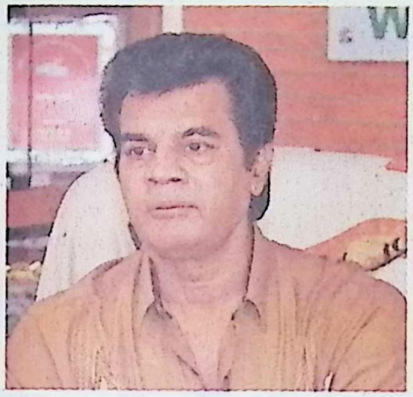


Ilias Kanchan, activist and former actor.



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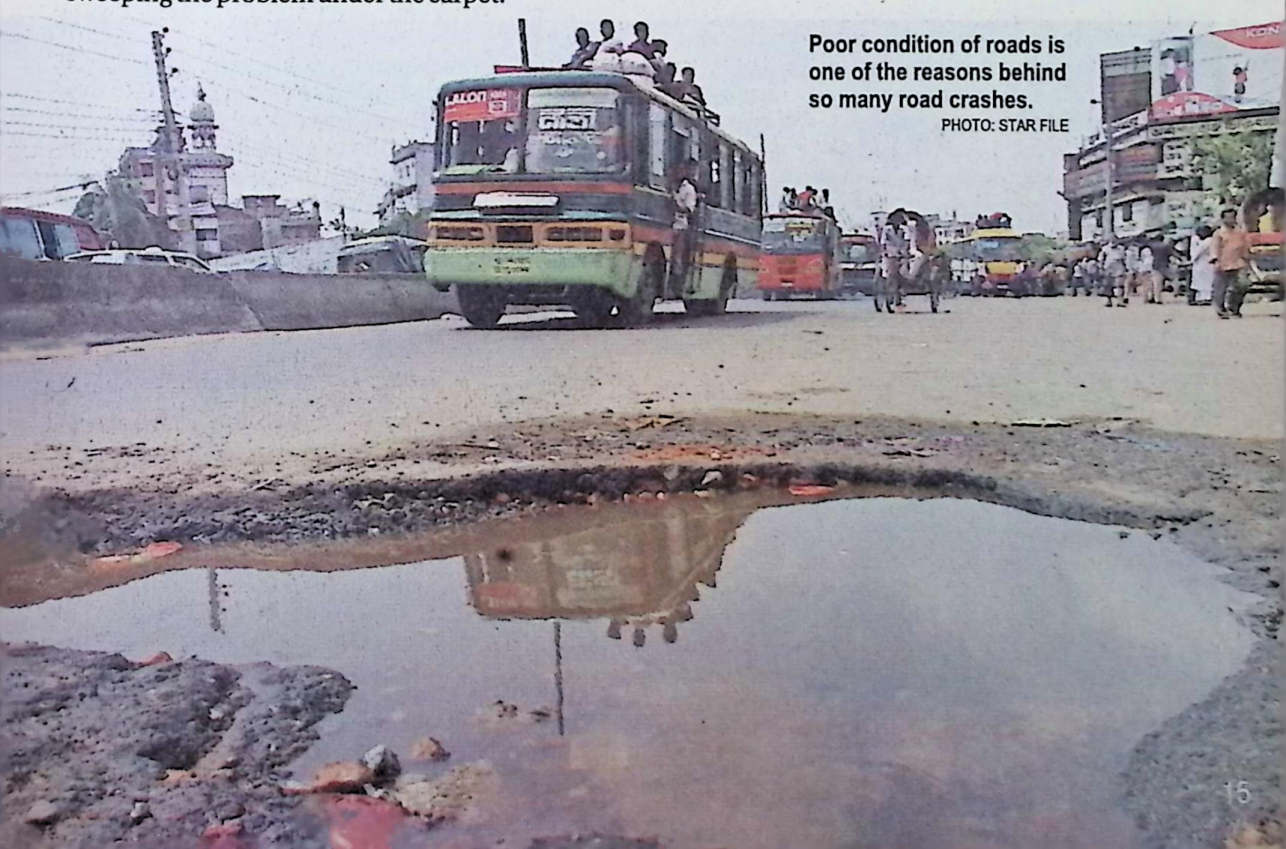
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out the Accident Report Form often do not cross factors other than the two mentioned by my colleague. Journalists too can play an important role here by producing reports that are more investigative in nature and objective rather than emotional."

So here we are with such an astronomically high number of deaths and injuries without knowing 'exactly how many' and 'why'. You don't have to be an expert to know it's a bad start for tackling any problem.

"A structure for proper investigation of the crashes does not exist," says Mridul Chowdhury, executive producer of "Death Trap", a documentary film on road crashes in Bangladesh. "The problem is multi-layered and there seems to be no easy solution to it. But finding the real reasons is a start. Always blaming the driver is nothing but sweeping the problem under the carpet."

> "Although it is 30 years since our Motor Vehicle Ordinance 1983, few are aware of it, there are no standards set for determining compensation, few cases are filed, and those responsible continue to get away with total impunity."
>
> — Dr Kamal Hossain



Poor condition of roads is one of the reasons behind so many road crashes.
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