

Illegal parking worsens Khulna’s traffic woes

DIPANKAR ROY, Khulna

Unregulated parking of vehicles has become a major factor contributing to worsening traffic congestion in Khulna city.

In several busy intersections, parking lanes have been marked directly on the roads, leaving only a narrow portion for vehicular movement and causing severe traffic gridlocks.

During visits to affected areas such as Moilapota Mor, located between Khulna City Medical College and Ahsanullah College, in front of Baitun Noor Market near New Market, and at Dak Bungalow Intersection on Old Jashore Road, it was observed that around half of the road’s space is being used for parking.

Along KDA Avenue, MA Bari Road, and the Hadis Park area, at least 10 clinics and diagnostic centres, as well as 15 banks and corporate offices, are situated on both sides of the roads, yet there are very few designated parking facilities.

Consequently, half of the road remains occupied by illegally parked vehicles.

From KDA Avenue to Sat Rasta Mor, similar issues persist, with many portions of the road taken up for parking motorcycles.

Asauzzaman Babu, a bookshop owner in Moilapota Mor, said with Khulna’s roads already narrow, allocating a significant portion for illegal parking has further reduced their width, severely disrupting

traffic movement.

“During peak hours in the morning and evening, the situation becomes worse. Commuters heading to work or returning home are forced to spend extra time stuck in traffic,” he added.

Golam Rosul, a private bank employee, said most commercial

arrange proper garage and parking facilities instead of using the roads. They called for building multi-storey modern parking plazas to accommodate vehicles.

They alleged that instead of preventing illegal parking, police personnel allow it in exchange of money.



buildings lack dedicated parking facilities, which forces vehicles to park on the streets.

Mahbubur Rahman Munna, general secretary of the Nirapad Sarak Chai’s Khulna city unit, demanded immediate action against illegal parking on roads.

The city residents, including civil society members, said every commercial building owner must

Contacted, Shofiqul Islam, deputy commissioner (traffic) of Khulna Metropolitan Police, declined to respond.

When approached, KMP Commissioner Md Julfikar Ali Haider sent a text message indicating a willingness to discuss the matter further: “Please visit my office at your convenience. We can share our observations and experiences.”

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management committee members must hold at least a bachelor’s degree, while college board members must have a master’s degree. “This measure aims to shield the management process from political interference,” he added.

Addressing stalled infrastructure projects, he said DCs have been instructed to find ways to resume work halted due to contractors fleeing after receiving payment.

“Some contractors vanished without completing their jobs, and with no local representatives in place, DCs have been empowered to appoint new contractors for public welfare projects,” he said.

Previously, local political leaders played a key role in project selection, but that dynamic has shifted. DCs have now been tasked with identifying essential

local projects, such as road repairs and school building reconstruction, and submitting proposals to the relevant ministries or directly to the planning ministry.

Mahmud acknowledged that many teachers are not receiving their allowances and that school inspectors often harass them. He stressed the need for better oversight, as both parties bear the responsibility.

He assured that students would receive their textbooks by the end of February and that steps were being taken to clear outstanding payments for teachers.

“The funds available for retirement benefits are highly insufficient. At least Tk 6,000-7,000 crore is needed, which cannot be allocated within a single year’s budget. A dedicated fund will be created by issuing bonds,” he said.

Gender data gaps a major barrier

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UNDP gender team Leader Sharmin Islam said, “30 percent of women’s earnings go towards coping with the impacts of climate change, while financial constraints become a barrier to addressing the health issues women face due to climate change and disasters, posing a significant challenge to women’s empowerment.”

“To reduce the additional burden on women, it is essential to increase the knowledge and awareness of the men in their households,” she said.

Dr Mohammad Imran Hasan, head of Climate Justice and Natural Resources Rights at Oxfam in Bangladesh, said if the existing gender gaps were addressed, economic growth could be 40 percent higher.

Attending the event as chief guest, Sharmeen S Murshid, adviser to the Ministry of Women and

Children Affairs, said, “Specific plans must be made through policies for areas severely affected by disasters, and separate budget allocations must be ensured for this purpose.”

“Our analysis and understanding of climate change have expanded, but we have not progressed in a structured manner. We have been working on climate issues for a long time, but the efforts have been disjointed. We talk about fairness, but it is not reflected in budget allocation. As a result, significant gaps remain,” she explained.

“We must view all of our work through a gender lens. If we want to make our future resilient and sustainable, women must be central to climate adaptation,” said Maria Stridsman, head of Development Cooperation at the Embassy of Sweden.

Environmental scientist Ahsan Uddin said, “We have been highlighting women’s vulnerability at both national and international levels for a long time, yet we are still far behind in making progress. To achieve our desired goals, all stakeholders — both government and non-government — must work together.”

MJF Executive Director Shaheen Anam said,

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National Telecommunication Monitoring Center (NTMC), and other repressive forces that were allegedly used to suppress protests and target dissent during the AL’s rule.

Writer Barnaali Saha, a member of the network, said human rights violations during the uprising were orchestrated under the direct supervision and coordination of the then-political leadership and security forces.

The network called for the immediate filing of charges and a transparent trial under the ICT to hold the perpetrators accountable.

The group also urged the interim government to seek the extradition of Hasina from India to face trial in Bangladesh for her alleged role in the crimes.

Azfar Hussain, associate professor at Grand Valley State University in the US, said they called for an end to the protection of Hasina in India, as she is accused of internationally recognised crimes against humanity.

