

A range of roadside businesses illegally occupy most of Chittagong city's footpaths along different thoroughfares, forcing pedestrians to brave traffic and walk on the road. The photo was taken from before Chittagong Medical College Hospital yesterday.

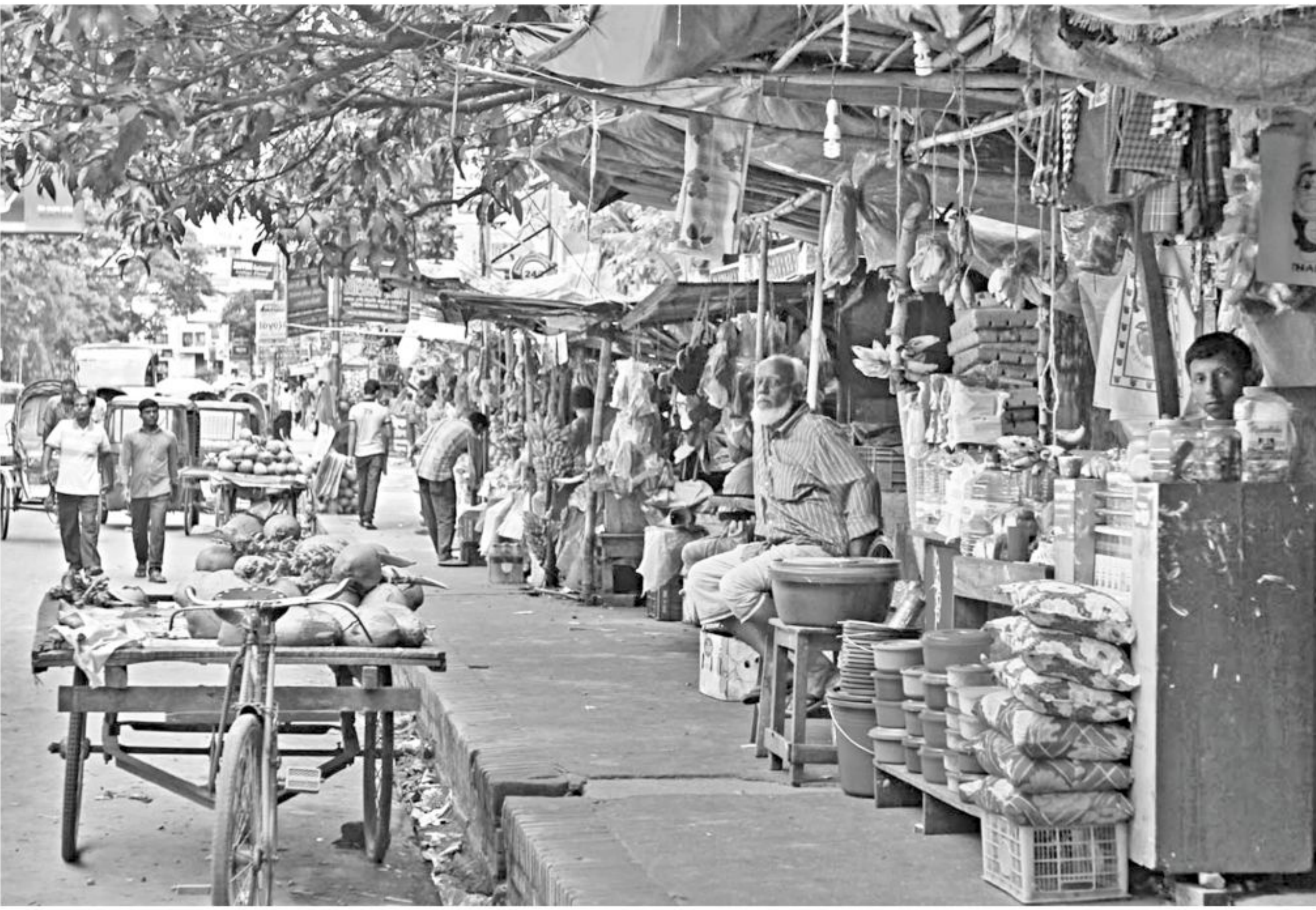


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## Media campaign stressed to check maternal mortality

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Maternal mortality is not a problem of the country's healthcare system, rather it is a social problem that can be solved through raising awareness among the people and ensuring proper education, said experts at a roundtable yesterday.

