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Roads, just like before

No meaningful changes regarding safety after student movement; National Road Safety Day today

TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

Bangladesh is going to observe the National Road Safety Day today with the slogan "Will obey law; will make roads safe" against the backdrop of an unprecedented student agitation for safe roads.

Different government and non-government organisations have chalked out elaborate programmes to mark the day, an initiative of prominent road safety campaigner Ilias Kanchan which the government turned into a national campaign last year.

Since the agitation, sparked by the deaths of two college students on July 29 and resulting in school-goers taking to the streets demanding road safety, nothing meaningful has happened.

Three months after the agitation began, Dhaka's traffic system seems to have gone back to chaos, except for some minor changes including use of helmets by bike riders and pillions.

Haphazard pick-up and drop-off by buses, their racing on streets, jaywalking, commuters' reluctance to follow traffic rules, and rampant plying of slow-moving three-wheelers on the highways are all back.

Casualties on the roads have meanwhile kept on rising. At least 713 people were killed and 2,068 injured in 667 accidents in August and September, according to the

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A bus drops off and picks up passengers at the exit ramp of Malibagh flyover in Shantinagar, putting the passengers' lives at risk, while holding up traffic at the same time. Inset, Buses avoid using this portion of a road in Bangla Motor earmarked for a bus stop and opt to pick up passengers from the middle of the road. The photos were taken yesterday. PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQUE/ PRABIR DAS



Hasina seeks support from young voters

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday sought vote for the Awami League from the young generation in the upcoming general election to keep up the pace of development, calling them the biggest strength of the country.

"Bangladesh witnessed tremendous development in the last 10 years of the present government. We seek vote from the young generation, who are our biggest strength, to continue the country's development spree."

The PM said this while inaugurating 66 Sheikh Russel Mini Stadiums in 66 upazilas, youth training

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Permission a must to arrest a public servant

Says bill placed in JS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A bill -- "Sarkari Chakori Ain-2018" -- was placed in parliament last night with a provision that makes it mandatory for the Anti-Corruption Commission to take permission for arresting any public servant.

State Minister for Public Administration Ismat Ara Sadique placed the bill, which was sent to the respective parliamentary standing committee for scrutiny.

The committee has been asked to submit its report within three days.

As per the bill, no public servant can be arrested until a court frames charges against him/her.

A government employee can be arrested before framing a charge only after taking prior permission from the authorities concerned.

Under a provision of the proposed law, a civil servant will be suspended initially and he or she will lose his/her job finally if he or she is given capital punishment or

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US to exit Russia nuke arms treaty

Moscow warns Trump over 'dangerous' plan, Gorbachev slams Trump's 'lack of wisdom'

REUTERS, Moscow

President Donald Trump said Washington will exit the Cold-War era treaty that eliminated a class of nuclear weapons due to Russian violations, triggering a warning of retaliatory measures from Moscow.

The Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty, negotiated by then-President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in 1987, required elimination of land-based short-range and intermediate-range nuclear and conventional missiles by both countries.

"Russia has not, unfortunately, honored the agreement so we're going to terminate the agreement and we're going to pull out," Trump told reporters on Saturday after a rally in Nevada.

Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov yesterday said that a unilateral US withdrawal would be "very dangerous" and lead to a "military-technical" retaliation.

Gorbachev, now a frail 87-year-old, said it would be a mistake for Washington to quit the treaty, and that it would undermine work he and US counterparts did to end the Cold War arms race.

"Do they really not understand in Washington what this could lead to?" Interfax news agency quoted Gorbachev as saying.

"You absolutely must not tear up old agreements on disarmament,"

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Gorbachev

South Africa fire kills four Bangladeshis

UNB, Feni

Four Bangladeshis, including three of a family, were killed as a fire broke out at a shop in Brits City area of North West province in South Africa early Saturday.

The victims are: siblings -- Anwar Hossain and Mosharraf Hossain -- of Char Majlispur in Sonagazi upazila, their maternal uncle Mominul Haque of Jagatpur village in Daganbhuiyan upazila and Mohammad Ibrahim of Jamalpur.

Of the four, three were workers of the shop and another came to visit them.

Other Bangladeshis who witnessed the incident said the fire broke out at the shop owned by one Nurul Alam of Rajshahi around 2:00am (South African time) while the victims were sleeping inside.

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Don't step on our fish, please



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Animal cafes where you can enjoy a hot cup of coffee and pet cute animals like cats, dogs or even sheep have been springing up all over the world, but Amix Coffee is the only cafe in the world where you can relax as dozens of decorative fish swim at your feet.

Located in Vietnam's Ho Chi Minh City, Amix Coffee features two flooded floors filled with hundreds of fish both small and large. They are both insulated with two layers of plastic tarp and furniture legs are wrapped in cotton to minimize friction and prevent damage to the tarp. Each floor covers an area of 20 square meters and the water level is up to 25 centimeters deep. In order to gain access to

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1-yr-old dies after truck hits rickshaw

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A baby was killed after she and her mother were thrown on to the street from their rickshaw that had been rear-ended by a truck in capital's Mohammadpur area last night.

One-year-old Nabila was the daughter of Imran Hossain, a resident of Adabar.

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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



Tanjina Naznine Misty, head teacher of Dakkhin Maksudpur Govt Primary School, stands with some of her students before the "Wall for Humanity", a shelf set up for children to donate extra clothes, bags, stationery, and other items for children in need.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

Wall uniting pupils against poverty

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A headmaster in Kishoreganj believes education goes beyond the classroom. She's calling on her students to have a conscience.

It was a stroke of genius for 34-year-old Tanjina Naznine Misty, headmaster of Dakkhin Maksudpur Govt Primary School.

Having participated in a teacher's training programme at National Academy for Primary Education (NAPE) in Mymensingh in July, she got an idea that would help out the needy children in her school in Kishoreganj.

"I was inspired by a trainer at the 15-day training at NAPE, who shared a similar experience about such an initiative started in Magura in 2015," said Misty, who passed her Masters with honours from the Government and Politics Department of Jahangirnagar University in 2008. She also did her LLB under National University in 2010.

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