



Jamal Khan area in Chittagong city is not safe even for school-goers. It is an everyday struggle for the students to get out of a maze of traffic, created due to unauthorised and arbitrary parking of cars. At least seven reputed schools are located in the area, so thousands of students and their guardians have to undergo this suffering. The situation could turn fatal anytime as children cross the road amid risk, but the authorities apparently do not care about it. The photo was taken around 11:30am on Wednesday. PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

## REMARKS ON PM Arrest warrant issued against Imran H Sarkar

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday issued an arrest warrant against Imran H Sarkar, a former minister, for a defamation case filed against him over making "derogatory remarks" about Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on May 23.

The court passed the order after Imran's lawyer submitted a petition saying that his client could not appear before it due to "unavoidable circumstances."

Another accused of the case, cultural activist Santan Ullah, was present at the court yesterday. The court fixed January 4 for hearing on charge of framing against the accused in the case.

Earlier on September 20, the same court issued arrest warrant against the duo as they skipped hearing in the defamation case that day.

The following day, Imran got bail after appearing before the court.

BCI leader Golam Rabbani filed the case against them May 31 with the court.

## Stop encroachment on Dhaka canals: HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the government to immediately stop the construction of structures on the canals identified by the Dhaka district administration.

The court also ordered the deputy commissioner of Dhaka to submit a report on the steps taken to stop encroachment of the canals and water bodies within two weeks.

At the same time, the HC issued a rule asking the respondents to explain as to why they should not be directed to recover the canals from land grabbers.

Secretaries to the ministries of cabinet, home affairs, LGED and housing and public works, inspector general of police (IGP), managing director of Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (Wasa) in Dhaka, chief executive officers of Dhaka North and South city corporations, Rajdhani Unnayan Kartipakkha (Rajuk) chairman, deputy commissioner and superintendent of police of Dhaka have been asked to respond to the rule.

The HC bench of Justice Quazi Reza-Ul Hoque and Justice Mohammad Ullah came up with the order and rule on a suomoto (voluntary) move following a report published on the Bnaga daily Prothom Alo on October 24 under the headline "Dhakar Khale 248 Dokhoder" (248 land grabbers in Dhaka's canals).

The HC bench also fixed November 12 for passing further order on the issues.

Meanwhile, the same bench ordered the authorities concerned to stop the activities on Rupnar canal in Dhaka and to submit a report to this effect before the court by November 12.

The judges passed the order following another report published in the Prothom Alo yesterday under a headline "Rupnagar Khal Nie Kusit Karmokando" (Dirty activities involving Rupnagar canal).

Deputy Attorney General Tapas Kumar Biswas and Assistant General Titus Hillol were present at the courtroom.

## DU QUESTION LEAK Accused 'on the run' seen at BKSP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The key accused of the Dhaka University admission test question leak case, Alip Kumar Biswas, was seen at his office in Bangladesh Kirā Shiksha Prothithan (BKSP) in Savar last evening while police are looking for him saying he is on the run.

A former activist of Bangladesh Chhatra League of Dhaka College, Alip works at BKSP. Earlier an official of Criminal Investigation Department (CID) said they already alerted the airports and land ports so that the suspect could not flee the country.

Sources said Alip sent an email on Wednesday night seeking a 12-day leave. He went to BKSP last evening and was staying there till the filing of the report at 9:00pm.

BKSP Director General Brig Gen Shamsur Rahman

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## MOUCHAK-MOGHBAZAR FLYOVER

## It's open to public fully

STAR REPORT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina formally opened remaining half of the 8.7km Mouchak-Moghbazar flyover for traffic movement in the capital yesterday with the hope that the facility would help ease traffic congestion in the area.

The inaugurated portion is the four-km Malibagh-Razarbagh-Shantinagar section.

With increased purchasing capacity, people now own two or three cars, she said in her inaugural speech through video conference from her official residence Gono Bhavan.

The flyover would help ease traffic movement particularly at three railway level crossings and eight road intersections.

She said, calling upon all to comply with the traffic rules.

Hasina first inaugurated its construction work in February 2013. In March last year, she inaugurated a two-km section of the flyover stretching from Holy Family Hospital to Saat Rasta Intersection.

Later, the LGED and Cooperatives

Minister Khandker Mosharraf Hossain inaugurated a 2.25-km section of it connecting Banglamotor to Mouchak in September last year, and an extended 450-metre section stretching from Hatirjheel Intersection to Sonargaon Hotel in May this year.

The flyover has been widely criticised by public and experts alike throughout its construction tenure due to various planning faults and construction mismanagement and delay.

According to Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), the implementing agency of the project, the flyover would help vehicles move smoothly over eight road intersections and three railway level crossings—Kawran Bazar, Moghbazar and Malibagh, and ease

chronic traffic congestion for north-south traffic movement.

Transport experts, however, criticised the project as a concrete block in the heart of the city and that the flyover has no provision for making a right turn.

The project was scheduled to start in 2011

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## Govt services at fingertips by 2021: Palak

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Cg

By 2021, all government services will be made available at fingertips, said State Minister for Information and Communication Technology Zunaed Ahmed Palak yesterday.

He was addressing an inauguration ceremony of a call centre to receive complaints of port city residents and render services as soon as possible. The ceremony was organised by the Chittagong City Corporation (CCC).

"We will render all services to people online by 2021," he said. CGC Mayor AIM Nasir Uddin and Chief Revenue Officer Dr. Mohammad Mustafizur Rahman were also present.

## JOIN US TODAY IN REMEMBERING FREEDOM FIGHTER CHULLU BHAI



MASUD SADIQUE CHULLU

The Daily Star will be memorial meeting in honour of Masud Sadique Chullu who passed away on 16th October, 2017.

All relatives, friends and admirers are requested to attend.

Date: Friday, 27th October, 2017

Time: 4pm

Venue: The Daily Star Centre (Level 3)

## ICT accepts charges against 11 Mymensingh men

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday took the charges into cognisance brought against 11 Mymensingh men for allegedly committing crimes during the Liberation War in 1971.

The three-member tribunal led by Justice Md Shahinur Islam also directed its registrar's office to publish advertisements asking six fugitives of the case to appear before it within November 15.

As per the order, advertisements asking them to appear before the tribunal have to be published in two national dailies. Prosecutor Reza Sultan Chaman told this newspaper.

The five accused in jail are Khalilur Rahman Mir alias Khalilur Rahman, 62; Md Samsuzzaman alias Abul Kalam, 65; Mohammad Abdullah, 62; Mohammad Abdul Malek Akand alias Abul Hossain, 68; and Md Rois Uddin Azadi alias Akkel Ali, 74.

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# CELEBRATING DIVERSITY IN BANGLADESH CELEBRATING LIFE 2017 GALA

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