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IS ANYBODY WATCHING?

Chaotic all the time

Jaywalking, careless parking of public buses regular feature at airport intersection

HELEMUL ALAM

It is one of the most important roundabouts of the city. The roads around it are the widest and the pavements most spacious.

Yet the Shahjalal airport intersection has become one of the riskiest in the capital with chronic traffic congestion, thanks to mindless jaywalking, careless parking of public buses and largely ineffective traffic policing.

With no speed breakers around the roundabout, vehicles coming from all directions tend to pass the crossing in full throttle whenever they get a chance while pedestrians, instead of using the footbridge that stands within a few yards, choose to jump on the roads in hordes whenever they can, caring little about the speeding vehicles and their lives. This often causes accidents, the latest of which took place on April 2 when a speeding bus lost control and ploughed through pedestrians waiting to wind across the intersection, killing four and injuring 10.

Following the incident, the authorities have installed some rumble strips on the roads around the crossroads

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The intersection before Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport plunges into traffic chaos, with buses picking up and dropping off passengers at random and pedestrians jaywalking. The photo was taken on Wednesday.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

PM invites Khaleda to iftar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

They have been inviting each other to iftar every year for the last two decades. The news of the invitations is circulated in media with gusto. However, none of them ever attended the programme.

They are Prime Minister and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina and her archrival BNP

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DEATH OF 76 KIDS FROM ADULTERATED DRUGS Verdict on July 17

CHAITANYA CHANDRA HALDER

Families of 76 children, killed during 1990s by drugs adulterated with industrial toxic chemicals by manufacturers, hold their breath as July 17 is fixed for delivering judgement in a case filed over the crime.

The Dhaka Drug Court of Abdur Rashid yesterday fixed the date as the trial was capped with the prosecution's concluding argument.

The case had been stalled since 1994 following an order of the High Court. The trial resumed after November 11, 2009 following an investigation by The Daily Star and it took more than four and a half years for the case to reach the climax.

The government's alleged indifference in pursuing justice against influential businesspersons and the prosecuting body Directorate of Drug Administration's apparently intended flaws caused the delay. Every moment has meanwhile been unbearable for the justice seeker parents, some of who were interviewed by The Daily Star during its investigation.

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Repair roads before Eid

Ctg transport owners threaten strike if govt fails to take steps

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Transport leaders in Chittagong issued a 72-hour ultimatum to repair the run-down roads of Chittagong or else they would go for strikes ahead of Eid, when the roads are the busiest.

The leaders issued the threat at a meeting with AKM Hafiz Akhter, Chittagong superintendent of police at his office

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'TERROR LINKS'

Bangladesh-born UK citizen on sanction list

OUR CORRESPONDENT, London


A Bangladesh-born British citizen has been put on a list of people facing sanctions from the UK treasury for "terrorism or terror financing".

Ruhul Amin alias Abdul Rakib Amin or Abu Bara Al Hindi moved to Aberdeen in Scotland from Moulvibazar district when he was a young. He was brought up in Aberdeen and went to primary and secondary school there, British media reported quoting a former acquaintance.

The former acquaintance also said he had not seen Ruhul for the past couple of years and believed that his family had moved to Leicester.



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ONLINE POLL

Do you think that the deputy commissioners would be able to implement Prime Minister's directive to ensure good governance at the grassroots level, check food adulteration and price hike of essentials?

Yes (13%)


No (87%)

TOTAL VOTES: 187

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think it would be justified for the government to abolish the zila parishad system?

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Google Glass given mind control powers

INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

New technology that lets wearers control Google Glass using brainwaves could let people snap a photo and upload to the internet just by thinking about it.

Created by London user experience company This Place, the MindRDR app uses a third-party EEG headband

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MARITIME ARBITRATION

BNP critical of govt handling

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP yesterday claimed that the recent verdict of an international tribunal over the disputed maritime boundary was the reflection of what India wished as Bangladesh has "lost its rights" on around 6,000 sq km area.

Vice-chairman Maj (retd) Hafizuddin Ahmed of BNP said this in a formal reaction to the verdict at a press conference at the party chairperson's Gulshan office.

Bangladesh legal team could not properly argue on the country's demands before the tribunal, he mentioned.

Also former water resources minister, the BNP leader

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SEHRI, IFTAR TIMINGS

Ramadan	July	Sehri	Iftar
12	11		6-53
13	12	3-48	6-53
14	13	3-48	6-53

PRAYER TIMING July 11

Azan	Jamaat
Fajr 3-51	3-56
Juma 12-30	1-15
Asr 5-00	5-15
Maghrib 6-53	7-03
Esha 8-17	8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation



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