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Nobody cares about signs

Drivers, pedestrians hardly learn discipline in traffic discipline fortnight

MOHAMMAD JAMIL KHAN

Looking up at the Mayor Hanif Flyover at Sayedabad end, one can find two large road signs that read “vehicle stoppage is not allowed” and “crossing or movement of the pedestrian is prohibited”.

But those act as mere printed words which mean nothing to either vehicles or pedestrians.

Around 12:30pm, this correspondent saw a bus of Bondhon Paribahan from Narayanganj stop beside the sign, drop off passengers and then drive off.

Apart from being risky, such unmarked stoppages are a violation of traffic rules according to the Motor Vehicle Ordinance, 1983.

Asked, Jashimuddin Molla, one of the passengers who had disembarked from the bus, said, “I know it is risky to walk on the flyover but I have to do it to save time.”

Md Nazmul Hossain, a guard of a private security firm hired to provide security in the area, was found standing just beside road sign. “We became tired of asking the bus drivers to not stop on the flyover and for people to not walk on it but they did not pay any heed,” said Nazmul, when asked why no steps were being taken against the violators.

During an hour-long stay, every bus on the route continually picked-up and dropped-off passengers right in front of the sign. Some commuters even waited there to get on the bus and some jumped over the divider of the flyover amid traffic.

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Ignoring a road sign, a bus stops on the capital's Hanif Flyover to pick-up and drop passengers, including students, yesterday. Although a fortnight-long traffic discipline initiative by the Dhaka Metropolitan Police has been underway since January 15, there has hardly been any change in the city's traffic scenario as road rules violations have been rampant.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS



Bangladeshi honoured for heroism in UAE

UNB, Dhaka

A Bangladeshi in Ajman, UAE, has been honoured by the local authorities for his bravery after he rose to the challenge and saved the life of a three-year-old boy.

Farouk Islam Nour Al Haq, 57, a welder, was awarded on Tuesday by Ajman Civil Defence for his role in rescuing the child, who was thrown off the balcony of a burning apartment, reports local daily Khaleej Times.

When people were starting at the burning building, Farouk ran to the right spot in an instant, stretched out his arms, and caught the boy whose mother had thrown him out off their second-floor flat.

“Something in my mind urged me to stand beneath the window where a woman was screaming. There was a massive crowd of people watching her but no one thought of rescuing her. Something pushed me to save this woman and her child,” Farouk told the UAE newspaper.

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PRAYER TIMING JANUARY 18

Fazr Juma Asr Maghrib Esha

AZAN 5-30 12-30 4-15 5-40 7-00

JAMAAT 6-05 1-15 4-30 5-44 7-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Ruling out no-deal is 'impossible'

Theresa May tells Jeremy Corbyn on Brexit

INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

British Prime Minister Theresa May has toughened her stance on refusing to rule out a no-deal Brexit, telling Jeremy Corbyn it is an “impossible condition” that she cannot meet.

The Labour leader is boycotting talks with the prime minister until she drops threats to crash the UK out of the EU if necessary – and has told his MPs to do the same.

But, in a letter to Corbyn, May yesterday said: “That is an impossible condition because it is not within the government's power to rule out no-deal.”

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RIDE-SHARING SERVICES

BRTA now wants rules relaxed

Writes to ministry to give companies certain time to fulfil conditions

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

None of the 14 ride-sharing companies that sought BRTA registration have been able to fulfill the required conditions, although a guideline mentioning the conditions was put in force 10 months ago.

The companies have told the authorities that fulfilling some of the passenger safety related conditions would take time as the process involved other stakeholders, officials said.

Since they are not registered, the Bangladesh Road Transport Authority has not been able to hold the companies, drivers, and riders accountable.

Out of more than 24 ride-sharing companies operating in the country, 14 have applied for registration after the guideline came into force in March last year.

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Polls marred by allegations of fraud

Says HRW report on Bangladesh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh violently cracked down on criticism of the ruling Awami League ahead of national elections in 2018, Human Rights Watch said yesterday in its World Report 2019.

Instead of responding to calls for accountability, law enforcement agencies engaged in violence, torture, enforced disappearances, and extrajudicial killings and the victims included political opposition, journalists, members

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'Unpresidented'

Fake edition of Washington Post claims Trump resigned

MAIL ONLINE

A fake edition of The Washington Post has been circulated around DC by pranksters claiming Donald Trump has resigned.

The real newspaper warned Wednesday that bogus editions have been printed and handed out

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BIRDS OF THE BEEL

Asian Openbill Storks gather on a dried up water body, locally called Chapra Beel, at Ghatail upazila in Tangail recently. The white birds sporting glossy black wings are found near beels in the district.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

Missing 20 not found

Location of boat also unknown three days after it capsized in the Meghna

STAR REPORT

None of the 20 missing people have been found in three days after a boat capsized in the Meghna river near Charjhaptia area of Munshiganj early Tuesday.

Not even the exact location of the boat has been found out, firefighters said.

Although the boat sank, according to survivors, around 3:00am Tuesday, the rescue efforts had not even started until around 8:00am Wednesday.

Of the missing people, 17 are from Pabna's Bhangura and three from Sirajganj's Ullapara, said police.

After the boat capsized with 34 people onboard following a collision with a larger vessel, 14 labourers managed to survive, officials said.

Officials said there was a dense fog at the time of the incident.

Some of the survivors told journalists that they were rescued by another

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2 Jamuna TV journos beaten up in Bogura

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogura

Two journalists of Jamuna Television were beaten up allegedly by a Jubo League activist and his accomplices in Maltinagar area of Bogura town yesterday.

The incident happened when a team of “Investigation 360 Degree” programme of the private TV station went to a drug rehabilitation centre, named Real Life, for an investigative report over various allegations against the centre, run by Jubo League activist Nur Mohammad.

The victims are SM Zia, reporter of the

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