

Share trips, pay less

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Dhaka has very few dedicated places for pick up and drop off passengers. When a reporter asked whether this new service would create traffic congestion, Ratul replied in the negative.

UberPOOL will have dedicated place for passengers with enough space for them and the vehicles, Ratul said, adding that a passenger will not be allowed to get in or out of the vehicle in the middle of the road.

When asked about security concerns, he said UberPOOL is being used in more than half the cities where Uber is available. Mostly, young people use this service. “We will provide necessary trainings to the drivers regarding safety issues,” he added.

UBER IN BANGLADESH

Launched in Dhaka on November 22, 2016, Uber has extended its service in Chattogram and Sylhet. In Dhaka, more than one million people or 8 percent have taken a trip with Uber in the last three months, Ratul said.

The most popular pick up point is the airport while most popular drop off destination is also the airport, followed by Panthapath and Sadarghat.

In 2019, riders from 76 countries have used Uber while visiting Bangladesh and the average wait time in Dhaka is under six minutes.

“Our growth in Bangladesh is very good and beyond our expectation...,” Ratul said.

He, however, declined to give the total number of trips in previous years and the number of drivers affiliated with them.

Asked about their investment and profit, Ratul once again declined to disclose the information. He, however, said Bangladesh is still an investment market for them.

Although 12 ridesharing service providing companies got approval of Bangladesh Road Transport Authority, so far only six received enlistment certificates.

The rest, including some top companies like Uber and Pathao, are yet to get certificate due to some technical difficulties.

Asked about it, Ratul said it is an ongoing discussion and not just Uber, other companies are in discussion too. However, their submission had been done and currently they were waiting for official communication, he said.

Asked about complaints of cancellation of trips by drivers, he said they continuously monitor every driver’s cancel rate and block them if they do so repeatedly.

Replying to another question about charging high during pick hours, he said they applied “dynamic pricing” in fixing fares.

When a reporter asked him about banning of Uber in London recently due to shortcomings, he said, “I don’t have full information about it... what I know is that it is an ongoing discussion.”

At yesterday’s event, Uber also recognised four drivers for their outstanding performances.

Will provide appointment

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provide appointment letters to transport workers. But the problem is in most cases they do not want to take it, as they frequently change jobs.

He also said the Road Transport Owners Association will inform all members to issue appointment letters in line with the new law.

Jatiya Party lawmaker and chairman of the parliamentary watchdog Mujibul Haque Chunnur chaired the meeting.

Committee members and state minister for labour and employment Mannujan Sufian, Shajahan Khan, Israfil Alam and Shamsun Nahar, and Sarak Paribahan Sramik Federation general secretary Osman

Ali, among others, were present at the meeting.

At the meeting, transport owners and workers’ leaders blamed each other for not issuing appointment letter to workers.

Leaders said owners are not interested in providing them with appointment letters due to their own interest.

Meanwhile, transport owners said workers are not interested to take appointment letters as they frequently change jobs.

Mujibul Haque said the parliamentary standing committee in its meeting asked the ministry officials to issue letters to both owners and workers to implement the matter.

Connecting with migrants

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agreement on a common approach to international migration in all its dimensions.

Though non-legally binding, the Compact provides a strong platform for cooperation on migration.

The foreign secretary said crisis regarding migration was often created by one country but everyone’s effort is needed to resolve them.

He stressed for a strengthened role of the United Nations in resolving global migration crisis, including those related to the Rohingyas.

Referring to a forecast of The Economist, he said Bangladesh might be a major destination country for migrants by 2022.

At present, about 1,00,000 foreign nationals are working in Bangladesh, he said.

The foreign secretary said a fundamental shift in approach in the government as well as civil society is needed to ensure the rights of migrant workers.

Addressing the workshop, UN Resident Coordinator in Bangladesh Mia Seppo said efforts have to be made so that global human trafficking can be prevented.

Also it has to be ensured that migrant workers’ rights are protected through implementation of the GCM objectives, Seppo added.

International Organisation for Migration (IOM) Bangladesh Chief of Mission Giorgi Gigauni said they are working in line with the GCM to align it with the government’s eighth five-year plan.

In addition, they are also working to support the government in its other development initiatives.

Ahmed Munirul Saleheen, additional secretary of the Expatriates’ Welfare and Overseas Employment Ministry, said there is an “invisible element” which is responsible for high migration cost in Bangladesh.

The ministry is working to minimise it and also to combat human trafficking, he said.

Rab arrests 7 members

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cars in guise of passengers, said the ASP.

Later, they demanded money from the car owners to return their vehicles. Sometimes, they also sold the cars after changing the number plates and forging documents, added the official. After interrogation, they were handed over to police this morning.

In another drive led by commander

of Bhairab Rab Camp in Kishoreganj, Additional Police Superintendent Rafiuddin Mohammad Zubayer, eight drug peddlers were arrested from Bhairab Power House Colony on Monday night.

The Rab team also recovered 505 litres of locally-brewed alcohol from their possession. After interrogation, they were handed over to Bhairab Police Station.

Technovation

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chairperson of NSU board of trustees was special guest. Pro Vice Chancellor of NSU, Professor M Ismail Hossain presided over the programme.

Salman F Rahman said in his speech, “I think these initiatives are incredibly important to meet the challenges of fourth industrial revolution.”

Among others, Mahbulul Alam, managing director of Islami Bank Bangladesh Limited, deans of different schools, directors of various departments, teachers and students were present at the event.

