



Devotees offer prayers during an Eid congregation at Baitul Mukarram Mosque in the city on Saturday.

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DCC launches drive to clean city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) has started a massive drive to clean the city after the slaughtering of sacrificial animals on the day of Eid-ul-Azha, but many lanes still remain unclean.

Splashes of blood from sacrificial animals were seen in many areas, including Kazipara, Shewrapara, Agargaon, Mohammadpur, Hazaribagh, Lalbagh, Adabar, Uttarkhan, Dakkhinkhan, Khilgaon, Purba Goran, Basabo, Mugda, Manda, Gandaria and Shyamapur.

However, thoroughfares of the city were clean as DCC sprayed antiseptic water on them.

Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka inaugurated the clean-up drive at Kamalapur at 3:00pm on November 28.

To ensure a clean city, all the officials and employees of DCC's waste management department have been on duty during Eid holidays.

A DCC official said they have tried their best to clean the city and performed their duties even on Eid day.

Besides, 820 more cleaners and 137 trucks were engaged in the clean-up drive.

Six pay-loaders, two tyre dodgers, 20 dump trucks, seven water lorries, five trailers and two prime movers were also engaged in the drive to clear the garbage from 15 makeshift cattle markets, said the DCC official.

It is not possible for the city corporation alone to clean the city, he said, adding that the city dwellers will also have to play a major role in keeping the city clean.

Many residents, however, said they themselves cleaned wastes of sacrificial animals off the place around their houses without waiting for the DCC cleaners.

"We did not find any DCC cleaner in our lane in Gandaria on Eid day," said Nazrul, a resident.

"Many residents also dumped entrails of sacrificial animals into drains, which might block the drains. So, the authorities should take immediate steps to clear the drains," said a resident of Pallabi.



A water lorry sprays antiseptic water onto North South Road in the city yesterday as part of DCC's drive to clean blood of sacrificial animals off streets.

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One killed, 10 hurt in clashes over buying hides

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

One person was killed and at least 10 others were injured in clashes over buying hides in the city on Saturday, the Eid day.

The deceased was identified as Tajuddin, 35, of Shekerteek at Nandipara in the city's Khilgaon.

Police said they recovered the body of Tajuddin from a pond in the area around 2:30pm on Sunday and sent it to Dhaka Medical College Morgue (DMC) for autopsy. The body marks of stab injuries.

Victim's family members told reporters at morgue that he went out of his residence with Tk 1.10 lakh to buy hides from different houses in the area on the Eid day and since then he was missing.

They said when Tajuddin left the residence along with his several friends who are absconding since the incident.

Kilgaon police said Tajuddin had

involvement in criminal activities and his cohorts might have killed him.

Meanwhile, two rival groups of local people clashed over buying hides at Shahidnagar, leaving at least six people injured on the night of Eid.

Locals said around 30 people -- one led by Azad while the other by Badal -- clashed with lethal weapons creating panic in the area.

They said the clashes began as cadres of the rival groups tried to refrain each other from buying hides from other areas.

On information, police brought the situation under control.

In another incident at Gandaria, two rival groups clashed over establishing control over the hide market in the area, leaving at least four injured.

Locals said around 11:30pm on the Eid day around 25-30 local people of rival groups equipped with sharp weapons attacked each other.

They said the clashes began when one

group did not allow their rivals to buy hides from their areas.

Meanwhile, two people sustained bullet injuries as muggers snatched their belongings spraying bullets on them on the Eid day at East Rampura and Gulapbagh in the city.

The injured were identified as Zafar, 20, of East Rampura while the other was Hanif, 24, a transport worker of Salsabil Paribahan.

The injured were rushed to DMCH.

Police said a gang of armed criminals shot Zafar in his leg and snatched money from him while he was sitting with his friends in front of his house following the Eid day.

In another incident, Hanif fell victim to the muggers while he was discharging his duty at the bus counter at Gulapbagh around 4:00pm.

He was shot in his legs. The muggers looted money from his cash box and fled the scene.

Youth shot dead in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Armed robbers shot a youth dead while fleeing after committing a robbery at Fatikchhari in the district early Sunday.

The dead was identified as Mohammad Alamgir, 26, son of one Korban Ali.

Sources said a gang of robbers numbering 16-17 stormed into the house of cattle trader Arban Ali at around 3:30am and looted cash worth Tk 1.54 lakh, holding the inmates at gunpoint.

As the gang was making away with the money, the inmates started screaming for help prompting the villagers to chase the gang.

At one stage, the robbers sprayed bullets on the villagers, leaving Arban Ali's nephew Alamgir killed on the spot.

Arban Ali filed a case with the concerned Bhujpur Police Station in this connection.

Meanwhile, police arrested three suspects - Salim, 30, Hashem, 30, and Mahub, 32, from different areas of the village in this connection, said Bhujpur Police Station Officer-in-Charge Abdur Rahman.

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Changes in judiciary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday brought changes in the offices of an additional district judge and three joint district judges after consulting with the Supreme Court.

Additional District Judge of Jessore Md Moyeedul Islam was transferred to the cabinet division to be appointed as director of the legal and prosecution wing of the Anti-Corruption Commission on deputation, an official hand-out says.

Judge of the land survey tribunal in Dhaka Md Shahidullah has been made joint district judge in Madaripur while Md Maksudur Rahman, joint district judge of Dhaka, has been transferred as joint district judge of Jhalakati and Md Mamunur Rashid, joint district judge of Dhaka, was appointed joint district judge of Barguna.

Exhibition on designs of War Museum

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An exhibition of architectural designs for the new building of Liberation War Museum to be built in Agargaon in the city began at Nalinikanto Vattoshali auditorium of the National Museum, says a press release.

The exhibition will remain open till tomorrow. Earlier, designs were invited for the new building.