# '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.

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 Asrampar in the town said.

Demanding restriction of plying of easy bikes on if the headlight is kept off. highways, truck driver Shah Jamal said, "Highways bike owner per day and Tk 80

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

"Tk 500 is to be paid to the if it plies without headlight." vehicles often run 70 is needed to charge the

Kandar on Thakurgaon kilometresormore and so, it is battery of the vehicle Station Road two weeks ago very tough to control the 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

> He, however, could not inform how many vehicles

> > 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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## The Paily Star - ata ENGLISH FAIR



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 lan-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 situationbased question-answer, extempore speech, roleplay and vocabulary practice. Md Fahad of Robi conducted the programme.

In Kurigram, at least 250 students of Nageshwari Government

receiving prizes at the end of the English language fair at Nageshwari Dayamoyee **Pilot Academy** in Nageshwari upazila of Kurigram vesterday. PHOTO: STAR



## Lively participation by kids from nine more schools

Girls' High School, students participated in Nageshwari Dayamoyee spot quiz, vocabulary test, Pilot Academy and one-word question and Nakharganj BLHigh School under Nageshwari upazila of the district joined the fair students took part in held at Nageshwari extempore speech on Dayamoyee Pilot Academy auditorium, reports our play. correspondent.

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

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quick questions--all based on the movie. Selected different topics and role-

Our Kushtia correspondent adds: Students of Kushtia Government Girls' High School, Dinomoni High School and Kushtia Following screening of Police Lines School and College took part in joyful

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-

Robi representative Solaiman Haque



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 Maijdee 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 kidnappers 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

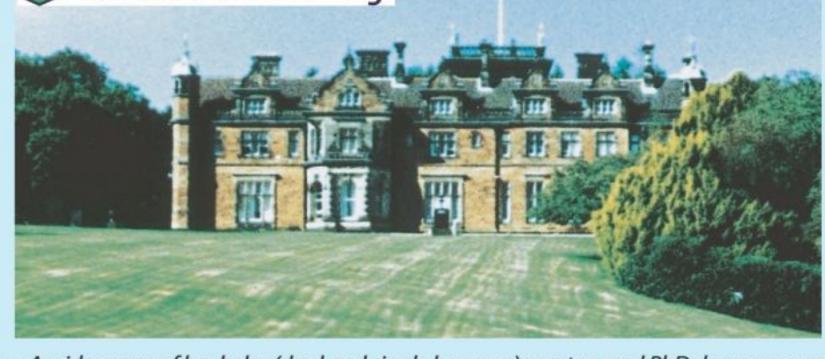
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At least seven people were injured in a clash between two rival groups of Awami League over the election of a school managing committee at Selonia Bazar in Senbag upazila yesterday. Of the injured, activists Faruk, Farhad and Jimu were admitted to 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



PHOTO: COURTESY 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 Banyaprani Seba Foundation of Srimongal.

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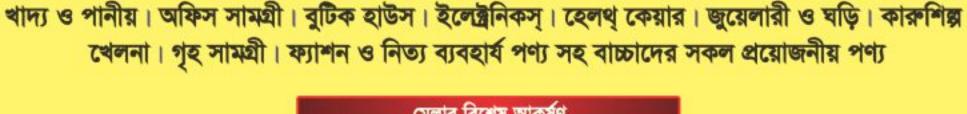
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