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Transport, tourism sectors badly affected; farmers in trouble as supply chain disrupted

SOHEL PARVEZ, PANKAJ KARMAKAR and WASIM BIN HABIB

The fleet of 75 buses of Nabil Paribahan, a popular bus service of northwest region, remains off the road since January 4. That has been a double trouble for the company. While it could not earn a coin in these six days, it had to count Tk 50,000 in daily business operation cost. Its 650 drivers, helpers and supervisors had no work and therefore no pay, except for food allowance.

Farmers really have fallen into a big trouble with their produce as we cannot send those anywhere for fear of attacks on trucks.

Rahidul Islam, a wholesaler of Bogra

Paribahan that operates 65 trips a day, earning Tk 6 lakh on average.

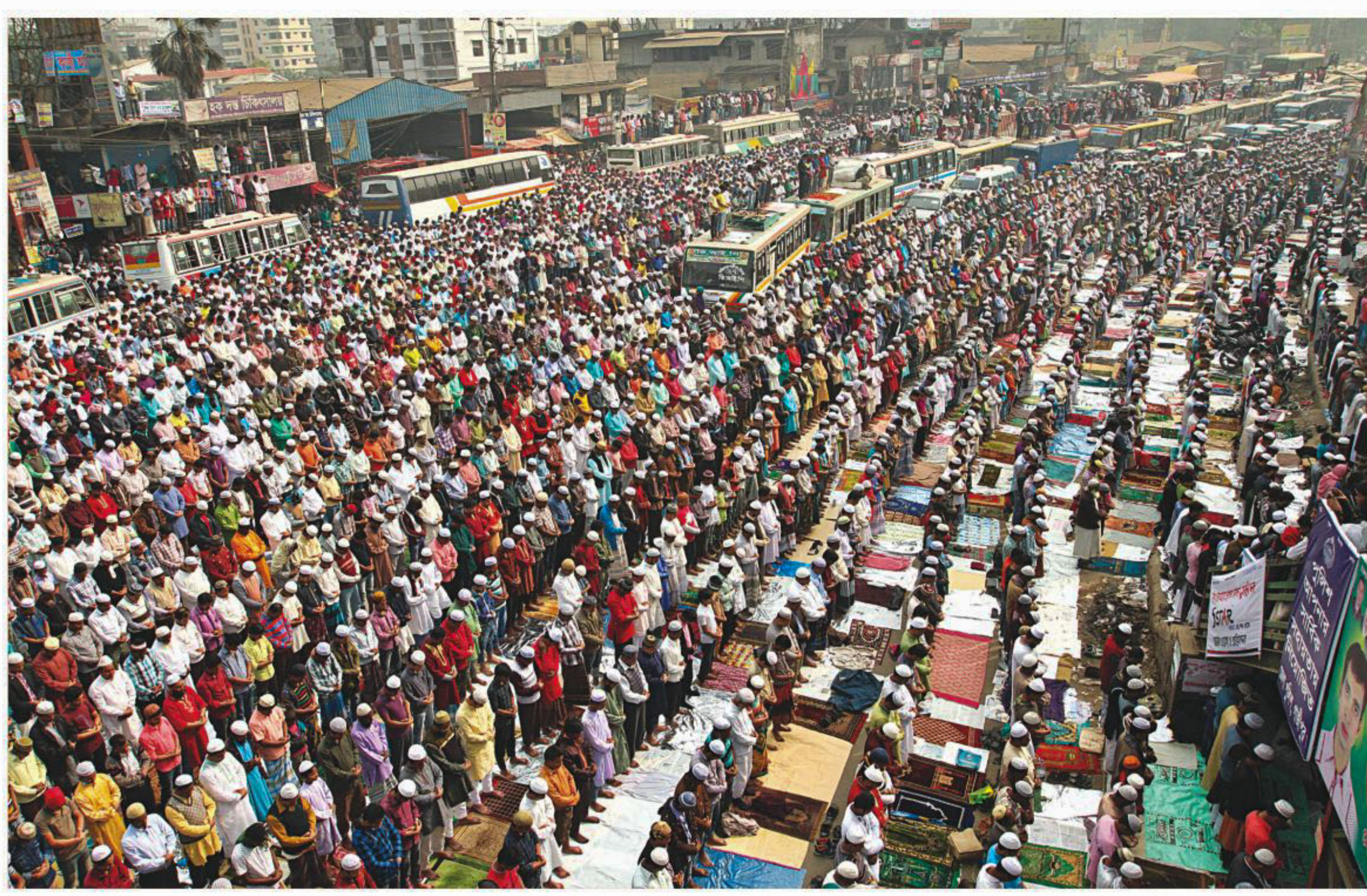
"Our drivers and helpers are employed on no-work-no-pay basis. One helper sought a loan from me," he said.

