



To get home on time for iftar, commuters, at a risk to their lives, hang on to the rear end of an overcrowded bus on Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue in the capital yesterday, due to the severe dearth of public transports that has been plaguing the city for years.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

**POWER SECTOR  
PM against  
subsidy**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday told the Jatiya Sangsad that it was not right to give subsidies for electricity.

Suggesting a gradual decrease in subsidy for electricity, she said people would have to pay the costs of generating power.

The government has been giving heavy subsidies for the power sector in the

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**Rab back on streets**

*Resumes patrolling, stop-and-search after a gap of more than a month*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) yesterday resumed patrolling the streets and setting up checkpoints for stop-and-search after a gap of more than a month following serious allegations against it regarding abductions and killings.

Rab Director General Mukhlesur Rahman told The Daily Star over the phone that they had started patrolling the streets to beef up security in the month of Ramadan and ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr following a home

ministry order.

On May 26, the elite force decided to curtail stop-and-search operations, which is one of its additional duties apart from seven main objectives set when it was launched in 2004.

The DG claimed the force was patrolling streets during the period on a limited scale.

The force's other additional duties include controlling traffic and guarding tenderboxes.

The elite force is specialised in ensuring internal security, recovering unauthorised

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**N'GANJ-7 MURDER  
Govt probe body  
grills Rana**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government probe committee quizzed former officer of Rapid Action Battalion Lt Commander MM Rana, made accused in Narayanganj seven-murder cases, at the gate of Dhaka Central Jail yesterday.

Rana was interrogated from 10:00am to 1:00pm, Jail Superintendent Farman Ali told The Daily Star.

After the interrogation, Additional Secretary of the public administration ministry Md Shahjahan Ali Mollah, who heads the 7-member body, told reporters at the jail gate that they had been grilling former three Rab officers in custody to unearth the mystery behind the seven murders as they had been made accused in the cases.

He, however, refused to talk further about the outcomes of the yesterday's interrogation.

Former officer of the elite force Maj Arif Hossain was interrogated at the jail gate on Tuesday. Former officer of Rab Lt Col Tareque Sayeed Mohammad will be grilled at the

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Am I awake or asleep? So much had happened, and here I was in a hospital bed. Razia Sultana, a housewife in her 50s half-propped on a hospital bed was thinking to herself. Her husband, Mr. Alamgir was by her side. And her boys. Raising three sons was anything but easy, but there they were, healthy and successful. It's over, Alamgir said, you survived the surgery. A massive tumor had been removed from Razia's brain. Eight hours on the operating table. This was more than she could comprehend. She'd been told her personality could be changed. She might have brain damage. The idea frightened her. In a silent prayer, she said, O Allah, will I be the same person I was before?



This all started last October, as she was getting ready for bed at night, she felt herself falling to the bathroom floor. Not falling, really, more like she was gently lowered, by something as soft as an angel's wing. For a few seconds she actually saw herself lying there. She wasn't frightened, but she could hear her husband Alamgir shouting. Maybe I was dying, she thought.

She was rushed to the International Standard Tertiary Care Super Specialty Hospital in the city. "You have Meningioma, a brain tumor," the Neurosurgeon said. She looked away; she couldn't make herself look at the MRI pictures. She was given medication to sleep. Soon after she woke, her three boys arrived. They'd spent the night on the internet learning about brain tumors. "The best hospital and the best Neurosurgeon is right here," her eldest son assured her.

The tumor had invaded a large portion of the left side of Razia's head, pressing on her brain and the nerve to her left eye. The fall Razia had at her home could have been a godsend; perhaps the accident had aggravated the tumor in her brain, causing her blackout. Without that warning sign, the tumor would have continued to grow. Razia could have died.

In the days that followed the surgery, her husband and sons visited her in the hospital. The infection control system and the nursing care of the hospital were so meticulous and patient centric, I genuinely felt the benefit of the International Accreditation that the hospital has, says Razia.

