

Guidelines thrown

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Association, told The Daily Star that though public vehicles were boarding standing passengers and defying the government's instructions, no action has been taken against them.

Belayet Hossain, president of Chattogram Metropolitan Paribahan Malik Group, said they instructed transport workers to board passengers maintaining the guidelines and not allow any passenger without a mask.

Asked about irregularities, he said, "We will strictly monitor whether the health rules are followed."

Talking to this correspondent, minibus conductor Md Hamid said they try to refuse passengers but they force their way in. "What can I do when this happens?" he asked. "If they don't wear masks, there is not much we can do either. It is the law enforcers' job."

When asked about realising double fares, he said they're only charging 60 percent additional fare, in line with the guidelines.

Mohammad Shahidullah, deputy commissioner (Traffic) of Chattogram Metropolitan Police, said traffic department was monitoring routes to ensure health guidelines are being followed. "We will have to be stricter," he said.



Sacked workers of Karim Jute Mill and Latif Bawani Jute Mill staged a demonstration in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday, demanding modernisation of the nationalised jute mills, reopening of these mills, re-employment of fired workers, and payment of transferred workers' dues.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

Preacher missing for three days: family

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Young Islamic preacher Abu Taw Haa Muhammad Adnan, his driver and two companions have been missing for three days, according to his family members.

"Adnan last spoke to his wife over phone at 2:37am on Friday and told her he reached the capital's Gabtoli. Since then he could not be communicated," said his brother-in-law Abu Hanif.

Hanif said they were coming to the capital from Adnan's Rangpur home in a car. Adnan's wife Sadekunnahar, however, around 9pm yesterday on Facebook live alleged that they went to Darussalam Police Station multiple times in the last two days and tried to file a GD but police did not cooperate with them.

Contacted, Mahtab Uddin, deputy commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (Mirpur division), said Adnan's family verbally informed them of the matter and police inquired about it.

He said they have asked the family to go to the police station concerned and file a complaint, but they are yet to do so. "Possibly, they know where Adnan is and that's why they didn't do it," Mahtab told The Daily Star yesterday.

Death anniv of Habibur Rahman Milon

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the sixth death anniversary of Habibur Rahman Milon, former advisory editor of the daily Ittefaq.



A recipient of Ekushey Padak, the journalist was the chairman of Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB) and former president of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ).

Milon was born in 1935 in Brahmanbaria. He began his career with the daily Sangbad in 1963 and later worked for the daily Paygam and the daily Azad. He was a recipient of Jatiya Janak Award, Shaheed Suhrawardy Award, BFUJ Award and Bannister A Rasul Gold Medal.

Nasim's first

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the Liberation War of Bangladesh and a close associate of Father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, was elected member of parliament six times from Sirajganj-1.

Paying tribute to Nasim, AL joint general secretary Mahbul Alam Hanif said a leader like Mohammed Nasim is rare in recent political arena.

Awami League as well as the country faced an irreparable loss due to demise of Nasim, he added.

Mohammed Nasim Foundation organised a discussion at Nasim's birthplace, Kazipur Upazila under Sirajganj district on the occasion of his first death anniversary.

State Minister for Information and Broadcasting Dr Md Murad Hassan participated at the discussion. He said Mohammed Nasim was one of the commanders to bring the Awami League to the power in Bangladesh in 1996 under the leadership of Sheikh Hasina.

The contribution of Mohammed Nasim was huge not only in Sirajganj or Kazipur but also to Bangladesh, he said.

Laws there

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ALRD Executive Director Shamsul Huda said powerful and influential people have been historically involved in the grabbing of rivers and forest land, but little can be done against them.

He also said relevant institutions for environmental conservation are not functioning accordingly. If they were, there would have been thousands of cases to deal with in the "environment court".

Shamsul said lack of responsibility in conserving the environment could be fatal and the future generations may have to pay the price.

Chakma Circle Chief Raja Devasish Roy said both the state actors and non-state actors have important roles to play in restoring the ecosystem, and there's a need for synergetic action between them.

He also said there is a huge gap between the age-old forest act and the relevant policies for its implementation.

"Conservation of forests will not see success if people dependent on forests for livelihood are not being included in the process," he added.

