

Total chaos on highways

Three-wheeler drivers, owners
block roads across the country
protesting ban; thousands suffer

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The government ban on three-wheelers and slow-moving vehicles on highways effective from yesterday brought enormous sufferings on people as transport owners and drivers put barricades at different points protesting the ban.

Parts of Dhaka-Chittagong, Dhaka-Khulna, Dhaka-Sylhet, Dhaka-Barisal, Dhaka-Tangail and Dhaka-Mymensingh highways were blocked by agitated transport workers, causing tailbacks on both sides of the roads.

Protesters clashed with law enforcers in some places, halting vehicular movement on different highways. At least 20 people, including two policemen, were injured in the attacks and counter-attacks while protesters vandalised at least 75 vehicles in different areas.

Meanwhile, police seized several auto-rickshaws and auto-tempos from different highways as part of the drive to enforce the ban. On some other highways, however, they were seen plying, report our district correspondents.

On July 27, the Road Transport and Bridges Ministry issued an order, banning three-wheeler auto-rickshaws, auto-tempos and other slow-moving and unfit vehicles on

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Passengers start walking at Faujdarhat on Dhaka-Chittagong highway yesterday after transport workers and owners, inset, block the highway protesting the ban on three-wheelers on highways. More photos on page 2.

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MAGURA SHOOTING Two more accused arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rab and police yesterday arrested two people in connection with last week's shooting of a pregnant woman that injured both the mother and her unborn baby in Magura.

The two are Magura district Chhatra League Vice-president Sen Suman and Nazrul Islam, both accused in the case filed over the shooting.

Suman was captured by Rab-4 at Kallayanpur in the capital.

A police team arrested Nazrul from a bus bound for Khulna at Shreepur upazila in Magura, said Imaul Haque, officer-in-charge of Detective Branch of police in Magura.

Rab-4 Commanding Officer Khandakar Lutful Kabir, also an additional DIG, said they were yet to decide whether they would

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Govt to buy new surveillance tools

Tk 200cr proposal to intensify watch on
phone calls, social network activities

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

The government has decided to purchase modern equipment worth more than Tk

200 crore to step up mobile phone, email and social network surveillance.

The home ministry has recently sent a

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Mokim departs

Abdul Mokim Chowdhury, son of Rezia and Abdul Momin Chowdhury of Bhadeshwar, Sylhet, passed away on Thursday, July 30 in Maryland, USA (Innalillaha Rajiun). Mokim was a former tea planter of James Finlay Bangladesh. A man who endeared with his simplicity and was admired for his courage, breathed his last peacefully.

His mortal remains will arrive in Dhaka during the evening of Monday, August 3. His first namaz-e-janaza will be held at Azad Mosque Gulshan after Isha prayers. He will be taken to Sylhet and will have his final resting place by the side of his father at the Dargah of Hazrat Shahjalal. Insh'Allah his burial will take place after Asr prayers.

He is survived by his wife Molly, daughters Rushmilla and Urmilla, son-in-law Asif, and grand-daughter Anaya. He also leaves behind three sisters, three brothers, and countless extended family and friends.

JS MEMBERSHIP AL, Latif at loggerheads

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Abdul Latif Siddique has described the Awami League's decision to expel him from the party for his "anti-religion remarks" as a mistake.

The former posts and telecommunication minister termed the allegation against him "hard to imagine, false and baseless".

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FORMER ENCLAVE IN LALMONIRHAT Villagers unite to fight land grabbers

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

The inhabitants of an erstwhile Indian enclave in Lalmonirhat never had the courage before to raise their voice against the land grabbers as they had no legal protection and feared attack by the culprits.

But now that they are citizens of Bangladesh, they are united and vocal in their demand for their rights.

Some 50 of the around 700 residents of Banshpacha in Lalmonirhat

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ARSON, VIOLENCE CASES Aman sent to jail, Anwar gets bail

COURT CORRESPONDENT

BNP leader Amanullah Aman was sent to jail yesterday as his bail petitions in 47 out of 55 arson cases were rejected.

The cases were filed with different police stations in Dhaka during the hartal and

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TOP!
QUOTE
"If you are brave, then take away the land-grabbers' land. Only then we will accept that this is a brave state."
NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION CHAIRMAN
DR MIZANUR RAHMAN
ON RIGHTS OF TEA GARDEN WORKERS AT THE JATIYA PRESS CLUB YESTERDAY.

Two minor girls raped in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two girls below the age of 10 were raped in capital's Hazaribagh and Mirpur areas on Saturday.

Doctors at the one-stop crisis centre at Dhaka Medical College Hospital, where the victims were receiving treatment, found preliminary evidence of rape.

The incidents took place three days after a female worker was gang-raped allegedly by one of her fellow colleagues and two of his cohorts in capital's Uttara area.

In the Hazaribagh incident, a seven-year-old girl was raped by a man while her parents were away at work on Saturday.

Police arrested suspect Khokon, 35, following the incident.

Quoting the victim and her family, Moinul Islam, officer-in-charge of Hazaribagh Police Station, told The Daily Star that the girl along with her parents, who work as a rickshaw

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Today is the 2nd Death Anniversary of Sobera Ahmed Rizvi (Rita)



We request all relatives, friends
and well-wishers to remember her in their
prayers and to pray for eternal peace of her soul

Jowher (Shahinshah), Yasser, Nasser, Zain, Fatema, Zarah & Zameer

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