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For the second day in a row, students manage traffic and clean streets in the capital and elsewhere to maintain order. They also cleaned key establishments, including the Central Shaheed Minar. The photos were taken in Dhaka, Chattogram, Khulna, Sylhet and Barishal yesterday.

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JP ready to support Dr Yunus
Says GM Quader

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jatiyo Party has expressed joy and relief as Noble Laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus has been named as chief adviser of the interim government.

The party chairman, GM Quader, also congratulated Prof Yunus and wished him success in a statement yesterday.

The JP chief thanked the leaders of the anti-discrimination student movement for suggesting Yunus' name as head of the interim government.

"Prof Yunus is our pride. He introduced the concept of microcredit and social business to alleviate hunger and poverty as a unique model for the whole world. All of his activities are for the welfare of the people," said GM Quader.

In the current reality of the country, there is no alternative to Prof Yunus, he said, adding that JP is

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Students take charge in absence of order

Remain vigilant to restore order in Dhaka, Ctg and beyond

ARAFAT RAHAMAN and MASHFIQ MIZAN

"Is this a place to ply a rickshaw?"

A student was seen telling a rickshaw puller at Hatirjheel intersection.

"Please turn the rickshaw around," he added.

This scene was just a snapshot of the measures taken by students to maintain order during an unprecedented power vacuum in the country.

Across the city at Panthapath intersection, a group of college goers was seen stopping another rickshaw for moving in the wrong direction.

The rickshaw passenger, a middle-aged man, was taken aback for a moment. But instead of irritation, his face broke into a warm smile.

He stepped out of the rickshaw, extending a hand to the young men and women.

"Thank you," he said, "You're doing a great job. Carry on."

Then, he bought water bottles for the students.

For over 48 hours, with no police presence and absence of an existing government, students have taken it upon themselves to prevent chaos and untoward incidents.

Armed with sticks and proudly displaying

the national flag on their foreheads, they have stood guard in the capital and other parts of the country. The sight brings back memories of the 2018 road safety movement, which coincidentally also took place in August.

These students, with their ID cards hanging around their necks, have created separate lanes for emergency vehicles, and

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ALI WASIF, a college student

have also made sure everyone follows traffic rules. They are also cleaning the city streets as wastes piled up in absence of city corporation workers.

There are reports of students guarding homes, establishments, and businesses of minority communities in different parts of the country.

Meanwhile, they have stood guard and cleaned various state establishments following the vandalism on August 5.

Students have been actively managing traffic at major intersections in Dhaka, including Gono Bhaban, TSC, Agargaon, Mirpur 10, and ECB intersection. They are also present in heavily congested areas like Dhanmondi, Kalabagan, Mirpur Road, Bijoy Sarani, Farmgate, Karwan Bazar, and Rampura, ensuring smooth vehicle flow.

Ali Wasif, a college student, said, "This is our country. Our brothers gave lives for this country. We won't let this country descend into chaos as long as we have life in our body." He was managing traffic at Panthapath intersection.

Commuters were gladly following their directions. Nahidul Islam, a private job holder, said, "It's heartwarming that these young people took the duty into their hands in the absence of traffic personnel. They proved themselves; they are the guardians of this country."

In Agargaon, students stood with placards reading, "Ajker Shikkha Hok Protidiner Obhbash" (Let today's learning be a daily habit).

Sabbir, a student of Sher-e-Bangla

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SABOTAGE, THREATS Numbers of army camps to contact

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Army yesterday requested people to contact the nearest army camp if anyone faces any sabotage activities, violence and death threats.

The Inter Services Public Relation Directorate (ISPR) issued a release in this regard.

It said the army remains deployed to ensure safety of public life, property and important government installations considering the current situation.

People were requested to refrain from misleading the army by providing false information and rumours.

ISPR also provided some mobile phone numbers to contact them.

DHAKA METROPOLITAN

Lalbagh, Dhanmondi, Mohammadpur, Shyamoli, Agargaon, Mohakhali, Tejgaon, Elephant Road and Kataban - 01769051838 and 01769051839.

Gulshan, Baridhara, Banani, Bashundhara, Badda, Rampura, Shahjahanpur, Uttarkhan, Dakshinkhan and Banasree - 01769013102 and 01769053154.

Mirpur-1 to Mirpur-14, Khilkhet, Uttara and Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport - 01769024210 and 01769024211.

Motijheel, Segunbagicha, Kakrail, Shantinagar, Eskaton, Rajarbagh, Paltan, Gulistan and Old Dhaka - 01769092428 and 01769095419.

DHAKA DIVISION

Madaripur-01769072102, 01769072103, Kishoreganj-01769192382, 01769202366, Tangail-01769212651, 01769210870,

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HSC exams postponed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The education ministry has once again postponed the HSC and equivalent examinations that were scheduled to start on August 11, citing "unavoidable reasons".

In a press release issued yesterday, the Inter Education Board Coordination Committee announced that the exams, which were to resume on August 11, have been postponed. The revised schedule for the exams will be announced later, according to the release.

Earlier, on August 1, the chairman of the committee, Prof Tapan Kumar Sarkar, stated that the exams would take place from August 11 according to a new schedule.

According to multiple officials from the Secondary and Higher

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Cultural heritage under attack

Sculptures, memorials vandalised across country; aviary, eco-park destroyed in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Within two and a half days since the fall of Sheikh Hasina, the country has witnessed widespread violence, ransacking, and the vandalism of archaeological sculptures, statues, and murals of Hasina and Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

On Monday, a mob vandalised and set fire to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Mural and Bangabandhu Memorial Museum, the structure of Themis at the Supreme Court premises, Shadhinata Sangram Bhashkarjo at Fuller Road, the sculpture of Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin in Mymensingh, and the Mujibnagar Liberation War Memorial Complex in Meherpur.

On Wednesday night, miscreants vandalised part of the "Madhusudan De

Smriti Sculpture" in front of Madhu's Canteen on the Dhaka University premises.

In Mymensingh's Zainul Park area, the sculpture of Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin in front of the Zainul Abedin Sangrahashala (art gallery) was damaged by a mob on Monday afternoon.

Additionally, miscreants also broke down the 144-year-old Venus sculpture in front of Shashi Lodge the same day. Md Saiful Islam, an employee of the lodge, said the mob broke down the gate in the afternoon and later destroyed the sculpture.

Maharaja Suryakanta Acharya Chowdhury, one of the Muktagacha zamindars, built the lodge in 1880 after his adopted son Maharaja Shashikanta Acharya Chowdhury, at a cost of Tk 11 lakh.

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Three students carry a bust for preservation after the Shadhinata Sangram Bhashkarjo on Fuller Road was vandalised on Monday. The photo was taken at Dhaka University yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR