SAVE DHAKA



Despite the 17 locations clearly designated by the Dhaka City Corporation for this year's Eid ul-Azha cattle markets, brisk trading has been going on almost everywhere in the city, along the roads, causing serious traffic dislocations. - Star photo

Shykh Serajadded that

with the newly devised beef

fattening process a farmer can

latten his cattle within a very

Some farmers at the city's

Gabtoli eattle market told this

correspondent that they had

also received tayourable bank

loans for lattening cattle for

banks, in addition to the

I**sl**ami Bank, different NGOs.

the Bangladesh Rural Deve

lopment Bank, etc., are now

offering loans for projects

related to dairy and beef fat

telephone said that despite

general unisconceptions, the

meat from tattened beet is ab-

solutely safe for consumption.

Also, it contains more protein

than fat, which is common in

world including the USA

China, India and Malavasia beel

fattening is done in similar

catta markets of the city.

trading increased since yes

Meanwhile, in the 17 Eid

The supply of sacrificial

animals this year is much

higher than last year. In many

areas of the city trading is also

supply the average prices of

goats and cows were, until

yesterday, slightly higher than

Some traders reported that

last year, market sources said.

so far business has been dull.

Market organisers and traders,

however, expressed the hope

that sales would pick up today.

prices of cattle would fall today

different markets complained

that toll collection or extor-

tion by bullies as well as

members of the various law

enforcing agencies is rampant

all over the country. "We had to

pay tolls all the way from

Jessore," said Kasem of Pani-

Mother, daughter

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lying on the fourth floor bal-

cony in the carty hours of

unnatural death with the

Motifheel police but police.

after preliminary investigation,

suspected murder and ar-

rested the mistress of the

house and her pretty daughter.

Rukhsana claimed Monwara

had jumped out through a

window after she was caught

the case from Motifheel thana.

nearing, the lawyers for the

accused argued against police

remand. saying no good-look-

ing girl like Hira can be safe in

May 20 for hearing of another

case filed on May 7 by one of

Rukhsana Chowdhury's former

maids. Shahinur Begum, alleg-

ing wrongful confinement and

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ment said today that two pil-

grims and one fireman were

killed and 99 were injured in

The Civil Defense Depart-

The court yesterday also set

Detective police took over

During yesterday's court

Rukhsana had filed a case of

sara, Jessore.

stealing.

police custody.

molestation.

the blaze.

Makkah on Sunday.

because of the high supply.

But some buyers felt the

Meanwhle, cattle traders at

on the eve of Eid day.

Yet, despite the increased

taking place on the streets.

In many countries of the

normal beet, they said.

processes, they said.

terday afternoon.

Experts contacted over

tening, according to sources,

All nationalised scheduled

the Eid ul Azha market.

short time and make a hand

More locally bred cattle this year

By Staff Correspondent

tening, he said.

some profit

The number of locally bred cattle has noticeably increased in the city's makeshift Eid markets this year.

The influx of cows smuggled from across the border is lower than previous years because farmers all over the country have produced better cattle using new beef fattening technology, market sources obsérved.

During fattening, a cow or bull is regularly fed a special diet. The recipe varies from potatoes and pumpkins to a special mixture containing a certain amount of straw sprinkled with diluted urea and molasses. As a result, the animal gains a lot of weight within a relatively short time.

Shykh Seraj, the TV presenter of the agricultural programme 'Mati-o-Manush' told The Daily Star that since the first broadcast of the beef fattening programme on the TV in 1993, he had received thousands of letters from around the country.

"Farmers, unemployed youths, businessmen, housewives, people from all walks of life wrote to me for more in formation regarding beef fat

HC rejects Moudud's plea for quashment

bench, by a two-thirds majority, yesterday rejected former vice-president Moudud Ahmed's petition for quashing the trial of a corruption case

hammad Ruhul Amin - discharged the rule while Justice Naimuddin Ahmed made the rule absolute. Earlier, a division bench

comprising Justice Naimuddin Ahmed and Justice Mohamposal of the matter. tuted a single judge bench

comprising Justice M Mahmudur Rahman who after hearing both the petitioner and the State yesterday, rejected the rule issued earlier.

of the Special Judge, Dhaka, for quashing the corruption case against him involving the proposed Holiday Inn Rajanigandha Hotel. The case, in brief, is that

Md Ataur Rahman, an officer of the Bureau of Anti-Corruption, lodged an FIR with Motifheel 13,404363.97 to the RAJUK, the prosecution claimed.

