

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.

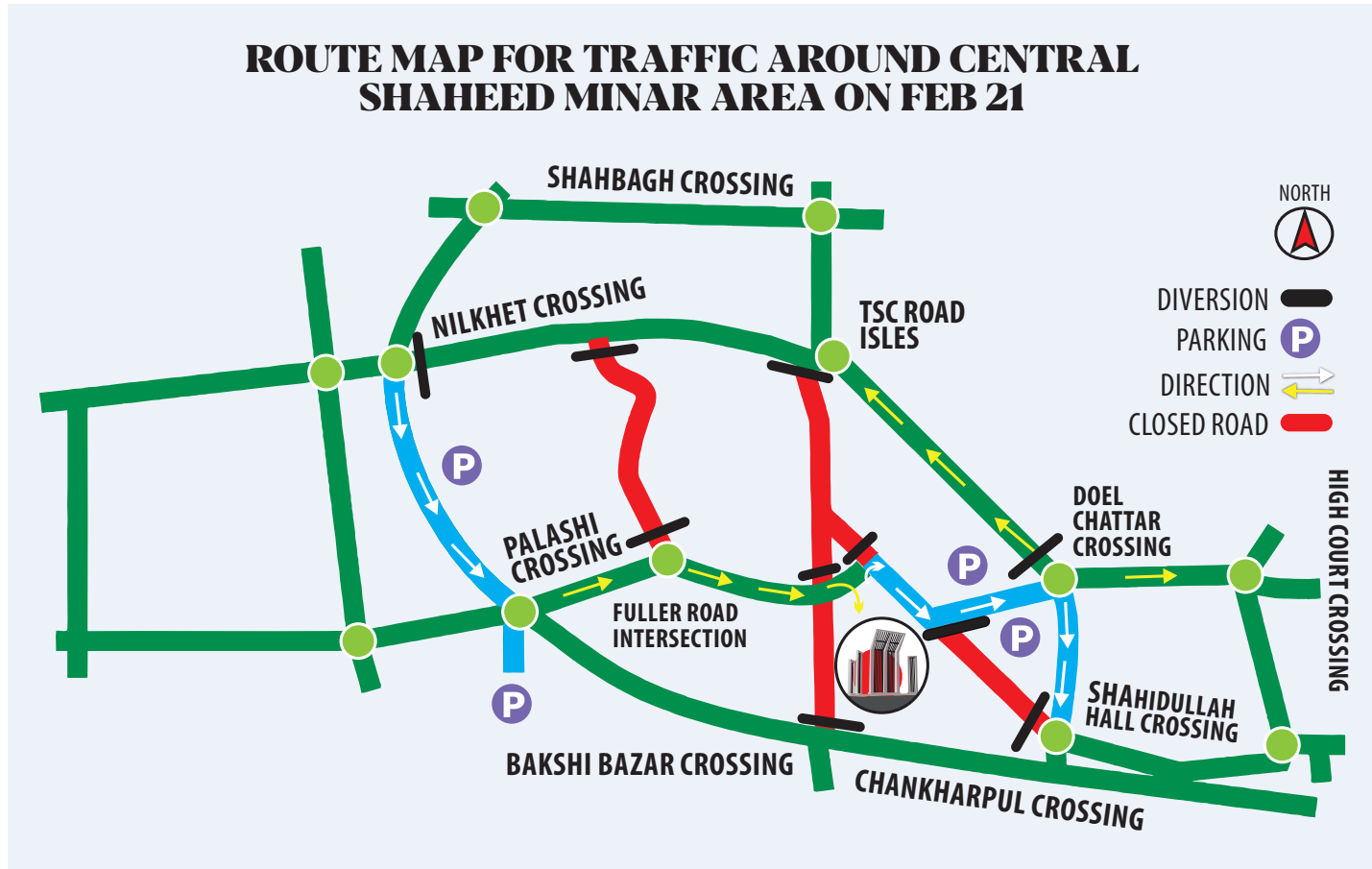
City dwellers have been advised not to carry any bag while paying tribute on the premises and remain careful while using mobile phones, due to phone theft.

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 Aamra", which shelters children of sex workers.

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

"I started this centre to give these children a future. I don't know how successful I am, but I feel proud every time I see any of them achieving anything in life,"



Hazera with her children at Shishuder Jonno Aamra.

FILE PHOTO

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.

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 it was society who discriminated against her for it. Her mother now lives abroad, away from the oppressive work she had to face in Bangladesh, and is in touch with her daughter.

Meanwhile, Hazera has stepped up to take care of Falguni's needs. From nurturing her to being her mother even in official papers, Hazera has been an "ammu" since she was three.

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Cut corporate tax for newspapers

Noab urges govt to keep it between 10-15pc; says employees should get tax exemption

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Newspaper Owners' Association of Bangladesh yesterday said corporate tax for the country's declining newspaper industry should not be more than 10 to 15 percent.

Besides, Noab members think that newspaper employees should be exempted from income tax payment.

At present, the government has fixed corporate tax for the newspaper industry at 30 percent.

The issues were discussed at the maiden meeting of the new executive committee of Noab yesterday at the Times Media Ltd premises in the capital's Tejgaon industrial area, said a press release.



PHOTO: COLLECTED

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Malek has been named for his outstanding contributions to the field of journalism.

Besides, a condolence motion was adopted for the death of Noab member and senior journalist Reazuddin Ahmed, who breathed his last on December 25 last year at the age of 76.

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	Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
Azan	5-20	12-45	4-30	6-03	7-30
Jamaat	5-55	1-15	4-45	6-07	8-00

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সব ধরনের কাপড়ের যত্ন নেয় জেট

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