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REGULATING THREE-WHEELERS

Banned on nat'l, regional highways

Says draft guideline; these vehicles must have route permits, drivers require licence

TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

No three-wheelers or easy-bikes would be allowed on the national and regional highways. Such vehicles must have route permit, registration and fitness clearance for operating on the dedicated routes. And their drivers have to obtain licences.

There would be limitations on the number of vehicles which can run in a particular area. Thus, the number of small vehicles would be controlled which would help reduce road crashes and traffic congestion.

These are several provisions of a draft guideline prepared by the government to regulate the unregulated and risky three-wheelers and similar types of vehicles in the country.

Different types of three-wheelers like Nasimon and Karimon and battery-run easy-bike will come under the regulations.



The move comes at a time when the country witnessed a sharp rise in road accidents and deaths this year and experts blamed operations of a huge number of slow-moving vehicles on the highways for this.

However, the government has failed to enforce the ban on three-wheelers like Nasimon and Karimon on the 22 major national highways imposed in August 2015.

After preparing the draft guideline titled "Three-wheelers and Similar Motor Vehicles' Proper Management and Control Guideline-2021", the Road Transport and Highways Division (RTHD) uploaded the draft in its website on Monday seeking public opinions within a month.

"We have sent the copies of the draft to the ministries concerned. After getting opinions from individuals and the

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The footbridge near Kakoli High School and College in the capital's Dhanmondi is littered with medical waste, including disposable gloves, from nearby hospitals. Pedestrians are exposed to health hazards due to such indiscriminate waste disposal. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

PM in Paris

Gets warm welcome at Élysée Palace

UNB, Paris

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was given a rousing reception at the Élysée Palace on the first day of her visit to France.



On her arrival at the presidential palace, the presidential guard gave her salute and then French President Emmanuel Macron received her.

Both the leaders posed for a photo session. In the second photo session, Macron and Hasina climbed the staircase and then posed for another photo session.

After brief statements, the two leaders went for a lunch meeting and tete-a-tete.

The prime minister was accompanied by Education Minister Dr Dipu Moni, Foreign Minister Dr AK Abdul Momen, Principal Secretary Dr Ahmad Kaikaus and Foreign Secretary Masud Bin Momen and Bangladesh Ambassador Khandaker Mohammad Talha.

Later, she will be given state guard of honour by the Republican Guard.

In the evening, the prime minister is scheduled to go to the Matignon, the official residence of the French prime minister, to have a bilateral meeting.

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ROAD TO FREEDOM

THIS DAY IN BANGLADESH LIBERATION WAR HISTORY

UN Mission may withdraw

NOVEMBER 10, 1971

SHAMSUDDOZZA SAJEN

BANGLADESH CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON

A nine-day national conference titled "Consultation on the American Response to events in East Pakistan" began today in Washington DC. The conference was organised primarily by the representatives of church groups (including the National Council of Churches, the Friends and the Unitarian Universalist Association) which attracted about 100 public figures from many parts of the US and Canada.

The lead speech was given by Senator Kennedy. In his brief address Kennedy criticised the US policy and decried the terror which had resulted in the daily deaths of 4300 children in the refugee camps in India.

Mujahid Hussain, first secretary of the Embassy of Pakistan, was scheduled to speak at the conference but after arriving in the hall he abruptly walked out after noticing the name of SAMS Kibria of the Bangladesh Mission on the program. Pakistan Embassy later issued a condemnation of the conference.

Enayet Karim addressed the conference on behalf of Bangladesh, following an address by Maharajkrishna Rasgotra, minister for political affairs, Embassy of India.

The conference was presided over by Dr Homer Jack, secretary general of the World Conference of Religion for peace.

UN MISSION IN DHAKA FACING TROUBLE

The head of the emergency United Nations Mission in Bangladesh would leave Dhaka soon for New York with a report that the

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India tourist visa resumes from Nov 15

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

India is set to issue tourist visas from November 15 after a pause of 19 months for the global coronavirus pandemic, much to the cheer of Bangladeshis who account for the largest share of foreign tourist arrivals in the neighbouring country.

Initially, a single-entry visa will be issued for travel by air, Indian High Commissioner Vikram Kumar Doraiswami told reporters at Brahmanbaria's Akhaura Land Port yesterday while travelling to his country.

The visa's duration would be 120 days but the stay cannot be more than 30 days.

Visas for travel by road and rail will be issued gradually, he said.

The Indian visa application centres in Bangladesh resumed operations in October last year and were issuing visas

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Trash for books

Indonesian library creates literacy from litter



REUTERS, Purbalingga

A librarian in Indonesia's Java island is lending books to children in exchange for trash they collect in a novel way to clean up the environment and get the kids to read more.

Each weekday Raden Roro Hendarti rides her three wheeler with books stacked up at the back for children in Muntang village to exchange for plastic cups, bags and other waste that she carries back.

She told Reuters she is helping inculcate reading in the kids as well make them aware of the environment. As soon as she shows up, little children, many accompanied by their mothers, surround her "Trash Library" and clamour for the books.

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ASTRAZENECA VACCINE

Bangladesh to get 5m doses from Poland, KSA

UNB, Dhaka

Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen has said Bangladesh will soon receive around 5 million AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine doses from Poland and Saudi Arabia as gift.

Bangladesh will get around 1.5 million doses of the vaccine from Saudi Arabia.

"Our ambassador in Riyadh has informed

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PRAYER TIMING NOVEMBER 10

Fajr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 5:00 12:45 3:45 5:22 7:00
JAMAAT 5:35 1:15 4:00 5:25 7:30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



Eng v NZ promises another epic

MAZHAR UDDIN from Dubai

Not a dark horse anymore, nether a team that only win hearts; New Zealand have emerged as giant killers in world cricket over the last three years or so.

The Kiwis reached the final of the 2019 ODI World Cup beating India in the semifinal, won the ICC Test Championship beating India in the final, and now they have reached the semifinal of T20 World Cup handing India a return ticket to the Super 12 stage with a lot of authority.

But when New Zealand face England in the first semifinal in Abu Dhabi today, the crazy final of the 2019 50-over World Cup will probably remain

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A transport worker, in blue t-shirt, returning extra fare, collected from passengers beyond government-permitted price, after a mobile court caught him red-handed during a drive in the capital's Ramna area. Mobile courts halted at least 67 buses for charging extra fare in Dhaka and Chattogram cities yesterday.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

FINAL WEEK OF COP26

Pay up

Poor nations press wealthy as climate damage mounts

AGENCIES

Poor nations are pressuring their wealthy counterparts at the UN climate summit to pay up for the mounting damage being caused by global warming, pointing to increasing powerful storms, cyclones, droughts and floods afflicting their people.

The campaign being waged at the UN climate summit in Glasgow, Scotland seeks hundreds of billions of dollars per year more for climate-vulnerable economies even as they struggle to access some \$100 billion pledged by world powers years ago.

Those previously promised funds, meant to help developing nations transition off fossil fuels and adapt to the future realities of a warmer world, were offered in recognition that poorer countries are least responsible for climate change.

"We've been too slow on mitigation and adaption, and so now we have this big and growing problem of loss and damage," said Harjeet Singh, an advisor with Climate Action Network, who is involved in the negotiations on behalf of developing countries.

He said negotiations so far were focused on including language about "loss and damage" in the official text of the summit agreement, a request that he said was facing resistance from the United States, the European Union and other developed countries worried by the potential costs and legal implications.

Asked whether the European Union should consider a loss and damage fund separate from funding for mitigation and adaptation, Juergen Zattler, head of the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development,

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