



Traffic congestion at its peak in Farmgate despite it being a weekend yesterday with the capital's dwellers apparently getting prepared for Eid-ul-Fitr which is just weeks away. The photo was taken around 5:30pm.

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## Dr Zafar Iqbal quits Sust administrative posts

UNB, Sylhet

Eminent writer and professor of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (Sust), Dr Muhammad Zafar Iqbal, resigned from all three administrative posts amid a movement demanding resignation of Vice Chancellor Aminul Haque Bhuiyan.

He quit as head of the electrical and electronics department, director of Computer Centre and Institute of Information and Communication Technology (ICT), and president of Sust's journal editorial council.

He sent a letter in this regard to the registrar on Thursday.

Earlier, on April 20, 35 teachers including Zafar Iqbal resigned from their administrative posts demanding the VC's

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## 300 smuggled turtles seized, four arrested in Savar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Police yesterday recovered 300 smuggled turtles of a rare species from a microbus on Dhaka-Aricha Highway in Dairy Gate area of Savar, outside the capital, and arrested four people.

The arrestees -- Rekha Bishwas and Nur Mohammad, both in their 40s, Md Hafizur Rahman, 30, and Rony Miah, 25, -- and the turtles, which have been smuggled from India, were handed over to Ashulia police. A case was filed.

## Greens call out to save Bashabo playground

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Protesting an initiative to construct an educational institution on the capital's Bashabo Balurmath, nine green organisations yesterday demanded that the government save the field from encroachment.

There are many schools and colleges in the area and another is unnecessary and hence the initiative is a pretext to destroy the field, they told a press conference in Dhaka Reporters Unity, demanding all the country's parks and playgrounds be protected.

Urging people concerned to cancel the initiative, Syed Abul Maksud, Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (Bapa) vice president, said failure to protect the field would result in the grabbing of others like Suhrawardy Udyan and Ramna Park in the pretext of

social development.

Bapa Vice President Mubassher Hossain questioned the initiative, saying the area's existing ones could be turned into modern model schools and colleges through donations.

Gazi Ashraf Hossain Lipu, convener of Bapa's park, field and tradition protection programme, said they were proud of Bangladesh's successes in sports. But hopelessness caved in when fields which help generate players are found being destroyed, he said.

He said though it was the government's duty to provide the opportunity to develop players, fields were being destroyed with the help of public representatives.

Bapa Joint Secretary Iqbal Habib said Basabo Balurmath was earmarked as an open space in Rajdhani Unnayan

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