Supply

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The HC bench of Justice Tariq ul Hakim and Justice Md Shohrwardi also asked the authorities concerned to stop withdrawal of ground water at the four villages in Patiya.

The bench came up with the order following a writ petition filed by Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (Bela) in 2015, seeking necessary order in this regard.

Petitioner’s lawyer Advocate Syeda Rizwana Hasan told reporters that 350 tube wells set up by the Department of Public Health at the four villages went out of order as eight industries are withdrawing groundwater in the area. As a result, around 30,000 people were not getting drinkable and household water in the upazila, she said.

Yesterday, the HC asked the authorities concerned of the government to decide whether the four villages can be declared water stressed area under the Water Act.

The authorities will take steps to arrange supply of potable and household water to villages until they take the decision, Advocate Rizwana said, adding that no factories of “Red” or “Orange” classes can be established in the four villages in future without arranging alternative water. Barrister Fida M Kamal, Advocate Minhazul Haque Chowdhury, Advocate Ali Mustafa Khan and Advocate Sayeed Ahmed Kabir also appeared for Bela.

Raise voice for the displaced at UN climate confce: activists

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Climate activists yesterday demanded that the government speak up at the upcoming UN conference for the most vulnerable group of people who are facing loss and damages due to natural disasters caused by climate change.

They said this at a press conference at Jatiya Press Club, ahead of the 25th UN Climate Change Conference to be held in Madrid, Spain on December 2-3.

They made four demands to the government at the event, organised by Civil Society Organizations on Climate Advocacy.

The demands are: developed countries must increase mitigation action target based on latest IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) report; developing a framework on implementing market-based mechanism on “Mitigation Outcome International Transfer”; ensuring easier access to green climate fund for most vulnerable countries unconditionally, and developing a work stream on displacement and migration issues.

The event was moderated by Ziaul Hoque Mukta, while the demands were presented by Syed Aminul Hoque.

Families left in ruins

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Now, my physical and mental health have deteriorated from rushing between the court and home for my son,” Rokeya, a nurse by profession, told TJB The Daily Star.

A suspected “Neo JMB” leader, Regan was allegedly among those who trained the five café attackers including Uzзал. The attack left 22 people including 17 foreigners and two police officials killed.

Regan (22) was wounded and subsequently caught during a police raid at a militant den at Kalyanpur on July 26, 2016. He confessed to his involvement in the Gulshan Attack before a magistrate on October 3 that year.

“We are living a life of misery. My son has left us helpless,” 78-year-old Abdul Baten Kadery, father of café attack financier Tanvir Kadery, told TJB The Daily Star.

Tanvir, a banker who forced her wife and two underage sons into the dark path, killed himself during an anti-militancy drive on September 10, 2016.

His wife Abedatul Fatema, who used to work in a renowned international NGO, is now in jail. One of their sons was killed in anti-militancy drive on December 24 that year.

“At my age, I was supposed to be flanked by my son, his wife and my grandchildren... But my son did wrong and got punished for it. I have no regrets for it,” Baten said.

He urged all not to join militant activities like his son and carry out such heinous act.

Abdus Salam, father of another accused militant Aslam Hossain alias Rash, said “My family has been devastated. The sufferings we have gone through over the years are beyond words.” “I still cannot sleep at night,” he said.

He, however, thinks his son is innocent, and they will get justice through the verdict -- slated to be delivered today.

Mismanagement causes

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introduce separate rickshaw lanes here. The cause of traffic jam is not rickshaw, but mismanagement,” he said.

Sramik Karmachari Oikya Parishad Joint Coordinator Naimul Ahsan Jewel said only 10 percent of the total population in Dhaka commute by rickshaw and a large number of people use private cars. “So, rickshaws alone are not causing traffic jam,” he claimed.

BLS Chairman Habibur Rahman Siraj presided over the discussion which was addressed, among others, by the platform’s Executive Director Jafrul Rahman, Bangladesh Institute of Planners Secretary General Adil Mohammed Khan and Jatiya Rickshaw Van Sramik League General Secretary Insur Ali.

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Correction of Previous Vacancy Re-Announcement

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Project Country Office Location	Apartment # A1, Merry dale, 1st Floor, House # 32, Road # 10A, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1209
Invitation Reference No:	SNA/DAC/PR/11.19.06
Prerequisite of Tenderer	A. Every individual organization/vendor/ should submit Valid Trade License and NID along with Tender Quotation.
	B. All Vendors/Organization need to submit the latest Bank Solvency Certificate in favor of specific organization/vendors name.
	C. Participating Organization/Vendors require to submitt the updated VAT registration and TIN certificate in favor of organization/ vendor’s name
	D. All Vendor should submit related previous work experience.
Invitation to Tender for the Provision of	Manufacturer(Make): Toyota, Model Name: Dyna/ Toyoace, Production Year: 2014 and above, Fuel Type: Diesel, Transmission: MT (F), Color: White, No of Doors: 2, No of Seats: 3, Tyre: 7 Nos. same Size, Drive Type: 2WD, Steering: RHD, Engine Size: 2000cc. Loading Capacity: 1500kg
Tender Method	Open Tender Method (OTM)
Tender Documents Available	Apartment # A1, Merry dale, 1st Floor, House # 32, Road # 10A, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1209
Date & Time for Collecting Tender Documents	From 28th November 2019 to 5th December 2019 from 9.30 AM to 4.30 PM
Tender Closing Place, Date & Time	Apartment # A1, Merry dale, 1st Floor, House # 32, Road # 10A, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1209, Closing Date: 5th December 12.20 PM
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