

HEALTH GUIDELINE IN PUBLIC TRANSPORTS

Need law enforcers' support to ensure it

Says Moshir Rahman Ranga

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Without support of law enforcers, it is not possible for the transportation sector to maintain health guidelines in public transports, said Moshir Rahman Ranga, president of Bangladesh Transport Owner Association.

He made these remarks at a views-exchange session with journalists at Rangpur city's transport owners association office yesterday.

"We are trying our best to maintain the health guidelines, but in most cases, it's not possible for us alone," he said.

He also urged the government to deploy more law enforcement members on the road, along with officials of Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA), to help enforce the guidelines.

Most people do not want to follow health guidelines on public transports, he said, adding that it's not always possible for transport workers to make passengers adhere to the rules. Transport owners have given out strict instructions to workers to follow the guidelines, Ranga said.

Meanwhile, he also told journalists the public transport sector in the country has suffered an irreparable loss during the pandemic. In addition, the government is also being deprived of getting revenue from the sector.

"In such a circumstance, we urge the government to waive taxes for the sector," Ranga said.

Transport owners have also demanded Tk 25,000 crore incentive support from the government for the sector. Ranga reiterated the demand and urged the government to consider the proposal.

SHAHINUDDIN MURDER

MA Awal denied bail

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sent former Laxmipur lawmaker MA Awal and his alleged goon Zahirul Islam Babu to jail after rejecting their bail petitions in the trader Shahinuddin murder case.

Meanwhile, another accused Nur Mohammad Hasan confessed to a magistrate that he was directly involved in the killing.

Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Mahmuda Akhter passed the order after Inspector Syed Iftakhar Hossain of Detective Branch of police produced Awal and Babu before the court on completion of their four-day remand in the case.

In the forwarding report, the IO said Awal and Babu gave important information about the murder which was being verified. Moreover, Babu was present at the place of occurrence and took part in the killing. So the IO appealed to the court to confine them to jail until the investigation is completed.

The IO did not submit any petition either for placing Awal on remand again or for recording his confessional statement, court sources said.

4 held over rape in Khulna

STAR REPORT

Police in Khulna yesterday arrested four persons in connection with a gang-rape incident, while another person was arrested by police in Gazipur, after he allegedly attempted to rape a child.

Meanwhile, a 14-year-old boy yesterday confessed to raping and strangling a second-grader to death before a Manikganj court, police said.

In Khulna, a housewife (25) was allegedly raped by four persons around 10pm on Tuesday at an abandoned house near Khalishpur New Market area, reports our correspondent.

The woman filed a complaint with Khalishpur Police Station. Police in a drive arrested the four -- Sayeed (35), Nuruzzaman (35), Sumon (18), and Nazmul (20) -- from different parts of Khalishpur.

Nimai Chandra Kundu, OC of Khalishpur Police Station, said the suspects are notorious thieves and muggers and accused in multiple cases.

A rape case was filed against them, said Nimai, adding that the woman was sent to a victim support centre.

OC Alam Chand of Kapasia Police Station said police arrested one Kafil Uddin (60) from Gazipur Sadar's Bagherbazar area around 11am yesterday, after he tried to rape a seven-year-old girl at her house Tuesday morning, reports our Gazipur correspondent.

The girl received treatment at Kapasia Upazila Health Complex and was later admitted at Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmad Medical College and Hospital, he added. The arrestee was sent to jail through a court.

Manikganj's Additional Superintendent of Police Hafizur Rahman yesterday said a 14-year-old boy gave confessional statement of raping and murdering a child. He was sent to Gazipur juvenile development centre, said the police official, adding that the boy and the girl were neighbours, adding the incident took place on May 21 in the woods.

The body was recovered a day later, and autopsy report confirmed murder after rape, he said.

Injured RMG

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for what happened to my father," said Mustakin, the 16-year-old son of Kanchan Miah. Mustakin is the eldest of five children.

