

## Eid Mubarak



**FedEx**  
Express  
Bangladesh Express Co. Ltd.  
Licensee of Federal Express Corporation



**PHILIPS** Whirlpool CHANGHONG TRANSTECH

'Transcom Service Centre' is open during Eid Holidays!

(Closed only on the Eid day January 22, 2005)

TRANSOM ELECTRONICS

Service Hotline : 0189 244801

## Brisk sales at cattle markets

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Cattle markets in the capital and on its outskirts yesterday saw a boost in sales and purchases of sacrificial animals with only a day left before the Eid-ul-Azha.

Apart from bulls and goats, buffaloes and even lambs were put on sale at the 16 makeshift markets and at the city's permanent cattle market at Gabtoli. Cattle were also being bought and sold at different points on the city roads in violation of the law.

Buyers said cattle traders were demanding higher prices of the animals this year compared to last year's while traders attributed this to increased cattle feed prices and transport costs.

Most buyers were seen going for a hard bargain over the price.

Traders said sometimes the prices offered for their cattle were even below their purchase rate.

Explaining this, trader Firoz Alam at Golapbagh market said, "We

SEE PAGE 11 COL 5

## Eid celebrated a day early

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Several thousand people around the country, including a few in the capital, celebrated the holy Eid-ul-Azha yesterday following Eid celebrations in Saudi Arabia the same day.

Nearly 250 men and women took part in the Eid prayers at the Shreshwar Darbar Sharif of city's Khilgaon. Fariduddin Khan, secretary general of the International Moon Sighting Committee (IMSC), said, "We celebrated Eid on the same

SEE PAGE 11 COL 6

## Tk 60 lakh cell phone sets seized at ZIA

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Customs officials yesterday seized mobile phone sets, electronic goods and gold ornaments worth about Tk 60 lakh from two passengers at Zia International Airport (ZIA).

After a tip-off, customs personnel challenged two passengers of Thai Airways' TG-321. One of them admitted to carrying mobile phone sets. The flight from Bangkok landed

SEE PAGE 11 COL 3

## Two traders, contractor robbed

UNB, Keraniganj

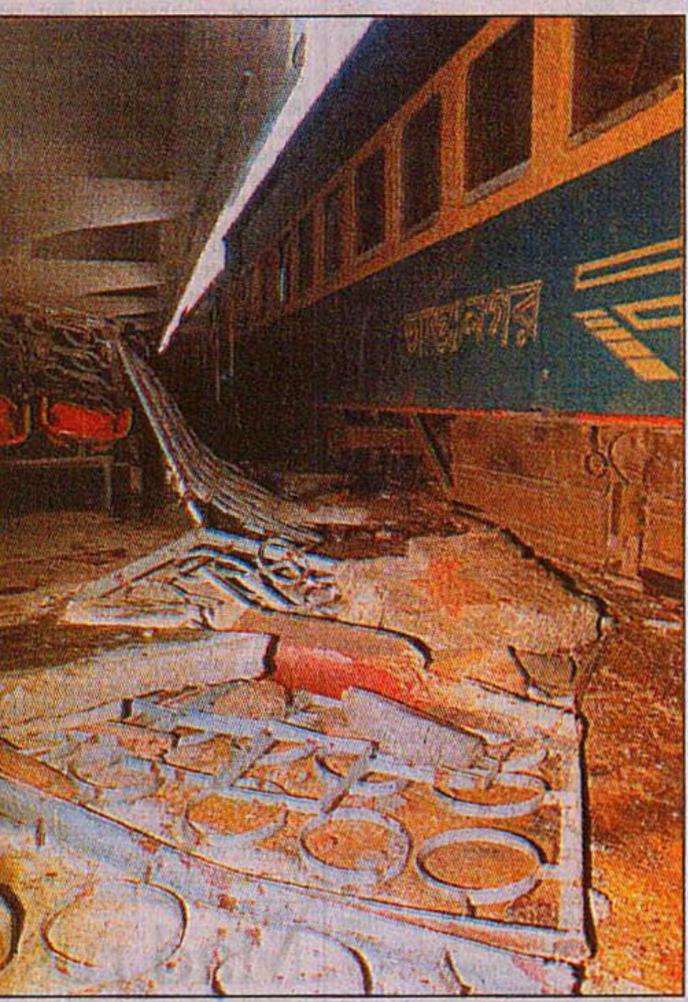
Two traders and a contractor were robbed of over Tk 100,000 in two separate incidents in Keraniganj yesterday.

