



This section of Minto Road, right outside Ramna Park, is almost always busy. But for a section so important for the city, it's subjected to traffic violations of all kinds, from indiscriminate parking, to running vehicles down the wrong way, to even parking on the pavement, as pictured here.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

'We agree, but...'

Transport owners want incentives to take half-bus fares from students

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A meeting on the half-bus fare issue raised by students ended inconclusively yesterday, after private transport owners sought incentives from the government for meeting the demands.

Although the top leadership of the transport owners' association was absent at the meeting, their representatives stated their condition.

In this situation, transport owners were asked to present their formal proposal as soon as possible, said Nazrul Islam, secretary of Road Transport and Highway Division, after the meeting.

However, the government is considering concessions for students boarding BRTC buses, and Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader is likely to give an announcement in this regard today, he said.

Following the rise of bus fares on November 7, students have been demanding half fares for bus rides. Students and transport workers frequently got into heated debates over the issue.

On Tuesday, they issued a 48-hour ultimatum to the government to meet their demands for half fares and security while using public transport.

Against the backdrop, the meeting was held at the headquarters of Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA), with Nazrul Islam in the chair. Representatives from education and home ministries and police were also present.

Nazrul said the government has taken the students' demand cordially. "We want



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- Transport owners asked to present formal proposal
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- BRTA requested Edu ministry to give recommendations
- Another meeting with transport leaders to be held tomorrow

to solve this through discussion. That's why we have called representatives of the transport owners' association."

The top leadership of the association could not join as they had their council yesterday, he said.

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How many must die before we get justice?

Asks grief-stricken father of Nayeem



PHOTO: STAR

SHAHEEN MOLLAH

"Nayeem wanted to ensure justice for all by becoming a judge," said a weeping Shah Alam, father of the Notre Dame College student who died under a DSCC compactor vehicle on Wednesday.

"But how unjust is it that all his dreams were shattered by one wrong person behind the steering wheel?" he told The Daily Star over phone yesterday.

He said Nayeem had received a talent pool scholarship after his Primary Completion Exam, and had great results in Junior School Certificate and Secondary School Certificate exams as well.

"My son wanted to be a judge. He wanted to get into Dhaka University's law department. His dream was to ensure fair judgement, that no one would get back from his court without justice," said a grief-stricken Alam.

"After watching him do great in all of his exams, we were onboard too. We were waiting to see him go out there

and reach for the stars," he said.

But the sky is now one light dimmer. "The pursuit of his dreams has become a nightmare for us," Alam continued.

The garbage truck hit 18-year-old Nayeem, who was crossing the road in front of Gulistan Hall Market, close to his home at Kamrangirchar.

Critically injured, he was rescued and rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital by locals. A few moments later, on-duty doctors pronounced him dead. He was the youngest among two siblings.

After autopsy, his body was taken to his native home in Laxmipur, where he was laid to rest at the family graveyard around 10:30am yesterday.

Talking to this correspondent, his father demanded exemplary punishment of DSCC cleaner Russel Khan, who was driving the truck.

Though a cleaner, Russel had taken the keys from driver Md Harun to bring out the truck from Sayedabad, said police.

Alam also demanded punishment

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A prescription to end gender violence

Mahila Parishad makes 16 recommendations for 16 days of activism

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad (BMP) yesterday presented a 16-point recommendation to stop violence against women and girls, in observance of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.

These recommendations include changing the patriarchal attitude and practising a culture free of violence against women, building social and family values about human rights, stopping harmful practices for women and introducing gender-sensitivity training for all justice sector actors, including police, forensic departments, lawyers and judges.

The recommendations were put forward at a conference held at the National Press Club.

November 25 marks the



We have to end the culture of impunity, build a sensitive judiciary for women, and reform the existing laws. Although the rape law has been amended, it is not widely publicised, and its application is limited.

FAUZIA MOSLEM
BMP president

beginning of 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, an international campaign to challenge violence against women and girls.

