Pvt airlines to carry non-ballotee Hajj pilgrims STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has decided to allow other airlines to carry Hajj pilgrims through non-governmental channels this year

Earlier, Bangladesh Biman and Saudia, royal Saudi airlines, jointly carried all the Hajj pilgrims from Bangladesh.

However, Biman will carry all the Hajj pilgrims going through government channel. The government has targeted 4,000 pilgrims this year

On the other hand, the number of pilgrims travelling through nongovernment channels will be around 56.000.

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Durga to be immersed today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Devout Hindus will take the Durga idols to the riverbanks in processions for immersion today

The devotees celebrated Mahanabami and Bijoya Dashami at Puja mandaps in the city with great festivity yesterday. According to the lunar schedule, Bijoya Dashami was also celebrated vesterday, the Puja Udjapon Committee said.

Devi Durga, the Hindu goddess of supreme power, was offered the Nabami Bhog of food and fruits yesterday. The Bhog was later distributed among the devotees visiting the Puja mandaps

Bijoya Dashami is the special ceremony to reaffirm peace and good relations among the people. Families visit each other to share sweets during the Dasami festivity.

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Nepal king orders for elections by 2007 AFP, Kathmandu

King Gyanendra has issued orders for parliamentary elections to be held in Nepal by April 2007, state-run radio said Wednesday, in line with his pledge

OVER EXPENDITURE, IRREGULARITIES Ecnec refers two projects to ACC for investigation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has decided to place two projects -- on electricity supply to 16 towns and the construction of Mymensingh Bypass -- under investiga-Saifur Rahman tion of the Anti-corruption Commission After the meeting, Saifur said money (ACC) for over expenditure of Tk 280

crore and other irregularities The decision was taken vesterday by the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Ecnec) at a meeting chaired by Finance Minister M

for another without approval of the proper authorities. "We have set up the ACC...They have got experts and now they will investigate the irregularities," he told reporters.

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taken from one project has been spent

Hasina says govt has no right to cling to power

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leader of the Opposition in the Jatiya Sangsad Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the ruling alliance has no right to stay in power anymore as the prime minister in her address to the nation on Monday admitted failure of her government to deliver.

"The prime minister categorically confessed that her government has failed decided to increase the manpower and to tackle deteriorating law and order and selling points from next week for the convenience of the buyers, said meeting unabated corruption, and any failed government has no right to cling to sources power to increase people's sufferings," she said.

mum limit of a buyer for the four essentials sold at open markets, fixing the Hasina, also president of the Awami League (AL), gave this maximum quantity of sugar to five kgs SEE PAGE 15 COL 3

TCB to beef up open sale of essentials

from the previous two kgs, and onion pulse and gram to two kgs from the The government at a taskforce meeting previous one kg. It also decided to on the market situation vesterday continue the sales after Ramadan. decided to increase ongoing trading of Due to limitations of TCB, the gov essentials through the Trading ernment had engaged the anasr and VDP Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB) to

personnel in the open market operation of the TCB from October 7 and will now incorporate more of them in the activity. The government had selected 40 specific locations in the capital to market four essential commodities--sugar.

pulses, onion and gram--under the TCB from the opening day of Ramadan. The commerce ministry divided the

city into 10 zones to run the operation from 10:00am to 3:00pm six-days-a-

week except Fridays. The operation has also started in Chittagong, Khulna and Rajshahi.

The participants at the meeting said the open market sale, which has remained suspended since 2002, has ad a positive impact on market prices. Experts, however, described the

move as "positive but a limited one" against the prevailing and volatile price situation prior to Ramadan. They expressed doubts about the success of

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the operation. Earlier last year, the same

Diarrhoea breaks out Bar body to shun function if 19 HC judges attend in Rangpur

Gaibandha flood situation still grave

OUR CORREPONDENT, Gaibandha

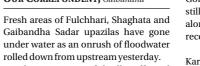
Gaibandha Sadar upazilas have gone under water as an onrush of floodwater rolled down from upstream yesterday.

reign in spiralling prices.

The meeting, chaired by Commerce

Minister Altaf Hossain Choudhury,

The meeting increased the maxi-



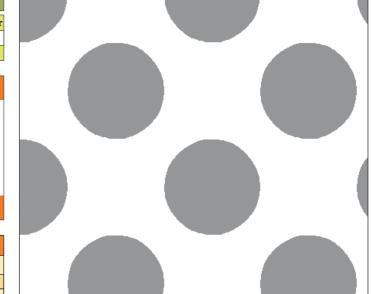
The situation of badly affected



Prayer Timing

October 13 Azan Jamaat Gobindaganj and Palashbari upazilas is has been washed away at Namapara under Darbastha union of Gobindaganj upazila Plying of vehicles on Gobinda-ganj-

Naldanga road stopped as the road breached at three points. Local SEE PAGE 15 COL 7





A devotee receives prasad (food with blessing) from the priest at Ramna Kali temple during Nabami of Durga Puja yesterday.

Quake relief reaches some in Pakistan Girl pulled alive after 4 days as many still wait for rescuers

REUTERS, AP

survivors. "I want to drink," the girl delivered aid to victims yesterday, a day

BDNEWS, Dhaka The Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) will boycott the annual gettogether of the Supreme Court on October 17 if the "politically appointed" 19 High Court judges attend the func-

tion The SCBA specially mentioned the name of Justice Faisal Mahmud Faizee whom they termed a "controversial person.