About 7,300 women die from childbirth-related complications every year in the country. The deaths can be stopped by adopting a multi-sectoral approach and conducting awareness campaign in the media, they said.

In association with Brac, Bangla daily Prothom Alo organised the roundtable on safe motherhood at its office in the capital.

Health Secretary MM Niaz Uddin, as the chief guest; Morsheda Chowdhury, programme coordinator for health, nutrition, and population of Brac; Dr Sayed Abu Zafar Mohammad Musa, director of Primary Health Care; Dr Selina Amin of Plan Bangladesh; Dr Ishtiaq Mannan of Save the Children; Stacy Saha, MIS-Research Director of LAMB; Dr Abu Jamil Faisal of EngenderHealth; and Shams El Arefin of International Centre for Diarrhoeal Diseases Research, Bangladesh, among others, spoke at the event.

Due to lack of quick transport, people often delay in seeking medical care or do not reach medical facilities on time. Even, many do not get adequate care immediately after reaching the facilities, said Morsheda Chowdhury.

"These three delays can cause much of the tragedies," she said adding that the care for safe motherhood should begin during pregnancy.

Niaz Uddin said the government will launch two call centres in Sylhet region in the next month.

Dr Sayed Abu Zafar said doctors at many private hospitals often advise many women to do cesarean section (c-section), despite not having the need of the c-section.

While, many women cannot avail the c-section, although they need it, said Stacy Saha adding that the need of c-section can only be determined through partogram.

## RMG workers damage eleven vehicles over death rumour

A CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Garment workers vandalised at least 10 vehicles and torched a pickup van on Dhaka-Mymensingh highway in Gazipur sadar upazila following the death rumour of a fellow worker in a road accident yesterday.

The agitating workers also blockaded the highway, halting traffic for about an hour.

Police and locals said at least seven garment workers of TRZ garments factory sustained injuries as a pickup van hit them from behind when they were crossing the road around 7:45am.

One of the victims was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital and the others were admitted to different hospitals in Gazipur.

The unrest erupted when a rumour spread that one of the injured succumbed to his injuries at a hospital.

They also set fire to the pickup van which was left at the scene after its driver was caught by the locals.

Gazipur Industrial Police Inspector Selim Reza said they brought the situation under control around 9:00am. Police seized the torched pickup van along with the driver.

## Pedestrians' lives at risk for illegally occupied footpaths

ARUN BIKASH DEY, City

With most of Chittagong city's footpaths along different thoroughfares illegally occupied, especially by a range of roadside businesses, pedestrians are left with no option but to brave traffic and walk on the road.

Many areas still do not have footpaths, while hawkers, vendors, adjoining shops, construction materials and driveways occupy the existing ones.

Illegal tea stalls, barbershops and fruit stalls have sprung up on footpaths adjoining KB Fazlul Quader Road, especially before Chittagong Medical College.

Reaz Uddin, a student, said several diagnostic centres and doctors' chambers in the area have built their entrance and parking facilities on adjoining footpaths.

Moreover, medical representatives and salespersons park their motorcycles on the footpath, adding to the woes of pedestrians, he added.

Housing around 400 roadside shops, the footpath from Chittagong Export Processing Zone intersection to Bangladesh Naval Academy School is also hardly noticeable.

The scenario is the same from GEC to Sholoshohor Number-2 Gate and on Sheikh Mujib Road in Agrabad.

