

Strict security for Feb 21

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) has taken a six-layer security measure to ensure peaceful observance of International Mother Language Day in the capital tomorrow.

As part of the measure, DMP will conduct a search operation at messes and residential hotels near Shaheed Minar from yesterday night to avoid any untoward situation.

City dwellers have been advised not to carry any bag while paying tribute on the premises and remain careful while using mobile phones, due to phone theft.

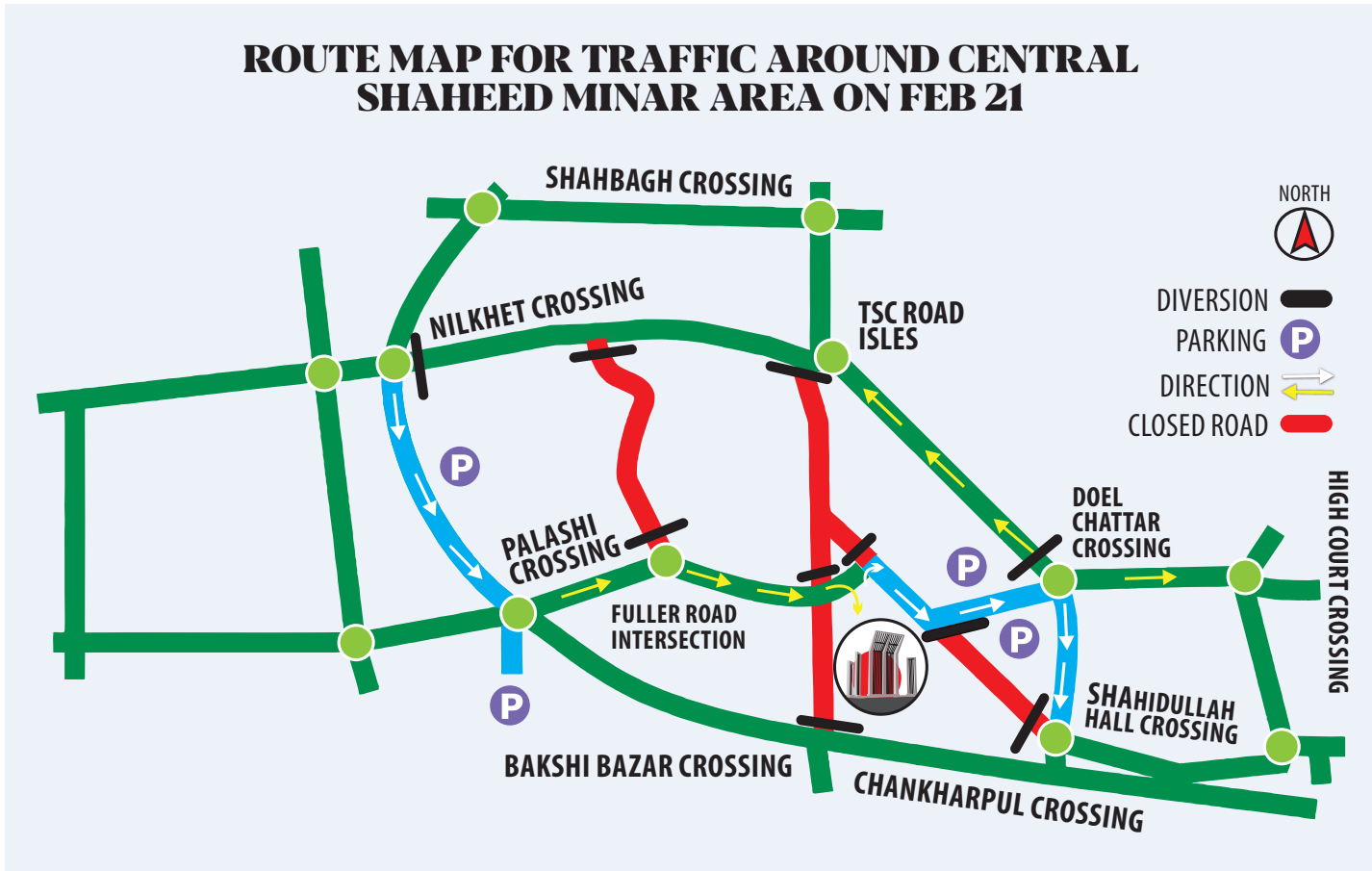
DMP Commissioner Md Shafiqul Islam gave the information yesterday while talking with journalists, after visiting Shaheed Minar and inspecting security preparation.