He demanded that India cease providing her refuge and ensure her return to Bangladesh to face justice.

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Many media acted

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professional journalism. However, there were also outlets that acted as mouthpieces for the authorities,” he said.

Alam highlighted that this issue extends beyond just a single month, as a group of journalists has been manipulating narratives surrounding significant events in the country since 2009, thus solidifying authoritarianism, stripping citizens of their rights, and justifying violence.

He emphasised the importance of documenting the role of each journalist and media outlet, stating that the media’s involvement in significant events over the past 15 years will be recorded and should be analysed and researched.

However, he insisted that such initiatives must be led by independent, private organisations to ensure transparency and accountability.

Joynal Abedin Shishir, convener of “We Want Fascism-Free Media”, delivered the welcome speech, condemning political manipulation in the media.

He emphasised the need for media independence to preserve democracy.

Plabon Tariq, spokesperson for the organisation, said they had reviewed over 100 news reports. He presented ten editorials published in Kaler Kantho, Janakantha, and Bhorer Kagaj, labelling these narratives as examples of fascism.

One instance highlighted how “Kaler Kantho”, without evidence, accused the student organisations Shibir and Chhatra Dal of being responsible for the death of Mir Mugdhoo, following a minister’s statement.

Another such case involved a “Janakantha” report that incorrectly claimed the students’ protests lost public support after being labelled

“razakars” by then Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, he said.

The discussion included six proposals to enhance media freedom and security, such as ensuring a fear-free working environment for journalists, abolishing government censorship, and establishing a professional code of conduct.

They called for an independent constitutional commission to oversee media activities free from government interference, ensuring transparency in media ownership and funding sources, and amending cybersecurity laws to prevent misuse against journalists.

Tariq said the purpose of their research was not to undermine any media outlet or journalist.

Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) President Shahidul Islam said some media outlets are still attempting to create instability in the country.

He urged the public to boycott journalists who collaborate with the government.

Raihan Uddin, spokesperson for Nirapad Bangladesh Chai, commended The Daily Star for recently admitting mistakes in its reporting, emphasising the need for media to operate within a system of checks and balances.

Abu Sadik Kayem, publications secretary of Islami Chhatra Shibir, expressed concern over how major events have been distorted over the past 16 years, stating that there have been attempts to label movements and politicise initial attacks.

He also said journalists have played a crucial role at the grassroots level.

Other speakers, such as Abbas Uddin Noyon, Mahbub Alam, Mohiuddin Mahi, echoed concerns about media bias, censorship, and political pressure.

Some cops

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those places would become the grounds for another uprising.

Sarjis said their new political party would be inclusive of people from all backgrounds.

He said Nahid Islam, a key figure in the movement, had been asked to step out of power and take on a crucial role for the people.

He alleged that certain groups were attempting to create division by spreading misleading information about leadership appointments.

He alleged “Killer Hasina” fled the country out of fear but continues to incite unrest from abroad.

Sarjis urged all to carefully assess their leaders, asking them to recognise who stood by them during difficult times and who remained absent, only to return now claiming to support them.

He called for unity to bring about real change. He also advised people against blindly following any leader, urging them instead to engage in logical criticism.

Illegal brick

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Forest officer Kazi Tarikur Rahman confirmed that these saw mills are unauthorised.

Md Jahangir Alom, vice-president of the Pabna District Brick Kiln Owners’ Association, said there are over 200 brick kilns in the district, of which only 32 use coal, while the rest burn wood in violation of environmental regulations.

According to the Pabna district administration, there were 165 registered brick kilns in the district as of 2020, but only 24 have updated their licenses, while the rest continue to operate illegally.

Md Insaif Ali, an official of the Pabna district administration, said in most cases, licenses cannot be issued due to a lack of necessary legal documents and environmental clearance.

“আইনগত বিজ্ঞপ্তি”

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STATUTORY NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH, HIGH COURT DIVISION
(ORIGINAL STATUTORY JURISDICTION)
COMPANY MATTER NO. 180 OF 2025
IN THE MATTER OF:
An application under Sections 81(2) and 85(3) read with section 396 of the Companies Act, 1994,
AND
In the Matter of
Mrs. Masuda Kabir, shareholder & Managing Director of Jing Ling Chinese Restaurant Ltd., having its registered Office:- at 149/1, Road No.4/A, Dhanmondi, Dhaka. -----Petitioner
-VERSUS-
Jing Ling Chinese Restaurant Ltd., a Private Limited Company having its Registered Office:- at 149/1, Road No.4/A, Dhanmondi, Dhaka, representative by its Managing Director Mrs. Masuda Kabir and another. Respondents
Notice is hereby given that an application under Sections 81(2) and 85(3) read with section 396 of the Companies Act, 1994 was moved in the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh by the petitioner for condoning the delay in holding the Annual General Meeting of the company name & style as “Jing Ling Chinese Restaurant Ltd.”. The Hon’ble Company Judge Mr. Justice Ahmed Sohail has admitted the said application on 02.02.2025 and Hon’ble court directed the petitioner to publish the notices within 3(three) weeks and also to submit affidavit-in compliance on or before 06th March, 2025 from the date of publication. Any person interested in the said application may appear before this Hon’ble Court. A copy of the said application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of charges.
(Mohammad Shariful Islam)
Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh
Hall Room No. 1, Supreme Court Bar Association Bhaban,
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