The decision was taken at a closeddoor meeting of the SCBA executive committee on Tuesday. A copy of the resolution has already been sent to the chief justice.

As per the Supreme Court tradition, the chief justice organises a get together of the judges and lawyers on the opening day after the long annual vacation of the court every year, which the SCBA

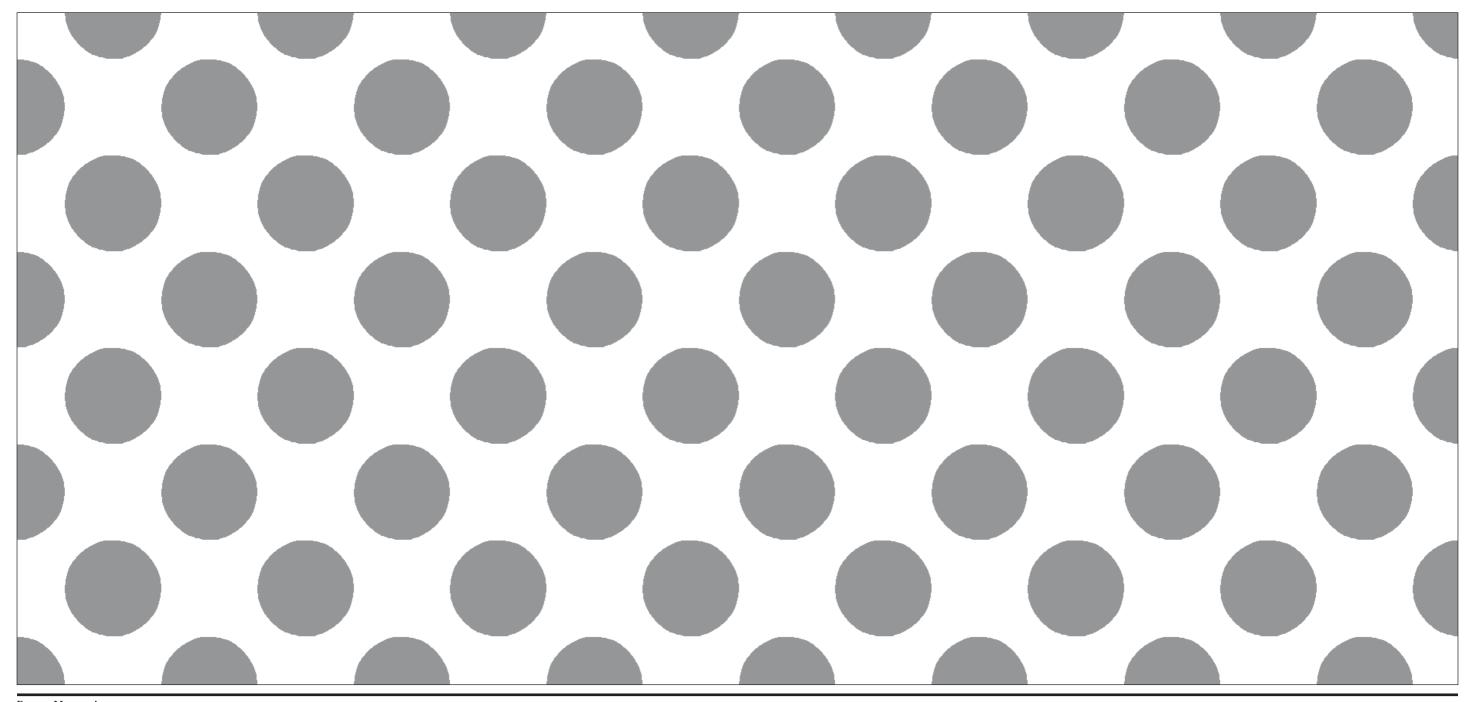
attends SCBA Secretary advocate M SEE PAGE 15 COL 5

DEEP-SEA PORT Govt to hire consultancy firm shortly

STAFF CORRESPONDENT The government will appoint a reputed international consultancy firm shortly

still serious although the water level along the Karotoa river basin slightly receded. Meanwhile, a 200-foot stretch of the Karotoa flood protection embankment

when he seized power earlier this year.	Bata Mora/ Muzaffarabad	whispered.	after rain and hail grounded relief	for conducting a techno-feasibility	Fair	4-35	4-41			
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the election commission to conduct		recovered the bodies of her father and	Pakistan from about 30 countries,		Asr	4-15	4-30			
the parliamentary elections before	crumbled on her, rescuers pulled the	two sisters. Her mother and another two	including longtime rival India.	day finalised the terms and conditions	Maghrib	5-38	5-53			
April 2007," the radio reported.	dust-covered 5-year-old out of the	sisters survived Saturday's quake.	However, the Indian effort was not	for appointing a consultancy firm,	Esha	7-30	8-00			
Gyanendra, who sacked a	rubble yesterday, a shot of good news as	Helicopters flying in clear skies		which will be selected						
SEE PAGE 15 COL 6	hopes faded of finding other earthquake		SEE PAGE 15 COL 8	SEE PAGE 15 COL 2	Source: Islamic Foundation					



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