BUSINESSES BLEEDING

Road transport, the means for movement of more than 80 percent passenger and freight volumes, has once again become the most affected sector for the return of blockade, shutdown and arson and bomb attacks since early this month.

Usually, some 2 lakh passenger buses and goods-laden vehicles ply across the country every day. Of them, about 76,000 are buses and the rest are goods carriers. For each day's suspended operation, owners incur a loss of up to Tk 7,000 per vehicle.

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Devotees offer Juma prayers on the Dhaka-Mymensingh highway yesterday, as the assembly at the Biswa Ijtema ground on the Turag bank spills over.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Fall of Rajapakse

Sirisena new Sri Lankan president in bitterly fought elections

AFP, Colombo

Maithripala Sirisena was sworn in as Sri Lankan president yesterday after a shock victory over veteran strongman Mahinda Rajapakse in an election dominated by charges of corruption and growing authoritarianism.



Sirisena took the oath of office hours after Rajapakse conceded defeat, saying he accepted the decision of Sri Lankans who turned out in force on Thursday to vote him out after 10 years in office.

Sirisena said Sri Lanka would mend its ties with the international community, in a clear reference to Rajapakse's falling out with the West over allegations of wartime rights abuses by the military.

"We will have a foreign policy that will mend our ties with the international community and all international organisations in order that we derive maximum benefit for our people," he said.

Celebratory firecrackers could be heard in Colombo as Sirisena was sworn in on the capital's Independence Square along with MORE ON PAGE 8 SEE PAGE 11 COL 2

Charlie Hebdo suspects killed 4 hostages die in second siege

AGENCIES

Two brothers suspected of a bloody attack on the offices of French satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo were killed when police stormed their hideout yesterday, while a second siege ended with the deaths of four hostages.

The violent end to the simultaneous stand-offs followed a police operation of unprecedented scale as France tackled one of the worst threats to its internal security in decades. The heavy loss of life over three consecutive days also risked fuelling anti-immigrant voices in the country and elsewhere in the West.

Officials said Cherif Kouachi and his brother Said, both in their thirties, died when anti-terrorist forces moved in on a print shop in the small town of Dammartin-en-Goelle, northeast of Paris, where the chief suspects in Wednesday's attack had been holed up. The hostage they had taken was safe, an official said.

Automatic gunfire rang out, followed by blasts and then silence as smoke could be seen billowing from the roof of the print

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VIOLENCE ON 4TH DAY OF BLOCKADE

Jubo League man killed, 50 injured

Law enforcers escort long route vehicles; Feni magistrate hurt in cocktail blast

STAR REPORT

Yet another man was killed on Thursday night, raising the death toll to eight in political violence since Sunday, the first anniversary of the controversial January 5 parliamentary polls.

The fourth day of the nationwide blockade, enforced by the BNP-led combine, saw violent clashes in which around 50 people were injured, at least 19 vehicles torched and many more vandalised in Dhaka and elsewhere.

An on-duty executive magistrate was also critically injured in a crude bomb attack in Feni.

