

**"Bangladesh would have been the Switzerland of the East if Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman had been alive."**  
COMMERCE MINISTER TOFAIL AHMED AT A SEMINAR AT CIRDAP STORY ON B1

**"BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia has five birthdays. At first, they [the BNP] should decide on her actual birthday. After that, we will think whether dialogue can be held with them or not."**  
AL GENERAL SECRETARY OBAIDUL QUADER AT A DISCUSSION AT BSMU AUDITORIUM.

**"There is no place for white supremacy, racism and neo-nazism in our great country."**  
IVANKA TRUMP, DAUGHTER OF US PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP, AHEAD OF CHARLOTTESVILLE ANNIVERSARY STORY ON PAGE 8

## BRT route may now be halved

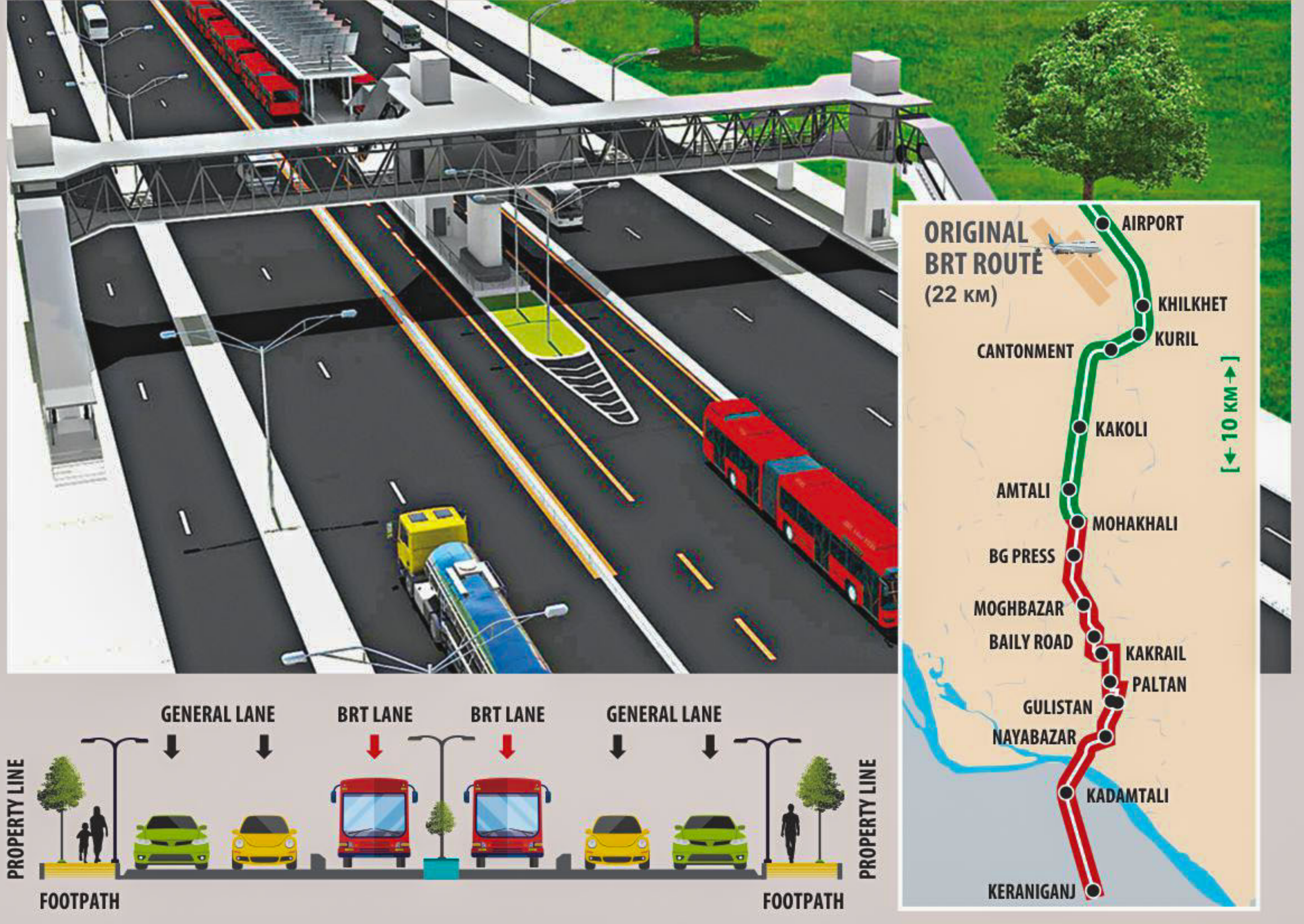
Only 10km of planned 22km Bus Rapid Transit possible, that too not before 2024

- 1 Airport-Keraniganj Bus Rapid Transit now partially implementable
- 2 Arbitrarily built flyovers act as roadblocks to mass transport service
- 3 Poor planning makes BRT from Mohakhali to Keraniganj uncertain
- 4 Experts say partial BRT system to be counter-productive

**TAWFIQUE ALI**

The rapid bus service, much touted as a way to ease the capital's chronic traffic congestion, may be implemented only in part, and that too not before 2024, as arbitrarily built flyovers block its proposed route, said officials and transport experts.

