

# Bernicat

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Saturday night.  
Badiul said some guests, including Bernicat, went to his house on Iqbal Road to attend a dinner. As she was leaving around 11:00pm, a group of miscreants chased and threw brick chips at the vehicles.

Meanwhile, the US embassy in a Facebook post yesterday said, "Nothing can justify the brutal attacks and violence over the week-end against the thousands of young people who have been peacefully exercising their democratic rights in supporting a safer Bangladesh."

"We do not condone the actions of a few who have engaged in senseless property destruction, including of buses and other vehicles."

The peaceful demonstrations of the past week in favour of better vehicle and road safety, led by students and schoolchildren across Bangladesh, have united and captured the imagination of the whole country, said the Facebook post.

Foreign ministry sources said the US embassy contacted the officials concerned of the ministry yesterday morning and requested for an investigation into the attack on the ambassador's vehicle.

They said the ministry officials instantly informed the US embassy that police had already began an investigation and would bring the culprits to book.

Besides, British High Commissioner to Bangladesh Alison Blake, Canadian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Benoit Prefontaine and UN Resident Coordinator Mia Seppo jointly met Foreign Secretary Md Shahidul Haque at his office yesterday afternoon.

But it could not be known what they discussed.

In another development, different embassies in Dhaka, including that of the US and Australia, have issued alerts for their citizens living in Bangladesh over the ongoing student protests that began after a bus accident caused the deaths of two students on July 29.

The embassies also encouraged their nationals to remain vigilant, as the demonstrations could continue for the next several days.

# UN worried

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"We are deeply concerned about the reports of violence and call on all for calm. The concerns expressed by youth about road safety are legitimate and a solution is needed for a mega city like Dhaka. A functioning public transport system should ensure the safety of all, including children, young girls and women," said UN Resident Coordinator Mia Seppo.

Students and young people have a legitimate right to speak out on issues of concern to them, including road safety issues, and to have their opinions heard without the threat of violence, the statement said.

The UN has long campaigned for better road safety across the world and traffic accidents in Bangladesh are one of the major killers of young people (according to a World Health Organisation report there are more than 20,000 road fatalities every year in Bangladesh).

It is a matter of deep concern that a number of young people taking part in demonstrations in the capital have been injured over the last few days. Many schools have been closed as a result of the protests, depriving children of learning opportunities, the statement added.

# Long lines at BRTA

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morning. There were long queues before the counters to deposit the necessary charges.

Abdul Hadi, a driver of the shipping ministry, went to renew his driving licence, which expired three months ago, around 10:00am but could not deposit the money in two and a half hours.

Md Shohel also went to renew his driving licence, which expired one year ago. "I wanted to renew my licence when I would get free time. But the current situation has led me to come here today. Actually, I did not get time from my owner to renew it, but he has asked me now to do it immediately."

This correspondent talked with policeman Khaleq. He said, "I bought a motorcycle a few days ago and have come here to collect all my documents today as the situation is not good."

Altaf Ali, a Jatiya Party lawmaker from Bogra, went to the office to fix his issues. Validity of his tax token expired on July 16.

"I have come here to be clear about my dues... I came to know from the [deputy] director that I have a due of around Tk 1.33 lakh including income

# Govt won't sit by

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Khan while inaugurating the nationwide "TrafficWeek" in the capital's Gulistan area.

He also said the government might take firm actions if anyone tried to cash in on the students' movement and that punitive measures would be taken against those involved in spreading rumours on social media.

"The student movement is being diverted," he said.

At another programme in Banani, Roads, Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader, also general secretary of the Awami League, defended the attack on students on Saturday saying it was the students who attacked first.

"If someone advances towards the Awami League offices firing bullets, should they be met with kisses? Or should they be met with force?" he said while talking to reporters at the Banani Graveyard after paying respects to Sheikh Kamal, elder son of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, on his birth anniversary.

He later apologised for using the word "kisses".

