

Meena Bazar to usher in Bangla New Year with cultural show
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Supermarket chain Meena Bazar will organise the Bangla New Year celebrations through an assortment of music and dance programmes at the capital's Dhamondi tomorrow.

Noted singers Tapan Mahmud, Audit Mohsin, Chhanda Chakrabarty, Mamun Zahid Khan, Farhin Khan Joyita, Shemonty Monjori,

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Members of the Bangladesh Coast Guard with around 80 maunds of jatka (hilsa fry) that they seized from a passenger-carrying boat in the Meghna River yesterday. With Pahela Baishakh, the first day of Bangla New Year, tomorrow, the illegal practice of catching the fry has been on the rise.

PHOTO: BANGLA CHOKH

Ctg residents walk

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comply with traffic rules for reducing gridlocks. The campaigners also took part in cleaning activities on the way.

Dr Hossain Zillur Rahman, former adviser to a caretaker government, and chief coordinator of CRI, called the campaign the first step towards building a habitable city.

"We have to go further. And the slogans of the programme would have to be disseminated to all and make them aware," he told an audience on the DC Hill premises.

Dr Hossain also informed that they would take initiatives for community policing at No 2 Gate intersection, aiming to reduce traffic gridlocks. They also plan to develop a "Waste Management Plan" with support from Chittagong City Corporation, he said.

Rahman said they would hold an opinion sharing meeting on Saturday for finalising their follow-up programmes.

Members of different civic, cultural and social organisations, students and teachers of different schools, colleges and universities, freedom fighters, political activists, doctors, engineers, businessmen, and journalists joined the walk.

A Kobi Gaan (a folk song) was also sung on DC Hill premises at the end of the march.

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matter on Friday night.

Hobibur said he instantly called the comptroller of examinations of National University, who said the questions were not similar.

Students demand more

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The VC assured them of taking necessary measures immediately, said one of the protesters.

Since its inception in 2011-12 academic session, the department has been suffering from the shortage of adequate number of teachers, permanent classrooms and equipment.

The department currently has only four teachers, the students said.

Rakib Ahmed, a teacher of the department, said higher education was hampered in the absence of proper initiatives by the authorities concerned.

Road accidents kill 14, injure 35 Six die in Rangpur alone

CITY DESK

Fourteen people were killed and 35 others injured in road accidents in the country on Friday and yesterday.

Our Rangpur correspondent reports, four people were killed and 25 others injured as a bus and a truck collided head-on on Rangpur-Dhaka highway in Angrah Bridge area of Piroganj early yesterday, said police.

The deceased were Osman, 28, Manik, 25, Nurul Islam, 35, and Momena Begum, 40, of Dimla upazila.

Eight of the injured were admitted to Rangpur Medical College Hospital while the others were taken to Piroganj Upazila

Health Complex.

Meanwhile, motorcyclists Shafikul Islam Mithu and Poncha Pado were killed and their co-rider was injured after an oncoming pickup had hit the bike at Kolabari in Piroganj Friday night.

Injured Abdur Rashid was admitted to the hospital.

Our Gazipur correspondent reports, three teenagers were killed as a bus rammed their motorbike at Noyanpur in Sreepur yesterday.

They were Billal Hossain, son of Abul Aziz Bapari; Akber Hossain, son of Jalal Uddin; and Suman, son of Mafiz Uddin.

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AL leaders trying to save accused

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The attack followed a rumour announced by a mosque loudspeaker that the AL marchers killed the principal of a local madrasa in Bhujpur union of Fatiakhari.

In the four-hour mayhem, Jamaat-Shibir-Hefajat men also torched around 150 vehicles including 100 motorbikes. Five cases were filed against 16,471 people, including 471 named, mostly Jamaat-Shibir activists. Police have so far arrested 188 accused, of whom 35 are out on bail.

