



Cricket, How Does it Work?

As I write this editorial, cricket is happening around me. Journalists and book critics are yelling their heads off and out the window I see people marching up the street with big green and red flags. My Facebook news feed is full of jokes about being happy and demands that someone arrange some horrible accident for Tamim. As someone who does not cricket all of this cricket is completely bewildering to me. And for a change I don't mind at all.

Seeing as how the past few months have been one monstrous cavalcade of senseless violence that's been fracturing us as persons and as a people, there's something very indefinably touching about our ability to unite and enjoy a game. It makes absolutely no sense at all, but then again nothing does anymore. Cricket on. This has been beautiful.

– Zoheb Mashiur, sub-editor, SHOUT

This Week's Horoscope

ARIES

The chains that bind our friendship are the same ones in my basement.



TAURUS

Take my hand and rub it. For luck.



GEMINI

Erwin Rommel taught us to blitzkrieg our loved ones.



CANCER

The Fault In Our Stars.



LEO

I really liked your performance in Django Unchained.



VIRGO

There's a Carl Johnson inside all of us.



LIBRA

Arsenal will still be 4th in this year's Bundesliga A.



SCORPIO

Watch Dora the Explorer in 3D. Remember to wear loose pants.



SAGITTARIUS

It's not a crime if your cow agrees.



CAPRICORN

You look nice today.



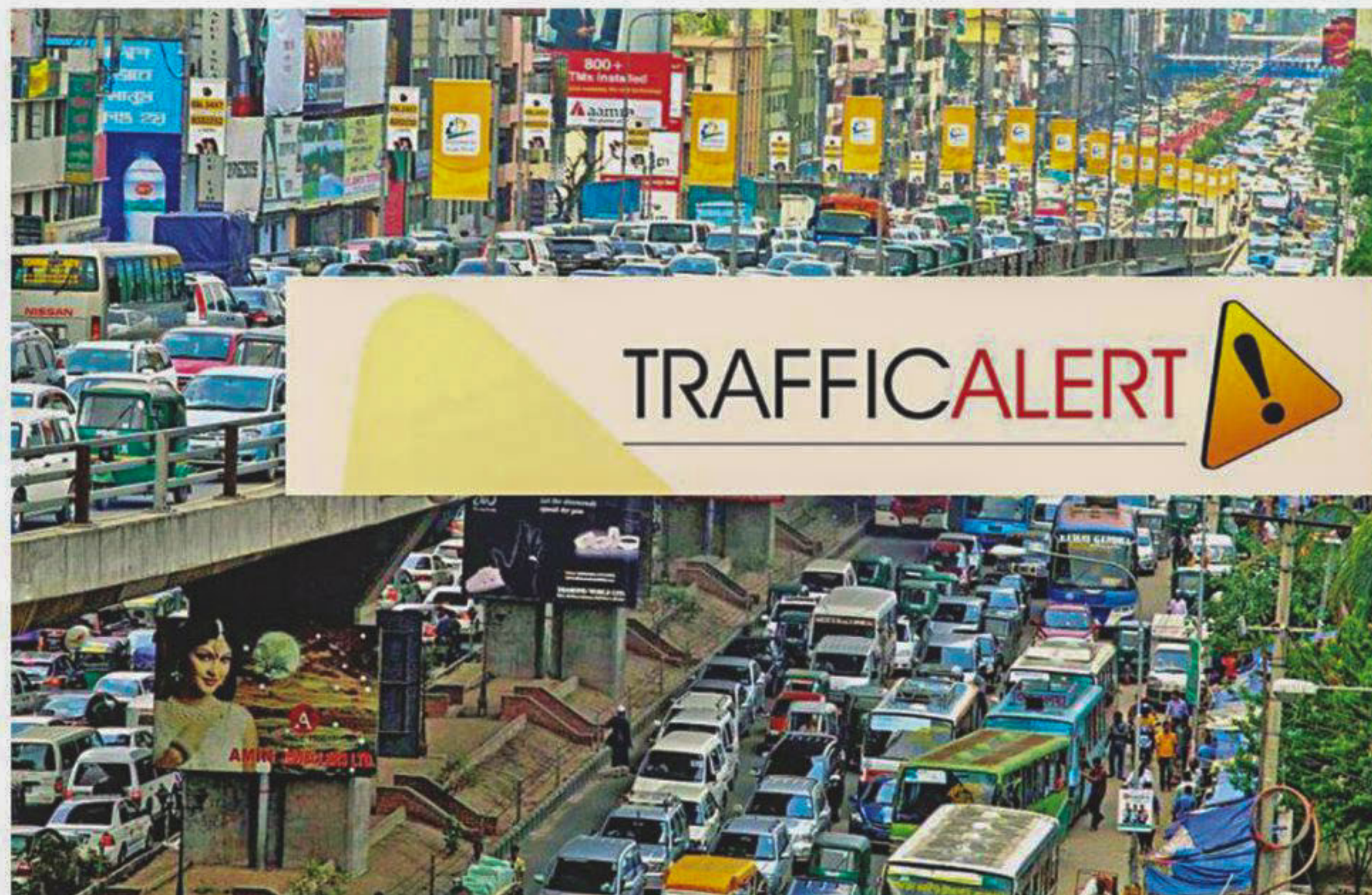
AQUARIUS

It's an ice bucket challenge, it's a nice bucket challenge.



PISCES

Listen to Vennu Mallesh. He will guide you towards your Destiny.



Helping Tackle Dhaka Commute

SALMA MOHAMMAD ALI

Traffic Alert is a Facebook group with over 10,000 members, who actively update each other about traffic situations on the roads of Dhaka city, often providing photos and suggesting alternate routes.

The idea of the group comes from Safaat Nabil, a 24 year old student of North South University. He explains, "Having to commute a lot and getting stuck in traffic everyday, I thought to myself that if I knew which roads are jammed up, I could take a different route or head out at a different time. So I decided to create a Facebook group with my friends – Tarin Yeasmin and Sabrina Yeasmin, which would aid people to make better travel decisions and save time."

Being alerted about traffic is certainly very helpful but with the current political situation, the members' focus now also includes safety. If there is violence in any area – pickets, petrol bomb or cocktail blasts – or if a road accident has taken place, members post in the group, mentioning the time and location of the occurrence to warn others. Recently more members have started to inquire before making highway journeys as well and Safaat hopes to expand the group for other districts.

Kadin Ehsan Imdad, an 18-year-old A-Level student, says, "Seeing Dhakaiites work as one big group to ensure the safety of their fellow citizens is very promising. It's a brilliant attempt to alert the public about latest activities even before they hit the news."

Anabil Shamal Rahman, 27, a Senior Executive at Grameenphone, has benefitted from the group on several occasions and tries to post updates whenever he can. He believes, "Traffic Alert will continue to be very useful as long as conversations do not digress from traffic/safety matters."

If you like the idea of smarter, safer commute in our city, do consider joining Traffic Alert.

Link: www.facebook.com/groups/TrafficAlert.BD



MIXTAPE

SAILOR

Oscar Brand

Bell Bottom Trousers

Stan LePard

The Sailor's Life For Me

The Irish Rovers

Drunken Sailor

Dropkick Murphys

I'm Shipping Off To Boston

Buckethead

Pirate's Life for Me



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