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The capital wears a deserted look yesterday, the second day of the six-day holiday, as most city dwellers left for their village homes to celebrate Eid-ul-Fitr with their near and dear ones. This picture was taken from Motijheel area.

AL leader stabbed to death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mob caught and beat up a criminal after he stabbed an Awami League leader of a city ward to death at Begunbari in Tejgaon yesterday.

Fifty-year-old Abdul Latif, labour secretary of AL unit of ward No. 37 and a former leader of Tejgoan Truck Union, came under attack when he was walking on the footpath along with a party member, Delwar, at about 4.30pm.

Witnesses said one Anwar stabbed the leader in his stomach and chest when he reached near a hotel.

As Anwar tried to flee the scene, local people caught and beat him. He was later handed over to police.

Critically injured AL leader was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where doctors declared him dead.

Lawbreakers fined Tk 2.45 lakh

BSS, *Dhaka*

Mobile courts yesterday filed 105 cases against lawbreakers in the city and realised Tk 2.45 lakh in fines.

The mobile courts filed 68 cases under the Transport Act, nine cases under DMP Act and eight cases under Pure Food Act.

Last-minute preparations for Eid dishes

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With Eid-ul-Fitr round the corner, people have started last-minute preparations for their special dishes for the day.

They are now busy with buying various foodstuffs although prices of rice, semai, spices, and other ingredients have registered a sharp rise before the Eid.

They are buying beef, mutton, chicken as well as vegetables like cucumber, capsicum, tomato and yogurt to prepare salad.

The price of vegetables increased significantly in the last three days, said a buyer.

Apart from different kitchen markets, chain supermarkets like Agora, Family Needs, Shop N Save are also bustling with shoppers.

"Price of essentials is a little higher in the chain shops than the kitchen markets, but here we find a better shopping environment as there is no bother-ation of bargaining," said Nadia Rahman, a housewife.

Price of fine rice including Rajanigandha, Chinigura and Kalijira for cooking *polao* varies from Tk 40 to 45.

Lachha semai is sold at Tk15 per packet while uncovered lachha at Tk 44 to 48 per kg.

Dried grape called *kismis* is sold at Tk 150 per kg, while ghee at Tk 180 to 200.

The price of beef, mutton and chicken, however, did not increase much, said a shopper.

In chain super market like Shop N Save, mutton, chicken, beef and beef kima are sold at Tk 180, Tk 130, Tk 105 and Tk 140 per kg.

A supervisor at Shop N Save said their price of meat is higher as these are processed and preserved properly.

"As I have finished purchasing of dress and footwear for my family members, I am now busy with buying spices and other ingredients of cooking. The dishes, I like most for Eid day, are obviously rich food. My first choice is *biriani*, chicken roast and *rezala*," said Nizam Chowdhury at Hatirpul kitchen market.

"But this year my wife would also prepare *bhuna khichuri* with chicken *jhal fry*," he said, adding, "Among the sweet dishes I like pudding, custard and semai."

"Her special items are *chotpoti* and *halim*. She also plans to cook *polao* and white *jhal* beef."

Payesh, jarda, halim and noodles are common dishes for Eid. Different types of cakes are also prepared on this occasion.

Thus, Eid also becomes an occasion for delicious and mouthwatering dishes.