The AL whistleblower also said ATM Peyarul Islam, a member of Chittagong district (north) of AL, who led the Bhujpur procession, was seen in a meeting with Jamaat leader Ikbol Hossain, another accused, in Harualchhari union a few days ago.

Contacted, Peyarul said he went to Harualchhari to visit a government project

where Ikbol, as chairman of the union, was also present. "Ikbol is now on bail, and I'm not supporting him," he said. "How can I compromise with the accused when I myself could have been killed in the Bhujpur mayhem."

A Juba League leader, who narrowly escaped death on that day, said, "I heard that some AL leaders are trying to get some of the masterminds of the mayhem discharged."

The AL insiders' claim was reinforced by Sanjida Arefin Nishu, wife of local Srechchhasebak League leader Faruk Ikbol Bipul, who was killed alongside Juba League workers Rubel and Forkan in that mayhem.

She said a few days ago, an anonymous caller offered her Tk 5 lakh so that she did not proceed with the case, which she declined instantly.

Police have not submitted any charge sheet in the cases but said they would do it soon.

CANCER TREATMENT AT RMCH

Malfunctioning ACs halt radiotherapy for 3 weeks

ANWAR ALI, Rajshahi

Cancer patients receiving treatment at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH) have been suffering for the last three weeks as the hospital's cobalt therapy machine became inoperative after both of its air coolers began malfunctioning.

Dhiraj Mollik, chief medical technologist at RMCH, said one of the air conditioners of the cobalt-60 radioactive therapy broke down on March 25 and the other one broke down three days back.

After the first air cooler broke down, the

machine began malfunctioning, he said, adding that engineers from the capital arrived at the hospital the next day and repaired the machine.

Mollik further said the engineers strongly recommended running the machine at a temperature between 18°C and 20°C otherwise the machine will overheat.

However, after repairs the air conditioners have been unable to maintain a temperature below 30°C, he said.

Mollik said the Public Works Department have replaced compressors of the air coolers

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Hearty Greetings To Honored City Dwellers



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Special tips for Bengali new year celebration

On behalf of DMP we offer a warm welcome to the honored citizen of the city on the occasion of 1st Baishakh 1421. The day will remain vibrant with a range of programs being undertaken at Ramna Park, Suhrawardy Uddyan, Charukola Institute, Dhaka University, Rabindra Sarobar, and other places in the city. Extensive security measures have been taken by the DMP including special measures to keep traffic flow uninterrupted on the streets. The following tips are provided so that the city dwellers can celebrate the day with enthusiasm and delight.

(A) Safety & Security Tips

- Whenever police assistance is needed please contact the Police Control Room at Abdul Gani Road, Ramna Park Police Sub-control Room, Suhrawardy Uddyan Police Sub-control Room and Shahbag Police Station. For Dhamondi area please contact Rabindra Sarobar Police Sub-control Room or Dhamondi Police Station.
- Please co-operate with police on security duty when they are conducting searches at the entry points.
- If any member of your family is dislocated, please contact Police Sub-control Room immediately.
- Advice your kids to come to police for any help. Also write your address on a slip of paper and place it into the pocket of your child.
- Please fix a location to reunite in case you are separated from the family.
- For your safety & security, please do not carry handbags or similar items.
- Be sure about the price of wet rice with Hilsha (Panta-Elish) or any kind of food before eating to avoid confusion.
- Beware of cell phone thieves and muggers.
- Inform the police immediately, if you find any suspicious person, substances around you or within your view.
- Honored city dwellers are requested to leave Ramna & Suhrawardy Uddyan by 18.00 O'clock on 1st of Baishakh.
- The honored citizens are requested not to carry with them any suspicious equipment, substance, bag, knife, weapon, explosives, scissors, blade, nail cutter, matches, gas-lighters etc.
- People are requested not to smoke in the venue or in public places.
- If you have found anything suspicious, please inform Police Sub-control Room, & Shahbag/Dhamondi P.S.
- Hawkers are required to enter Suhrawardy Uddyan before 4.00 O'clock in the morning.

