

# Ishraque's supporters continue protest for 6th day : traffic disrupted

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**Online Desk :** Supporters of BNP leader Ishraque Hossain continued their sit-in for the sixth consecutive day on Tuesday, May 20, demanding his swearing-in as the mayor of Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC). The protests halted vehicular movement on the stretch of road between Bangabazar and Golap Shah Mazar in Gulistan, causing severe disruption in one of the capital's busiest commercial areas. BNP leaders and activists from various parts of Dhaka started gathering in front of Nagar Bhaban around 10:00am.

A temporary stage was set up at the main gate, where the national anthem and patriotic songs were being played continuously as part of the protest. The protest which began last Wednesday virtually brought all administrative activities at Nagar Bhaban to a halt, causing frustration among service seekers. As the Local Government Division office housed inside the building, Adviser Asif Mahmud Shojib Bhuiyan has reportedly been unable to attend office amid the ongoing demonstration. BNP leaders alleged that the government particularly the Ministry of Local Government is unjustly delaying the process of handing over the mayoral office to Ishraq.

“Until Ishraq Bhai is given charge as mayor, we will continue our protest,” said a BNP activist. Shihab Hossain, a businessman from Gendaria, “Ishraque was defeated through a conspiracy. Even though it's late, the court has now declared him the mayor. We want to see him in the mayor's seat, even if it's for the remaining tenure.” Former secretary Moshiur Rahman on Monday formally announced a non-stop sit-in programme at Nagar Bhaban as part of the ongoing movement. “This movement will continue until our demand is fulfilled,” he said.

Ishraque's supporters continue sit-in for 4th day at Nagar Bhaban LGRD Adviser Asif Mahmud Shojib Bhuiyan at an event on Monday said the government is facing several legal and administrative complications in facilitating Ishraq's swearing-in. “Until these complexities are resolved, no decision can be made,” he said. On February 1, 2020, Awami League's Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh defeated Ishraque Hossain, a member of BNP's International Affairs Committee, by nearly 200,000 votes in the DSCC election. After the fall of the Awami League government in the wake of a mass uprising last year, the Dhaka Election Tribunal on March 27 nullified the previous election result and declared Ishraque the new mayor. The Election Commission published a gazette notification on April 27, officially announcing Ishraque as the mayor of DSCS but he is yet to be sworn in.