

# Why bus fare not fixed for five Indo-Bangla routes

## HC asks govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court has questioned the legality of the government's initiative for appointing bus operators for five routes between Bangladesh and India for two years without fixing the bus fares for passengers.

In response to a writ petition, the court issued a rule asking the government to show causes in four weeks as to why invitation of bids for operating buses on the five international routes without fixing bus fares should not be declared illegal.

The routes are Dhaka-Kolkata-Dhaka; Agartala-Dhaka-Kolkata-Agartala; Dhaka-Kulna-Kolkata-Dhaka; Dhaka-Agartala-Dhaka; and Dhaka-Sylhet-Shilong-Guwahati-Dhaka.

In the rule, the HC asked the respondents to explain why they should not be directed to fix and publish specific bus fares before initiating the tender process for the routes.

The court also ordered the authorities concerned to dispose of the application for stopping overcharging of passengers of the five routes within a month.

Secretaries to the ministries of road transport and bridges and foreign affairs, chairman of Bangladesh Road Transport Authority, chairman of Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation, and its deputy general manager (operation) have been made respondents to the rule and order.

The bench of Justice Md Ashfaqul Islam and Justice Ashish Ranjan Das came up with the rule and order on Sunday following a writ petition filed by Bangladesh Passengers Welfare Samity's General Secretary Md Mozammel Hoque Chowdhury.

The deputy general manager (operation) of BRTC issued the tender notice on July 4. During hearing of the petition, petitioner's lawyer ABM Altaf Hossain said bids from prospective operators were invited defying the Public Procurement Act, 2006 and the protocol signed between Bangladesh and India, as specific fares were not fixed.

In favour of his position, he argued that although the bus fare was fixed at Tk 902 for Dhaka-Kolkata-Dhaka route under the protocol, the transport operators including BRTC are collecting Tk 1,700 to Tk 2,200 from a passenger, hence victimising the passengers.



Ignoring safety concerns, a large crowd of people occupy a section of Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue and look for transports to get to their destinations. The transport crisis is partially due to buses running as "gate lock service" that stop taking passengers after the seats are filled up at the Motijheel bus stop. The photo was taken in the capital's Farmgate area yesterday around 1:00pm.

PHOTO: STAR

## Saudi agency to hire 3,000 Bangladeshi workers this yr

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Lauding professionalism and sincerity of Bangladeshi workers, a top manpower agency in Saudi Arabia yesterday announced to recruit 3,000 more Bangladeshi workers this year.

Chief Executive Officer of Eastern Recruitment Fahad Al Sulaimi told this to Bangladeshi Ambassador in Saudi Arabia Golam Mosi at a meeting in Riyadh yesterday. Mosi also had another meeting in Saudi Arabia's Dammam on the same day with top officials of various Saudi corporations

and encouraged them to recruit skilled Bangladeshis, said a press release.

Laying importance on training during recruitment, the Bangladesh envoy highlighted the need for working atmosphere in Saudi Arabia, providing the workers with adequate information about their job description, salary and other admirable benefits and facilities. The ambassador asked the company bosses to recruit physicians, engineers, and other skilled professionals, apart from hiring the general workers.

## 3-day model UN conference begins at JU

JU CORRESPONDENT

Aiming to help participants learn diplomacy and build leadership, a three-day model UN conference, a simulation of the United Nations committee sessions, began at Jahangirnagar University yesterday.

JU Vice Chancellor Farzana Islam inaugurated the event organised by JU Model United Nations.

Around 280 students of different institutions took part in the event.

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## NEWS IN brief

### Call to join DUJ rally for 9th wage board on Sunday

BSS, Dhaka

Leaders of the Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) yesterday called upon the journalists to join its Sunday rally to press for announcement of the 9th wage board, said a DUJ release.

The union will organise the rally in front of the secretariat if the government does not announce the formation of the 9th wage board by Saturday, said DUJ leaders in a views exchange meeting at Jatiya Press Club.

Syed Istiaque Reza, head of news of channel 71 and a BFUJ leader, chaired the meeting where Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) Secretary General Omar Faruque also spoke.

### Exhibition on works of 14 artists begins at Galleri Kaya

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An art exhibition on the works of 14 contemporary artists will begin at Galleri Kaya in the capital's Uttara today, read a press release.

The artists' are Samarjit Roy Choudhury, Hashem Khan, Rafiqun Nabi, Chandra Shekhar Dey, Nazli Laila Monsur, Mohammad Eunus, Jamal Ahmed, Ranjit Das, Ahmed Shamsuddoha, Sheikh Afzal Hossain, Goutam Chakraborty, Mohammad Iqbal, Sheikh Md Rokonuzzaman and Ashraful Hasan.

### Seminar on blue economy held

CITY DESK

A seminar titled "Legal Regime at Sea and Governance of Maritime Resources for Sustainable Blue Economy" was held at International Mother Language Institute on July 22, said a press release yesterday.

Faculty of Maritime Governance and Policy of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Maritime University, Bangladesh and Blue Economy Cell of the Energy and Mineral Resources Division organised the event.

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"RFP for Collection of Baseline Data" under Procurement Opportunities: [www.ilo.org/dhaka](http://www.ilo.org/dhaka)

Submission deadline is 15 August 2017 by 4:30 PM (BST time)

### ONE Bank

### PRICE SENSITIVE INFORMATION

The Board of Directors of ONE Bank Limited in its 265th Meeting held on July 27, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. at its Board Room, Corporate HQ, HRC Bhaban, 46 Kawran Bazar C.A., Dhaka-1215, has approved the un-audited Financial Statements for the Second Quarter (Q2) ended on June 30, 2017.

#### Financial Highlights of the Bank:

Particulars	ONE Bank Ltd. (Consolidated)	ONE Bank Ltd. (Solo)
June 30, 2017	TK. 17.75	TK. 17.23

Particulars	ONE Bank Ltd. (Consolidated)	ONE Bank Ltd. (Solo)
January to June, 2017	TK. 1.90	TK. 0.85

Particulars	ONE Bank Ltd. (Consolidated)	ONE Bank Ltd. (Solo)
Earnings Per Share (EPS)	TK. 2.36	TK. 7.85

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Earnings Per Share (EPS)	TK. 0.67	TK. 0.29

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