

TRAVELLING ON TRAIN ROOFS

Legal action starts from tomorrow

UNB, Dhaka

Railway authorities will take tough legal measures from tomorrow against those travelling on roofs of trains.

Travelling on train roofs is risky, unsafe and a criminal offence. Anyone can die due to a sudden accident. Train schedules may be delayed and valuable government assets may be damaged, a railway press release said.

Those who travel on train roofs and encourage others to do so are equally at fault, it added.

Referring to clause 129 of Railway Act of 1890, the release said as per the clause, if any person threatens the life of any passenger by their dangerous or reckless activities, they will be sentenced up to one year imprisonment or fined or both.



Rights activists formed a human chain in front of Barishal city's Ashwini Kumar Hall yesterday, in observance of International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances. PHOTO: STAR

No party in power

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the situation will remain unchanged if BNP assumes power," he claimed.

Citing massive corruption, abduction, killing and curbing people's democratic rights during the AL rule, he claimed that people of this region did not see such unpopular government in last five decades.

Prof Ahmed Kamal of DU's history department said people are hostage in their own independent country due to failure in waging movement against this government.

He said that many are suffering from various problems but they are not taking to the streets as they have lost faith in all political parties.

Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal secretary general Khalequzzaman said when political parties can gain the trust of people, they will stage an upsurge like that of 1969.

Chairing the programme, Zonayed Saki, chief coordinator of Ganosambhati Andolon, said his party was formed to establish equality in society as per the spirit of the Liberation War.

He stressed united efforts -- irrespective of political identity.

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Abed Khan, noted journalist and former editor of Samakal, said the current inertia and decline that

Bangladeshi journalism in going through can be overcome if Sarwar's values are adhered to.

The Daily Star Editor and Publisher Mahfuz Anam, eminent economist Qazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmad, BNP Standing Committee Member Moudud Ahmed, Awami League Presidium Member Mohammed Nasim, Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof Md Akhtaruzzaman, former education minister Nur Islam Nahid, Samakal Publisher AK Azad, former DU VC Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) President ASM Abdur Rob, theatre personalities Ataur Rahman and Mamunur Rashid, Jatiya Press Club President Saiful Islam and General Secretary Farida Yeasmin, and Sammilita Sangskritik Jote President Golam Kuddus also spoke at the event.

The attendees also observed a minute of silence in memory of the late journalist.

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and organising secretary respectively, said Mizanur Rahman, additional deputy commissioner (north zone) of Chattogram Metropolitan Police.

"They sat in a meeting to plan subversive activities in the city," he said, adding "During the drive, police also recovered seven crude bombs, a good number of machetes and cleavers, and some papers containing their plans noted down."

On information, a team from Panchlaish Police Station conducted a drive on the fourth floor of a six-storey building in Sugandha Residential Area and arrested the 12 around 11:30pm, he said.

"Police recovered the crude bombs, cleavers and machetes from the roof of the building," he said, adding, filing of a case in this connection was under process with Panchlaish Police Station.

Efforts on to improve Dhaka drivers

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The Malaysian diplomat said Bangladesh was Malaysia's 22nd largest trading partner in 2018. Major exports to Bangladesh include chemical products, metal, crude petroleum, palm oil, agriculture, electrical and electronic products.

There are many more opportunities of exports to Bangladesh, including consumer goods, construction services, Islamic banking, oil, gas and healthcare, according to the envoy.

Malaysia is also a major destination for Bangladeshi tourists. More than 150,000 Bangladeshis traveled to Malaysia last year. Also, Malaysia is becoming a hub of medical tourism, especially due to its quality care and affordable cost, Amir Farid said.

He said diplomatic engagement between Malaysia and Bangladesh is becoming stronger, with high-level visits between the two nations.

In 2017, Malaysia was one of the few countries that immediately responded to Bangladesh's call for international assistance during the early weeks of the Rohingya crisis. Malaysian government set up a field hospital near Kutupalong camp in Cox's Bazar for Rohingyas as well as locals, he added.

