

The curse of illegal parking

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"The mere act of walking on the road becomes a challenge for me. The parked vehicles take up much of the road, leaving little space for pedestrians like me and forcing us to walk on the edge of the road. My safety is compromised and on top of that, my time is also wasted."
Jalal Uddin, a resident of Farmgate, said many job holders are also facing difficulties in reaching their office on time due to the traffic jam.
"The illegal parking on the road by other vehicles has led to increased congestion, making it difficult for me to reach my office on time," he said.
"The long commutes also cause me to arrive at work tired, which further affects my ability to focus and perform my job effectively," said a job

holder Niloy Hossain.
Mosharaf Hossain, a truck driver, said, "I understand the consequences of illegally parking on this road."
"I believe it's my responsibility to find legal parking options and avoid parking illegally. The city corporation should provide parking space options," he added.
This correspondent also spoke with 10 other drivers who echoed Mosharaf.
Contacted, Abdul Motaleb, general secretary of Bangladesh Truck Covered Van Transport Agency Owners Association, said drivers are forced to park their vehicles on the road due to a lack of alternative parking options.
"Taking legal action to remove the vehicle will not solve our problem. If the DNCC does not provide an alternative parking arrangement, the problem

will continue," he added.
DNCC spokesperson Mukbul Hossain said DNCC is creating dedicated lanes for rickshaws on both sides of the road.
"The construction was set to be completed by January 31. However, it is taking some additional time. After the construction is completed, any vehicle found parked on the road will be subject to legal action," he added.
Contacted, Adil Mohammad Khan, executive director of Institute for Planning and Development, said the recent efforts to create separate lanes on the road have not been successful in easing traffic congestion.
"DNCC should engage in discussions with vehicle owners and drivers to find a solution that accommodates the needs of all stakeholders," said Adil.

Must embrace all indigenous

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have already been critical of the reduction, and in some cases exclusion of education in minority and indigenous languages, which are discriminatory and thinly disguised efforts to assimilate minorities and indigenous peoples."
In celebrating the

richness and beauty of the global linguistic tapestry, the UN special rapporteur said it is essential to move away from new forms of nationalist majoritarianism that assume that societies and states should have only one language to the exclusion of all others.
He said International

Mother Language Day and the International Decade of Indigenous Languages are opportunities to promote and celebrate the world's linguistic and cultural diversity – and to fully recognise and protect the human rights of minorities and indigenous peoples and their languages equally.

Conning people inside

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Alamgir is the mastermind of the gang. He identified himself as a physics professor of Maj (ret'd) Abdul Mannan College in Noakhali, said police.
Shahidul Islam, the college's principal, who has been working there for the last 22 years, told this newspaper that he knows no such person.
Mashiur Rahman, deputy commissioner of DB (Lalbagh) of DMP, told The Daily Star that the arrestees would collect Tk 5 lakh to 12 lakh from each of the hundreds of defrauded people by assuring them of providing jobs in the Public Works Department.
"The gang used to show the advertisement to honours graduates in Kustia, Chattogram, Noakhali, Faridpur, and Barishal through their associates to convince the job seekers," he said.
Mashiur said, "The arrestees even used names of noted ruling party leaders in Noakhali and ministers to assure job

seekers that a special written and viva test will be held under a quota system."
For holding recruitment tests, the gang used to take job seekers to offices of Public Works Department and different government office buildings, he said.
But how did the arrestees collect the secretariat passes?
DC Mashiur said arrestee Humayun had visited the secretariat multiple times. He would enter using names of different politicians from Noakhali.
"During his visits, Humayun managed to establish good connections with some lower-level officials and staffers. He later used the connections to collect the passes," he said.
"We are checking these officials' activities to know whether any of them was aware of the gang's activities," said the official.
Investigators said at least two fraud cases have been filed against arrestees Humayun and Titu. Previously, CID even arrested them in connection with

fraud centring recruitment to state-owned banks. The two were later released on bail after different periods of imprisonment.
DB officials said Titu keeps his family in two luxurious flats, furnished with high-end furniture, in Dhaka. Meanwhile, Humayun has built a duplex house in Rajbari's Meghna village with the money he earned by defrauding people and even opened a large electronics store in the locality, said Mashiur.
SCBA election
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as voters for the polls.
Voting will take place from 10:00am to 5:00pm with a one-hour lunch break on the election days for 14 executive posts including that of the president and secretary, he said.
SCBA sources said the main contest of the election will take place between ruling Awami League-backed Bangabandhu Awami Ainjibi Parishad and pro-BNP Bangladesh Jatiyatabad Ainjibi Forum.

'It will create more challenges'

ARSPH on WFP's decision to cut ration in Rohingya camps

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The Arakan Rohingya Society for Peace and Human Rights (ARSPH), a Rohingya community group based in Cox's Bazar refugee camp, has expressed deep concern over the World Food Programme's (WFP) announcement of reducing the amount of food ration money.
Last week, WFP said it will have to reduce its General Food Assistance voucher value from the monthly allowance of \$12 to \$10 per person, due to a \$125 million funding shortfall.
"As refugees living in the camp, we know how difficult it is to survive on even \$12 per month," ARSPH said in a statement yesterday.
"The reduction of the food assistance is likely to lead to a host of new challenges, including extortion, prostitution, human trafficking, drug trafficking, and radicalisation," the statement read.
"We urge the World Food Programme and other humanitarian organisations to find alternative sources of funding to make up for the shortfall."