Police and locals said a gang of miscreants swooped on Sydir Islam Shahid, 34, a contractor from Fatullah, when he came to Doleswar at about 9:00am to buy sacrificial animals.

The gang stabbed Shahid and took away Tk 24,000 from him.

In another incident, a gang of eight snatched Tk 78,000 and two mobile phone sets from local traders Salam and Rafiq when they went to Chunkuita to purchase sacrificial cows at noon.

Separate cases were filed with Keraniganj Police Station.



## Two bogies roll onto platform at Kamalapur

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two compartments of a Dinajpur-bound express train yesterday crashed into a platform at Kamalapur Station causing panic among the passengers.

Railway Police said the inter-district train Ekata Express, which was scheduled to leave for Dinajpur at 9:00am, broke through the platform while being positioned at about 11:25am.

The train tore apart the grill placed at the end of the track and went straight into the platform, railway police said.

The Bangladesh Railways authorities detached the two compartments and the train started for its destination at 12:30pm with the remaining 10 compartments.

No one was injured in the crash though some of the passengers were on board.

A three-member committee was formed yesterday to probe the accident. It recorded statements of the driver, the concerned authorities and witnesses yesterday.

High officials of the BR visited the spot.

PHOTO: STAR

Two bogies of a train roll onto the platform of Kamalapur Station yesterday.

## Forty more robbed through doping

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Forty more people, all drugged unconscious, were admitted to Dhaka Medical College and Hospital (DMCH) until yesterday evening, as muggers doped them at different cattle markets and in buses in the capital.

The criminals drugged 11 traders and took away about Tk 160,000 at the city's Gabtoli cattle market Wednesday night.

One of the victims told reporters at the DMCH that they lost consciousness soon after they took food at Gabtoli cattle market.

"I felt sleepy after taking the food and later found myself lying here," said Abdul Alim, 22. He suspects

somebody at the cattle market mixed drug in their food.

"We all came from Chilmari village in Daulatpur in Kushtia and sold seven of 11 animals we brought," he added.

His colleagues who remained unconscious at the DMCH are Nur Mondol, 40, Bablu, 25, Wahed, 30, Zakir, 17, Abdul Quddus, 25, Kutta, 50, Aziz Khan, 40, Lukumuddin, 40, Rafiqul, 30 and Jahangir, 25.

Meantime, two traders lost their money from the sale of three animals at Gabtoli bus station in the early hours Wednesday.

"We were on way home in Bogra after selling the cattle and I could not remember how we fell unconscious," said Abdul Alim, 22. He suspects

the DMCH has reported an

SEE PAGE 11 COL 3

## Abbas moves to halt attack on Israel

Decides to deploy police along border

AP, Gaza City

The Palestinians will deploy hundreds of police officers along the Gaza-Israel frontier in coming days to prevent rocket fire and other attacks on Israeli towns, in the first act of security cooperation with Israel under Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas, officials said yesterday.

Abbas ordered the troop deployment after a meeting Wednesday night between Israeli and Palestinian leaders, convened in a last-ditch effort to avert an Israeli military offensive in Gaza.

SEE PAGE 11 COL 7

## Dhaka dubbed as model of early disaster warning method

AP, Kobe

As the United Nations tries to coordinate disaster warning systems for a tsunami warning system, experts say low-tech measures are the most crucial in saving lives in disasters.

Catastrophes take their most devastating toll in poor and marginalised communities, indicating that the main problem is not the science of predicting disasters but finding a way to reach more people, they say.

