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The discussion on sound pollution and means to ease traffic jam held at the BSMMU auditorium was organised under the Management at the Top (MATT)-2 programme of the establishment ministry and Coalition Against Population (CAP).

Team leader of the programme Tapan Kumar Nath said awareness campaign and rallies will be conducted initially from Shahbagh intersection to Sonargaon Hotel and in Dhaka University area.

"Later the programme will be extended across the country with the help of police, environment department, BRTA and the district administration," he said.

Naznin Kabir of the WBB Trust blamed car horns as the major cause behind sound pollution. "Traffic police, children, students, ill and the pregnant are highly sensitive to sound pollution."

She also stressed on implementing Sound Pollution Prevention Act of 2006 by empowering the traffic police for imposing fines for violating the law.

Home secretary Abdus Sobhan said the traffic rules against sound polluters will be strengthened.

He also urged to increase awareness about the issue.

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