'Towards cultural, linguistic harmony'

Says Shahriar Alam

UNB, Dhaka

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md Shahriar Alam yesterday reiterated Bangladesh's commitment towards a "more inclusive and equitable" world, where every language is valued and respected.
"Our world is incredibly diverse, with people from different cultures and linguistic backgrounds living and working together. However, this diversity can sometimes lead to misunderstandings and conflicts, which can create division and tension," he said.
Shahriar was speaking at a programme on the occasion of Language Martyrs' Day and International Mother Language Day, held at the capital's Foreign Service Academy.

Bring the officer

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a journalist be assaulted while carrying out professional duties.
The statement, signed by president Mursalin Nomani and general secretary Mainul Hasan Sohel, demanded an investigation

into the incident.
"Jahirul had told the police officer that he is going live from the social media page of Kaler Kantho. But even after he identified himself as a journalist, the officer began beating him up," stated the release.

Aglow with Ekushey

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this period, there were long queues at the gates. However, all this did not translate into great sales for the publishers.
Monirul Haque, proprietor of Ananya, said, "But this is not a problem. February 21 is more about carrying on the spirit of Ekushey." Pushing through the crowd, Rajendra Ghosh and Sheuli Ghoshen from Laxmibazar could be seen

with two daughters Hridita and Pratiksha. Hridita bought Humayun Ahmed's "Best of Misir Ali", Imdadul Haque Milon's "Best Ten Novels" and Zaheer Raihan's novel "Arek Falgun", while little Pratiksha bought a book on birds.
Pratiksha said she was ecstatic as she also got a tattoo as a gift for buying the book.
A total of 303 new books were published yesterday.

12 hurt in BCL

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group obstructed our movement and attacked us."
Nazrul Islam, vice president of the CU BCL and a leader of another faction, said, "We only resisted the opposition group when they attacked us."

On information, Hathazari and CU outpost police rushed to the spot and dispersed the BCL activists.
CU Proctor (acting) Shohidul Islam said, "We will take legal action against those responsible for the clash."

A new hope

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year and third-year students.
Rabi Singha Rajesh, member secretary of the Manipuri Cultural Academy, said each ethnic community has its cultural identity and people experience and connect with the world through the language they speak, which is what makes the protection of the language so crucial.
ECDO's Thounaojam Lakshmikanta Singh said Manipuri is an endangered

language in Bangladesh. And although Manipuri is spoken by many, it is a mix of 50 percent Bangla language.
"The centre is looked after by a committee made up of parents. There is no substitute for government support to sustain the success of this initiative. If necessary, we are ready to cooperate in the preparation of primary-level textbooks for Manipuri, Patra, Khashi, and other ethnic groups of the Sylhet region."

Shaheed Minar

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found the Shaheed Minar damaged."
Kabir Sarkar, a director of the school management committee, said, "We are shocked by the incident... we will inform the matter to higher authorities for action."
Raipura Upazila Nirbahi Officer Asgor Hossain said they have informed law enforcers in this regard.

Slow
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construction firm can mix their concrete at another place, they keep the mixture machine on the road during office hours.
"We are already working under serious pressure due to insufficient manpower. If the construction firm does its work at night, it would be a great relief for traffic movement," he added.

Homage to language martyrs

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the only official language of Pakistan.
Salam, Barkat, Rafique, Jabbar, Shafiqur and a few others were killed when police opened fire on their procession.
Taking part in different programmes, including discussions and cultural sessions across the country and in missions abroad, people reminisced the sacrifice made by the Language Movement martyrs.
President Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina paid homage by placing wreaths at the Central Shaheed Minar in the first minute of the day amid tight security.
They then stood there in solemn silence for a while as a mark of profound respect for the fallen heroes.
Earlier, in a message on the occasion, Hamid said, "The Language Movement established the right of our mother tongue as

well as to protect our ethnicity, self-identity and cultural distinction. The imperishable spirit of Amar Ekushey (Immortal Shaheed Day) gave us endless inspiration and immense courage in achieving our rights to self-determination, struggle for freedom and the War of Liberation."
Noting that the importance of the Language Movement in the history of the country's liberation struggle is immense, Hasina in her message said the foundation for a non-communal, democratic, language-based state system was laid through this movement.
Flanked by cabinet members and senior leaders of the party, Hasina, also president of ruling Awami League, placed another wreath at the Shaheed Minar on behalf of the party.
Later, Jatiya Sangsad Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury and Deputy

Speaker Shamsul Hoque Tuku placed wreaths at the Central Shaheed Minar.
On arrival at the Shaheed Minar, the president was received by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University Professor Md Akhtaruzzaman.
Jatiya Party leader GM Quader, on behalf of the Opposition Leader in the Parliament Begum Raushan Ershad, also placed a wreath at the Shaheed Minar.
Chiefs of the three services, inspector general of police, the ambassadors and high commissioners of different countries, the heads of different international organisations, Rapid Action Battalion, Border Guard Bangladesh, wounded freedom fighters, Dhaka University Alumni Association and Jatiya Samjatantrik Dal (JSD), among others, placed wreaths at the Shaheed Minar.
Later, the Shaheed Minar was opened to public.

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(Tender Notice No. 05 (DFLC_GD_12)/2022-2023)
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An e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of the following goods and related service:

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2.	789439 (e-GP-19) LTM	Seal coat work at 02+100 to 03+300 km or Pakhira-Babnatola-Moterbazar Road (Z-8609), under Madaripur Road Division during the year 2022-2023.	13/03/2023 at 17:00	14/03/2023 at 14:15	14/03/2023 at 14:15
3.	789440 (e-GP-20) LTM	Extra widening by HBB (For Stack Yard) at Ch. 5+500km to Ch. 5+577km = 77.00m of Sheikh Hasina (R-860) Regional Highway Road under Road Division, Madaripur during the year 2022-2023.	13/03/2023 at 17:00	14/03/2023 at 14:30	14/03/2023 at 14:30

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