Quader called upon all to resist the evil force without putting pressure on the children. "We will not put pressure on the children."

The warnings came after Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), pro-AL student body, had been attacking the demonstrating students and journalists in the capital and elsewhere over the last two days, injuring dozens.

Yesterday was the eighth day of the demonstrations that began on July 29 when two college students were crushed to death by a bus on Airport Road.

Quader reiterated his call on the students to return home.

During a press conference at the party president's Dhanmondi office yesterday

evening, Quader alleged that the BNP and Jamaat were drawing a blueprint to capture state power piggybacking on non-political movements.

"No conspiracy will succeed in the face of our united strength. We will show our patience and will not heed to instigations of others... I urge all leaders and workers of Awami League to have patience and remain alert against any conspiracy," BSS quoted him as saying.

Home Minister Asaduzzaman said, "We have found incidents that happened in Pakistan, in Delhi and some that happened in 2013 and 2014 being spread on social media [as of this movement]."

Insulting comments were being made about leaders, he said, adding, "Avoid such things, otherwise we will take action."

He mentioned the video clip released by actress Quazi Nawshaba on social media. This was not in support of the students' movement, rather to divert it into another direction, the minister claimed.

"Even our responsible leader [apparently hinting at BNP's Amir Khosru] is involved. We knew him as a good leader. But he is calling for people from Comilla to come to Dhaka and commit violence."

Addressing the Traffic Week inauguration Dhaka Metropolitan Police Commissioner Asaduzzaman Mia said police would remain firm on enforcing the law but their behaviour would be flexible.

"The government is uncomfortable with the current situation, but the prime minister is not in favour of becoming tough to contain the movement. She is rather in favour of patience in handling the crisis as it is a delicate issue," a close aide to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina told The Daily Star yesterday.

# Shahidul Alam

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Quoting eyewitnesses, it said some 30-35 plainclothes men identifying themselves as DB personnel went upstairs and brought Shahidul down.

He was screaming as he was forcibly pushed into a car with the words "Popular Life Insurance" written on it.

They taped up the CCTV cameras at the building, and took away the hard disks containing CCTV footage.

Shahidul's family sources said his wife Rahnuma Ahmed learnt from the guards that the plainclothes men arrived there in three vehicles.

Shahidul, also founder of Pathshala South Asian Media Institute, came under attack allegedly by Bangladesh Chhatra League men while videoing an attack on students campaigning for road safety near City College in the capital's Dhanmondi on Saturday afternoon.

Soon after the incident, he took

shelter at a nearby guesthouse from where he went live on his Facebook page to share the incident.

"I was attacked a little while ago near City College because I was taking a video of Chhatra League students shouting 'Joy Bangla' and slightly before that attacking students," he said in the video clip which went viral.

Later, Shahidul uploaded a photo of his vandalised camera on Facebook, saying "Remains of my OSMO," hashtagging "we want justice".

Since that incident, he went live on his Facebook page, which has around 5,000 followers, at least seven times till 10:00pm Saturday.

Shahidul, an internationally renowned photographer and a social activist, gave an interview to Al Jazeera English where he criticised the government's role in the ongoing student movement.

# Rejuvenated Tigers

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manage to pull off a series win over a side considered to be much stronger in T20Is and also one that is the reigning world champions.

The win in the second match was down to Bangladesh's superior spin bowling stocks and, most importantly, a superb 90-run partnership between skipper Shakib Al Hasan and opener Tamim Iqbal that rescued them from 48 for three and lifted the side to 171 for five. Tamim hit a 44-ball 77 and Shakib tonked 68 off 38 balls.

It continued a trend of the duo putting on at least a 50-plus partnership every time they came together to bat during the limited-overs leg of the tour. Their highest stand was the 207-run partnership they put on in the first ODI on July 22 and their lowest was the 81-run stand in the third ODI.