FICCI From Page

from tax should be raised to at least 80 per cent of the basic

The Chamber feels very strongly that a clear and comprehensive definition of salary should be incorporated into the relevant tax law, which the country does not have.

It suggested the foreign travel tax should either be withdrawn or reduced to Tk 800. Tk 500 and Tk 100 from the existing rates of Tk 1800 1300 and 600.

anomalies, the FICCI recom mended that the duty on raw materials and components for local manufacture of switchgears and motors be reduced to 7.5 per cent and that no VAT should be suflered. However, it added, duty rates on finished items used for local assembling of motors should be raised to 30 per cent from 15 to protect local manufacturers.

It suggested that the duty on import of MS wire rods be reduced to 30 per cent from the present 45 per cent.

To facilitate reduction of overhead or fixed costs of dairy projects and for enhancing competitive edge vis-a-vis importation of finished dairy products, import duty on such lools be waived, the FICC pointed out.

Import duty on all categories of spares and accessories for the textile spinning and weaving sectors should be lowered to 10 per cent and also there should be no VAT.

It further recommended that the duty on spare parts of TV, VCP, VCR and cassette recorders be fixed at a uniform rate of 15 per cent and that the supplementary 20 cent duty on colour TV, VCP VCR, freezer, refrigerator, air conditioner, and cassette

The Foreign Investors Chamber further suggested lowering the duty rates at various levels on electronics. leather, pharmaceuticals, packaging and other sectors. The FICCI also placed vari-

recorder, be withdrawn.

ous recommendations for improving the VAT system. which include payment of VAT at sales point, and imposition of VAT on imported Zinc Sulphate (fertilizer), mosquito coils, animal nutrition feed premix imported as raw materials, and other sectors. ECNEC

From Page 1 The meeting was informed

that EC has already selected 3.75 lakh enumerators and 70,000 supervisors for the enumeration of voters, which will commence from May 25.

Speaking on the occasion, Finance Minister said when completed the project would not only strengthen the electoral process but also help ensure mass participation of people in the development programme by giving democracy an institutional shape. He said ID cards will have a multipurpose use.

The ineeting also approved three fly-over construction project at Mohakhali, Moghbazar and Jatrabari-Syedabad area at a cost of Tk 188 crore.

The project, scheduled to be completed by 1997-98, will help ease the ever increasing traffic congestion in the capi-

As per the flow-chart of traffic movement. Jatrabari-Syedabad area will be unusable for traffic by 1998 and the number of traffic will be increased at Mohakhali and Moghbazar by 250 per cent by 1998.

It also approved the flood control and drainage project on both banks of the upper Tulsi-Ganga river to be undertaken by the Water Resources Ministry, said an official hand-

out. The meeting also approved road-roller, vibratory roller and bulldozer acquisition project with Japanese grant.

PM's help sought to set up milk market

creating job opportunities and l'rime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia vesterday said the unemployment problem had been reduced to a great dairy and poultry farms can extent in the city's Demra area help the country attain selfsufficiency in food and cherate job opportunities.

rports UNB. 'A job alone cannot bring solvency in a family. Family solcucy and eradication of memployment can be ensured brough self-employment," she aid while talking to a delegation of the Dhaka City Dairy arms Owners' Association at

The delegation led by From Page 1 resident of the association Shamsuddin Mollah and General Secretary Advocate Montrul Islam sought her help in solving the problems of the criminals," Irna said. dairy industry for its flourish-

They sought government cooperation in setting up a milk market and milk processing plant and organising training for the entrepreneurs

The delegation lauded the policies adopted by the government for the development of the dairy farms. More than 2,000 dairy farms have already been set up in the capital city with government assistance.

Following the introduction of the "Inspiration Bonus" the members of the delegation said, more people are coming forward to set up dairy farms. The government provides Tk. 6.250 as bonus per cow to those who have a farm with at least five hybrid cows worth Tk 25000 each.