The road and adjoining footpath from Anderkilla Intersection to Laldighir Par was widened recently. But, pedestrians here still suffer since shops adjoining the footpath keep their goods on it. Similar problems were noticed on Telipotti Road in Chawkbazar.

Sand, bricks and other construction materials dumped on the footpath of Nawab Sirajuddin Road is forcing pedestrians to walk on the road, said students of different colleges there.

Authorities concerned seem to have turned a blind eye to this daily suffering of people.

Sources said the illegal occupiers maintain good liaison with some police personnel, local goons and politically influential people to run their businesses on the footpaths.

Talking to The Daily Star recently, Chittagong Metropolitan Police Additional Commissioner (Traffic) SM Tanvir Arafat denied the allegation of involvement of police personnel with illegal occupiers.

Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) is the authority to clear footpaths. "If they decide to evict the illegal occupiers, we will assist them," he said.

CCC Mayor M Manjur Alam said CCC magistrates served notices to the illegal occupiers to free the footpaths and eviction drives would be conducted soon.

# PM for more research on Kazi Nazrul Islam

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday stressed the need for building a non-communal, modern and democratic Bangladesh by ensuring equal rights of all to materialise the dream of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam.

"The dream of Nazrul will come true if we can build a secular, democratic and exploitation-free Bangladesh by ensuring equal rights of all," she said.

Hasina was addressing a function, marking the celebration of 114th birth anniversary of rebel poet Kazi Nazrul Islam, at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the capital.

Assuring government cooperation, the prime minister called for more research on the works of Nazrul and translation of his literary works to make those familiar to the world.

"A poet of reawakening and secularism, Nazrul always fought through his mighty pen and protested all unfairness, injustice, repression and exploitation," she added.

The Prime Minister said the desire for freedom and dreams of the Bengali people were projected in the literary works of national poet Kazi Nazrul Islam.

"Nazul is a symbol of humanism." Emphasizing on introducing the new generation with the creative works of Nazrul, she said, "We want to make him familiar with the posterity by focusing on his two main creations - literature and songs."

Hasina said Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman had settled the poet in Dhaka conferring him with the honour of the National Poet, as the rebel poet used to love the people and nature of Bangladesh.

With Cultural Affairs Minister Abul Kalam Azad in the chair, Cultural Affairs Secretary Ranjit Kumar Biswas and member of poet Nazrul's family Khilkhil Kazi also addressed the function.

Eminent Nazrul expert and chairman of the Trustee Board of Nazrul Institute Dr Rafiqul Islam gave a commemorative speech on national poet Kazi Nazrul Islam.



Wife of Ezazuddin Kaikobad receives the 1st annual Bravery and Humanitarian Award of Colonel Mujib Trust on behalf of her husband in the capital's Raowa Club yesterday. Kaikobad sacrificed his life while trying to save trapped people in the rubble of the Savar Rana Plaza building, which collapsed on April 24.

PHOTO: STAR

## Bangladeshis set example in Savar rescue operation

### Award giving ceremony told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The courage, selflessness and determination shown by Bangladeshis from all walks of life in the aftermath of the Savar tragedy will remain an example for people from all over the world, said speakers yesterday.

They also hoped that the nation can learn from the accident.

They made the observations at the 1st annual Bravery and Humanitarian Awards programme at the capital's Raowa Club. Maj Gen (rtd) Jamil D Ahsan Bir Pratik, was the chief guest at the event.

Colonel Mujib Trust gave awards to 15 individuals and five organisations in recog-

nition of their outstanding contribution to rescue and rehabilitation work during the recent Rana Plaza collapse.

Among the recipients was Ezazuddin Kaikobad, who sacrificed his life while trying to save trapped lives in the building.

Enam Medical College and Hospital, Red Crescent Society, Government Bangla College Rover Scout Group, Anjuman Mufidul Islam and Government Titumir College Rover Scout Group also received the award.

The nine-storey Rana Plaza collapsed on April 24, killing at least 1,127 people. Rescuers pulled out 2,438 people alive from the rubble.

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