"The high-tech is very important, but not everybody lives in hotels or has access to a mobile phone to be informed immediately," said Eva Von Oelreich, head of the disaster

Abbas has been holding talks with leaders of militant groups in Gaza since Tuesday, and his aides said he was edging closer to a truce

SEE PAGE 11 COL 1

## 23 troops, 6 Maoists killed in Nepal clash

AP, Kathmandu

At least 23 soldiers and police and six Maoist rebels were killed in a clash in eastern Nepal while 16 security personnel were still missing a day after the battle, the army said yesterday.

The army said it had retrieved the bodies of 23 security personnel and six rebels after Wednesday's clash

SEE PAGE 11 COL 6

## Prayer Timing

January 21

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-30	6-05
Juma	12-30	1-15
Asr	4-15	4-30
Maghrib	5-43	5-47
Esha	7-15	7-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

requested to attend the Milad Mahfil and pray to the Almighty Allah for eternal peace of his departed soul.

On behalf of Family Members  
Father : Bazlul Haque (Dipu)

## Bush begins new term

AFP, Washington

With the US capital blanketed by tight security and newly fallen snow, President George W. Bush launched his second term yesterday mindful

of a legacy shaped by the war on terrorism and Iraq.

"America has need of idealism and courage, because we have essential work at home, the unfinished work of American freedom,"

the president will say in his inaugural address, according to excerpts released by the White House.

"In a world moving toward liberty, we are determined to show the meaning and promise of liberty," he

will add. Bush will be sworn in outside the US Capitol at noon (1700 GMT), in the 55th US presidential swearing-in and the first since the September

SEE PAGE 11 COL 7

*Fair & Lovely* FOUNDATION  
SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

ARE YOU A BANGLADESHI GIRL WHO COMPLETED HER HSC IN 2003? DO YOU WANT TO SEE YOURSELF AT THE TOP? THEN FAIR & LOVELY FOUNDATION HAS THE IDEAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME FOR YOU. A 25,000 TAKA SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE AWARDED TO EACH OF 200 GIRLS!

## What is the Scholarship all about?

It's a part of Fair & Lovely Foundation's objective to empower women through education, career guidance and scholarships. Under this scholarship program this year, 200 of the most meritorious girls across Bangladesh will be given 25,000 Taka scholarships (each) for higher education.

## Scholarships available on:

- Medicine
- Engineering
- Science
- Arts/Social Science
- Commerce
- Higher Agro-science

## How do you apply?

Simple! Just fill out the application form attached along with this advertisement, and mail it to the address below by 15 February 2005. The scholarships will be awarded to deserving individuals on the basis of academic performance and a personal interview with our panel of judges.



## Application form for HSC pass girls in the year 2003

(Please use ballpoint pen. Place a tick where necessary)

## Personal details:

Applicant's Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Married  Unmarried

## Academic Qualifications:

Name of Examination	Year of Passing	Board	School / College	Total Marks	Division/ GPA
SSC					
HSC					

## Currently studying :

Medicine  Engineering  Science  Arts/Social Science  Commerce  Higher Agro-science

Name and Address of current Academic Institute:

.....

## Family Background:

Name of Father/Husband	Occupation & Designation	Business Address	Contact No.
.....	.....	.....	.....

Number of family members: .....

Number of dependent family members: .....

Total monthly family income: .....

## Describe your personal aspirations (Maximum 500 words, Bengali/English):

- Your personal strengths as an individual
- Your goals and ambitions
- Where do you see yourself 5 years from now

## You also need to attach these documents:

- Copies of all certificates (Attested by 1st class gazetted officer)
- Admission letter from current Academic Institute/University
- Two recent passport size photographs

## Notes:

Incomplete forms will not be accepted. All applications must reach the given address by 15 Feb 2005. Decisions of the panelists/judges will be considered final. Any form of solicitation will be considered a disqualification.

Please send your application form to:

Fair and Lovely Foundation, G.P.O. Box no: 3806, Dhaka, Bangladesh.