The dairy owners also pleaded for simplification of the bank loan procedures, subsidy of cattle medicine, duty free import of cattle feed and a ban of the import of condensed milk

The dairies, they said, are

Police constable

held on charge

of mugging

By Staff Correspondent

rested yesterday on charges of

Mahbubur Rahman of Sutrapur

police was caught by the resi-

following a mugging incident.

dents of Satish Sarkar Lane

Rahman and two others had al-

legedly mugged two female

sari vendors at Satish Sarkar

Road and tried to escape by a

screaming for help, local peo-

nearby house while his ac

complices managed to flee

the house, the constable was

found hiding on top of a sun-

oner then called in the police

was caught in a traffic jam.

ple chased the baby taxi which

scooter.

with the goods.

mugging in the capital.

A police constable was ar

Officials said the Constable

They said constable

When the women started

The constable sneaked in a

When the mob gheraged

The local Ward Commissi-

with the setting up of such

The Prime Minister said various fixentives are being provided for the development of the sector to make the country self-reliant, eradicate unemployment and reduce the import of powered milk.

Iranians

and expressed their hatred of the devils and pagans of our era, and above all the American

The agency said the demonstration passed off without incident in front of Saudi soldiers who did not attempt to intervene.

Hasina to visit southern dists from May 12

Awami League president Sheikh Hasina will leave Dhaka on May 12 on a five-day organisational tour of southern districts, reports UNB.

She will address public meetings and wayside rallies in Tungipara, Barguna, Patuakhali and Barisal.

The Awami League chief will attend the party programmes at Tungipara on May 13.

She will address rallies at Betagi, Kakchira and a public meeting in Barguna on May 14, Anntali and Kuakata on May 15 and Galachipa and Baufal on May 16.

Solve water, gas problems or face agitation: Hanif

Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) Mayor Mohammad Hanif vesterday warned the government of agitation if the city's water, power and gas problems are not solved within a month. reports UNB.

He blamed the authorities concerned for failure in providing essential services like water, power and gas to the city dwellers.

Addressing a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club in the afternoon as president of Dhaka city unit of the Awami League, Hanif portrayed a grim scenario in spheres of essential services in the capital and demanded immediate solution to acute water crisis, load shedding of power and prob-

He threatened a greater agitation including demonstration, rallies and gherao programme under the leadership of his party chief Sheikh Hasina after one month if the problems are not solved within the deadline.

lem in supply of natural gas.

14 killed in road accidents

At least 14 people were killed and four injured in two road accidents in Kaliakoir and Tongi thanas yesterday, reports UNB.

Police said nine people including a minor girl, were killed and four others injured when a Dhaka-bound truck laden with goods and passengers turned turtle on the Dhaka-Tangail road near Sutrapur in Kaliakoir thana o Gazipur district at 4 am.

were not known.

Seriously injured four were hospital

goods.

In the other mishap, five pushcart drivers sleeping on their vehicles were crushed by a bus near Tongi bridge in the morning.

Tongi police said the Muk tagacha-bound bus hit a numher of pushcarts parked on the Dhaka-Gazipur roadside at 7:30 am, causing the tragedy.

Two of the victims, who were rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital and died there, were identified as Hashem Mia, 40, and Kala Mia,

Names of the three other dead could not be known.

Khaleda asks

nonmations. She also instructed her ministers parliamentary constituencies sources confirmed.

one MP who attended the

During the nearly threehour-long meeting which began at 7:30 pm. some interparty conflicts in different districts were also raised by the MPs. In response, the Prime Minister, however brushed aside such problems and asked the partymen to work unitedly and prove their leadership qualities through

From Staff Correspondent

NATORE, May 9: At least six persons including two policemen were injured when some unidentified persons hurled a hand bomb at them in the town today.