Requested to use the entry and exit way.

Ramna Park
Entrance : Orunodoya (At the end of Baily Road, Opposite to Shugandha), Ramna Restaurant Gate, Ostachal (Opposite to Children Park/Shishu Park) New Gate (Opposite to Shikha Chirantan)

Exit : Uttrayan (Police Bhaban Crossing, End of Minto Road), Baishakhi Gate (Opposite to Engineer's Institute).

Entrance & Exit: Shyamolima (Kakrail Mosque), Star Gate (Matsha Bhaban).

Suhrawardy Uddyan

Entrance : Engineer's Institute Gate, TSC Gate, Tin Netar Majar.
Exit : Shikha Chirontor Gate, Chobir Hat Gate (Opposite to Fine Arts), Kali Temple Gate.

(B) Instructions about movement of people & vehicles

All persons are requested to observe the following traffic instructions when attending Bengali New Year celebration venue at Ramna Park, Suhrawardy Uddyan, TSC and Shahbag adjacent to New Year celebration places, the general public are requested to follow the following traffic directions from 05.00 O'clock to 21.00 O'clock.

- Requested not to take any vehicle into the restricted area or safety enclosure.
- Requested to park your vehicle at the designated parking place.
- Requested not to stand unnecessarily on the street causing interruption to the movement of people and vehicles.
- VIP, Print & Electronic Media personnel vehicles are requested to park at the instructed locations.

(i) Road Diversion

- Buses from Mirpur through Farm Gate, Gulshan, Saidabad, Jatrabari will travel via the diversion route from Sonargaon left turn-Rainbow crossing Malibag or Bangla motor left turn Magbazar, Shaheed Capt. Monsur Ali Sarani, to terminal.
- Buses from Mohammadpur through Motijheel, Saidabad-Jatrabari-Shampur will be re-routed through a diversion route from Mohammadpur, Science Lab, New Market, Baby Ice-cream Turning, Dhakeshwari Temple, Bakshi Bazar, Chankhar Pul, Gulistan to terminal.
- Buses from Tongi Airport through Gulistan Saidabad will be re-routed from Tongi, Airport, Progoti Sharonee, left turn into Bishaw Road, Malibag Rail Crossing and then a left turn Khilgaon Fly Over-terminal.
- Buses from Dhamrai, Manikganj, Gabtoli through Gulistan, Fulbaria will be re-routed through Manikganj, Dhamrai, Gabtoli Mirpur Road, Science Lab, New Market-Nilkhel Crossing, Ajimpur Baby Ice-cream Turning, Sher-sha Majar left turn Dhakeshwari Temple, Bakshi Bazar, Chankhar Pul-Terminal.

(ii) Road closer

- Bangla Motor-Old Elephant Road & Telecommunication Building Crossing- Hotel Rupashi Bangla Crossing;
- Shahbag Crossing-Matsha Bhaban-Kadamful Crossing-High court Crossing;
- Hotel Rupashi Bangla Crossing-Minto Road-Baily Road-Hair Road-Kakrail Mosque Crossing left turn-Church Crossing-Matsha Bhaban Crossing;
- Nilkhel Crossing to TSC Crossing;
- Polaship turn to Doyel Courtyard Crossing through Shahid Minar;

