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IS ANYBODY WATCHING?

Where rules are broken at whim

Traffic mismanagement takes toll on commuters at Kakoli intersection

HELEMUL ALAM

Kakoli intersection, a major and complex traffic hub of the capital, has become a driver's nightmare due to poor traffic management and jaywalking.

The spot, crisscrossed by roads leading to Shahjalal airport, Gulshan's diplomatic and commercial zones, Defence Officers' Housing Society (DOHS), Mohakhali and other key areas of the city, experiences awful traffic congestion throughout the day.

Vehicles coming from both Mohakhali and airport directions have to wait for at least 10 minutes to cross the intersection and then face yet another snail-paced traffic with vehicles from Banani, DOHS and Dhaka Cantonment areas converging on the street.

Sometimes drivers lose their patience and try to cross the intersection ignoring traffic signals. So, accidents of minor scale are quite common at the spot. Vehicles from the direction of the airport are often found colliding with private cars from the Banani DOHS area by cutting into the traffic flow without waiting for the right signal.

Moreover, public buses, taking advantage of lax traffic policing, tend to stop haphazardly to pick up and drop off passengers while crossing the intersection, barring other

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Cars and bikes, from the right side of the intersection, move ahead even though a traffic policeman signals them to wait. The photo was taken at the capital's Kakoli around 6:00pm yesterday.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

GAZIPUR CITY Missing councillor rescued after 37hrs

STAR REPORT

A female ward councillor of Gazipur City Corporation was rescued in Habiganj last night, around 37 hours after she had gone missing.

Parvin Akter, 35, female councillor of ward 1-3, was rescued around 9:00pm in an ailing condition, said Abdul Baten, Gazipur superintendent of police, quoting Habiganj police.

"She was barely talking in police custody," the SP said, adding that police would try to know the mystery behind her going missing once she recovered.

She was left on Dhaka-Sylhet highway in Nabiganj upazila. Her mouth was taped and hands and legs tied when she was rescued, said Liakat Ali, officer-in-charge of Nabiganj Police Station.

Admitted to Nabiganj upazila health complex, she was now awaiting handover to Gazipur

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Market largely stable

Green chilli, aubergine, onion get pricey

GAZI TOWHID AHMED

The price rise of a few vegetables is taking a toll on consumers but prices of most items are largely stable and some have even become cheaper in this Ramadan.

Prices of green chillies, aubergines and onions rose 9.52 percent to 66 percent due to high demand.

Greengrocers hiked prices of green chillies by 66 percent to Tk 75 in a week.

"I have brought a kg of green chillies for Tk 45 last week. But this week I paid Tk 75," said Baby Akter, who has four members in her family.

She shops at Palashi BUET Market in

Lalbagh. She also bought a kg of aubergines for Tk 95, price of which rose 27 percent since last week.

The price of aubergines stood at Tk 110 a kg at Newmarket, according to data from the Department of Agriculture Marketing, a unit of the agriculture ministry.

"I will not buy cucumbers and high prices discouraged me from buying other items," she said.

The lower and middle class suffer the most when prices go up, said Abu Sayed, who went to Mohammadpur Town Hall Market.

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Khaleda slams killing of Palestinians

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday strongly protested the killing of innumerable Palestinians through Israel's air strikes in Gaza.

Israel has adopted terrorism as its state policy to obliterate all signs of humanity in order to satiate its hunger for imperialism, she said.

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Highway repair by July 20

Pledges Obaidul Quader

STAR REPORT

All the highways across the country will be fit for smooth traffic through repairs by July 20 to ease the homebound trips of passengers ahead of Eid, Communications Minister Obaidul Quader said yesterday.

"No excuse will be entertained in this regard. Action will be taken if any kind of negligence is found on the part of Roads and Highways Department officials and contracting firms," he added.

The minister was talking to reporters after inspecting the

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Rising population big concern for Dhaka

Mega cities now growing beyond richer world

STAR REPORT

Following a UN report that ranked Dhaka the eleventh most populous city in the world, concern has arisen whether the city can sustain the 3.6 percent annual growth in population it is currently experiencing.

According to environmentalists and urban planning experts, Dhaka has already started feeling the heat of an overcrowded

populace with traffic jam and water-logging becoming almost a routine problem.

The current population of 1.7 crore of Dhaka is already deprived of basic facilities like housing, healthcare, electricity and clean water, said eminent urban planner Prof Jamilur Reza Choudhury.

"If the population continues to increase, residing in Dhaka would become

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think that the deputy commissioners would be able to follow the government's directive to take stern action against river grabbers and polluters?