He said it was "not yet certain" whether the president and prime minister would pay tribute directly or place flowers through their representatives. "However, we have taken appropriate security measures by assuming that they will come."

The DMP boss said there will be check-posts on four sides of Shaheed Minar, and CCTV cameras will be installed beside them. He said foreign ambassadors and diplomats would visit the premises separately.

Due to the pandemic, public gatherings have been restricted again. Some restrictions were put on wreath-laying.

For organisations and institutions, a maximum of five people, and for general individuals, a maximum of two people can lay wreaths at the altar of Shaheed Minar together. Everyone has to wear a face-mask.



This one's for 'ammu'

Eldest among 40 living in shelter for sex workers' children passes HSC

NILIMA JAHAN

Eighteen-year-old Falguni (not her real name) is the eldest of 40 siblings. After passing her HSC exams with a GPA of 4.08, she has made her "ammu" immensely proud.

While not biological siblings, the 40 children who live under the supervision of Hazera Begum are tied to each other by the shelter that brings them together. Founded in 2010 by Hazera, the organisation is called "Shishuder Jonno Amra", which shelters children of sex workers.

All children there once struggled with their identities, given the social stigma associated with their biological mothers' profession.

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Hazera said of Falguni's HSC success.

Hazera started the organisation with 25 children, some of them really young. "Falguni has been under my supervision since she was three. We are now planning to prepare her for university admission tests," Hazera said.



Hazera with her children at Shishuder Jonno Amra.

FILE PHOTO

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This is important not only for Hazera and Falguni, but everyone of Shishuder Jonno Amra's children. "My result brought about a jubilant and hopeful mood in the shelter. My self-esteem has also increased," Falguni told this correspondent.

"I have come a long way, and I hope I can go further. I also hope that my siblings will take inspiration from this and carve their own way through life."

Falguni said she never had a qualm with her biological mother's profession, but that

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Where readers and writers meet

DIPAN NANDY

Besides being a place to buy and sell books, the Boi Mela is also where readers get to meet and greet their favourite writers. While the more popular authors attract bigger crowds to their publishers' stalls and pavilions with an appearance, for more obscure authors, this is the chance for them to get acquainted with their readers.

The Boi Mela opened its doors at 11:00am yesterday, as it was a holiday. From the beginning, book enthusiasts started pouring in.

Yesterday saw the ninth and tenth volumes of the popular "Mujib" graphic novel's



unveiling. Published by Centre for Research and Information (CRI), educationist Muhammad Zafar Iqbal and author Anisul Haque unveiled the volumes yesterday.

During the ceremony, Muhammad Zafar Iqbal recalled the time when attempts were underway to remove Bangabandhu's name from history. He said this graphic novel can represent the visionary leader to future generations.

He ended up staying at the fair grounds through the afternoon, being swarmed by fans and autograph hunters the entire time.

The fair was also graced by popular novelist Imdadul Haque Milon. "There's been a constant flow of visitors to the fair this year. If they even come to touch the books without buying them, that's still a great thing for all of us," he said.

This correspondent came across garment trader Mosharrar Hossain, who came all the way from Banasree. He was holding the book "Think Like CEOs" published by Daily Star Books. "I bet something good will come out of it if I can learn from this book and use it for my business," he said.

Meanwhile, on the first day of its operation,

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TIMING
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Azan	5:20	12:45	4:30	6:03	7:30
Jamaat	5:55	1:15	4:45	6:07	8:00

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

সব ধরনের কাপড়ের যত্ন নেয় জেট

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