ALRD chairperson and coordinator of Nijera Kori Khushi Kabir said what is taken from the nature should be returned so that the nature can replenish and give back again. She stressed for ensuring accountability of relevant authorities in this regard.

Addressing as chief guest, Saber Hossain Chowdhury, lawmaker and chair of the Parliamentary Committee on the Ministry

of Environment, Forests, and Climate Change, said forming a "rapid response cell" could be a way forward towards addressing violation of environment related laws.

Besides, conducting audits is a necessity for ensuring ecosystem restoration, he said. "If given enough time, nature can heal itself," he said.

Prof Manzoorul Kibria of Chattogram University said tobacco farming in upstream and establishing power plants near the river bank have caused harm to the unique ecosystem of the river Halda.

Scientific knowledge has to be applied to ensure ecosystem restoration, said Prof Dilip Kumar Datta of environmental science discipline at Khulna University.

Citizens have to be included for environment conservation since one party cannot do it alone, said IUCN Bangladesh Country Representative Raquibul Amin.

Shamim Alrazi, additional secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, said they have already identified the grabbers and amount of forest land grabbed.

Further work is underway in this regard, he said.

Ziaul Haque, director (Dhaka division), Department of Environment; Tuhin Wadud, associate professor at Begum Rokeya University, Rangpur; Sanjeeb Drong, general secretary of Bangladesh Adibashi Forum; journalist Hasibur Rahman; and Rafiqul Alam, executive director, Run, Barishal; among others, spoke at the discussion.

Cattle

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the highest care to maintain health guidelines. The cattle markets and animal sacrifices will have to be within designated places provided by the authorities concerned," the minister said.

Authorities in city corporations, municipalities, upazilas, and union parishads will select the suitable places, he said.

Although the authorities concerned do not provide lease to set up cattle markets on rail lines and roads, it is still being done, he said.

"This will have to be stopped by joint efforts of the Roads and Highways Department and public representatives of the areas," the minister said.

Like last year, he said they will arrange awareness campaigns through print and electronic media to maintain health guidelines and social distancing at cattle markets.

BIWTA pillars

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"It was prepared with the joint recommendation of eight government agencies as the HC asked for the report on October 22, 2020 following a writ petition filed by the late lawmaker," he said.

NRCC led the report preparation along with representatives from Dhaka deputy commissioner, joint director of BIWTA, director general of Land Record and Survey Directorate, director general of Bangladesh Water Development Board, chairman of Bangladesh Economic Zone Authority, AC land (Keraniganj circle), AC land (Savar circle) and chairman of Rajuk.

It was prepared following a HC directive of using modern technology to measure river areas based on the CS record. BIWTA was also a part of the report, he said.

"So it was not a report of the river commission. The government should have conducted a drive and recovered the land before setting up pillars there," he added.

As per the NRCC report, late Aslamul Haque started filling up portion of Buriganga and its adjoining wetland in 2010. He filled up 54 acres of land there and constructed power plant and factories.

Out of that 54 acres, at least 12.78 acres were part of the Buriganga, according to the oldest land record available, known as the Cadastral Survey (CS) record map of 1940.

He also filled up eight acres of foreshore. The rest of the 54 acres was wetland along the river and marked as flood-flow

zone in the detailed area plan (DAP) of Dhaka city. It is also illegal to fill up wetland as per the Bangladesh Water Act-2013.

The late lawmaker filed a writ petition with the HC on September 2, 2020 after BIWTA on August 23 last year asked him to remove within seven days the structures built for his power plant and Arisha Private Economic Zone in the area.

On December 10 last year, the HC cleared the way for the government to recover the river land from the possession of three companies of Maisha group owned by the late lawmaker.

Earlier, The Daily Star obtained multiple satellite images taken in 2008, 2011, 2015 and 2019 which clearly showed that the land along the Basila bridge was part of the Buriganga.

Contacted, Sharif Jamil, general secretary of Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (Bapa), said the HC gave a special order and engaged NRCC to demarcate the river area in that particular location but they did not do so properly.

"Ignoring that demarcation, BIWTA continued to violate the court verdict and put up demarcation pillars to legalise occupation of a power plant there," he said.

"This is a nexus of corrupt people comprising politicians, administration and business community. The only remedy to this is exemplary punishment," he added.