Seven of the dead were identified as Banu Begum. 35, and Moyna, 7, of Madhupur in Tangail, Babul Mia, 35, and Anjan, 35, of Sharishabari in Jamalpur and Hanifuddin. 28, Nurul Islam, 30, and Dulai, 30 of Madanganj, Jamalpur. Identities of two other victims

rushed to Mirzapur Hospital and later shifted to Gazipur

Police said the truck coming from Jamalpur, was carrying 25 people besides

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oversce party interests in the where the ruling party does not have representatives, the

"The party MPs were asked to keep a close watch over the voter registration process so that there is no tampering and the opposition parties do not get any undue advantage," said

strengthening the organisation, the sources noted. 6 hurt in blast

The Midnight Kile Senate confirms Deutch as CIA chief

WASHINGTON, May 9: The full Senate confirmed John Deutch as CIA chief today, tapping the Pentagon's number two to head the troubled spy agency. Voting 98-0, the Senate approved President Bill Clinton's choice, ending the long search to replace James Woolsey who resigned four months ago, re-

Eid-ul-Azha tomorrow

weather, it will take place at the Baitul Mukarram national

According to a press release of the Islamic Foundation. there will be lour congregations at the Baitul Mukarram the first at 6:30 am, the sec ond at 7:30 am, the third at 8:30 am and the fourth at 9:15

As usual, the city's last Eid congregation will be held at the Azimpur Davemi Sharif at

The Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) has made arrangements to hold Eid jamaats at the National Eidgah as well as other places under its respec-

tive wards. The DCC has also made arrangements for women to offer their Eid prayers at the National Eidgah under purdah.

The corporation has also requested the city dwellers to dispose the wastes of thesacrificial animals in the DCC's

Some other Eid jamaats will be held at the Dhaka University Mosque at 7:30 am. Shahidullah Hall and Sgi Zahurul Huq Hall premises at 7:30 am. BUET mosque at 7:30 am, the Masjidul-al-Agsa at Matuail at 8 am, the Sitara Beguin Jame Mosque at Singtola at 7:30 am. two ja-

maats at the Masjidul Gousul Azam in Mohakhali at 7:30 am and 8 am. Salambagh Jam-e-Mosque at East Rampura at 7:00 am, the Khilgaon Government Colony premises at 7:30 am. Kalaynpur Housing Estate Jam-e-Mosque at 7 am, Bangabandhu Primary School premises at Tajmahal Road at 7 am. the Nuranai Jam-e Mosque at 8 am. Dogair Eidgal Maidan at 7:30 am and 8 am the Mirpur Central Eidgah Maidan at 7:30 am and the Rajarbagh Police Lines ground

at 8 am and 9:30 am. With the big day nearing the scores of makeshift cattle markets in the city were seen crowded vesterday. Thousands of people were also seen at the different shopping centres completing their last-minute buying.

Meanwhile, President Abdur Rahman Biswas in a message on the eve of Eid-ul-Azha, cailed upon the people to help build a happy and prosperous society through sacrifices in individual and social life. Conveying his greetings to

the people, he called for exer-

Businessman From Page 1

them later took Sadek to the DMCH where the attending

doctors declared him dead.

Police confirmed that the victim was shot in the head. Currently residing at Uttara

in the city. Sadek hailed from Manehor of Araihazar thana in Narayangani district. AKM Nurul Haque, a

Police were interrogating

the autorickshaw driver at the

time of writing this report late last night. No arrest was made. Meanwhile. Detective Police had taken up the investigation of the murder of Md.

Jinnah Miah, hides and skin merchant, who was stabbed to death near the Curzon Hall inside the Dhaka University campus Monday afternoon after being robbed of nearly 16 lakh taka (the sum was earlier reported as eight lakh). However, none had been

earlier against some fertiliser bution system.

cordial atmosphere and the fertiliser association leaders expressed the hope that the important decision taken by the government would help normalise the fertiliser distribution system as well as stabilise the price situation.

the production and stock situation have remained completely normal, the handout added.

aspects of the fertiliser distribution system, the Commerce Minister said the government was committed to ensure distribution of fertilisers at fair price among the farmer's for maintaining continued success

cising tolerance in all stages of life and upholding democratic

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia also extended her greetings to the people on the occasion of holy Eid-ul-

In her message, Begum Zia said that Eid-ul-Azha teaches us about the the spirit of sacrifice. She also called upon the people to make sacrifices for the successful implementation of the on-going development activities undertaken by her

government. Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina, too, greeted the people of Bangladesh and the Muslims around the world on the occasion of holy Eid.