Worker rights leaders of Bangladesh Garments Worker Trade Union Centre, Garments Sromik Oikyo Forum were present at the demonstration, among others.

They informed that Department of Inspection of Factories and Establishments (DIFE) gave Kanchan Miah a lump sum of Tk 50,000, but that would barely cover the immediate cost of treatment, let alone the cost of running a family in the future.

Kanchan has seven dependents who survived off his salary. He had been working at the factory for 12 years.

It will be difficult for Kanchan Miah to rejoin work anytime soon, said the demonstrators, and so the compensation must take that into consideration, said the labour leaders.

They demanded that Kanchan Miah be recompensed according to the International Labour Organisation Employment Injury Benefits Convention, 1964.

In addition to Kanchan Miah, nine other workers were gravely injured when the police shot at the workers.

Gazipur police said workers blocked a road and threw brick chips at police, prompting the use of firearms.

Where are

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join the Ansar Battalion following the war and is now a retired officer.

However, for all their woes, it's not like the trio asked for anything in return when they put everything on the line to join the war. "We decided to fight for our country, and we sought nothing in return," Mazid told this correspondent.

"But what is painful is that though our photos are widely circulated, none of our names, not even Naib Uddin Ahmed's name is credited anywhere," he said.

When the Liberation War unfolded, Khaleque -- then only a seventh-grader -- and some of his fellows contemplated joining, but didn't know how. One day, Bangobir Quader Siddiqui, came to Musuria and spoke to young boys of the village. He asked them if they wanted to go to war, and 42 of them agreed. They were listed and left the village, without informing their families.

After reaching Baruha, a village some five kilometres away, they boarded three boats heading for the Indian border.

During the journey, the boatmen covered the boys with log grasses, Khaleque recalled. Whenever Pakistan Army's gun boats approached them, the boatmen said they were transporting the grass for cattle.

"When we reached Bahadurabad Ghat in Dewanganj upazila of Jamalpur, we came across a lot of dead bodies at the ghat area. Some of our mates couldn't stomach it. They decided to return home, so only 22 of us reached India's Mainkar Char," he said.

They went through a 21-day training on



PHOTO: COLLECTED

Khaleque became a regular visitor at Naib Uddin's son Nawsher's house in Mymensingh.

frontline fighting and another 13-day training on guerrilla warfare at Meghalaya. "We used to visit different bordering areas of Mymensingh and Sherpur for operations from India," Khaleque said. "When the war was nearing its end, we entered Bangladesh and reached Mymensingh on the first week of December."

"After independence, we went to Mymensingh to surrender our arms. Someone from there identified me and told me about Naib Uddin. Five of us visited his house in BAU campus. He was delighted to see us," he continued.

"Naib Uddin took several photographs of us and another one with his five-year-old boy Nawsher Ahmed Nipun in my lap. I used to visit Nipun at his residence at Mymensingh city when he was critically ill," Khaleque reminisced. "He died in 2014."

Interestingly, Khaleque and his friends had little interest in the photograph and had no clue about its influence for a long time after the war.

"I was seriously impressed by the image for the first time when I saw a large installation of it at the Liberation War Museum in 2005," Khaleque said. He hadn't met Naib Uddin in a long time. He asked an employee of the museum and collected the photographer's contact.

"When I phoned Naib Uddin, he was utterly surprised to hear my name. He later invited me to a solo exhibition at Bengal Gallery in Dhaka," Khaleque chronicled.

"It was filled with rare photographs of the war, but our photo seemed to evoke a special kind of emotion among the audience," said an emotional Khaleque.

Khaleque went on to establish "Bangabandhu O Muktiyodhha" museum on four-decimals of his ancestral land. It contains photographs, books, and paper cuttings of the Liberation War.

He has been running it from his monthly allowance, but recently got a grant of Tk 50,000 from the local upazila parishad. He said he'll spend the money to buy furniture for the museum.