"Malaysia would like to continue to work closely and engage Bangladesh government in various areas of cooperation," Amir Farid said.

He said Malaysia, as a member of ASEAN, is working with Bangladesh and Myanmar on the Rohingya crisis.

Malaysia suspended labour recruitment from Bangladesh in September last year following allegations of monopoly by a recruitment syndicate.

Asked when Malaysia is going to open the labour market, Amir Farid said, "Discussions are still ongoing. We are working together to find a better deal for both the countries."

Malaysian High Commission's First Secretary (Immigration and Consular) Mohamad Yahya bin Rahamat and Tourism Malaysia Dhaka's Marketing Manager Mohammed Shueb also spoke at the event.

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are most certainly not. Especially the Dhaka drivers whose livelihood is to drive around the families who employ them. I am pretty certain that this is because the families do not wish to drive themselves. I don't blame them. Imagine, that in the course of driving just a few city blocks, dozens, if not hundreds of near collisions have been barely avoided (which undoubtedly would make a complete nervous wreck out of an average North American driver). It is a dance with everything that moves. It is literally a game of inches.

Canadian drivers, on the other hand, have been pampered by traffic lights that have sprung up at a rate that is liable to surpass the national birth rate. This is only a small exaggeration. They are everywhere. Everyone obeys them. Everybody stops. Add to these the stop signs, yield signs, traffic calming devices and inventions, and it all becomes mere child's play. But in spite of all this, Toronto drivers do not stay calm. Far from it. Dhaka drivers do. It is compelling to behold. They do not wince. They do not grimace. They do not shake fists. They do not yell and shout and turn the air blue with their outrage. They just calmly and serenely go about their business, avoiding this rickshaw by two inches, that bus by a generous four inches, this pedestrian's knee-cap by no more than a whisker, that CNG-run autorickshaw by half that much, while budging ever so slightly sideways to allow a motorcycle to pass by -- and all of it with such an adept glad good grace as to invite the most devout prayers of thanks.

And often they do all this and more, constantly, without ever being in possession of a clearly defined lane in which to proceed. Something vaguely resembling a

lane can suddenly open up, and then close down again in the wink of an eye. Deft precision employs this ever-shifting game of chance. And it is this that produces that wonderful Dhaka symphony. Every manner of horn, hooter, bell, all beeping, honking, ringing and singing in perfect harmonious rhythm. All drivers and riders join in on this constant chorus -- except pedestrians. They are mostly silent, preferring to employ sign language.

So, I am left to ponder both the psychology and philosophy of it -- this daily dance. How is it that Dhaka drivers remain so calm and serene, infallible and at peace in the face of what would make a North American driver go mad after a five minute drive, and become all at once homicidal, suicidal, psychopathic and otherwise a threat to humanity altogether?

Do those shiny chrome bumpers at fore and aft help? Their utility is astute. But it is the zen of the drive, I think, that does the trick. To relax, and join in the dance, rather than to be at odds with it. Thousands, tens of thousands of moving objects, all constantly shifting about, except when congestion brings it all to a standstill, and once one acquires this zen and becomes adept, they are then capable of driving people around as they do. It sounds simple. But what I witnessed requires nerves of steel, the patience of a saint, the power of faith -- the wheelish wisdom of the ages.

So, drivers of Dhaka, I salute you and your intrepid good humour, good sense, fortitude and tenacity. Without you, the city would not function as it does. Many would not move at all. May your wheels ever roll.

The writer is a Canadian musician who visited Dhaka recently.

