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As the capital's Jhigatola area turned into a battlefield yesterday afternoon, students demonstrating for road safety run for shelter when chased and attacked allegedly by BCL men near the main gate of BGB headquarters around 2:00pm.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Tough action against traffic offenders: DMP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Metropolitan Police has decided to take strict measures against traffic offences, amid widespread protests demanding safe roads.



Asaduzzaman

Police would observe "traffic week" from today, DMP Commissioner Asaduzzaman Mia told a press conference at the DMP Media Centre.

"We will take firm action against any vehicle without fitness certificate or other violations of the traffic law, including driving by assistants, three or more people riding motorcycles, traffic signal violations and wrong-way driving," he said.

He added that influential persons would not be spared.

Thanking the students for regulating the traffic, the DMP commissioner urged them to go back to their studies and requested

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Ball is now in govt's court

Clean-up of transport irregularities requires some time



PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Students take part in a road clean-up.

SYED ASHEFAUL HAQUE

Road-wise, Bangladesh remained a student republic for the last seven days. It's about time it went back to what it is: a people's republic.

It should be enough of lessons for the policymakers and authorities since the death of two students on a Dhaka road on July 29. Our sons, daughters, nephews and nieces exposed the ills of transport sector and showed the way to fix the errors as well.

Dhaka roads are taken over by juveniles, not for demonstration though. They taught their elders in all spheres of society a single lesson: if there is a will, there is a way.

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BCL in its element

At least 150 injured as BCL men swoop on students at Jhigatola; gunshots fired; rumours over death, sexual harassment unfounded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

For five long hours since 1:30pm, Dhanmondi Road-3 became a battlefield yesterday.

On one side of it were thousands of school and college students. On the other end, a small group of people, alleg-

edly belonging to Chhatra League and other front organisations of the ruling Awami League. Both groups were armed with stones and sticks, chasing each other intermittently.

Rumours of deaths and sexual harassment of some protesters were rife, which further angered the students who dis-

lodged the bamboo sticks fringing the road divider, gathered stones and shouted slogans.

Then came the attack.

A group of alleged BCL men with sticks came running down the long road, throwing stones. From the middle of the

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4 Daily Star journalists assaulted

Journos from other outlets also attacked

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police and alleged BCL men beat up three journalists of The Daily Star and molested another in the capital's Jhigatola yesterday afternoon.

One of them, Shaer Reaz, was taking pictures of a clash near Dhanmondi 3/A around 6:00pm when a man, who did not appear to be a law enforcer, started beating him up with a stick, kicked him and punched him and handed him to police.

His phone was snatched away and smashed.

Shaer said the man along with a police official beat him up and then took him to Dhanmondi Police Station. He was later beaten up on the police station premises.

He had been locked up at the station for about four hours until reporters of this newspaper went there and requested police to release him.

Another journalist Selim Sadman Somoy, a contributor to The Daily Star, was also detained at the police station and beaten up. He was held while taking

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