

JASHORE, BARISHAL ROUTES

Air passenger traffic dips

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Air passengers from Dhaka to Jashore and Barishal have dropped significantly as many southbound travellers are preferring to travel by road following the inauguration of Padma Bridge in late June. All three airlines – Biman Bangladesh, US Bangla and Novoair – are facing difficulty to attract passengers on these routes.

They have lowered ticket prices to the two most sought-after domestic locations, but according to sources at the three airlines, the action has not yet had any influence on the weak passenger volume.

Due to losses, Novoair suspended its Barishal route flights from yesterday. A Biman spokesperson said the airline, which previously operated seven flights each week on the Barishal route, will now run three only.

Binam's airfare on the Jashore route now costs around Tk 3,200 while on the Barishal route, it is around Tk 3,000, as compared to the previous fare of Tk 3,500 to Tk 3,700, respectively, a Biman official told The Daily Star.

US Bangla Airlines is now charging around Tk 3,500 on the Barishal route and Tk 3,700 on Jashore, as compared

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A woman walks on the narrow road as the footpath that was meant for her to tread on has been turned into a market, encroached by vendors and hawkers.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

CU COMMITTEE

Post-deprived BCL men lock campus, halt shuttle train



STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

With the demand to dissolve the newly announced, full-fledged committee of Chittagong University's Chhatra League unit, a section of BCL men staged a demonstration yesterday, disrupting campus activities.

After it is dissolved, they want committee posts for those who were "deprived" of them.

The aggravated men has locked CU's main entrance and halted campus-bound shuttle-train movement, after picking up the loco master and his assistant. They were later let go. Following the demonstration, no academic activities took place on campus on the day, as the men also prevented teachers' buses from entering the premises.

On Sunday night, BCL central committee announced a full-fledged 375 member committee for the campus after three years. On July 15, 2019, BCL nominated Rejaul Hoque Rubel and Iqbal Hossain Tipu as president and general secretary, respectively, of the unit for one year. They are still in their posts.

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DIPANKAR ROY, Khulna

It seems footpaths are not meant for pedestrians to use, rather it's a place for hawkers and vendors to conduct their business in the Khulna city lately.

During rush hours in the city, residents have to squeeze between the bare minimum space left for them on the footpaths due to this occupation. Additionally, in some places, illegally parked vehicles and construction materials also take up a lot of space.

Allegedly, this illegal encroachment has been going on with the help of a few corrupt officials of Khulna City Corporation (KCC) and law enforcers.

Visiting different city areas including Cemetery Road, Sheikh Para, Moylapota, PTI intersection, Royal crossing, Shantidham, Nirala, Gollamai, Tuptara, Sonadanga, KD Ghosh Road, Shabbari, BL college, Phulbari Gate areas, Picture Palace mor, Dakbangla, Clay Road, West Mekot Road, Gallamari More, Sonadanga Bus Stand intersection and Daulatpur stand, this correspondent saw that hawkers and vendors occupied almost the entire footpaths, leaving no space for pedestrians.

Spaces on the road, spanning from Dakbangla intersection to Station Road crossing were abuzz with hawkers calling upon customers.

Trina Bairagi, an eighth grader of Hogol Bunia Hat Bati High School of Batiaghata upazila, came to buy a dress with her father Bipro Das Bairagi on Thursday at

Nixon Market.

Throughout the half-kilometer path around Dakbangla and Clay road, she couldn't walk freely as almost the entirety of the footpath was occupied. "Pedestrians can't move easily from Baro Bazar to Dakbangla," said Bipro Das, her father. "The suffering multiplies during monsoon when the road gets waterlogged," he added.

"Both sides of the roads at Daulatpur Bus stand,

Traffic mor, BL college gate, remain crowded with customers of makeshift shops throughout the day, hampering both vehicle and pedestrian movement," said Md Rassel, a development worker and resident of Maheshwarpasha of ward 1.

Babul Hawlader, secretary member of Khulna Nagorik Samaj, said it has become a tradition to grab footpaths or in front of business establishments. "Some leaders lease the footpath to hawkers," he said.