The city's transport master plan recommended the rapid bus service as a means to ease the perennial traffic jams. But the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) implemented in part would not serve the purpose envisioned in the plan, they said.



## Unforgivable

PM vows to punish those responsible for death of 2 students in road crash

**UNB, Dhaka**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday vowed to bring to book those responsible for the accident that took the lives of two students of Shaheed Ramiz Uddin Cantonment College.

"This is completely unforgivable because the driver was driving the bus defying all the [traffic] rules, resulting in the loss of two lives ... many students were also injured," she said.

The PM said this while speaking at a programme at Armed Forces Medical College ground after laying the foundation stone of an underpass at a road adjacent to Shaheed Ramiz Uddin Cantonment College in the city.

Hasina said the government would never spare the bus driver involved in the brutal accident. "We must ensure the due punishment to those involved in such accidents; we'll do that."

Urging all not to pay any heed to rumours, the PM said there was a move to create instability in the country through spreading rumours and false information via the internet.

Hasina bemoaned that even some senior people who received government recognition for their good work were involved in spreading rumours. "Such acts will never be tolerated," she warned.



Digital Bangladesh not for spreading rumours

Worried about safety of students

Intruders in student movement had ill motive

**ANOTHER ROAD CRASH**  
Teen's death sparks protest  
10 hurt as villagers in Rangpur clash with cops

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur**

Students and villagers blocked Rangpur-Kurigram road for nearly four hours after a 10th grader was run over and killed by a speeding bus in Ghagatpara area of Rangpur yesterday morning.

Tanvir Ahmed Zion, 15, was going to school riding his bicycle around 11:00am when the bus hit him from behind killing him at the scene, his cousin Masud Rana told The Daily Star.

Driver Insan Ali Sanu, 38, who was arrested in the evening, didn't have the license to drive heavy vehicles, said Mizanur Rahman, superintendent of police in Rangpur.

As villagers blocked the road soon afterwards demanding arrest and punishment of the driver, police used tear gas and rubber bullets and baton-charged demonstrators to clear the road.

At least 10 villagers and police were injured in the ensuing chase and counter chase.

The country was gripped by mass protests for more than a week after two college students were run over and killed on the road on July 29 in the capital.

## BRTA armed with 8 more magistrates

To step up mobile court drive against traffic rules violation

**TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY**

The Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) is going to strengthen its enforcement of traffic rules in Dhaka and Chittagong by deploying mobile courts three times the existing number.

Currently, only three mobile courts are carrying out operations in Dhaka and occasionally in Chittagong. The public administration ministry on Thursday issued an order posting eight more executive magistrates to BRTA offices in Dhaka and Chittagong to conduct mobile courts.

"With the new executive magistrates, we will be able to increase mobile court drives and strengthen enforcement of laws," Nur Mohammad Mazumder, director (enforcement) of BRTA, told The Daily Star yesterday.

Besides, BRTA last week wrote to all deputy commissioners to enhance their mobile court drives at district level. The



## Literary giant VS Naipaul no more

**AP, London**

VS Naipaul, the Trinidad-born Nobel laureate whose precise and lyrical writing in such novels as "A Bend in the River" and "A House for Mr. Biswas" and brittle, misanthropic personality made him one of the world's most admired and contentious writers, died Saturday at his London home, his family said. He was 85.



**Kulkhani**

**Afzalur Rahman Sinha**  
(1950-2018)

The Kulkhani and Dua Mahfil of **Mr. Afzalur Rahman Sinha**, Chairman of The ACME Laboratories Ltd., Director of Bangladesh Cricket Board, Director of Abahani Ltd., Chairman of Bangladesh Premier League, President of Dhaka Club and the youngest son of late Hamidur Rahman Sinha, founder of The ACME Laboratories Ltd. will take place on Monday, **13th August, 2018** after the Maghrib prayers at Gulshan Azad Mosque, Gulshan-2. Your kind presence and prayers will be a blessing for Mr. Afzalur Rahman Sinha.

**On Behalf of His Family**

## Tragic death of 4 schoolboys

Drown in Dhaka, N'ganj while swimming

**STAR REPORT**

Four school students drowned in separate incidents in Ramna Lake in the capital and the Meghna river in Narayanganj yesterday.

Abdullah al Mahfuz and Naimuzzaman Chowdhury Adnan, both ninth grader at Willes Little Flower School & College, got into the lake for bathing after playing football in the park, said Arif Hossain, a friend of the victims.

Both plunged in the middle of the lake as Mahfuz tried to swim ashore with Adnan, who cannot swim, on his shoulder around 3:45pm, he said.

A frightened Adnan held Mahfuz tightly, eventually sending both under water, Arif told reporters at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

They were rescued by bystanders and rushed to the DMCH where doctors declared them dead, said sub-inspector Bachchu Mia of the DMCH police outpost.

Abul Hossain, principal of the college, told The Daily Star the two did not attend class yesterday.

In Narayanganj, two students drowned as one tried to save his cousin from drowning in the Meghna at Sonargaon around 12:30pm.

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