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Yesterday, Quader said the meeting should have been held much earlier, and implementation of the recommendation should have started sooner, but they could not be done due to his illness.

"We will now work with rejuvenated spirit," he said, adding that they will approve the recommendations at the meeting of National Road Safety Council meeting, after holding discussions and bringing necessary changes.

He said several reports were submitted on the issue in the past, but recommendations of the reports were not implemented.

"There is no use of giving recommendations if those are not implemented properly. Now we want to give priority on action over rhetoric," he said.

The parliament in September last year passed the Road Transport Act-2018, aiming to bring discipline on roads and thus curbing road accidents. But the government has not made the law effective yet.

Asked about the issue, the minister said the home minister and law minister is

working on the issue and formulation of rules and sub-rules of the act is going on. The process will get momentum after home minister returns from abroad.

Asked whether the government is facing any pressure from transport owners and workers in implementing the law, he said "How can I tell before initiating the implementation process? However, there are some challenges which we will overcome."

After the passage of the act, Bangladesh Road Transport Workers Federation observed a two-day strike on October 28-29 last year, demanding changes to the law, including making all non-bailable sections of the law bailable.

Asked whether the government will accept their demands, Quader said the home minister and law minister will see whether any adjustment is possible, keeping legal matters intact.

Replying to a question whether the government will bring any changes to the law, the minister said, "We will see whether any adjustment and accommodation can be made keeping the law intact."

HC for compensating DU

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better treatment, hospital authorities refused to provide it, Shamim alleged.

Jyotirmoy Barua filed the petition on July 14, attaching with it reports published in different newspapers over the incident.

The health secretary, Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), president of

Bangladesh Medical and Dental Council, Dr Krishna Prabhu and the managing director of Square Hospitals were asked to respond to the rule within four weeks.

The court also asked the hospital authorities to submit all medical documents and the CD of the surgery to the court within a month.

No more travelling

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allow travelling on roof, violating their contracts with BR.

"We will take punitive action against them if they continue the malpractice," he said.

Contracted, Iqbal Hossain, Chief Commandant of RNB (East) said they were preparing a work plan to stop the

practice.

Terming it one of the major reasons for fatalities, he said will take all necessary measures to stop travelling on train roof.

He said there will be an exclusive meeting on the matter on August 25 at Rail Bhavan, which will be attended by officials of all departments concerned.



The Indonesian Army offers a guard of honour to Bangladesh Army Chief General Aziz Ahmed, after he reached the country on Tuesday. The general received a tour of the army headquarters, and the two parties discussed several issues, including peacekeeping and controlling crime.

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No room

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treatment smoothly to the patients lying on the floor," said Md Sulaiman Kabir, registrar of the hospital's medicine ward.

"Some patients have left the hospital without completing their treatment, ignoring our advice. Later they are getting re-admitted when their platelets decreased," he added.

"We have no scope of increasing space inside the wards but we are working hard to provide the best service to patients," said Md Bakir Hossain, the director of SBMCH.

"We have opened a separate dengue ward but it cannot accommodate the increasing number of patients," he told this newspaper, adding that he feels agony seeing patients on the floor.

Most dengue patients don't follow the instructions given by doctors after leaving the hospital and get affected again, he added.

Misdirected mosquito

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of police personnel to the rooftop garden, before the arrival of the magistrate from an adjacent building. The guard downstairs could not give him access to the lift as the key was with the caretaker who had gone upstairs. The magistrate had to take the stairs, and was furious over his four-flights foray. He instantly told the police to arrest the caretaker, and release him only after the sunset.

The owners of the house had gone to hajj, and the kids didn't know what to do. They asked one uncle to talk to police, but in vain. The caretaker was handcuffed and driven all around Gulshan for the rest of day in a police van. He was not shown arrested or detained!

Then in the evening the patrol police came and asked the kids for "some money". The kids didn't have any. Their uncle managed to drop the name of a minister over the phone to get the caretaker released.

I am sure the police will have another version of the story. I shall not go into the right wrong diatribe. But this mosquito drive has given our already corrupt system one more avenue to extort money through terrorising others, not to mention to expose the ordinary citizens (children, housewives who do not have to negotiate with bribery or dark economy on a daily basis) to the brutal face of a humane effort.

The authority must understand the difference between an awareness

programme and an intervention. Aedes mosquitoes are not hidden terrorists who have been given shelters by the residents. There can be callousness, negligence or even ignorance on the part of the residents -- but for that we need to involve the community leaders, local imams, or housing societies. The government must not exhaust its security resources in mosquito hunting in people's verandas and rooftops. They can bring army aircraft to spray medicine over the huge construction projects of metro rail and overpasses, canals and ditches, parks and rooftops if needed, but they cannot send uniformed men to people's homes.

When we were growing up, the city corporation used to have mosquito-controllers entering every house to spray the drains, bushes and alleys. Our tax has increased, service hasn't!

The fight against mosquitoes cannot be fought alone. We are already afraid of mosquitoes; we do not want to be afraid of mosquito hunters. The government can help us by reducing the price of mosquito repellents, kits and insecticides or mosquito nets. They can involve business owners to distribute them as CSR gestures, and equip the citizens with the necessary weapons.

Dear Mr Mayor, don't alienate yourself by bulldozing into people's houses. Hold your cannons; for tiny mosquitoes you need a subtler weapon!

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should take proper plan for all citizens equally. "The dream of establishing a digital Bangladesh will not be fulfilled, if this huge number of slum dwellers remain underdeveloped," he added.

Md Jahangir Alam, project coordinator of BARCIK, placed a 12-point demand, including proper rehabilitation of the 5,000 dwellers at Chalanika slum in Dhaka's Mirpur -- which was recently gutted by fire, providing compensation of Tk 15 crore; ensuring allowances to poor slum dwellers; and ensuring facilities of education and healthcare.

Among others, Bangladesh Trade Union Kendra general secretary Dr Wajedul Islam Khan, Poba general secretary Abdus Sobhan and secretary Ferdous Ahmed Ujjal also spoke at the discussion, presided over by Poba Chairman Abu Naser Khan.

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