

Ban soon-to-be unfit vehicles

Demand green activists at Bapa event

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Green activists yesterday demanded that the government ban the CNG-run auto-rickshaws and other motor vehicles whose economic lives will expire by this year.

They said the vehicles will be very harmful for the environment and public health and risky for causing accidents.

Speaking at a press conference, they also called for bringing new vehicles equipped with new engines, bodies and accessories.

Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (Bapa) organised the conference at Dhaka Reporters' Unity.

About 26,000 CNG-run auto-rickshaws have been operated in Dhaka and Chittagong since 2002 with nine years of economic lives, but those are still plying following the owners' demand, said Bapa General Secretary Abdul Matin.

"Instead of withdrawing the auto-rickshaws, the owners are now demanding that the government allow operations of the vehicles for six more years," he said.

If the vehicles are not banned and withdrawn after the deadline, the environment and people in the cities will have to face grave danger, he added.

Writer and columnist Syed Abul Maksud said the entire transportation system of Dhaka city must be reorganised and should be brought under a system.

Prof M Moazzem Hossain, another vice-president of Bapa, said the government, bodies concerned and the people involved in the issue have to work together to bring a change to this sector.

"We have to keep the environment free from pollution to provide our next generation a liveable city," he said.



What looks like a dried-up and polluted channel is actually the Karnaphuli river. Disposal of industrial waste continues to pollute this vital lifeline of Chittagong, particularly in the dry season. Besides, a good number of canals carrying sewage and garbage flow into the river, threatening aquatic life. The photo was taken yesterday in Chaktai area where Chaktai canal merges with the Karnaphuli. PHOTO: MD RAJIB RAIHAN

Why not 'Joy Bangla' nat'l slogan

HC asks govt
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a rule asking the government to explain as to why "Joy Bangla" should not be declared as the national slogan.

The secretaries to the cabinet division, law ministry and education ministry have been made respondents to the rule.

The bench of Justice Quazi Reza-Ul Hoque and Justice Mohammad Ullah passed the rule following writ petition filed by Supreme Court lawyer Bashir Ahmed seeking necessary directives to this effect.

In the petition, he said "Joy Bangla" was the slogan of freedom fighters and all the people of Bangladesh during the Liberation War in 1971.

"Joy Bangla was the slogan of our independence and national unity and therefore it should remain as the national slogan as a symbol of national spirit and patriotism," he said in the petition.

Of endangered trees

And CU's bid to conserve the species

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In a bid to conserve endangered trees as well as make the campus green, the Chittagong University authorities have planted about 17,000 seedlings of more than 60 local species.

The CU authorities implemented the project, which started in 2011, with the financial help from Arannyk Foundation, a non-profit organisation.

The seedlings were collected from across the country.

Earlier, several teachers of the Institute of Forestry and Environmental Science of the university conducted a research on the issue.

They also published a book titled, "Conservation of Patent Tree Species in Chittagong University Campus".

The book carries pictures and information about the 60 species of endangered trees. Before conducting the research, the participants studied a book, "Encyclopedia of Flora and Fauna of Bangladesh", published by Asiatic Society of Bangladesh.

Its first 13 volumes mention that a total of 486 species of indigenous flora of Bangladesh are in an endangered state. Of them, more than 200 species are trees.

Besides, they studied another book titled, "Red Data Book of Vascular Plants of Bangladesh", published by Bangladesh National Herbarium.

The two-volume book states that 226 plants in Bangladesh are in an endangered state. The researchers said the two books mentioned most of the 60 species. Of them, they said, 21 species are critically endangered.

