

EID TRAVEL  
Take action  
against  
'overcharging'  
Demands Jatri  
Kalyan Samity

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jatri Kalyan Samity has raised concerns over the widespread collection of "extra fares" and passenger "harassment" during the Eid travel season.

In a statement issued yesterday, the association's Secretary General Md Mozammel Haque Chowdhury, demanded immediate action to stop the ongoing "fare exploitation".

The statement highlights that, despite government assurances of strict measures to curb extra fare collection, passengers continue to face unfair charges across various transport modes.

Mozammel criticised the government's vigilance teams, which have reportedly excluded passenger representatives from oversight roles, giving bus and launch owners unchecked authority over fare collection.

Auto-rickshaw  
driver killed

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

Nganj

A battery-run rickshaw driver was murdered in Narayanganj's Fatullah yesterday.

The deceased is Ishaq Miji, 45, of Chandpur. He lived with his family in a rented house in Fatullah's West Sastapur area.

The incident took place around 2:45am near the Dhaka-Narayanganj railway line in Kotarbagh area, said Shariful Islam, officer-in-charge of Fatullah Model Police Station.

Locals caught a suspected robber and beat him up before handing him over to police. The arrestee is Sohrab Howlader, 40.

The OC said the deceased's son filed a murder case with the police station, naming Sohrab as an accused and 3-4 unidentified individuals.

He said they are looking into the incident.

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e-Tender বিজ্ঞপ্তি

পাওয়ার গ্রিডের জিএমডি, ঢাকা (দক্ষিণ) দপ্তরের আওতাধীন নিয়ন্ত্রিত দরপত্র e-GP পোর্টেলে প্রক্ষেপিত হয়েছে।

ID	Package	Title of Works	Closing & Opening Date and Time
1086487	GMDD: 2024-2025/15	Repair and Maintenance of Barbed Wire at Hasnabad 230/132 kV Grid Substation under GMD, Dhaka-South, Power Grid Bangladesh PLC.	09 Apr 2025 at 12:30

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মোঃ মোঃ আফিজুর রহমান

নির্বাচিত প্রকৌশলী (অঞ্চল) জিএমডি, ঢাকা (দক্ষিণ)



Children sift through the muddy waters, trying to catch fish. This waterbody is home to a variety of local fish, including koi, shing, tengra, and taki. The photo was taken in the Kuriana area of Swarupkathi upazila in Pirojpur yesterday.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

Remembering the women who fought

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Eighteen-year-old Mosammat Liza worked as a house help in Dhaka's Shantinagar and taught Arabic at a madrasa to support her ailing parents. She was shot while working, dying three days later in hospital. Her father, Md Zaynal, could barely speak through his tears.

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managed to get to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

"There was an ICU shortage," she continued. "After four days of pleading, they arranged one. But in the end, we couldn't save my mother."

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Anam, editor and publisher of The Daily Star, handed the family members portraits of their loved ones. The newspaper also gave each family a cheque for Tk 50,000.

Speaking at the programme, Farida Akter said, "We consider the martyrs of the July uprising our greatest assets. Without them, we have no value. We will never betray their sacrifices."

She condemned the fallen regime, saying that while most fascist rulers are men, Bangladesh's tragedy was that this dictator was a woman. "It was her will that led to the deaths of so many people, just to stay in power," she said. "The killers must face justice."

Prof Sayeed Ferdous, vice-

chancellor of Bangladesh Open University, questioned why so many families still cannot file cases. "How can this be possible?" he asked, criticising political parties for prioritising power struggles over justice.

Assistant Attorney General Arif Khan assured the families that investigations into the killings are ongoing.

"The lesson of civilisation is that murder cannot be avenged by more murder," he said. "The killer may take a life in an instant, but justice requires many steps."

Hosted by journalist Emran Mahfuz, the event concluded with performances by Amirul Momenin Manik, who sang self-composed songs honouring the fallen.

are based in Dhaka, Chattogram, Sylhet, Feni, Noakhali, and Rajshahi.

In other cities, licensed agencies rely on buying and selling tickets through one another.

If IATA accreditation becomes mandatory, 4,470 agencies in smaller towns and remote areas will be forced to shut down, forcing passengers to travel to district headquarters for tickets, increasing costs and inconvenience.

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EC fails

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pending NID correction applications remain unresolved, with a new target set for completion by September.

