Repeal some clauses in draft transport act

Demand drivers, transport workers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A section of drivers and transport workers yesterday demanded repeal of some clauses in the proposed Road Transport Act-2018, saying those are "undemocratic and go against the interest" of transport workers.

They said the proposed law's section 13, which tells about recruitment of transport workers, is similar to what is mentioned in section 5 of the Labour Act, 2006, where punishment for owners violating law is not mentioned.

The labour act has not been much effective. Similarly, owners will care little about the proposed law, they told a protest rally.

Dhaka Zila Taxi, Taxi Car, Auto-tempo, Auto-rickshaw Drivers-Workers' Union arranged the rally in front of Jatiya Press Club, said a press release.

They said road accidents will not stop if the law is formulated only to blame the drivers for all incidents. There can be multiple reasons behind road accidents, they added.

Faulty road engineering, excessive profit-seeking mentality of owners, misdeeds of corrupt officials, reckless and unlawful driving, and lack of awareness among people -- passengers and pedestrians -- should have been considered while formulating laws and rules. They also demanded arrest of the culprits involved in attacks and torture on two union leaders on August 10 in Moddho Badda, the release added.



Rejecting the government's recent decision to abolish nearly all quota facilities from government jobs, Bangladesh Garo Chhatra Sangathan (BAGACHAS), a student union of Garo indigenous group, held a rally yesterday in front of Jatiya Press Club in Dhaka demanding the continuation of five percent quota facility in government jobs for indigenous people.

5 Jamaat, Shibir men arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday arrested five leaders and activists of Jamaat-e-Islami and Islami Chhatra Shibir in Rajshahi and Naogaon.

The arrestees include Jamaat leaders Ahmad Ullah, 52, ameer of Puthia upazila in Rajshahi and vicechairman of its upazila parishad, and Kazi Fazlur Rahman, 55, ameer of Dhamoirhat upazila in

Naogaon. The three Shibir activists are Humayun Kabir, 22, Shamim Reza, 25, and Ashraful Islam, 21. The three were held in Puthia upazila, said Shakiluddin Ahmed, officer-in-charge of Puthia

Police Station. The five leaders and activists, who were on the run, are accused in cases filed with police stations in Rajshahi and Naogaon over subversive activities, said

Elegy for the editors

be destroyed; editors are becoming chief executives while journalists are becoming employees. This needs to change. We have to bring back editorial and journalism. If we can do that, it will be honouring them," said veteran journalist Abed Khan.

Prime Minister's Media Adviser Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury said Moazzem Hossain and Golam Sarwar will be remembered through their ethics, ideals, courage and uncompromising attitude in their profession.

General Secretary of Jatiya Press Club Farida Yesmin said not only have they lost two icons of journalism, but their demise is an irreparable loss to the whole journalism sector.

Publisher of Samakal AK Azad said depth of knowledge of Moazzem was praiseworthy, and Sarwar was uncompromising to his profession. Terming Moazzem a soft-spoken, Ekushey Television

CEO Manjurul Ahsan Bulbul said Bangladesh is now a country of loud voices, but there are a very few persons in the country who can be like him in professional life.

About Sarwar, Bulbul said there is nobody left in his life from who he can take advice directly on journalism. Saiful Alam, senior vice president of Jatiya Press Club,

termed both of them brave soldiers of their times. President of Jatiya Press Club Muhammad Shafiqur

Rahman presided over the programme, while editor of Bhorer Kagoj Shyamal Dutta moderated the programme. Among others, Mustafiz Shafi, acting editor of Samakal,

Fahim Hossain, son of Moazzem Hossain; and Golam Shahrian Ranzan, son of Golam Sarwar, also spoke at the programme.

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Minorities fear violence ahead of polls

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OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Expressing anxiety over potential violence they may face surrounding the upcoming national election minority community leaders yesterday sought protection against it.

Ahead of every parliamentary election, the magnitude of violence increases against minority communities, they said at a meeting organised in Kirtonkhola Auditorium of Barisal city by Minority Rights Forum and Bangladesh Trust.

Speakers there also raised a seven-point demand including formation of a minority commission, minority ministry and 15 percent reserved seats in parliament.

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Duping passport applicants

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Metro, told The Daily Star.

