

MPs don't play effective role in making budget

Say speakers at seminar

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Lawmakers, who are the people's representatives, often fail to play any role in creating the budget in a constitutional manner. And so, only the finance minister's decisions are reflected in the budget proposal, said speakers at an event yesterday.

They said those who are supposed to be under social-safety-net programmes are not included. Therefore, the emphasis should be on increasing employment and tax net, they added.

They were speaking at the seminar titled "National Budget and Economic Pathway" to analyse

various aspects of the proposed budget. It was organised by Centre for Governance Studies at Hotel Intercontinental, Dhaka.

There are various contradictions in the budget-making process, for which there is no proper implementation, said Muhammad Abdul Mazid, former chairperson of National Board of Revenue.

He said opportunities for discussion are also limited. Besides, an NBR office in every upazila will enable an environment for tax collection.

Prof Rashed Al Mahmud Titumir, chairperson of DU's development studies department, said the post-covid drop in

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This father-daughter duo was seen on Keraniganj's Buriganga Bridge-2 on their way to Mawa to witness the Padma bridge inauguration yesterday. They transformed the three-wheeler into a colourful boat to celebrate the opening.

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Eight killed in road crashes

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At least eight people were killed in road accidents in three districts in the last two days, report our correspondents.

In Naogaon, at least five people, including four secondary-school teachers, were killed on Rajshahi-Naogaon regional highway in Naogaon Sadar upazila yesterday.

The deceased are Jannatun Nesa (35), assistant teacher of Gujishahar High School in the upazila; Delwar Hossain (47), assistant teacher of Panihara High School; Maqbool Hossain (58), assistant teacher of Belkapur High School; Md Lelin (26), assistant teacher of Ramkura Dakhil Madrasa of Naogaon's Niamatpur upazila, and auto-rickshaw driver Md Salim (45) of Niamatpur.

The accident took place around 8:30am at Bablatoli area, when a truck rammed an auto-rickshaw carrying the teachers.

Firefighters rescued teacher Noor Jahan (32), sister of deceased Jannatun Nesa.

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