Having failed to attend a rally to mark "Democracy Killing Day" on January 5, BNP chief Khaleda Zia called the nonstop blockade from the following day, virtually crippling the country's road communication. The railway too suffered several attacks.

However, road communication was partially restored on long routes yesterday under special security measures.

The BNP has called hartals in Sylhet and districts for tomorrow, protesting the arrest of BNP's Vice-chairman Shomsher Mobin Chowdhury.



The injured magistrate

Devotees defy blockade to join Ijtema

HELEMUL ALAM and ABU BAKAR SIDDIQUE ARAND

Defying the nonstop blockade enforced by the BNP-led 20-party alliance, hundreds of thousands of Muslims attended the first day of Biswa Ijtema, the second largest Muslim congregation in the world, at Tongi in Gazipur yesterday.

The Ijtema venue, the bank of the Turag river, and its adjacent areas literally turned into a human sea during the Juma prayers. The three-day congregation concludes tomorrow through the Akheri Munajat seeking spiritual wellbeing and welfare of the Muslim Ummah.

Thousands of Muslims were seen offering their Juma prayers on the streets blocking vehicular movement and roofs of different houses and markets.

The first phase of the Ijtema began after Faza prayers with religious

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US trashes media reports based on false statement

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The US House Committee on Foreign Affairs has trashed media reports that claimed the committee along with five members of the US Congress had condemned the Bangladesh government's action on the media and politicians.

Neither the committee

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Fog over BJP chief's call to Khaleda

AL says it's false; BNP stands firm on its claim

STAR REPORT

While the BNP stuck to its claim that Indian BJP President Amit Shah had talked to Khaleda Zia over the phone, the ruling Awami League yesterday termed it a lie.

On Thursday night, BNP Chairperson's Press Secretary Maruf Kamal Khan at a press conference said Amit Shah called Khaleda at 10:30pm on Wednesday, inquired about her physical condition and prayed for her quick recovery.

Media outlets, both Indian and Bangladeshi, picked the story.

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25th Death Anniversary

DEATH: 10TH JANUARY 1990

We deeply mourn the death of our beloved mother Late "Masuda Begum" wife of Late Mr. Abul Khair, founder of Abul Khair Group (Abul Co.). Today with due respect, we remember her works, ideals and memories and pray to Almighty for His divine blessings.

We request all our relatives and well-wishers to pray for her eternal peace.

BELOVED SONS & DAUGHTERS.

ঢাকা দক্ষিণ সিটি কর্পোরেশন

"সময়মত পৌরকর পরিশোধ করুন"

"আপনার শহর পরিচ্ছন্ন রাখুন"

বৈধ বিজ্ঞাপনফলকের কর পরিশোধকরণ ও অবৈধ বিজ্ঞাপনফলক সরিয়ে নেয়া সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি

সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, ঢাকা দক্ষিণ সিটি কর্পোরেশন (ডিএসসিসি) এর আওতাধীন এলাকায় বিজ্ঞাপনফলক স্থাপনের ক্ষেত্রে The Municipal Corporations (Taxation) Rules, 1986 এর ৭৪ ধারায় কর্পোরেশন কর্তৃপক্ষের অনুমতি গ্রহণ করার এবং ঢাকা সিটি কর্পোরেশন আদর্শ কর তফসিল, ২০০২ এর ৮ ধারায় নির্ধারিত হারে কর প্রদানের বিধান রয়েছে। উক্ত বিধান লঙ্ঘন করে বিজ্ঞাপনফলক লাগানো "স্থানীয় সরকার (সিটি কর্পোরেশন) আইন, ২০০৯" এর ৯২ ধারার অধীন পঞ্চম তফসিলের ৩ উপ-ধারার বিধান অনুযায়ী দণ্ডনীয় অপরাধ।

