

## Restriction on

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Club, Paltan and Zero Point areas of the capital to avoid gridlock. As a result, diversion of transport movement will continue on the roads in the area from 9:00am until the end of the program, the official said, requesting anonymity.

On August 21 in 2004, a grisly grenade attack was carried out on an anti-terrorism rally organised by the Awami League at Bangabandhu Avenue.

At least 24 people, including Awami League women affairs secretary and late president Zillur Rahman's wife Ivy Rahman, were killed and 300 injured in the attack.

Awami League and its associated bodies have been observe the day as the "Grenade Attack Day" with elaborate programmes, including discussions.

On this occasion, politicians of the Awami League and its affiliated outfits will place wreaths at a makeshift altar in front of the party's central office at Bangabandhu Avenue in the morning.

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Kamruzzaman Talukder, officer-in-Charge of Banga Bazar Police Station, said legal action will be taken in this regard.

## 18 years on, the road to justice

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maintaining the serials, those will not be settled within the tenure of the current government as a long period of time will be needed for this. However, if the chief justice assigns special benches of the HC and Appellate Divisions for hearing and disposing of the matters within few months, long period of time will not be needed to this effect," he added.

Senior lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan, another criminal law expert, said at least five years' time will be needed for final disposal of the cases if the HC starts hearing death references and appeals within a week.

"From little experience, I can say that the High Court may need at least 60 working days for hearing and disposing of the matters. After announcement of the High Court verdict, its judges will write down and release the full text of judgement."

"Then appeals will be moved before the Appellate Division against

the High Court verdict and subsequently review petitions will be moved before the apex court. Therefore, not less than five years' time will be needed for the final disposal of the cases," he added.

On August 13, Law Minister Anisul Huq told The Daily Star that the government has taken all necessary steps to prepare the paper books, which contain all the details of a trial, expeditiously for quick disposal of the cases.

"The paper books are ready now. I have already talked to the attorney general to take necessary initiative so that the High Court starts hearing of the death references and appeals in the cases," he said.

Contacted on August 15, Attorney General AM Amin Uddin refused to make any comment on this issue.

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