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In-person exams

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for students and teachers, said Emdadul Haque, public relations officer of the university. "The number of buses will be increased, if needed," he said.

The university has been closed since March 17 last year due to coronavirus pandemic. Though the authorities started to take exams on December 20 last year, the university administration again stopped exams on February 23 following a sharp rise in Covid-19 cases.

On June 3, Cumilla University decided to hold in-person exams, two days after University Grants Commission instructed public universities to do so.

164 Bangladeshis

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Libyan Interior Minister Khaled Tijani Mazen shared this at a meeting with European Commissioner for Home Affairs Ylva Johansson.

On Thursday, Mazen at another meeting with UK Defence Secretary Ben Wallace said around 700,000 undocumented migrants from different countries have been staying in Libya.

According to United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees data, 11,000 migrants from different counties reached Libya illegally through the sea from January to April this year.

Besides, more than 700 migrants died from January to May 21 when they tried to cross the sea. Last year, 1,400 people died while they tried to do so.

On May 18, Tunisian navy rescued 68 Bangladeshis when a boat carrying them capsized in the sea. Thirteen Bangladeshis are still missing since the incident occurred.

The boat capsized in the sea when all of them were trying to go to Italy from Libya.

Proposed

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It would also expedite the realisation of the vision of a tobacco-free Bangladesh by 2040, as declared by the prime minister, they said.

Saber Hossain Chowdhury MP, the chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Environment, Forestry and Climate Change, said, "The low and medium tier of cigarettes need to be merged and brought under specific taxation in the final budget of this year. We are working to save lives and we are not ready to get defeated by tobacco companies."

He said tobacco claims 10 to 15 times more lives than Covid-19 has done in one year. "So why shouldn't we be worried about tobacco?" Economist and convener of the National Anti-Tobacco Platform Dr Qazi Kholiqzaman Ahmad said, "We called for increasing prices for all tobacco products. We called for the introduction of specific taxes. The proposed budget does not reflect any of these demands."

Among others, economist Dr Nazneen Ahmed, senior research fellow of BIDS; Dr Mahfuz Kabir, research director of BIIS; Dr Syed Mahfuzul Huq, national professional officer of WHO; Md Mostafizur Rahman, lead policy advisor of Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, Bangladesh; and Dr Sohel Reza Choudhury, spoke at the programme.

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The Delegation of the European Union to Bangladesh is looking for a suitable candidate for the function of "Project Officer".
The full job description, job requirements and application guidelines (how to apply) can be found on our website: <https://bit.ly/workwithEUDelegation>
The deadline for receiving applications is **Sunday, 04 July 2021 at 16:00 hours**.
Please note that only electronic applications received within the deadline will be accepted. Paper and late applications will be disregarded.
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Announcement of Tender

1. The brief introduction of the project and the scope of tendering:
The project is Dhaka Bypass expressway from Gazipur to Madanpur The total length is 48km.
2. The subject matter of this invitation of tender is crushed stone chip required by Dhaka Bypass Expressway project for reinforced concrete and pavement work at various locations of the entire alignment. The following description demonstrates basic requirements and quantity:
Material Description: Crushed Stone Chip (5-10mm)- 58,000 Ton & Crushed Stone Chip (10-20mm)-1,74,000 Ton. Total 2,32,000 Ton. The final quantity shall be subjected to the actual demand of the Purchaser and can vary.
3. For those who are willing to submit tender, please come to House 15, Road 6, Baridhara, Dhaka, Bangladesh with the original copy and duplicate of the trade license, authorization letter and the representative's ID Card to buy the Tender Documents from June 14, 2021 to June 28, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Bangladesh Time. The Tender Documents can be sold by E-mail, but scanned PDF copies of the above documents by the Tenderer must be provided. Hard copies can be mailed out by the Purchaser. However, price of the Tender Documents must be reached to DBEDC before requesting the tender documents for purchase. The price of Tender Documents is BDT 30,000 and the Tender Documents will not be sold over again this time and once sold cannot be returned.
4. The name and address of the Purchaser:
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Contacts : Zhang Cheng Phone: + 88 01314908116
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কাজের নামঃ Procurement of Legal Scanner for Sonali Bank Limited

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