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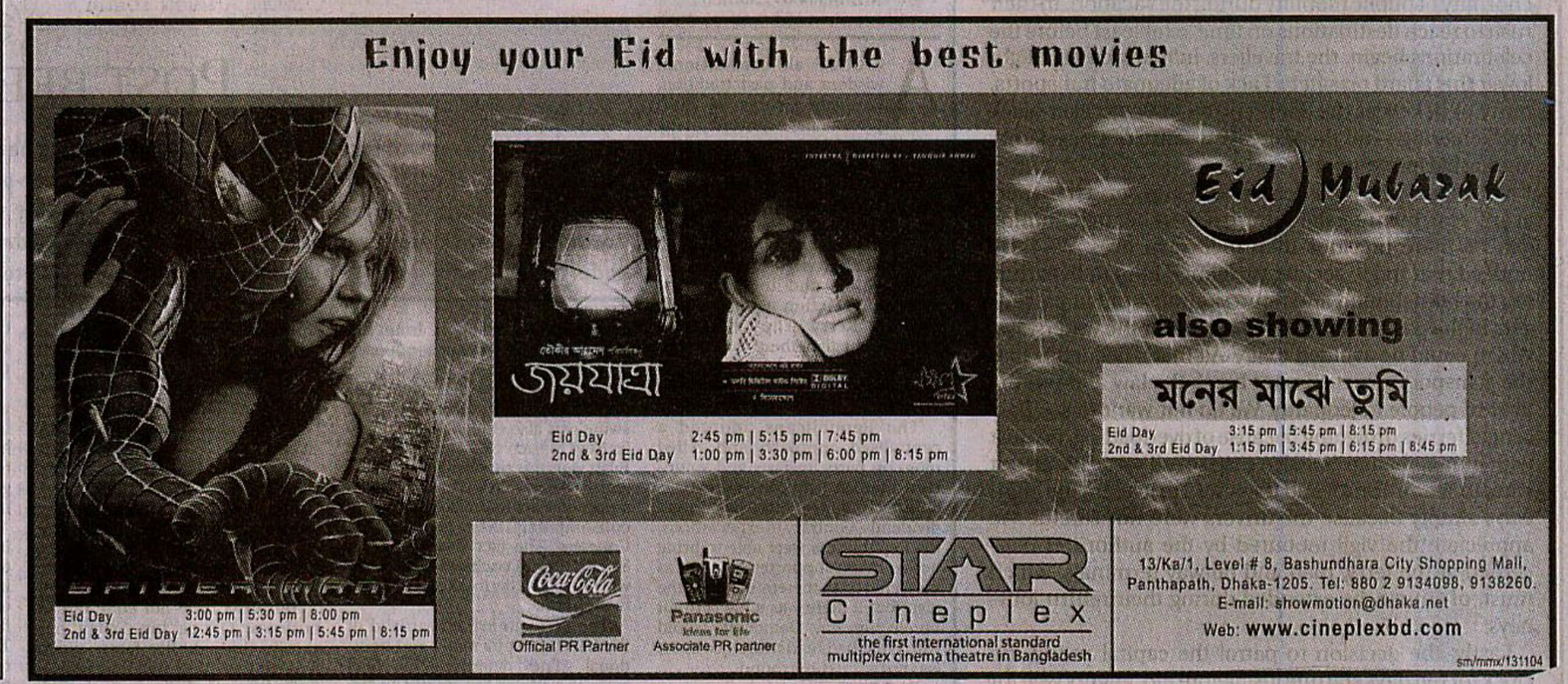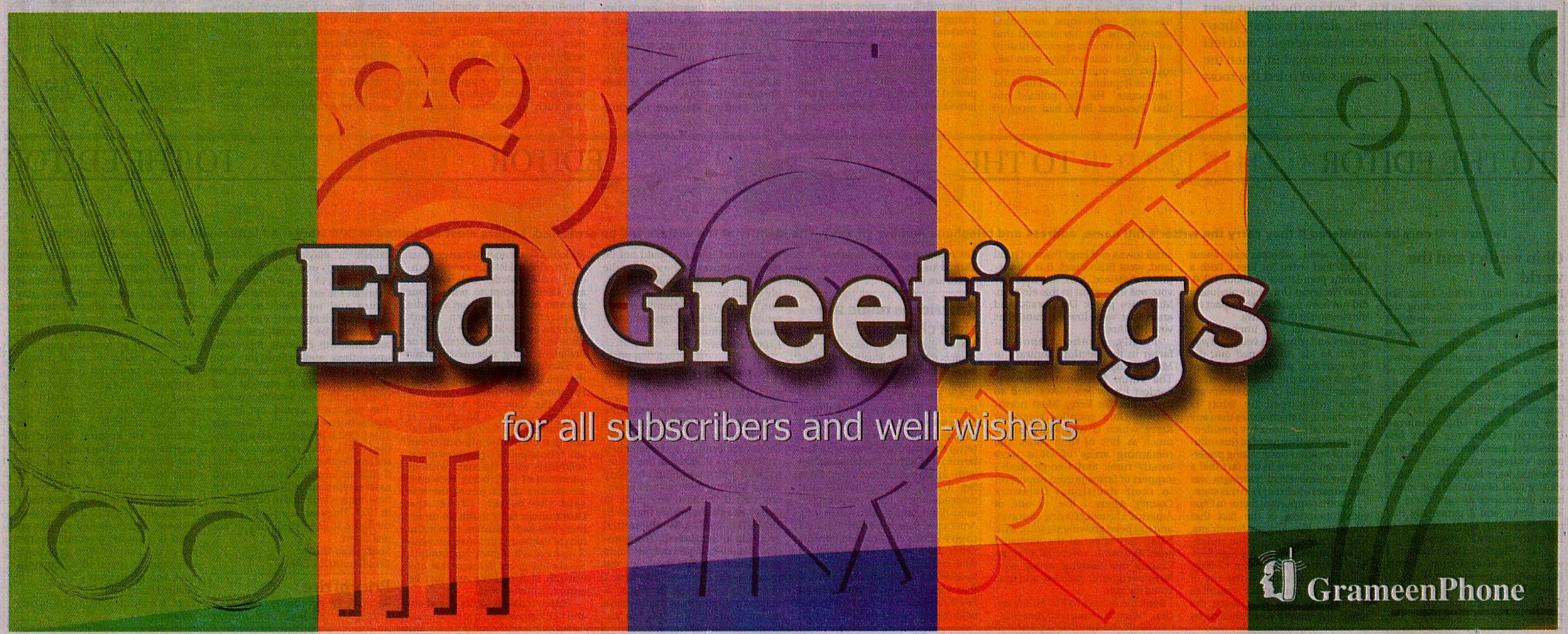
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