



Ramadan
begins
tomorrow

The holy Ramadan begins tomorrow as the moon of the Arabic month was not sighted anywhere in the country yesterday, reports UNB.

The holy Shab-e-Qadr will be observed on the night of January 26.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the National Moon Sighting Committee held at the Islamic Foundation conference room yesterday with State Minister for Religious Affairs Maulana Muhammad Nurul Islam in the chair.

After reviewing the information received from district administrations and Met Office, the meeting observed that the moon of Ramadan was not sighted anywhere in Bangladesh yesterday.

APP reports: The month of Ramadan began yesterday in most Arab countries.

The countries included Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria and the United Arab Emirates.

Essentials
prices make
'holy' jump

By Staff Correspondent

Prices of essentials have increased sharply in the city's kitchen markets on the eve of the holy month Ramadan.

Beef price jumped to Tk 80 per kg yesterday from Tk 65-70 daily before.

Previously, authorities of the Dhaka City Corporation, at a meeting with beef sellers on Tuesday, had fixed beef price at Tk 65 per kg.

The Consumers Association of Bangladesh in a press release last night said mutton was being sold at Tk 120-140 against the DCC-set price of Tk 110 per kg.

Prices of gram, the main item for *lifter*, increased by 5 to 6 taka per kg and was being sold at Tk 28-32. Price of *masur* (pulses) however remained stable at Tk 35.

Consumers paid Tk 3-5 more for one litre of soybean which was sold at Tk 55-58.

Prices of tomato and *khira*, widely used to prepare salad, have increased significantly. Tomato was sold at Tk 20-24 per kg against Tk 10-15 a week ago. Lemon price increased by Tk 2-3 for each four.

Price of *Muri* (puffed-rice), increased by 4 to 5 taka, selling at the 36 per kg yesterday against its previous price of Tk 32.

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