Yes

No

099%

91%

TOTAL VOTES: 150

TODAY'S POLL

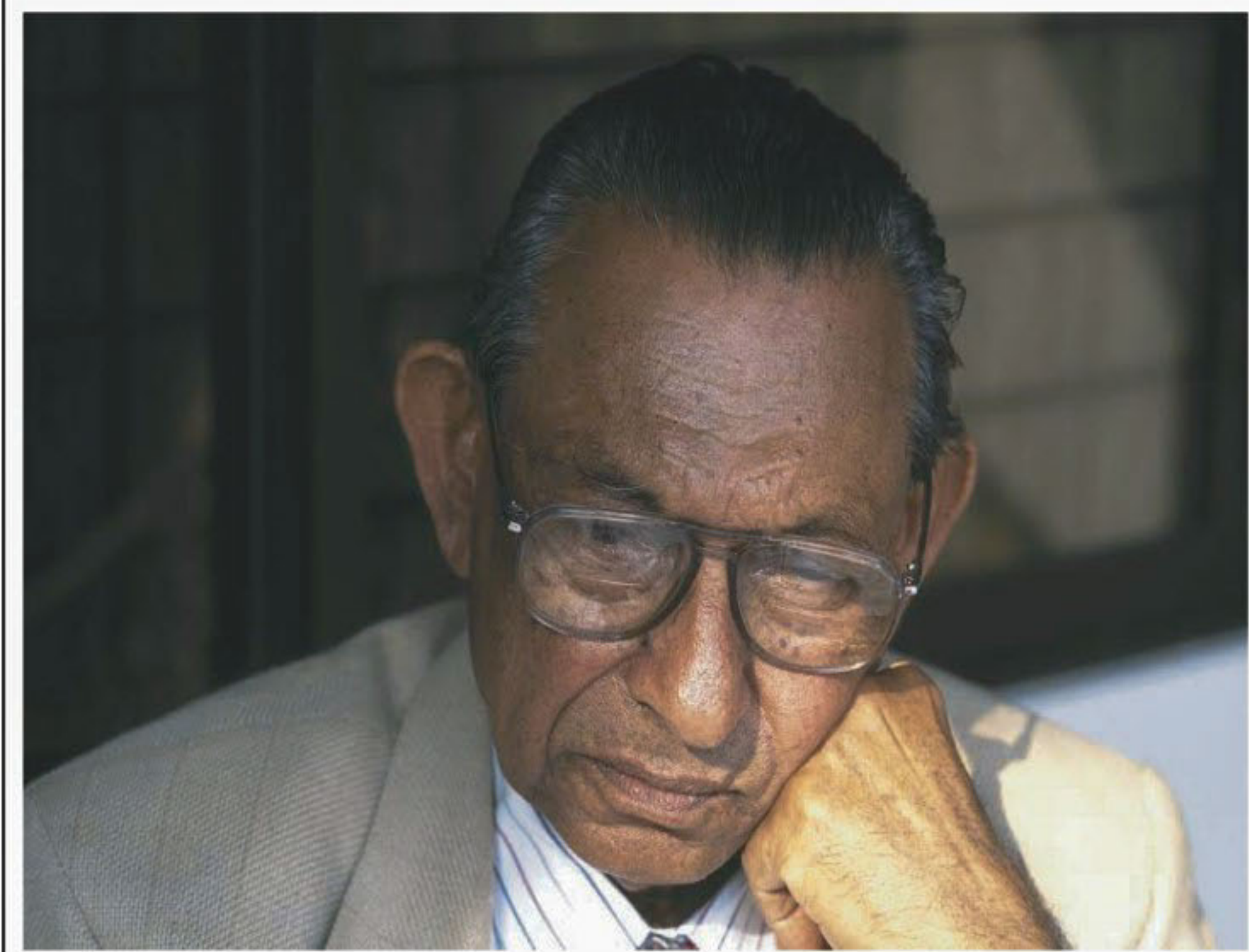
Do you agree with BNP leader Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir that the government has started a drama over the recent verdict on maritime dispute with India even though it did not get what it had demanded?

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SEHRI, IFTAR TIMINGS				
Ramadan	July	Sehri	Iftar	
14	13		6-53	
15	14	3-49	6-53	
16	15	3-49	6-53	

PRAYER TIMING July 13		
Azan	Jamaat	
Fajr	3-53	3-58
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-53	7-03
Esha	8-17	8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation



In Loving Memory

"The Greatest gift God gave me was you...my Dad.."
It's difficult to let you go but I must.....
I must return the gift God gave me.....
Till then:
See you in Heaven

Our most loving father, **Mr. Delwar Hossain**, passed away on June 24th, 2014 at Apollo Hospital of multi organ failure. He is survived by his seven children, seventeen grandchildren and six great grand children. He was the son of late Moulvi Serajul Hoque and late Mossammet Yakutennessa of Bhadur Miah Bari. He was married to late Begum Mehar Afroze, and late Begum Monawara.

He was born in Bhadur Mia Bari, Ramganj, Noakhali. After graduating from the Bhadur High School & Dhaka College, he attended the University of Dhaka. During 2nd World War he was commissioned in the Royal Indian Navy in 1943 by the then, ViceRoy and Governor General of India, Lord Wovvel. After the war ended he was then inducted in to the First Batch of Police Service of Pakistan. He served in the Police Service with the distinction until he retired as Superintendent of Police and went into private entrepreneurship. He had several industries, shipping, movie theater and established himself as prolific and visionary industrialist. He was not only a very successful businessman of his time but also a very spiritual, compassionate man, as well as being a great philanthropist. His greatest pride lay in re-building the 250 year old ancestral Mosque in Bahdur, which has now become a centre of pride for the entire area. His

was laid to rest in the ancestral family grave yard, next to the beautiful Masjid which he built with passion and love.

Namaz-E-Janaza was held on Friday, 27th of June, at Bhadur Miah Bari, Ramgonj, Noakhali. He was

Please join us in praying for his departed soul, so that Allah may forgive his shortcomings and may Allah grant eternal peace in Jannate Ferdaus.

His ever loving children,

Yasmine Mahmud, Naseem Delwar Hossain, Nasreen Islam, Zubair Hussain, Zeba Lashkar, Zareen Delawar Hossain and Zeid Hossain.