



The risks, delays and not getting tickets could not stop them and such is their urge to spend Eid with their families. The photo was taken near Joydevpur yesterday on Teesta Express heading for Parbatipur.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Thousands leave city for villages

Homebound people cram bus, launch terminals, railway stations; Eid likely tomorrow

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"I can't wait to see dadu [grandfather]," said Shaon with a mouthful of biscuits, "Last year dadu put me on the back of a cow and I rode the cow. It was a lot of fun."

The five year old was seen at Kamalapur Railway Station waiting with his parents on their way to Dinaipur.

Lit up faces like theirs were everywhere in stations and terminals in the capital.

These people are no strangers to waiting in long queues for trains and buses. They do it every day. But people's wait at the city's train, bus and launch terminals yesterday was different. Thousands of Dhaka dwellers were waiting to be reunited with their loved ones and familiar faces.

With the country's biggest religious festival probably just a few dozen hours away, thousands started leaving for their homes outside Dhaka since earlier this week.

Eid will be celebrated across the country tomorrow if the moon of the month of Shawal is sighted today. Otherwise, Eid will be the next day (Saturday) ending the month-long fasting in Ramadan.

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EID HOLIDAY

The offices of The Daily Star will remain closed on September 9, 10 and 11 on the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr and there will be no issue of the newspaper on Sept 10, 11 and 12. However, if Eid is celebrated on Sept 11, the following day (Sept 12) will also be a holiday and in that case there will be no issue of the newspaper on Sept 13.

NOTICE

Due to Eid holidays, Star Lifestyle's Sept 14 issue will be dropped. The next issue will run as scheduled on Sept 21 after

Bank account for poor at Tk 10

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The central bank yesterday directed all public banks to help the ultra-poor open bank accounts at Tk 10 so they can get the benefits of government sponsored safety net programmes.

A person can open an account by showing national identity card or registration cards issued from the food and disaster management ministry, Bangladesh Bank said in a circular yesterday.

The banks will not charge any fee and will not need any minimum depository money under the provision, said the circular adding that filling up

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Port city to add 2,000MW power

Says PM as she opens Shikalbaha plant, 3rd Karnaphuli Bridge

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A 2,000megawatt power plant would be set up in Chittagong to ease the nagging electricity crisis, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina announced yesterday.

The process of installing two more 100MW plants at Dohazari and Hathazari would start next year, she told a rally in the CDA residential area after inaugurating the 150MW Peaking Power Plant at Shikalbaha of Patiya upazila.

She also inaugurated the 3rd Karnaphuli bridge, Karnaphuli Gas Distribution Company Ltd and the new Court Building after

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Sheikh Hasina at the rally in CDA Residential Area ground.

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