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# NATION PAYS HOMAGE TO BANGABANDHU



Floral wreaths covered the memorials of Bangabandhu across the country on National Mourning Day. The day's events started with President Mohammed Shahabuddin and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina paying tributes to Bangabandhu at the capital's Dhanmondi-32. Afterwards, people from all walks of life including lawmakers, political leaders and activists, high officials and diplomats went to the site to pay their respects towards the Father of the Nation. PHOTO: STAR, PID

Anti-liberation forces still active: Quader

UNB, Dhaka



country, Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader said yesterday.

He urged the countrymen to stand firm against the conspirators and resist them.

The minister said this after paying tribute to Father of the Nation Bangabandhu

# MAYOR ANNISUL HUQ ROAD **Still under** truckers' control Menace of illegal parking continues, separate rickshaw

lane 'a waste of money', says expert

#### SAJJAD HOSSAIN

Trucks parked on both sides, this correspondent found around unused rickshaw lanes devoid of their intended vehicles while officegoers, students, and ambulances 10 others spots. Around a dozen transporting critical patients others, partially damaged or stolen, stranded in a gridlock -- this is what remained unrepaired. one will observe upon reaching DNCC officials and traffic police Mayor Annisul Huq Road, specially personnel did not do enough to during office hours. Despite repeated efforts by resumed merely two weeks after Dhaka North City Corporation, the dividers were installed, claimed

lanes essentially non-functional. During a recent visit to the spot, 55 dividers broken, while iron grilles were stolen from at least

workers. It has thus become an embodiment of the late mayor's tireless efforts to bring down traffic congestion.

However, the road, which was named Annisul Hug Road following his death in 2017, has continued to suffer from the same problem.

What's worse is that some claim the separate lanes have made

DNCC should build alternative parking spaces and pick-up droppoints for trucks, and dismantle the transport syndicate that facilitates illegal parking. ADIL MOHAMMAD KHAN

## **REPORTING ON SAYEDEE'S DEATH** BFUJ, DUJ condemn attack on journos

#### STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists and Dhaka Union of Journalists yesterday strongly condemned the attack on journalists while they were covering the news of war criminal Delawar Hossain Sayedee's death on Monday.

They also demanded that the attackers are identified and brought to book, said a joint statement.

BFUJ President Omar Faruq and its Secretary General Dip Azad, DUJ President Sohel Haider Chowdhury and its General Secretary Akhter Hossain issued the statement.

Those who have attacked journalists are enemies of independence, they said.

According to the statement, individuals associated with Jamaat-e-Islami carried out the attack on journalists, who in their report called

Sheikh SEE PAGE 4 COL 1

### Beware of **BNP**, Jamaat Says law minister STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami are engaged in politics of conspiracy, said Law Minister

Anisul Huq yesterday.

"They never walk near the truth and put the blame on others' shoulders after committing murders. I can cite at least five examples to this effect. People must be careful of them," he said.

He was speaking at a meeting organised by Brahmanbaria's Akhaura upazila unit of AL.

### Zia behind August 15 killings Says info minister

UNB, Dhaka

Information Minister Hasan Mahmud yesterday said BNP founder Ziaur

Rahman was behind the August 15, 1975 killings and Tarique Rahman carried out the grenade attack on August  $\overline{21}$ , 2004 with the consent of Khaleda Zia.

He said this after paying homage to Bangabandhu's family members at Banani graveyard in the capital.

prevent illegal parking, which

gridlocks even worse, as it made the road narrower.





this persistent issue of traffic locals. congestion caused by unlawful truck parking raises questions about their authority over transport workers and the effectiveness of their interventions.

DNCC installed iron dividers this February to create separate lanes and employees of government and for rickshaws on the road, but the private offices. move also proved to be fruitless.

Trucks and pick-ups parked on the road have extensively damaged the dividers, leaving the separate strong opposition from transport

to the separate lanes and I keep The road connects Tejgaon, getting stuck in traffic jams," said Farmgate and Karwan Bazar with Raju Hossain, a rickshaw-puller, Mohakhali, and Banani-Gulshanadding that the situation has made Niketon. Many people use this it difficult for him to earn a good road, including students from at income. least 10 educational institutions,

thousands of daily For commuters like school student Sinthiya Akter, traffic congestion In December 2015, late DNCC on the road takes twice the time mayor Annisul Huq cleared the needed for a regular commute to road of these vehicles, overcoming her school.

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Executive

Sayedee a war criminal

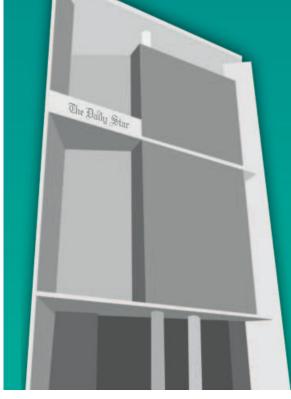
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