METROPOLITAN



With bus seats unavailable or too expensive, people journeying home from Dhaka resort to a truck ride at Amin Bazar, Savar, yesterday. Thousands of city dwellers left for home to celebrate Eid with their near and dear ones.

Launch, bus terminals swarming with home-bound passengers

ABDUL KADE

Bus and launch terminals and the railway station in the city experienced heavy rush of homebound passengers yesterday as they left for their homes to celebrate Eid-ul-Fitr with their near and dear ones.

Most of the passengers have paid that Bangladesh Road Transport extra money for their tickets, but the Authority (BRTA) has increased the service operators did not take any step rate and showed a BRTA fare chart to

to make their journey comfortable. prove their claim

Thousands of passengers were seen "Sundarban Paribahan is charging scrambling for a place on launches and Tk 300 per ticket, up from the normal fare of Tk 180," said a passenger bound All inter-district buses and south-

for Moralganj, Bagerhat, at Sayedabad bound launches charged each passenbus terminal vesterday. The BRTA, in its latest fare chart, has ger extra Tk 50 in the name of the Eid celebrations. The operators argued allowed inter-district transport opera-

them by boats paying extra Tk 10. tors to raise the fare -- additional 0.72 collected Tk 10 to 20 in tolls from each paisa per km for buses and additional 0.75 paisa per km for minibuses. boat. South-bound launch passengers

thronged the Sadarghat terminal in taxicabs have also been charging more huge number until noon from early fare from the homebound passengers hours of yesterday to get a place in the who were rushing towards the termiriver vessels paying extra money, nals. source said. "We are charging each passenger Tk cabs were picking up passengers after a

120," said a staff of Bhandaria-bound Parabat launch. The normal fare is Tk 70 to 80, he said. The same is for other launches. Although the launches were carry-

ing passengers beyond their capacity, putting the lives of the people at risk, the mobile court was nowhere there to **Bush felicitates** Khaleda UNB, Dhaka

US President Gorge W Bush has felicitated Prime Minister Khalada Zia on the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr. In a message to the prime minister,

Bush said, "I extend my best wishes to you and your nation during this auspicious time of celebration. This year Bangladesh and the United States have worked more closely than ever towards making our world a more peaceful place.

"Id-Al-Fitr is not only a celebration for sharing with friends and family but also a time to reflect on all that has been achieved and look to a future where we are committed to attaining our common goals of democracy, prosperity and stability", he said.

President, PM greet Muslim leaders UNB,Dhaka

President Iajuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Khaleda Zia have conveyed warmest greetings and heartiest felicitations to the Heads of State and Heads of government of Muslim countries on the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr.

In separate messages, they expressed their confidence that the divine blessings of this happy occasion would further consolidate and deepen the bonds of brotherhood and cooperation among the Muslim countries and inspire the Ummah to work together for the greater interest of Islam.

The President and the Prime Minister wished good health, happiness and personal well-being and long life of the Muslim leaders and peace, progress and prosperity of their respective people

Morshed, Reaz

PHOTO: STAR

crammed with passengers by 12.00

noon, but passengers continued to

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The CNG autorickshaws and taxi-

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fixed amount from the homebound

Strict security measures have been

taken at the bus terminals by the

government ahead of the Eid to ensure

5.00pm

passengers.

Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan and State Minister for Foreign Affairs Reaz Rahman also have conveyed warmest felicitations and most sincere greetings to their respective counterparts of the Muslim countries on the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr.

They expressed in their separate messages that teachings of the holy Eidul-Fitr would help the Muslim Ummah to work together for the unity and solidarity and contribute greatly to the advancement and prosperity of Islam. They wished happiness, good health and wellbeing of their counterparts

Australian film festival begins December 11

Draft of Private Medical Service Act approved

BSS, Dhaka

The cabinet yesterday approved the draft of the Private Medical Service Act-2003 aiming at ascertaining the quality of treatment and ensuring the proper management of the private medical services.

The approval was given at the regular meeting of the cabinet at the cabinet

room of the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) with Prime Minister Khaleda Zia in the chair.

The cabinet also okayed an action tion of the project. plan for increasing fish production in many state-owned and private ponds, dighis, haors, beels and other water bodies across the country. meeting

Under the action plan, a modern technology will be introduced in

pisciculture. Enormous job opportuni ties will be created for poor people women and youths after implementa-

Cabinet members, state ministers of ninistries concerned, cabinet secretary, principal secretary of the PMO's office and secretaries concerned attended the

4 get life term in absentia

Dr Mosharraf murder

UNB, Dhaka

Four young men were in absentia sentenced to life imprisonment for shooting down a physician at Mohammadpurin the city four years ago. Those convicted are Masud, Mintu,

Ibrahim and Anis who remained fugitive since the murder of 45-year old Dr MosharrafHossain on November 14, 1999. Dr Mosharraf along with his daughter

was going to Green Herald School at Asad repeated reminders. Gate by a rickshaw when the culprits shot The snatchers plotted to kill Dr him do death on the spot. Mosharraf for pressing to return the Earlier, in May the same year the snatched money and executed the evil

> His wife filed a case against the snatchers. Jahangir Alam Mollah, judge of the speedy trial tribunal, pronounced the

> > PHOTO: STAF

accused snatched Tk 16,000 from Dr Mosharraf on the street. The pedestrians caught red-handed Masud, one of the snatchers and took him to Dr Musharraf's chamber. Masud was set free after a written agreement promising to return the money, which was never done despite

design verdict after examining the prosecution witnesses

With Eid only a day or two away, people buy prayer caps from street-side stalls in the city yesterday.

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