So many years have passed, most of Khaleque's mates from the war now lay at rest. But the war veteran is proud of the life they got to live, despite their relative obscurity, especially of the three boys who appeared on the photograph. But he's not complaining.

"We never thought this photograph would go on to become such an important part of the Liberation War history," Khaleque said with pride.

Patients rush

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In Rajshahi, the infection rate was 16 percent yesterday, while the rate was 33 percent the previous day.

The districts in the division also lack coronavirus testing facilities, with only six RT-PCR laboratories testing samples from all eight districts.

The health directorate allocated funds and equipment for installing three more RT-PCR labs in Rajshahi, Pabna and Naogaon, but none of those could start operation in the last three months.

However, local authorities in Chapainawabganj are likely to launch an RT-PCR laboratory from today in the wake of increasing coronavirus infection rates.

The government RT-PCR lab that has

been working on tuberculosis so far was prepared for detecting coronavirus and is likely to start testing coronavirus samples from today, Dr Zahid Nazrul Chowdhury told The Daily Star yesterday.

He also said the beds for treating coronavirus patients was increased to 50 from 10.

Prof Sabera Gul Nahar, the in-charge of Rajshahi Medical College's RT-PCR lab said they had to operate in four shifts a day whereas most laboratories are performing only one shift.

She said her laboratory has been testing 500 samples daily on average.

"In the last few days, we had to leave more than 150 samples a day for testing on the next day," she said.

PBI writes

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extramarital affair on different pages of the books, said PBI sources.

The books were seized from Babul, now in jail, after his father-in-law filed the case with Panchlaish Police Station against him and eight others, investigators said. Babul is now behind bars, while three others were shown arrested in this case.

On June 5, 2016, Mitu was stabbed and shot dead while she was taking her son to

his school-bus stop at the port city's GEC intersection. After the murder, Babul filed a case against three unidentified men with Panchlaish Police Station.

On May 11 this year, the Chattogram PBI summoned Babul to its office for questioning over the murder. He failed to give satisfactory answers to the detectives and was taken into PBI custody. The following day, Mitu's father filed a murder case against Babul and seven others.



Vehicles seized by the police are left in front of police stations mostly remain there without any regard. Over time, they not only catch rust, but even their parts get stolen. This photo was taken last week in front of Bangshal Police Station in the capital.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Extramarital affair

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to Dhaka from Tangail. The next day, the Imam called on Azharul's cell phone and asked him to meet at the mosque.

After Azharul went to meet Abdur after sunset, he asked the victim to go to his room and rest, saying he is coming shortly after Esha prayers, Commander Moin told media.

Later in his room, Abdur attacked Azharul with a machete kept in the room, cut his body into six pieces and dumped it in the septic tank before Fazr prayers, said Moin.

On May 25, locals informed the elite force after odour started coming from the area. Rab then started shadow investigation and learned about Azharul's disappearance.

Following further investigation, Rab arrested Abdur and recovered the body.

The victim's younger brother Md Hasan

filed a case with Dakshinkhan Police Station on Tuesday night.

Commander Moin said Abdur called Asma before and after the killing to inform her how the murder was conducted.

In primary interrogation, Abdur admitted to committing the murder, the official said.

COURT PLACES TWO ACCUSED ON FIVE-DAY REMAND

Meanwhile, a Dhaka court yesterday placed Abdur Rahman and Asma on five-day remand in the case filed over the incident.

Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Nivana Khair Jesi passed the order after Investigation Officer Anuj Kumar Sardar, also a sub-inspector of Dakshinkhan Police Station, produced the duo before the court with a 10-day remand prayer, court sources said.

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Japan sending help for Covid response

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Japan has announced of providing isolation gowns, safety goggles, gloves and masks to Bangladesh as assistance for Covid-19 response. The items include 30,000 isolation gowns, 2,500 safety goggles, 1,00,000 gloves and 2,08,000 masks, part of Asia-Europe Foundation's stockpiled items financed by Japan, said Japanese embassy in Bangladesh in a statement yesterday.

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