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Eid Greetings
The Daily Star
wishes its readers, patrons, advertisers and well-wishers a very happy Eid.

HOLIDAY
The offices of The Daily Star will remain closed on September 20, 21 and 22 on the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr and there will be no issue of the newspaper on Sept 21, 22 and 23. However, if Eid is celebrated on Sept 22, the following day (Sept 23) will also be a holiday and in that case there will be no issue of the newspaper on Sept 24.
NO BUSINESS
Due to lean business activities ahead of Eid, Star Business is not coming out today. Also, the Sept 22 issue of Star Lifestyle and Sept 24 issue of Rising Stars will not be published.

Rajuk to take action against 198 buildings

DMP lists 344 buildings with no parking space or misusing space

KAILASH SARKAR

Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakkha (Rajuk) will take action against 198 buildings located on busy city roads, the authorities of which occupy the roads for car parking while using their own parking spaces for other purposes.

Dhaka Metropolitan Police identified the buildings through a recent survey as part of its plan to curb traffic jam in the capital and sent the list to Rajuk, asking it for immediate measures.

The traffic department of DMP divided the

capital into 11 zones for the survey and detected 344 buildings responsible for traffic congestions, which is a regular phenomenon in Dhaka city.

Of these buildings, 198 park vehicles on roads although they have their own parking spaces while the remaining 146 buildings do not have parking facilities in the plans submitted to Rajuk, DMP officials said.

The DMP conducted the survey on some roads in Hatkhola, Tikatuli, Motijheel, Fakirerpul, Gulistan, Islampur, Sadarghat, SEE PAGE 15 COL 7

Eid likely tomorrow

Tuesday, if moon not sighted today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eid-ul-Fitr, the biggest religious festival of the Muslims, will be celebrated across the country tomorrow if the moon of the holy month Shawal is sighted today.

If the moon is not sighted today, the Eid will move to the next day [Tuesday] ending the month-long fasting of Ramadan.

Muslims across the globe will seek divine blessings. SEE PAGE 15 COL 4

BEXTEX LOAN REPAYMENT PLAN

Decoding a riddle

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Beximco Textiles (Bextex) has recently won the Securities and Exchange Commission's approval to pay off its foreign and local creditors by issuing 19 crore new shares at Tk 32, down from Tk 60, the going price of company shares.

Bextex also demanded a lifting of its lock-in system, which the SEC rejected.

The company will not issue the new shares to the foreign creditors directly, but to an "assignee" nominated by the foreign lenders.

After receiving the shares, the assignee will pay off the loans to the foreign lenders -- (Commonwealth Development Corporation), a UK-based equity investor in emerging markets, DEG, a German development finance institution, and Marubeni Corporation, a Japanese company. SEE PAGE 12 COL 5

JHAU PLUNDERING

4 forest staff suspended

A CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Four forest staff have been suspended for negligence in discharging duties and aiding the plunderers of some 30,000 Jhau (tamarisk) trees on Teknaf beach in Cox's Bazar early this month.

They are Teknaf Forest Range Officer Golam Mostafa, Beat Officer Manash Kumar Chakma, forest guard Hanif Majumdar and the department's boatman Abdus Sabur.

MA Khaleq, Chittagong Divisional Forest Officer of the SEE PAGE 15 COL 6



PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN
An overcrowded launch is seen on its way to Patuakhali from Sadarghat terminal in Dhaka yesterday with only two days left for Eid-ul-Fitr.

UNGA SESSION

PM flies to NY tomorrow

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who leaves for New York tomorrow (September 21) to attend the 64th UN General Assembly session, will focus her speech on the adverse impacts of climate change and global financial crisis.

She will also emphasise the restoration of democracy and the rule of law in Bangladesh.

Briefing reporters at the foreign ministry yesterday, Foreign Secretary Mijarul Quayes said the PM will attend SEE PAGE 15 COL 3

Outlaw killed in 'crossfire'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A regional leader of outlawed Janajuddho was killed in 'crossfire' between his cohorts and police at Nandanpur under Pabna Sadar Upazila yesterday.

The dead, Sukkur Ali alias Boma Sukkur, 30, son of Abdul Hakim Pramanik of Nandanpur village, was accused in six cases including murder, police said.

Acting on a tip-off, a team from Ataikula Police Station raided the Nandanpur intersection around 1:00am where SEE PAGE 15 COL 6

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