In a message, she said Eidul-Azha is not an occasion of jubilation. It is glorified with a sense of sacrifice. The essence of Qurbani is to express one's loyalty to Almighty Allah," she said.

The national flag and festoons inscribed with 'Eid Mubarak will be hoisted along the main thoroughfares and road islands from the Dhaka Gate at Banani to the Bangabhaban.

The Ministry of Information will arrange screening of films and stage cultural functions at city parks and other places after Eid prayers.

11 suspended from Nirmul Committee

By Staff Correspondent Eleven leaders of the Ekatturer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee have been suspended on charges of terror-

ism, extortion and other anti-

organisational activities.

The suspended Nirmul leaders are Sadek Ahmed Khan, Mia Abul Hashem, Kamal Hossain Badal, sculptor Rasha RN Basu, Ranjan Das Shibu, Alhaji Khaled, Rafigul Islam, Ali Ahmed, Ragibuddin and Shamsul Islam.

Announcing the decision at a press conference at the organisation's Mahakhali temporary office in the city yesterday, Executive Convenor Shahrear Kabir said the suspended leaders had been banned from doing anything in the name of

the Nirmul Committee. A final decision regarding them would be taken after Nirmul chief Begum Mushtari Shafi's return from her current tour of Europe and America.

Accusing the Sadek-Hashem-Rasha axis of attacking the Nirmul's Dhaka city unit conference at the Dhaka University's Teacher-Student Centre on May 6, Kabir termed the city branch executive body of the organisation, formed with Rasha as its convenor, illegal and asked all concerned not to be misled by the socalled committee.

The Kazi Mamun Rashidled committee is the authorised one which was formed with the consent of Begum Mushtari Shafi, he idded.

Clinton-Yeltsin From Page 1

and NATO's envisaged expansion, both sides are playing down expectations.

"Please don't look at this as a summit that will produce dramatic agreement," said a senior US administration official in Moscow for the sum-

BSRS From Page 1

part of a re-financing initiative. The new government loan was issued at the bank rate of 5.5 per cent interest.

The cost of the funds earlier was very high at between nine and 10 per cent, forcing the Saugstha to charge a high interest rate for industrial loans," he said. "Now, it has been replaced with cheaper

He added that the loan recovery programme has already been intensified and Tk 34 crore has been recovered during the first seven months of the current fiscal compared to Tk 34 crore during 1993-94.

tions of 64 out of 81 sick industries have already been approved while BMRE of another four industries is being undertaken. The BSRS official noted that

mutual fund in the stock market sometime next year. It currently hold Tk 12 crore worth of shares in some companies listed with the Dhaka Stock Market.

who arrested the constable. Mugging increasing in city

ployed people, they said

"The society neither offers them facilities for education nor any opportunity for leading a decent life," commented a teacher of a Dhanmondi school who himself is 'victim' and has even, seen some of his stu-

dents involved in mugging. "They are moreover lured, into drug taking, and exploited by politically motivated quar-

ters," he pointed out. The victims of these crimes are mostly women who are followed by the thugs and then pounced upon at "convenient" place, police officials said.

In most cases, the victims do not inform the police because of the reluctance of those at the thanas to record the crimes, said detective police official.

The official, who preferred anonymity, said thanas try to keep their crime records clean, fearing rebukes, and even punishment, by their top-Besides, the victims try to avoid further harassments in

lice stations or due to delay in the disposal of cases in courts. he said. "For some 40 lakh citizens of Dhaka, there are only 12,000 policemen. And out of the way. them a good number is de-

