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## ILLEGAL PARKING turns Karwan Bazar into nightmare

SHAIHEEN MOLLAH and MUNTAKIM SAAD

Raisul Islam, an employee of a private office in Panthapath, left for a meeting in Gulshan on Sunday, taking the Panthapath Tejgaon Link Road.

It took him 10 minutes to get through the congestion and signal at the Karwan Bazar roundabout. However, he spent another 20 minutes just to cross the road beside the Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel.

The delay was mainly caused by illegal parking of vehicles, including cars, microbuses, staff buses, ride-sharing motorcycles, and trucks carrying goods, which narrowed the road from Jahangir Tower to the Bangladesh Film Development Corporation (FDC).

"I had to remain stuck here for over 20 minutes just to cross this road," said a frustrated Raisul.

Kamal Ahmed, a banker, added, "Buses, cars, or microbuses -- they all remain parked on this road the entire day. On top of that, ride-sharing bikes and trucks seem to use the roadside as if it belonged to them. I don't know why law enforcers are not doing anything about it."

Like Raisul and Kamal, many commuters face the same unbearable

traffic congestion daily due to illegal parking in the area.

Talking to people of Karwan Bazar and commuters, it was learnt that buses, minibuses, and trucks remain parked along the flyover on the Karwan Bazar to FDC road from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

These buses are primarily used to transport employees of various government and private organisations. After bringing passengers to their destinations in the morning, these buses remain parked till the afternoon.

Microbuses and CNG autorickshaws that operate trips from TCB Bhaban to Rampura via Hatirjheel also park there illegally, from day to night.

As a result, heavy traffic congestion occurs on both sides of the road.

Visiting the area, it was seen that due to this illegal parking, vehicles attempting to enter the FDC road from Karwan Bazar face significant traffic jams.

Meanwhile, passengers travelling through the Karwan Bazar area from Hatirjheel also get stuck in the traffic. The impact of this congestion extends to all surrounding areas.

Several traffic sergeants, seeking

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Buses, minibuses, and trucks are parked daily along the flyover on the Karwan Bazar-FDC road, narrowing the passage and disrupting traffic flow. These buses primarily transport employees of various government and private organisations, remaining parked from morning until afternoon after dropping off passengers. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS



## Dhaka airport still not fog-ready

Passengers suffer for frequent flight diversions; airlines bear losses as CAAB fails to upgrade ILS

RASHIDUL HASAN

Passengers are experiencing severe difficulties due to frequent flight diversions caused by low visibility amid dense fog during winter, as pilots are unable to land aircrafts in the absence of a Category 2 Instrument Landing System (ILS) at Dhaka airport.

Aviation experts said upgrading the airport's existing Category 1 ILS to Category 2 would resolve these issues entirely. However, the Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB) has yet to complete the necessary work.

ILS is a precision runway approach aid that relies on radio signals and high-intensity lighting arrays to provide pilots with both vertical and horizontal guidance during landings in thick fog.

Successive CAAB chiefs have assured that the installation of an upgraded ILS to ensure uninterrupted flight operations during winter would be completed soon. However, despite repeated promises, one winter has passed after another without the work being finished.

Flights are frequently diverted from Dhaka to airports in Sylhet, Chattogram, India, Bangkok, and even Malaysia when runway operations are suspended for hours due to low visibility, causing significant disruptions to flight schedules, according to officials of various airlines.

These diversions not only lead to passengers suffering, but also result in financial losses for airlines, which must bear the cost of extra fuel and various airport charges, including landing and parking fees, at alternative airports.

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**KEY ISSUES AT A GLANCE**

- Passengers continue to face delays
- Experts urge upgrading ILS to Category 2
- CAAB failed to upgrade despite repeated promises
- Flights diverted to other destinations due to dense fog
- Airlines incur losses due to extra fuel, airport charges
- Pilots emphasise need for Category 3 ILS for better safety
- CAAB cites difficulties in acquiring aircraft for system testing



A young boy and an elderly man stand side-by-side as they browse through the variety of books available at a stall at Suhrawardy Udyan yesterday. Every year, Ekushey Boi Mela brings together people from all walks of life to enjoy the one hobby they all share -- the love for books.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

## CA raises concerns over US decision to freeze aid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus yesterday raised concerns over the US decision to freeze aid to other key projects in Bangladesh, including the life-saving efforts of the icddr,b.



The concerns came when US Chargé d'affaires Tracey Jacobson called on Yunus at the state guest house Jamuna in Dhaka.

During the meeting, Yunus and Jacobson discussed issues of mutual interests and the impact of the US decision to suspend USAID operations worldwide.

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## SAGAR-RUNI MURDER Hasina govt obstructed probe Alleges complainant's lawyer

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The investigation into the murder of journalist couple Sagar Sarwar and Meherun Rumi was obstructed by high-ranking officials of the Sheikh Hasina-led government, alleged Advocate Mohammad Shishir Manir, the principal lawyer for the complainants, yesterday.

"Even after 13 years, the mystery behind the murder remains unsolved, which is a major failure at the state level," he said while talking to reporters at the Supreme Court premises.

He said the current government has formed a high-powered task force under the High Court's direction to

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## TEACHER CANDIDATES Protesters vow to continue demo

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Protesters demanding the reinstatement of 6,531 assistant teacher appointments in government primary schools have vowed to continue their demonstrations, claiming discussions at the Secretariat regarding their demands were futile.

Issuing an ultimatum, they demanded that the High Court's decision to cancel the appointments be revoked by noon today, warning of tougher actions if their demands are not met.

The announcement was made last evening in front of the National Museum at Shahbagh, following a meeting between a six-member protester delegation and the primary education

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## Produce ex-DNCC mayor, five AL leaders on Feb 17 ICT asks prison authorities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal yesterday ordered the prison authorities to produce Atiqul Islam, former mayor of Dhaka North City Corporation, and five other Awami League leaders before the tribunal on February 17 for crimes against humanity committed during the July-August mass uprising.

The six accused are currently in prison following their arrests in separate cases.

The two-member tribunal, led by Justice Md Golam Mortuza Mozumder and Judge Md Mohitul

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