The organisation also

- Introducing gender-sensitivity training for justice sector actors
- Implementing Domestic Violence Prevention, Protection Act 2010
- Making necessary reforms in rape law
- Applying HC directions to prevent sexual harassment in edu institutions, workplaces

recommended taking initiatives to promote and implement the Domestic Violence Prevention and Protection Act 2010 and making necessary reforms including in the rape law.

The organisation also suggested strictly suppressing the negative propaganda against women (online and offline) in the name of social, political or religious gatherings, stopping victim-blaming and propaganda against women in the media, implementing the directions of the Hon'ble High Court Division to prevent sexual harassment in educational institutions and workplaces, and ending the culture of providing political, administrative, social shelter to the perpetrators.

Advocate Maksuda Akter, lobby and advocacy director of BMP, who presented the keynote at the conference, said that although significant progress has been made in terms of socio-economic empowerment of women in the 50 years of independence, it has not

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Uphold CHT regulation, protect indigenous rights

Urge 27 eminent citizens

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Twenty-seven distinguished citizens have demanded that the government fully implement the Chattogram Hill Tracts (CHT) Peace Accord, 1997 through upholding the CHT Regulation, 1900 to protect the rights, heritage and culture of its indigenous people.

The CHT Regulation, 1900 had been issued by the then British colonisers to protect the diverse culture and its indigenous inhabitants. This regulation came into force on May 1, 1900 giving special status to the CHT area.

The 27 citizens placed the demand through issuing a joint statement on Wednesday, saying that if the 1997 CHT Accord is not fully implemented through safeguarding its assisting regulation -- the CHT Regulation, 1900 -- the image created in the international arena, through signing of the historic peace accord, will be damaged.

In the statement, they demanded that the government allocate necessary finance and provide complete assistance to make the CHT Land Commission effective in addressing land related disputes.

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Big shuffle in lower court

Law ministry appoints 91 judges, promotes 65, transfers 388

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The law ministry yesterday brought change to the lower judiciary by appointing 97 new judges, promoting 65 joint district judges and transferring 388 others across the country.

The ministry issued separate gazette notifications to this effect, stating that the appointments, promotions and transfers have been made in consultation with the Supreme Court.

The new 97 judges have been appointed as assistant judges and judicial magistrates on recommendation from the Bangladesh Judicial Service Commission, as they qualified in the relevant tests and exams, according to a notification.

Another notification said 65 senior assistant judges have been promoted to the post of joint district judge.

Besides, 48 joint district judges have been transferred; seven joint district judges, joint metropolitan judges and additional chief judicial magistrates have been attached to the law ministry; and 333 senior assistant judges and senior judicial magistrates have been transferred from their present workplaces, according to other notifications.

Contacted, Law Minister Anisul Huq told The Daily Star that the appointment of new judges is a continuous

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RU remembers martyred teacher Quayum

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Rajshahi University authorities for the first time formally remembered martyred intellectual Mir Abdul Quayum yesterday.

A three-hour meeting starting at 10:30am was held at Martyred Taj Uddin Memorial Senate Building, RU sources said.

The Department of Psychology, which Quayum belonged to, organised the meeting presided over by Prof Mahbuba Kaniz Keya, the department chairperson and Quayum's daughter.

Pakistani army abducted Mir Abdul Quayum, a professor of psychology, from his Ghoramara residence in Rajshahi city on November 25, 1971 and killed him. His body was found after the independence along with those of 16 others from Babla Ban mass grave.

Professor Emeritus of Physics Arun Kumar Basak,

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Demanding Khaleda Zia's better treatment abroad, Bangladesh Jatiotabadi Jubo Dal demonstrated in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday. Inset, BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir speaking at the event.

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ICAB Election Commission
Notice
Election to the Council and Regional Committees for the term 2022-2024

This is for information of the honourable members of the Institute that the Election to the Council and the Dhaka Regional Committee (DRC) under the Dhaka Regional Constituency will be held from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm (without break) on 27 November 2021 at ICAB Auditorium, CA Bhaban (9th Floor), Dhaka-1215 and also Election to the Council and the Chattogram Regional Committee (CRC) under Chattogram Regional Constituency will be held at HBFC Building (3rd Floor), 1/D, Agrabad C/A, Chattogram at the same time and day.