After the first T20I was won by West Indies through a power-hitting display by Andre Russell, Tamim issued a reminder that the Tigers were no slouches when it

came to knocking a few out of the park. Fittingly, it was Russell who was worst affected as Tamim hit him for three sixes in the 16th over, which cost 22 runs. The Tigers plundered 55 runs from the last five overs and on a pitch that helped the spinners, the fireworks proved enough to inflict West Indies' first defeat at the Florida ground.

Bangladesh will be hoping for more of the same not just from the pitch but from the senior players to put a winning end to a tour that began with embarrassing Test defeats. Although Mushfiqur Rahim failed yesterday and Mahmudullah Riyad did not have enough time to make an impact, these four -- Shakib and Tamim being the other two -- have been doing all the heavy lifting in the batting department. The second match was no different as Liton Das and Soumya Sarkar failed to get going.

West Indies, on the other hand, will be hoping that explosive opener Evin Lewis will fire after underwhelming performances in the ODI series and the first two T20Is.

tax with BRTA and I will pay [the due] today," Altaf said.

Asked if the students movement prompted him to do so, he said, "No, I have come here to do my personal work."

Nur Islam, employee of a photocopy store on the BRTA premises, said, "The number of people [service seekers] is more than three times today."

Ali Ahsan Milon, assistant director of BRTA, said they normally issue 140 to 150 driving licences every day, but in last few days they had to issue up to 230 licences a day.

They usually renew 50 to 55 driving licences every day, but the number shot up to 80 to 90 now, he added.

"As the office opened after the weekend today [Sunday], the number of service seekers has increased," he told The Daily Star.

He added they usually issue 800 to 900 fitness clearance certificates daily, but the number has shot up to 1,200 to 1,400 now.

seekers. We provide services beyond office hours.

"I think more number of service seekers are coming here due to the ongoing movement and our special drives [against traffic rule violators]," he observed.

Masud Alam, deputy director of BRTA, said it is a good sign that a huge number of people are coming to update their documents.

The Prime Minister's Office on July 31 directed the Dhaka Metropolitan Police and BRTA to take legal action against under-age drivers and those who drive without valid documents.

The BRTA published advertisements on different newspapers asking people to renew fitness, licence, route permit and other documents; otherwise it would cancel registration and route permit of vehicles and cancel licences.

Meantime, four mobile courts of BRTA conducted drives in Dhaka and surrounding areas yesterday and filed 111 cases against same number of vehicles for traffic rules violation. The courts also realised more than Tk 1 lakh and gave jail terms to three drivers for not having licences.

# Snapshots of a violent

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As the procession reached Jhigatola, a group of participants split from it, formed a human barricade, and asked the other protesters not to go any further.

Some of them were chanting slogans, protesting the attack on students allegedly by BCL men; some picked up brick chips from the road. At that point, police lobbed tear gas canisters at the protesters.

Students ran away in different directions, and policemen, in groups, entered different lanes of Dhanmondi and Jhigatola, looking for the protesters.

Wherever they saw students, they raised their batons, and shouted at them to leave the spot immediately; some even used slangs against the teenagers. Some students threw brick chips and stones at the police.

A little later, a team of around 50 policemen and Ansar led by Ramna Deputy Commissioner of the DMP Maruf Hossain Sarder started marching from Palkhanna to Science Laboratory. They were asking pedestrians to go home and shopkeepers to close their shops.

When a group of protesters marched towards Star Kabab chanting slogans, police again went on the offensive and lobbed tear gas shells.

After dispersing them, policemen moved towards Popular Hospital, where they interrogated the security guards; some policemen were heard saying that these guards had "helped the protesters yesterday".

When a customer care officer of the hospital came out, Ramna DC Maruf told him, "Your people are staying outside [the hospital]. Get them inside, or else cases will be filed against you."

**Rashed Shumon, photojournalist**  
When police fired tear gas canisters at the protesters around 1:00pm, the latter ran for cover. Around 70 journalists and photojournalists tried to stay together when they saw that some students, in panic, had taken the route by the lake (opposite Shimanto Square).