০২। উপর্যুক্ত বিধান মতে বকেয়াসহ ২০১৪-১৫ অর্থবছরের কর পরিশোধ করে যে সকল বিজ্ঞাপনফলকের বৈধতার মেয়াদ হালনাগাদ করা হয়নি সে সকল বিজ্ঞাপনফলক মেয়াদোত্তীর্ণ/অবৈধ বিবেচনায় উচ্ছেদযোগ্য।

০৩। গত ২৪/০৩/২০১৪খ্রিঃ তারিখে বিভিন্ন দৈনিক পত্রিকায় বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রচার করে ৪ নম্বর ক্রমিক উল্লেখকৃত নির্দেশনাসমূহ প্রতিপালনের জন্য সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলকে অনুরোধ করা সত্ত্বেও অধিকাংশ ক্ষেত্রে বর্ণিত নির্দেশনাসমূহ প্রতিপালিত হচ্ছে না। যা কোনভাবেই কাম্য নয়।

০৪। এমতাবস্থায়, অত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের ৭ (সাত) দিনের মধ্যে (ক) বকেয়াসহ ২০১৪-১৫ অর্থবছরের কর পরিশোধ করে বিজ্ঞাপনফলকের বৈধতার মেয়াদ হালনাগাদ করার জন্য, (খ) বৈধ বিজ্ঞাপনফলকে অনুমোদনের স্মারক নম্বর, তারিখ, প্রতিষ্ঠানের নাম ও টেলিফোন নম্বর দৃশ্যমানভাবে সংরক্ষণের জন্য, (গ) অবৈধ বিজ্ঞাপনফলক সরিয়ে নেয়ার জন্য ও ভবিষ্যতে ডিএসসিসি'র অনুমোদন ব্যতীত ডিএসসিসি'র নিজস্ব ভূমি/ভবন/বেদ্যুতিক খুঁটিতে এবং ডিএসসিসি এলাকার ব্যক্তিমালিকানাধীন/বিভিন্ন সংস্থার ভূমি/ভবনে বিজ্ঞাপনফলক না লাগানোর জন্য, (ঘ) পণ্যের বিজ্ঞাপন প্রচারকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানগুলোকে বিজ্ঞাপনফলক তাদ্ধা নেয়ার সময় বিজ্ঞাপনফলকের স্বত্বাধিকারীপণের অনুকূলে ডিএসসিসি'র হালনাগাদ অনুমোদন রয়েছে কি-না তা নিশ্চিত হওয়ার জন্য এবং (ঙ) ডিএসসিসি এলাকার বাড়ির দেয়াল/ছাদে বিদ্যমান বিজ্ঞাপনফলকের আয়তন, সংখ্যা ইত্যাদি উল্লেখপূর্বক তালিকা সরবরাহকরতঃ কর প্রদান করে অনুমোদন গ্রহণের জন্য বাড়ির মালিকসহ সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলকে পুনরায় অনুরোধ করা হলো। অন্যথায় মোবাইল কোর্টের মাধ্যমে মেয়াদোত্তীর্ণ/অবৈধ বিজ্ঞাপনফলক উচ্ছেদ করাসহ উচ্ছেদ ব্যয় ও পাওনা কর আদায়ের জন্য সংশ্লিষ্ট ব্যক্তি/প্রতিষ্ঠান/বাড়ির মালিকের বিরুদ্ধে আইনানুগ ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হবে।

ডিএসসিসি/পিআরডি/১২৮/১৪-১৫ কর্তৃপক্ষ

জিডি-৮৩ ঢাকা দক্ষিণ সিটি কর্পোরেশন

Qulkhwani and Doa Mahfil

The Qulkhwani and Doa Mahfil for late former Chief Justice Mustafa Kamal will be held on 10th January Saturday at 4 Pm. at Spectra Convention Center. House-19, Road-7, Gulshan-1.

He breathed his last in his Gulshan residence in Dhaka on 5 January 2015 (Rabiul awal 14, 1436 Hijri)

Members of the family request you all to kindly attend the Mahfil and pray for the salvation of the departed soul.