(iii) Vehicle Parking

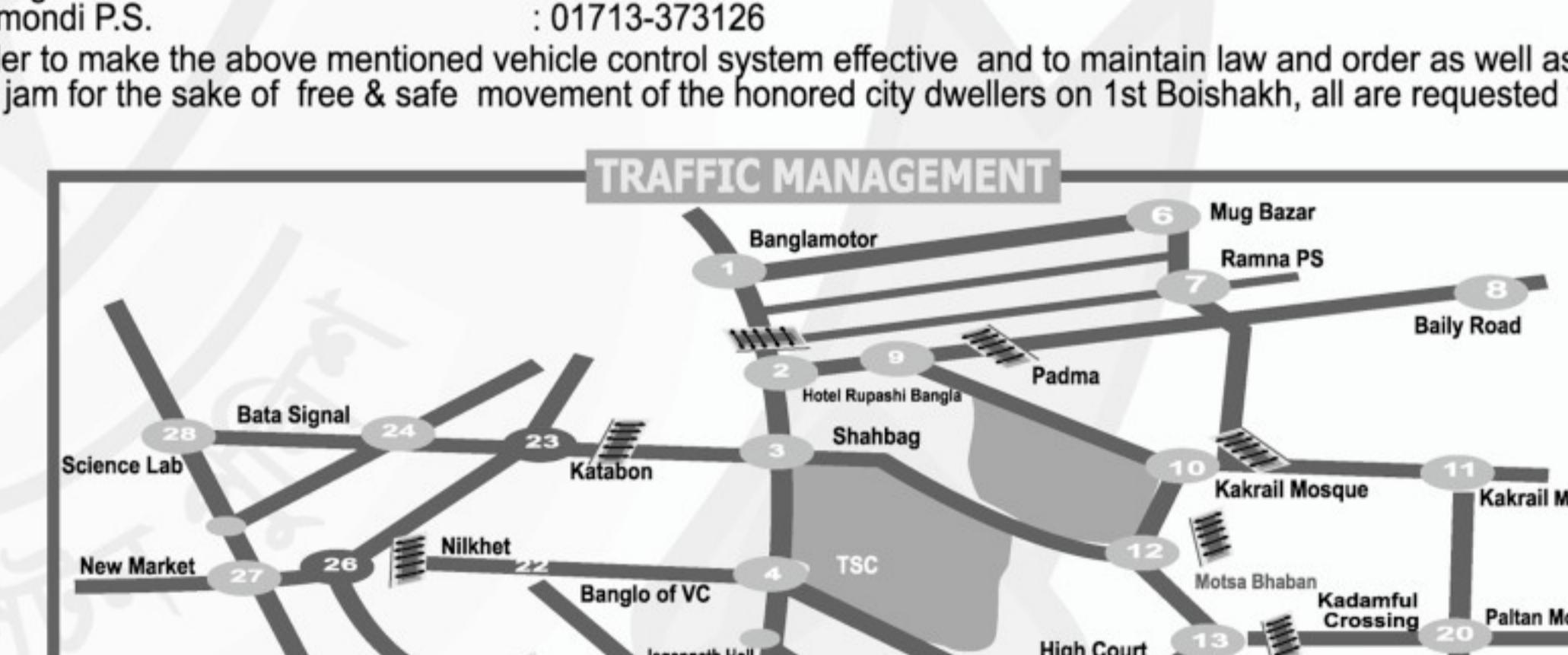
- T&T gap to Old Elephant Road (North side's vehicles)
- Karjon Hall to Abdul Gani Road (South side's vehicles)
- Karjon Hall to Fulbaria (South side's vehicles)
- Matsha Bhaban to Shegun Bagicha (East side's vehicles)
- Katabon to Polashi Turn (West side's vehicles)
- Baily Road (VIP vehicles)
- Minto Road (Media vehicles)

(C) Assistance at Police Control/Sub-control Room

- Legal Assistance
- Pure drinking water
- First aid
- Lost & Found
- Rescue team
- Temporary resting place

Police Control Room : 9559933, 9551188, 9514400, 01713398311, DMP-999
Police Sub-Control Room (Ramna park) : 2533 (DMP) (when occasion continues)
Ramna P.S. : 01713-373125
Shahbag P.S. : 01713-373127
Dhamondi P.S. : 01713-373126

In order to make the above mentioned vehicle control system effective and to maintain law and order as well as to avoid traffic jam for the sake of free & safe movement of the honored city dwellers on 1st Boishakh, all are requested for full support.



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