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Invitation for Tender (IFT) for Vehicle

Project Name	BRAC Transport
Source of fund	Own fund
Tender package no	BRAC/BPD-Transport/02-19
Reference No & Date	BPD/2019/IFT-1969 date: 27 August, 2019
Tender Iteme	Recondition Hybrid Axio Car, Manufacture Year: 2017
Time of delivery	As per Tender Documents
Price of the tender documents	BDT 1,000.00 (Taka one thousand only) non refundable
Tender security	As per tender documents
Availability of Tender document	BRAC Procurement Department (ground floor) BRAC centre 75, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212. For study purpose please visit www.procurement.brac.net
Date & time for selling documents	01 September 2019 to 15 September 2019 between 10:00 am to 03:00 pm
Tender dropping place, date and time	Tender box no-3, Procurement Department (G.F.), 16 September 2019 between 10:00 am to 2.30 pm
Tender opening place, date and time	BRAC staff canteen (4th floor) BRAC centre 16 September 2019 at 3:30 pm

BRAC, Procurement Department, BRAC Centre 75 Mohakhali Dhaka-1212, Phone: 9844180 Ext: 5483

Road accidents kill four

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were injured.

They were rushed to the local health complex where doctors declared Sayeed dead.

In Bogura, Sohel Rana, 35, was killed when the microbus carrying him and a truck collided at Manik Chak area of the town yesterday.

Quoting locals, police said the microbus was carrying some examinees and their relatives. When the vehicle was going to the exam centre around 8:45am, the truck collided with it.

After the accident, Sohel, the microbus driver and three other passengers were injured. Locals took them to Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital where the doctor declared Sohel dead. The others are being treated at the hospital, they

added.

The body is being kept at the hospital's morgue for autopsy. Police seized the truck, but the driver and helper managed to flee.

In Dinajpur, Nizam Uddin, 55, was killed as a pickup-van hit him on Hili-Ghoraghat road in Ghoraghat upazila on Thursday.

According to witnesses and police, a speeding pickup-van hit him from behind while he was walking, leaving him critically injured.

Locals took Nizam to the health complex. As his condition kept deteriorating, he was referred to a hospital in Bogura, but he died on the way.

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Dhaka, Delhi

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of Police Headquarters (PHQ) and comprised members from Border Guard Bangladesh, Rapid Action Battalion (Rab), National Board of Revenue, Bangladesh Bank and representatives of the High Commission of Bangladesh in New Delhi.

The Indian delegation was headed by Anil Shukla, inspector general, National Investigation Agency and consisted of representatives from home and external affairs ministries, Central Bureau of Investigation, Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, Border Security Force, Delhi Police and West Bengal Police among others.

Invitation to Bid (ITB) Supply and Installation of Tools and Equipment for TVET Institutions

International Labour Organization (ILO) Dhaka invites bids from interested firms to Supply and Installation of Tools and Equipment for TVET Institutions. The bidding documents can be downloaded from the ILO Dhaka website under Procurement Notices at http://www.ilo.org/dhaka/WCMS_367536/lang--en/index.htm

The deadline for submission of proposal is Wednesday, October 02, 2019, by 04:30 PM (BST time).

A pre-bid meeting will be held on Monday, September 16, 2019, by 02:30 PM (BST time) at ILO Country Office for Bangladesh, PPD Secretariat Office Complex, 4th floor, Block-F, Plot-17/B&C, Agargaon Administrative Zone, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh.

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Memo No: 40.47.72.0000.038.02.2019/174 Date: 29/08/2019

e-Tender Notice No: 01/2019-2020 (IUIDP-2) Re-Tender

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of works as mentioned in the following tables:

SI No.	Tender IDs (closing and opening time)	Project name	Last selling date & time	Closing and opening date	Tender method
01	351275 (14.00), 351276 (14.15), 351277 (14.30), 351278 (14.45), 351279 (15.00), 351280 (15.15), 351281 (15.30), 351282 (15.45)	IUIDP-2	16-Sep-2019 Time: 16:00	17-Sep-2019	LTM

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tendering documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank's branches up to date & time: 16-Sep-2019 & 16:00. Further information & guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd) (0176262528-31). The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders/proposals.

N.B.: Detail of package description and information available in the Kendua Pourashava notice board. Only up-to-date enlistment contractors of Kendua Pourashava, District-Netrakona are eligible for this tender.

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