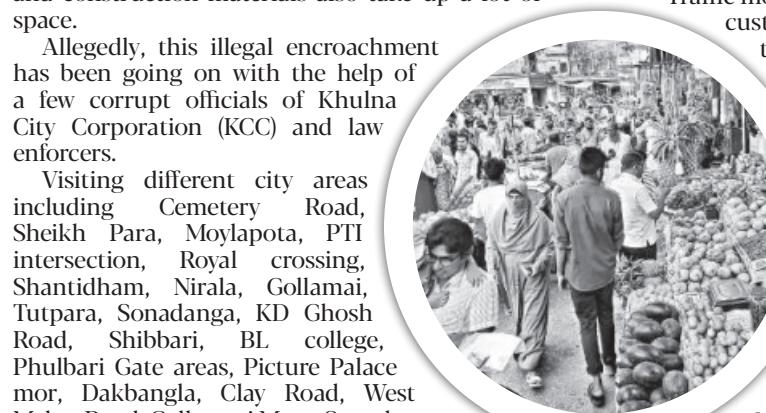
Five hawkers confessed to this correspondent that they are on the footpath to make a living and they have to pay a minimum Tk 30 to Tk 200 per day to extortionists who are either engaged by law enforcers or local ruling party leaders.

Hassan Al Mamun, officer in charge of Khulna Sadar Police Station, said they assist the city corporation as per its requirement to evict the grabbers.

He denied the allegation of bribery.

"None from the police is involved in it. Some may have impersonated their name," he added.

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Seminar on ocean management held

CITY DESK

An International Seminar titled "Integrated Delta Governance and Ocean Management in the Bay of Bengal - Way Ahead" was organised by Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Maritime University, Bangladesh (BSMRMU) in Dhaka on Sunday.

Education Minister Dipu Moni attended the event as chief guest where Indian High Commissioner Vikram K Doraiswami was the special guest.

BSMRMU Vice-Chancellor Rear Admiral M Khaled Iqbal (retd) delivered the welcome speech while Secretary of Maritime Affairs Unit, MoFA, Rear Admiral Md Khurshed Alam (retd) gave the keynote speech.

During the event, BSMRMU signed two separate MoU on academic collaboration with Gujarat National Law University and National Maritime Foundation, India.

'Together for Climate'



CITY DESK

HSBC Bangladesh organised the first of the climate series events titled "Together for Climate" with support from Dhaka North City Corporation on July 27. This programme brought together the champions of sustainability including, startups, students, corporates, regulators, and policymakers amongst others to drive city-centric Climate Action by sharing their innovative new climate solutions and success stories.

DNCC Mayor Md Atiqul Islam attended the programme as the chief guest, said a press release.

British High Commissioner Robert Chatterton Dickson, Dutch Ambassador Anne van Leeuwen, Japanese Ambassador ITO Naoki and senior officials of various government bodies were also present at the event.

Fifteen injured in Jhenidah violence

Locals allege attack took place due to enmity centring UP polls

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

At least 15 persons, including five women, were injured and six houses were looted and vandalised in Jhenidah's Shaikupura upazila on Sunday night.

According to locals and police, the beginning of the rivalry lies in the Dhalbarhanda UP elections held on January 5.

Ratan Kundu and Laxmikanta from Kamaria village contested for the councillor's post. Ratan won the election, starting a rivalry between the two. In the last few months, supporters of both groups engaged in clashes multiple times, said locals.

About a week ago, Laxmikanta's supporters put on a showdown triggering tension in the village. On information, police rushed to the spot and quelled the chaos.

On Sunday around 8:00pm, around 40 to 50 people attacked Ratan's neighbourhood injuring at least 15 people, said locals.

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'Misbehaving with teachers' Students protest against AL leader

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Students and teachers of Santhia Pilot Girls School yesterday demonstrated against Santhia upazila unit Awami League secretary Topon Hyder Sun, also the president of the school management committee, for allegedly misbehaving with teachers.

They formed a human chain demanding Sun's removal from the committee.

They said a wall was being constructed on the school land on Sun's order. The school authorities submitted an application to the local administration to stop the construction.

On July 28, Sun, along with some of his associates, went in front of the school entrance to resume the construction.

"He misbehaved with the teachers and threatened them when they tried to stop him," said Md Azibor Rahman, headteacher of the school.

However, Sun denied the allegations and claimed to be a victim of conspiracy over a land-related dispute between the school and a local temple.

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Date: 01.08.2022

Tender ID	Name of works	Tender document last selling date & time	Tender closing date & time	Tender opening date & time
718970	Construction of 5000 M.Ton Capacity Storage Tank at Fatullah Depot, Nayaranganj.	29.08.2022 17:00 hrs	30.08.2022 12:00 hrs	30.08.2022 12:00 hrs

This is an online tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in the National e-GP System Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.

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721164	JBL/ICTD-Si/Proc-248/e-GP/OTM-03/UPS/2022	Procurement of Offline UPS (Supply, Installation & Commissioning) for Janata Bank Limited following Open Tendering Method using e-GP System.	As mentioned in tender schedule	01/08/2022 05:00pm	17/08/2022 12:00pm

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