On December 19 last year, the NID director general had told journalists that 3,75,000 pending correction applications would be processed within three months.

However, during a briefing yesterday, he said although the crash programme was planned for an early January start, actual processing did not start until December 29, leading to further delays.

"As of March 16, we have completed 2,78,000 applications, but an additional 3,02,000 new applications have been submitted in the meantime," Humayun said.

He said voter registration is currently the EC's priority, with 47,54,000 new voters registered as of March 22.

Due to this, officials have been unable to focus on processing NID applications.

"The voter registration process will continue until May 5. Once the workload decreases, we will be able to prioritise NID corrections," he said.

Protect

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mishandlement, public suffering, casualties, and corruption linked to the expressway project. They also urged a review of the contract to ensure national interests were protected.

Professor Anu Muhammad, chairing the event, criticised the government's reliance on costly, foreign loan-driven projects, advocating for sustainable, public transport focused solutions instead. Professor Adil Muhammad Khan, president of Bangladesh Institute of Planners, highlighted that modern cities have moved away from flyovers as a solution to urban transport issues, especially those centred on private vehicles. However, Bangladesh still follows a flyover-focused approach, which encourages private car dependency.

Amirul Rajiv, the movement's coordinator, urged authorities to publicly disclose the project's technical design, feasibility reports, and environmental and social impact assessments.

If the proposed regulation is implemented, these agencies will be unable to sell tickets, leading to a ticket shortage and significant passenger inconvenience.

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DGHS former driver

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highest punishment for committing such offences.

The judge ordered the authorities concerned to confiscate his Tk 1,50,31,810 earned illegally in favour of the state.

Earlier the prosecution and the defence completed their arguments and the court recorded statements of 16 prosecution witnesses.

The court framed charges against Malek on May 11, 2022.

Malek was arrested on

September 20, 2020 along with a foreign-made pistol, a magazine, five rounds of bullets, Tk 1.5 lakh in fake currency, a laptop and a mobile phone.

Later, two cases -- one for possessing arms and ammunition and the other for fake currencies -- were filed against him with Turag Police Station.

On September 20 of 2021, Malek was sentenced to 30 years' rigorous imprisonment for possessing firearms and ammunition.

Govt to tackle misinfo

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look at media ownership today, who actually owns it? The people genuinely interested in informing the public don't own newspapers. Instead, those who want to protect their own business interests -- or harm their competitors -- are the ones running media outlets," she said.

On the media's role in spreading misinformation, Rizwana said, "Over the past 15 years, we have promoted narratives that we never should have.

Instead of digging deep for the truth and informing the public, we allowed misinformation to thrive. Many media outlets failed to report on the July-August mass uprising, remaining silent until the very last moment."

She said, "For years, it wasn't just a political regime that deceived us -- many media outlets played their part as well. They cannot claim to be above blame. And yet, where is the remorse? Why does this cycle continue?"

Mohammad Mamun Or Rashid, assistant professor at Jahangirnagar University and consultant at the ICT Division, gave a presentation on the impact of misinformation, disinformation, and development.

Kamal Hossain, head of the Media Reform Commission, mentioned that Chief Adviser Dr Muhammad Yunus has requested a list of immediate recommendations. Some of these will be sent to him, and Dr Yunus has committed to implementing them.

He also highlighted the need for media houses to establish fact-checking desks, saying that many media outlets had been

reluctant to do so out of fear of losing favour with those in power.

PIB's Director-General Faruk Wasif said during the previous government's tenure, misinformation or exaggerated information was provided on every issue, especially regarding the country's progress toward becoming a middle-income nation. "However, the real state of the economy is now becoming clear, which will pose a problem for us, and we are heading into difficulties because of it," he said.

Prof Rashed Al Mahmud from Dhaka University echoed the need for political action to address misinformation.

Firdous Azim, chairperson of PIB; Mohammad Azaz, administrator of DNCC; Ashish Damble of Oxfam Bangladesh; Kabita Bose of Plan International; Suman Rahman of FactWatch; Fahim Ahmed, CEO of Jamuna TV; spoke, among others, while Sariful Islam moderated the event.

Mid-day meal

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it was difficult for management to arrange cooked meals.

He said the government will make sure that the provided dry food ensures enough protein for half a day for a student as per Unicef standards.

He said UNOs and upazila education officers will be asked to monitor the programme to ensure transparency in the distribution of food items.

The planning adviser said once the programme is launched, he will