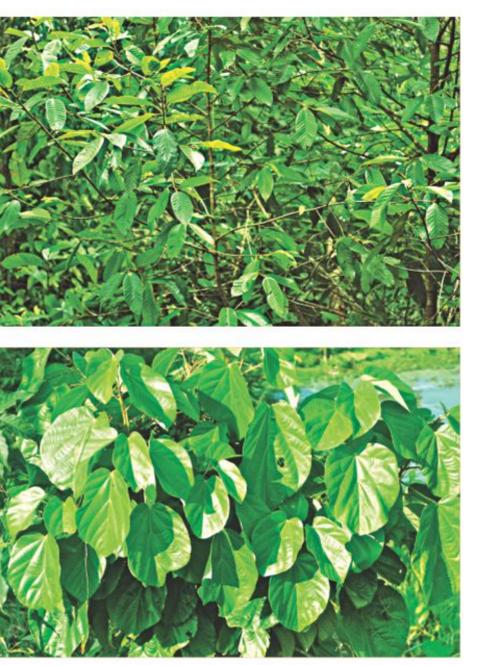
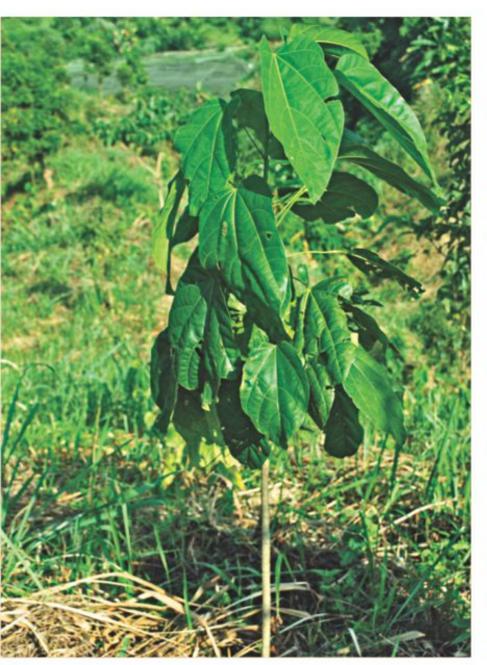
These are Anisoptera Scaphula (local name Boilam), Bhesa robusta (Sal Kachra), Bouea oppositifolia (Miriam), Brownlowia elata (Moos), Canarium resiniferum (Dhup), Cinnamomum iners (Tezmatan), Cordia dichotoma (Bole Gota), Dipterocarpus costatus (Baittyagarjan), Dipterocarpus turbinatus (Teli), Engelhardtia spicata (Jhumkabhadi), Hydncarpus kurzii (Chalmugra), Lagerstroemia parviflora (Shidhajarul), Lophopetalum wightianum (Raktan), Mangifera sylvatica (Uriam), Palaquium polyanthum (Tali Dudhi), Podocarpus nerifolius (Banspata), Pterygota alata (Buddha Narikel), Scaphium scaphigerum (Sampan), Schleicheria oleosa (Joyna), Swintonia floribunda (Aam Chandul), Zanthoxylum rhetsa (Bajna).

Moreover, Aphanamixis Polystachya (local name Pitraj), Artocarpus chama (Chapalish), Artocarpus lacucha (Barta), Bischofia javanica (Kanjail), Butea monosperma (Polash), Calophyllum inophyllum (Ponyal), Cassia fistula (Bandar Lathi), Chukrassia tabularis (Paba), Dillenia pentagyna (Hargaja), Dipterocarpus alatus (Dhullyagarjan) and Duabunga grandiflora (Bandarhula) are on the list of such species.

Prof Mohammed Kamal Hossain and Prof Mohammad Shafiqul Alam of Institute of Forestry and Environmental Science at CU, who were involved in the project, said most of the trees were widely available in Bangladesh 15 years ago. Now those are disappearing due to rush for planting trees of foreign origin, they said.

Prof Kamal said, "We have a dream of building a conservation area of indigenous trees on the CU campus so that our students as well as teachers can earn more knowledge and conduct research."

Dr Mohammed Mohiuddin, chief research officer of Bangladesh Forest Research Institute of Chittagong division, confirmed to The Daily Star that the 60 species of trees are in endangered state. He also praised the initiative taken by the university.



Clockwise, Buddha Narikel, Baittyagarjan and Moos growing on the Chittagong University campus. The photos were taken recently. PHOTO: COLLECTED

Stance against BCL extortion

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and local councillor Golam Mohammed Jobayer.

Harun's assistant Milon said Liton and his men had been demanding money from the transport agents and workers for the last few months. Following the matter, transport workers led by Harun handed over Liton to Sadarghat Police Station after a good beating on November 27.

Later, the local councillor freed Liton from police custody after a discussion with senior transport leaders and Harun, said Milon.

This correspondent tried to reach BCL leader Limon and councillor Jobayer, but they did not pick up the phone.

"To take revenge, Liton and his associates including Nur Nabi, Hridoy and Alamgir planned the murder," Milon claimed. "I saw Hridoy firing the last shot before fleeing."

Nur Khan, general secretary of Inter-District Truck Covered-van Arrangement Cooperative Society, told The Daily Star, "The transport businessmen were fed up with Liton as he kept on demanding extortion money... Harun earlier resisted Liton and his group on a number of occasions."

"It is Liton who might have murdered Harun to take the revenge," claimed Nur.

Contacted, Marjina Akhter, officer-in-charge (OC) of Sadarghat Police Station, said, "Liton was detained in another incident and released later following a statement of the transport businessmen."

"The investigation is underway while police are trying to find out the motive behind the killing," said the OC.

Harun's uncle Jahangir Chowdhury, also president of Sadarghat Thana Awami League, said, "I don't want to make any comment... I will inform the party high-ups about the whole incident. Harun was a good man and I want justice, nothing else."

Jahangir Alam, assistant commissioner (AC) of Chittagong Metropolitan Police's Kotwali Circle said, "Three bullets pierced through Harun's chest while another hit him in the waist."

The criminals even stabbed him in the neck from behind to confirm his death, said the AC.

Yesterday morning, Harun's post-mortem was conducted at Chittagong Medical College morgue. He was buried after a namaz-e-janaza following the Asr prayers.

Quack held for raping teenager

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police arrested a quack in the capital's Uttarkhan yesterday for raping a ninth-grader two days before.