The journalists gave the protesters whatever protection they could, trying to keep them out of harm's way, and also negotiated with the police to let them go.

Being chased by police, students were running in different directions, and that's when alleged BCL men stepped in. A chaos ensued, and the journalists were chased.

A little later, a few photojournalists climbed the footbridge at the Science Lab intersection to take some photos.

As soon as alleged BCL men spotted the photojournalists, they started shouting at them, and then threw bricks and stones at them.

The photographers came down from the footbridge quickly, trying to escape.

Near the police box, alleged BCL men caught freelance photographer Rahat

Karim, and first kicked and slapped him. They then kept hitting him repeatedly with sticks, metal rods and electric wires. One of the attackers was carrying a machete.

His T-shirt was torn, and he had blood all over his body.

All this took place in front of policemen who seemed to be mere spectators.

Amran Hossain, photojournalist  
Around 2:30pm, police chased the protesters towards Science Lab. Within moments, alleged BCL men appeared on the scene and swooped on the protesters.

As a group of 30 journalists were taking photographs from near the footbridge at the Science Lab intersection, alleged BCL men chased them, forcing them to run towards Jhigatola.

At one point of the chase, the journalists sought shelter from policemen, who had taken position on Dhanmondi Road 2, but didn't get any response.

Suddenly, a group of men threatened us, shouting: "Hey, don't dare take pictures." They were carrying sticks, metal rods and machetes.

One of the journalists said, "Fine, we won't take any pictures..."

A female reporter from Channel I, who was standing separately near the group of journalists, was assaulted by those men. They slapped and shoved her. Later, other journalists intervened and moved her away.

**Rafiul Islam, Reporter**  
When police were firing tear gas shells at the road safety campaigners to disperse them around 1:00pm, Awami League men were inside the party office on Dhanmondi Road 3/A.

A group of youths came out of the AL office. Some of them were carrying machetes, metal rods, and sticks. Within a few minutes, another group joined them.

harassed whoever they suspected as campaigners and also assaulted anyone who tried to take pictures or record videos.

**Sheikh Mehedi Morshed, Photographer**  
At one point after an attack on the protesters, a big group of men, armed with sticks, rods and machetes, were seen moving towards Science Lab. Most of them were wearing helmets.

"I quickly ran and climbed the footbridge at Science Lab intersection. It was empty at that time. I immediately clicked pictures of the group. But they spotted me and shouted at me. Some of them ran towards me with sticks and metal rods.

"I quickly ran down the stairs when two men wearing helmets tried to hit me with rods. I screamed in fright and asked them to let me go. Somehow I escaped with my camera.

"Within a few moments, I saw young freelance journalists Rahat Karim getting beaten up by the men with helmets in the same area. In the chaos, he managed to

pass on his camera to one of the senior journalists. Rahat was eventually taken to Popular Hospital for treatment.

"Later, we saw Ahad bhai, an AP photojournalist, coming towards us, bleeding. He was badly beaten up and could hardly stand. A bunch of us ran towards him and brought him to the emergency unit at Labaid Hospital. The attackers broke one of his cameras. Then we decided to take shelter at the hospital."

**Naimul Karim, reporter**  
It was around 2:30pm. Some people wearing helmets were breaking iron rods from railings of dividers on the road at Science Lab in full sight of police personnel.

"We went ahead on the road that leads to Elephant road from Science Lab. As we walked alongside the footpath we noticed a relatively large group of people trying to walk towards Science Lab, but the police and the men with iron rods prevented them from passing through."

The group of men with iron rods was threatening almost anyone who tried to take photos or record videos. Even the residents in the surrounding buildings who had come out to their balconies were threatened. The group even threw stones at the balconies of those buildings, trying to scare them to go inside their apartments.

# 6,476 cases

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filed against traffic offenders by police across the country. Of them, 3,651 cases were lodged by the DMP.