Dhaka's Agargaon on Thursday afternoon. The detainees are: Rakib Mia, 26, Md Kamal Hosen, 27,

and Md Sajib, 28. Some members of the gang are absconding, Md Abul Kalam Azad, special police superintendent of PBI in Dhaka

The gang, posing as police officials, used to call passport applicants and demand money via bKash for police verification, he added. At the primary interrogation, the arrestees said they pay

photocopy machine operators and brokers near the passport office to collect copies of passport application forms. A member of the gang calls around 40-50 applicants

every day and demands money from the applicants in return of police verification report on time. A case has been filed with Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Police

Station in connection with the incident. Mohsin, a victim of the scam, demanded exemplary

punishment for the frauds.

We are in favour

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He said a party which has strength, ability and confidence in the people, does not impose any condition to join national polls.

"BNP has no confidence in people and the party has no strength or capability. Hence they are giving conditions one after another," he added.

About the meeting of election commissioners on EVMs, Quader said there is democracy in the EC. "If any commissioner does not agree with others on any issue, he has the right to give note of dissent. They will decide what to do," he said.

AL Joint General Secretaries Mahbub-ul-Alam Hanif and Jahangir Kabir Nanak; Organising Secretaries Khalid Mahmud Chowdhury, Ahmad Hossain, Advocate Misbah Uddin Siraj and AKM Anamul Haque Shamim; Office Secretary Dr Abdus Sobhan Golap; AL Sylhet city unit President Badar Uddin Ahmed Kamran; and AL district unit General Secretary Shafiqur Rahman Chowdhury, among others, were present at the press conference.

BNP rejects EC's decision

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Ireland, discarded the use of EVMs in their polls. "Even 73 percent people in India opined against the use of EVM."

He said the move to procure EVMs was taken to indulge in corruption and misuse public money.

The BNP leader said the government is now trying to rely on machines instead of people, as people's minds cannot be manipulated as easily.

About the efforts of Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh President AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury and Gono Forum President Dr Kamal Hossain to forge a national unity, Moudud said it will be successful as people want a united effort against the current government.

Earlier, at a press conference at BNP's Nayapaltan central office, the party's Senior Joint Secretary General Ruhul Kabir Rizvi also opposed the EC's decision, describing EVMs as "magic boxes of vote rigging".

"We think the unilateral decision of using EVMs was taken as part of a master plan to rig votes in the next parliamentary polls," he observed.

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CTG ROAD DEATH Driver, helper still at large

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Four days have passed since Rezaul Karim Roni, a 35year-old businessman, was allegedly pushed off a minibus, run over and killed following an altercation with the driver's helper in City Gate area near the port city on Monday, but police are yet to arrest the driver and his helper.

Law enforcers have been conducting drives in different areas of the city and district to arrest the duo, said Sub-inspector Dhiman Majumder of Akbar Shah Police Station, also the case's investigation officer. On Tuesday, the family filed the murder case against Didarul Alam, 35, the minibus driver, and Md Manik, 32, his helper, with the police station, said the SI.

Meanwhile, demanding immediate arrest of the driver and helper, family members and locals formed a human chain in City Gate area yesterday. A significant number of women and children took part in the event.

AL councillor attacked by rivals in Gaibandha

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

A ward councillor was hacked allegedly by his rivals in Sundarganj upazila of Gaibandha on Thursday night, said police.

the OC.

A group of youths attacked Saju Sarder, 32, councillor of ward-3 in Sundarganj municipality, with sharp weapons when he reached near Chachia Mirganj Model High school. Soon after that, they fled the scene, said police. With injuries to different parts of his body, Saju, also a

member of the upazila Awami League, was taken to Sundarganj Upazila Health Complex from where he was transferred to Rangpur Medical College Hospital, said police. Sundarganj Police Station Officer-in-Charge SM Abdus

Sobhan quoted his family as saying that there has been a conflict between the ward councillor and the upazila Jubo League leaders over establishing supremacy.

Such conflict might have led to the attack, said the OC. Jamaluddin Sarder, uncle of Saju, filed a case against

unnamed persons with the police station.

Police detained a local AL leader for interrogation.

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He said the UK is extremely concerned about the situation and people should be repatriated with safety and dignity. "All refugees say they want to go back home of their origin, and they would not go home unless it is safe, secure and their identity is recognised.'

The British minister thinks there are no "easy and quick' solutions to the ongoing Rohingya crisis, as the problem is not seen the same way by all the neighbours, the countries in and outside the region.

He said the UN fact-finding mission's report presented the evidence of Myanmar's wrongdoings, and now the global community needs to raise voice together to resolve the crisis.

On a question about the next general election, he said UK thinks a participatory election through creating a level playing field is vital. "Everyone must take part in the election. A government's legitimacy is enhanced when everyone participates."

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