During primary interrogation, Shah Alam, 38, family friend of the victim, admitted to police that he lured the girl into the flat of his friend, Jewel, 35, with a fake job offer and raped her there.

Police also arrested Jewel who stood guard outside the flat in Sujar Para on Saturday.

The victim, aged 14 years, was admitted to the One-Stop Crisis Centre of Dhaka Medical College Hospital for forensic tests, said police.

Victim's father filed a case with Uttarkhan Police Station after the girl, despite being threatened by the rapist, revealed the incident.

Shakib Khan sends divorce papers to Apu

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhallywood star Shakib Khan has sent divorce papers to his actress wife Apu Biswas.

Shakib sent the papers to Apu's Niketon residence in the capital on November 28 through his lawyer Sheikh Sirajul Islam, who confirmed the development to The Daily Star yesterday afternoon.

The duo has long been a fan favourite couple of the silver screen but "Shakib has decided to end the marriage as Apu did not comply with his command," said the lawyer, citing the papers.

Moreover, Apu went to India leaving their only son with a house help, the papers also mentioned.

The couple got married on April 18, 2008 but they kept mum about it.

Apu disclosed their marriage before the media on April 10 this year when she appeared with their babyboy.

Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission

IEB Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh

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Invitation of Offers/Proposals for Granting License for 4G/LTE Cellular Mobile Phone Services in Bangladesh

- The Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission ('Commission' or 'BTRC') invites offers/proposals from Existing Cellular Mobile Phone Operator(s) in Bangladesh who has already obtained or will obtain technology neutral spectrum for Cellular Mobile Phone Services from the Commission for granting license to establish, maintain and operate 4G/LTE Cellular Mobile Phone Services in Bangladesh. However, New Entrant(s) who will obtain technology neutral spectrum for Cellular Mobile Phone Services from the Commission will be eligible to apply for the License.
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- The prescribed application form along with general terms and conditions are included in the "Regulatory and Licensing Guidelines For 4G/LTE Cellular Mobile Phone Services in Bangladesh, 2017" bearing No. 14.32.0000.007.51.081.17.1592, dated: 04-12-2017 ('Guideline') which is available in the BTRC website: www.btrc.gov.bd for information only.
- The prospective applicant shall purchase the Guideline from the Commission by submitting an application to the Chairman, BTRC endorsing BDT 50,000/- (fifty thousand) and 15% (fifteen percent) VAT thereon in BDT in the form of Pay Order or Bank Draft in favour of Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission.
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- Any applicant may communicate with the Director (Licensing), Legal and Licensing Division, Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission, IEB Bhaban (5th Floor), Ramna, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh, in writing and/or through e-mail (taleb.hossain@btrc.gov.bd) for further clarification on the subject, during office hours on working days till 19-12-2017.

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SC orders JP leader to return

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the then managing director of BCBL; Habibul Gani, the then manager of BCBL Bangshal branch; and six others.

According to the cases, Shawkat, also managing director of Jamuna Agro Chemical Ltd, with the connivance of the other accused, misappropriated Tk 94 crore from a branch of BCBL between 2012 and 2015. Shawkat got bail from the lower court on September 8 and October 4 last year.

Ansar Al Islam operative

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Aziz Super Market on October 31, 2015. Saimon was arrested in Baunia embankment area of Turag in the capital on November 18. Later, he was remanded for four days.

Earlier on November 20, Saimon, in a confessional statement before a magistrate, said he along with seven others took part in the killing of writer and blogger Avijit Roy in February 2015.

Carpenter shot by muggers

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The muggers attacked him in the guise of passengers. They escaped on a motorbike, he added. Sher-e-Bangla Police Station Officer-in-Charge GG Biswas said they were looking into the matter.

বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক

হিউম্যান রিসোর্সেস ডিপার্টমেন্ট-১
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প্রধান কার্যালয়, ঢাকা

১৬ অগ্রহায়ণ ১৪২৪
তারিখঃ ৩০ নভেম্বর ২০১৭

বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক 'সহকারী পরিচালক (পরিসংখ্যান)' পদে
প্রাথমিকভাবে নির্বাচিত প্রার্থীদের তালিকা

বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক 'সহকারী পরিচালক (পরিসংখ্যান)' পদে নিয়োগের লক্ষ্যে গত ২৪/০৫/২০১৬ তারিখে প্রকাশিত নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি (বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং-২৬/২০১৬)-এর আলোকে গত ০৩/০২/২০১৭ তারিখে অনুষ্ঠিত লিখিত পরীক্ষা এবং পরবর্তী সময়ে গৃহীত মৌখিক পরীক্ষায় উত্তীর্ণ প্রার্থীদের মধ্য হতে নিম্নোক্ত রোল নম্বরধারী ২০ (বিশ) জন প্রার্থীকে নিয়োগের জন্য প্রাথমিকভাবে নির্বাচিত করা হয়েছে।

নির্বাচিত প্রার্থীদের রোল নম্বর (মেধাক্রম অনুসারে):

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