During "Traffic Week", police take legal steps against unfit vehicles, drivers without licence and other traffic offenders, including pedestrians.

Inaugurating the "Traffic Week" in the capital's Zero Point, Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan urged the protesting students to return to their classes as "their demands have been met".

There was barely any public transport on Dhaka's streets yesterday. No long haul buses left or entered the capital.

Many buses and human hauliers that ply the streets of Dhaka do not have licence or registration, earlier crackdowns on traffic offenders had found.

As students checked licence or registration of motorists in the last few days, they have found a number of high government officials with no proper documents.

Besides traffic police, boy scouts and girl guides were seen requesting the pedestrians to use footpaths yesterday.

The Daily Star correspondents found police using loudspeakers at Motijheel, Gulistan and Jatrabari, asking people to maintain lanes and not to park illegally.

Around 10,000 policemen have been deployed in the capital to assist the traffic police, said a police officer wishing anonymity.

# Nahid urges students

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them back to [headquarters] and sent them to their houses through different routes."

Mentioning that students who come from distant parts of the capital are facing problems, he requested the government to take steps for resuming transport services.

Many headmasters, who were present in the meetings, also urged the authorities concerned to restart the service.

Sohorab said, "Traffic police has resumed their job; the situation is improving."

"We've got all kind of assurances from you. We're pleased but it should be ensured that no enmity exists between transport workers and students. It should be ensured that transport workers do not misbehave with our students," said Kaniz Mahmuda Akter, principal of Siddheswari Girls' College.

Around 500 teachers of over 50 schools and colleges took part in the views-exchange meetings.

Teachers also suggested introducing separate buses for the students, reduction in bus fare for students and counselling students when they would return to classes.

Saying that students have successfully pointed out irregularities in the transport sector, the education minister urged the students to go back to their classes to retain their achievement.

"You are winner. You've successfully raised the issue of irregularities in the transport sector. Now, it's time for the government to take care of it," he said.

Nahid said, "If you continue to stay on the streets, some vested quarters may try to use you for their interests and mar your achievement."

Reiterating that the government has already begun working for the implementation of their nine-point demand, he asked principals and headmasters of the educational institutions to assemble students of their respective colleges and schools and asked them to return to their classes.

# 'Chip' labour

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increasingly being integrated into commerce.

Raising efficiency and lowering labour costs are the objectives at Alibaba's "Robot.He" diners, where waiters have been replaced by robots about the size of microwave ovens, which roll around the dining room on table-high runways.

"In Shanghai, a waiter costs up to 10,000 yuan (\$1,500) per month. That's hundreds of thousands in cost every year. And two shifts of people are needed," said Cao Haitao, the Alibaba product manager who developed the concept.

"But we don't need two shifts for robots and they are on duty every day."

The diners are attached to Alibaba's new Hema chain of semi-automated supermarkets, where grocery shoppers fill their "carts" on a mobile app and have the merchandise brought to them at checkout via conveyor tracks on the ceiling, or delivered straight to their homes.

Alibaba now has 57 Hema markets in 13 Chinese cities, all of which will eventually feature the robotic restaurants.

Industry experts say they serve more as showcases of Alibaba's tech prowess than a serious business model in a country where labour costs are relatively low.

But the restaurants also typify the rapid adoption of new technologies in a country where the government is increasingly using facial-recognition technology to police streets and identify law-breakers.

With digital payments via mobile phone already now rivaling cash for many purchases, growing numbers of pharmacies, bookstores and other retailers have dispensed with cashiers, allowing customers to order and pay for their desired merchandise, which is often handed over by a robot.

Alibaba's e-commerce rival JD.com has announced plans to open 1,000 restaurants by 2020 in which food will be prepared and served by robots.

JD.com and others are also working to incorporate airborne drones into their delivery networks.

The movement could help companies reduce costs as growth rates in China's e-commerce boom begin to plateau.

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