



This image captures the moment a truck ploughs through protesters and runs over a student at Shanir Akhra yesterday morning.

PHOTO: VIDEO GRAB



A policeman receives flowers from protesters at Science Laboratory intersection. As a friendly gesture some protesters handed flowers to policemen.



Students check a driver's licence near Science Laboratory yesterday afternoon. They did the same in other areas of the city.

Slay this MONSTER

INAM AHMED and SHAKHAWAT LITON

School children coming in hordes, marching down the street in raw rage is something unprecedented. But that is happening right now, and it signifies only one thing – a show of complete no-confidence on the governance in the transport system.

We have had enough shares of deaths on the roads to have corrected the system and brought back some semblance of order. Every year, over seven thousand lives are lost mostly because of reckless driving and people's complete disregard for own safety – look at the jaywalkers blissfully crossing any busy road right beside the foot-over bridges by raising two fingers ahead of them to ask the speeding vehicles to take care of their course. In Dhaka city, most of the deaths occur to such jaywalkers who choose it on their own to run across the road at their free will.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY (SEE PAGE 2)

- Truck runs over, injures protester
- Students stop minister's car
- Cops don't need driving licences!
- Transport workers beat up student

Fixing all ills by beating?



SYED ASHFAQIL HAQUE

We never take one unique medicine for all illness. Do we? Never. Because it invariably would compound the illness and wreak havoc on the delicate human body, causing death even.

In some ways, state machinery is also akin to human body. Different problems it develops would require different responses. Right interventions fix problems and wrong ones complicate.

Of late, the state of Bangladesh seems to have become a victim of one rubbish prescription: "beat up" to fix all ills.

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"I am suffering, of course. But the student protest is logical. Suppose, I'm standing by the road; now what if a bus runs over me?"
SAID MD AINUDDIN, WHO CAME TO BIRDEM HOSPITAL AT SHAHBAGH FROM RAJBARI FOR TREATMENT.

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Students block Science Laboratory intersection in the capital and chant slogans on the fourth day of wide-spread protests demanding safer roads. The photo was taken yesterday morning.

PHOTO: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSHED

People suffer for lack of transport

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Commuters in different parts of the capital struggled to reach their destinations yesterday as public transports were off the streets fearing retaliation from aggrieved protesters.

As the protest reached its fourth day yesterday, students from more educational institutions joined in the road blockades and demonstrations demanding safe roads and justice for their two peers killed in Sunday's road crash.

Although a few buses were seen on the roads since morning, most modes of public transport left the roads after 10:00am when several thousand school and college students took to the streets.

Afterwards, only a few BRTC buses were seen plying the city roads.

Mizan, a Gazipur resident who came to Dhaka for his mother's treatment at BSMMU, said despite his mother's

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Dhaka shaken by youth spirit

Thousands take to streets for fourth consecutive day; govt orders closure of all schools, colleges today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Student protests spread like wildfire across the capital and elsewhere in the country yesterday, with the demonstrators vowing to remain on the streets until their demands for road safety are met.

Angered by police beating on the

previous day, thousands of students in uniforms and schoolbags on their back poured onto the streets of Dhaka and blocked various streets, halting traffic.

On Tuesday, police beat up dozens of agitating students, injuring at least 20.

All educational institutions in the country will remain shut today for

"students' safety," Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid told The Daily Star.

A number of educational institutions in the capital were closed yesterday, the fourth day of the protest that began after two college students were killed in a road crash near the airport on Sunday.

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Revote in two Sylhet centres on August 11

'Wrong candidate', intra-party feud among reasons for AL failure

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Revote at two polling centres in Sylhet City Corporation will be held on August 11.

The Election Commission ordered the partial revote for the posts of mayor, ward councillor and women's reserved councillor at two centres where polling was cancelled due to violence.

A letter signed by EC Joint Secretary Farhad Ahmed Khan was sent to the returning officer concerned yesterday.

Polling at the city's two centres, which have 4,787 listed voters, was suspended due to violence on July 30. In the rest of the centres, BNP mayoral nominee Ariful Haque Chowdhury is leading by a small margin of 4,626 votes. He secured 90,496 votes.

The two centres are Shah Gazi Syed Borhanuddin Madrasa under ward 24 and Habinandi Government Primary School under ward 27.

"I visited both the centres today and talked to the voters. I know that I will win majority votes in these centres," Ariful told The Daily Star.

His AL counterpart Kamran, who got 85,870 votes, said, "We asked the EC to revote at 17 centres, but they decided to

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