni, a gang picked them up at gunpoint and took them to a building in the residential area of the town. The kidnapers took away a gold chain and three mobile sets from them and demanded Tk 20 lakh ransom from their family members. On information, two DB officials in the guise of the victims' family members contacted the gang and finalised the amount at Tk 10 lakh. The DB men went to the spot in the morning and arrested the trio while a member of the gang managed to flee the scene.

7 hurt in AL infighting

A CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

At least seven people were injured in a clash between two rival groups of Awami League over the election of a school managing committee at Selonia Bazar in Senbag upazila yesterday. Of the injured, activists Faruk, Farhad and Jimu were admitted to the upazila health complex in critical condition. Locals said the election of Selonia school managing committee was held on Monday and Abdur Razzak, a local AL leader, became a member of the committee. Following the election result, a group of opponent AL activists allegedly led by Kabir Ahmed attacked Razzak and his men in the area. The incident occurred when the victims were taking tea at the bazar.

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A slow loris seen moments before its release at Lawachhara forest in Moulvibazar district recently. Eleven animals of nine species were freed in the wild under the initiative of Bangladesh Banyapran Seba Foundation of Srimongal.



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