the press of filing cases in po-

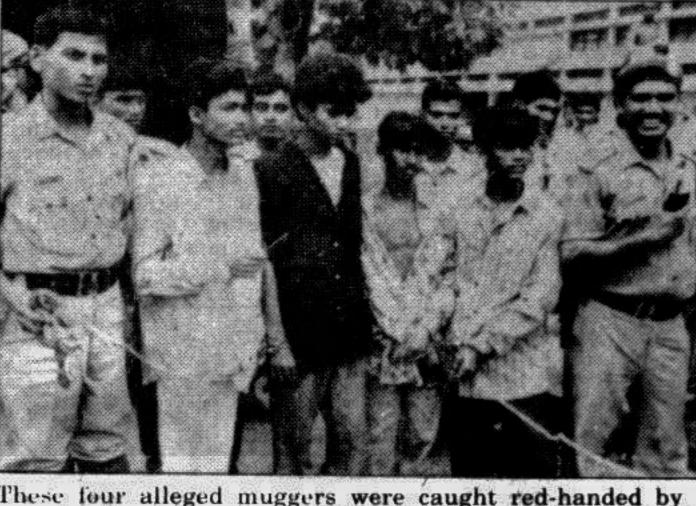
for traffic control." Dhaka Metropolitan Police IDMP) officials said that the incidents of mugging and other petty crimes always shoot up during Eid and other festival periods. The DMP has recently de-

ployed around 2487 foot and

ployed to protect the VIPs and

mobile patrol policemen in different parts of the city to ward off possible muggings on the eve of the Eid-ul-Azha. A new dimension was added when a plain-clothed police sergeant was arrested last

week after he attempted to rob



These four alleged muggers were caught red-handed by patrol police yesterday in the city's Dhaka University

campus area, near the Suhrawardy Uddyan. - Star photo a returning Bangladeshi expatriate on his way from the airport to his home in the city.

On Monday, three armed muggers stabbed to death a city trader, Jinnah Miah, and injured two others while snatching Tk eight lakh from In one incident last week, a

resident of Lalmatia was going by a rickshaw at 6 pm with her two children. As the rickshaw arrived at the 'D' Block of the residential area, a scooter came from behind and blocked

of the scooter and first manhandled the rickshaw puller. One of them brandished a pistol at the woman and an other held a dagger on the throat of her 10-year-old child.

Three young men came out

The muggers stripped the woman of her valuables before escaping by the scooter, leaving the distraught mother and her child in trauma. In a similar incident the following day, a young woman

was robbed at gun point at the same place. When contacted, officials at the Mohammadpur and Dhan mondi police stations said that

on the two mugging incidents. In another incident in Chowdhurypara, Banani, a school teacher was stopped while returning home in a rickshaw. When she refused to handover her gold bangles, the miscreants held a gun at her head

Out of fear for life, she

handed over her ornaments.

they did not receive any report

She did not report the in cident to the police, thinking

Members of a police patrol in Dhanmondi area said they fell helpless against these criminals because the gangs are better equipped with weapons.

hundred years in a locality."

viewed by The Daily Star said unuggers, when challenged, use bombs, modern firearms and transports to get away.

that nothing will come off it. Many people in the city say that the thugs use the same mugging tactics over and over leaving the police at a loss.

"They use motor bikes and scooters whereas we patrol on foot with heavy 303-rifles," one of them said adding, "We cannot patrol more than a few

Some police officials inter

brother of the victim, has lodged a case with Motikheel police station in this connec-

arrested in this connection until last night.

Fertiliser dealers From Page 1

postpone some steps taken

traders at the assurance given by the fertiliser traders of their total cooperation in fertiliser management and distri-The meeting was held in a

The meeting was told that

Dwelling on different

in agricultural production.

Applications for rehabilita-

funds.

the Sangstha's board has already approved plans to float a

A High Court division against him, reports BSS. The two judges — Justice M Mahmudur Rahman and Mo-

mad Ruhul Amin, after hearing the quashment petition, had given a split judgement consequently the matter was referred to the Chief Justice for constituting a bench for dis-The Chief Justice consti-

petition and discharged the Moudud Ahmed challenged his trial, pending in the court

Police against deposed president HM Ershad, former vice president Moudud Ahmed. former Works Minister Shafiqui Gaani Shapan, former DIT chairman SHM Abul Basher and businessman Abul Khair Litu, alleging that in violation of the rules of the RAJUK, Ershad had ordered the allotment of a plot for the proposed Holiday Inn hotel at a price of Taka one crore per bigha instead of one crore fifty lakh and payment of the price in 12 equal half-yearly instalments without interest. By this, the accused persons, in collaboration with one other. and by misusing power had caused a loss of Taka

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