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On the sixth day following her difficult surgery, she was discharged from the hospital only with the assistance of a walker for balance. She was free of major neurological deficits. But she was in for a shock when she passed a mirror and saw her reflection for the first time. Holding her breath, now she understood why she was getting strange looks. Her head was shaved around the incision. In spite of feeling tired, she had tremendous enthusiasm for her recovery. Therapists came to her home most days. She continued having regular checkups at the hospital, and she is still working on her balance. Since there is no scar on her forehead from the surgery, she thinks she looks great.

Razia has found new joy inside herself, life seemed wonderful. It has been a difficult recovery. But she feels Almighty walked with her through it and made her the woman she is today. Thank you, thank you, thank you, may Allah bless you; she keeps on praying to the Almighty for the betterment of the hospital and its doctors, who gave her loving care, spared her pain and returned her to being a normal, healthy woman.

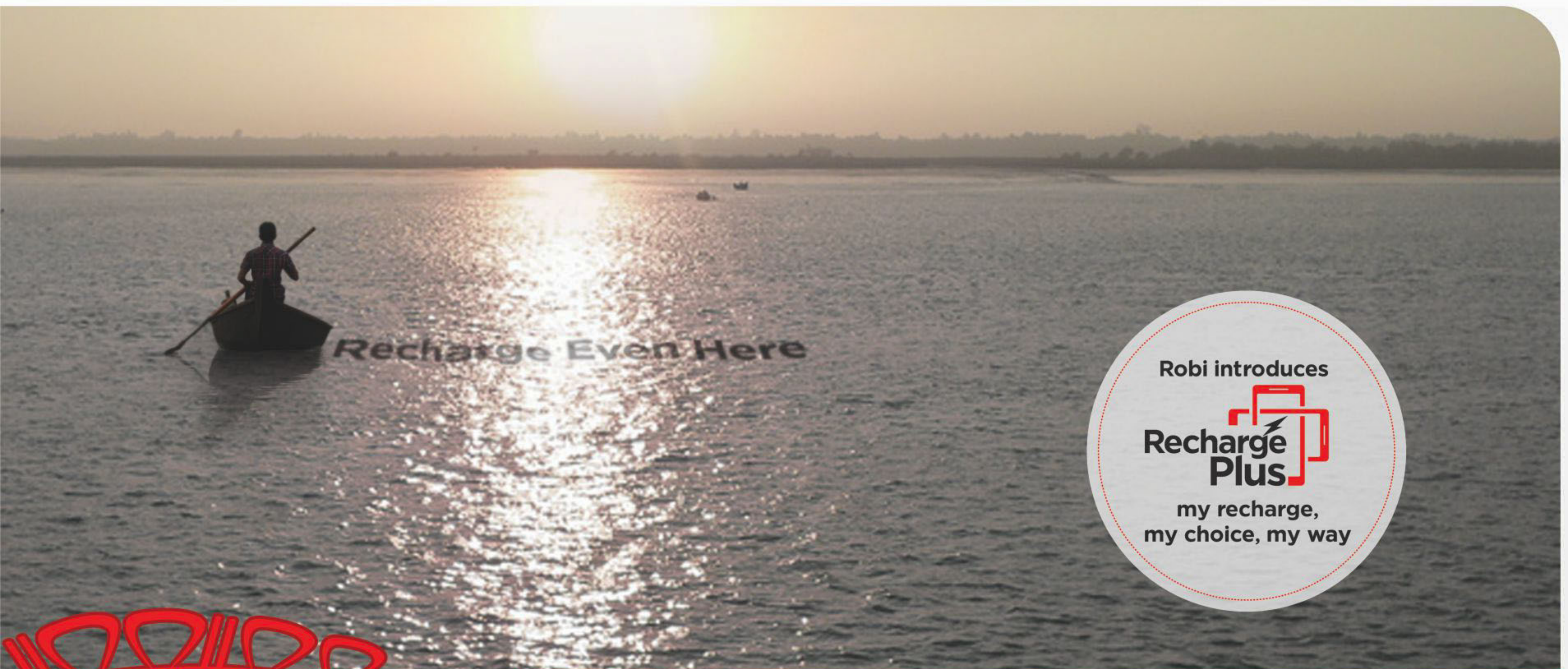


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