



Traffic congestion on the Dhaka-Aricha Highway at Savar Bazar due to the pressure of homebound passengers ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

EID CONGREGATION

# Some to seek blessings, some to beg alms

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

City dweller heading to the mosque or eidgah with family members early on the Eid day morning to attend the Eid congregation is a common scenario. Thousand of beggars go there too, but with a different purpose altogether.

They gather in front of different mosques in numbers not to pray, but to beg. From the early morning, they engage in a competition to secure a better location to maximise the day's earnings.

As Eid-ul-Fitr, the biggest religious festival of the Muslims, approaches nearer, city dwellers in the town are preparing to capitalise on the occasion to earn a handsome amount of money.

"I'll try to come to Karwan Bazar Jam-e-Masjid early in the morning as it's tough to

find a suitable place due to gathering of other beggars and slum dwellers," said Hamid Ali, a middle-aged beggar.

A group of beggars who beg in Karwan Bazar and Sonargaon crossing round the year said they plan to go to different mosques and other prayer grounds hoping to earn more.

Abdur Rahman, who begs in Uttara, said he will go to Uttara mosque in Sector-3. "Rich people pray there, and they give pretty good money," he said.

Physically impaired Afzal, however, has an income target even higher and he wants to make it from the National Eidgah Maidan where the capital's main Eid congregation is held.

Asked why he has chosen this ground, he said renowned people offer their prayers here and they give good amount of money. He earned Tk300 last year in the morning alone.

Beggars in the city usually earn higher in

the month of Ramadan as many people consider it a duty to help the poor during this time.

Many beggars and poor people from rural area come to Dhaka during this month to earn more money, a number of beggars said.

Aminul, one such beggar, came to Dhaka from Mymensingh last week with an aim to earn enough money to build a makeshift house in his village.

While begging in front of Bashundhara City at Panthapath yesterday, he said the money he earned in just one week is double of what he earned in the first 20 days of Ramadan in Mymensingh.

He will return home a day before Eid, he said.

However, many of them have a harsh reality to share. For them Eid does not bring any meaning other than creating a scope to earn some extra money.

## Cancel appointments of pro-AL lawyers in ACC Demands pro-BNP lawyers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of Jatiyatabadi Ainjibi Forum (JAF), a pro-BNP lawyers' association, yesterday demanded cancellation of appointments of Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) lawyers who have been conducting cases against BNP leaders.


A section of BNP League-backed lawyers have been conducting cases on behalf of the ACC since the army-backed caretaker government's regime said JAF President Rafiqul Islam Mian.

The cases these lawyers are conducting are against the BNP leaders, including its Chairperson Khaleda Zia and Senior Vice Chairman Tarique Rahman, he added.

Addressing a press conference at south hall of the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA), Rafiqul said those pro-AL lawyers are "misappropriating" crores of taka from ACC for moving cases against BNP leaders and damaging the independent character of anti-corruption organisation.

JAF Secretary General Mahub Uddin Khokon also spoke at the conference.

Earlier on Tuesday, BNP leader Nazmul Huda termed two newly formed committees of JAF illegal and undemocratic, as they were secretly formed violating the forum's constitution.



### National Bank Limited

Registered Office : 18 Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000.

## PRICE SENSITIVE INFORMATION

This is to notify for all concerned that the Board of Directors of National Bank Limited in its 317<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2010 at 1.30 p. m. has decided to fix the **Record Date on Wednesday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2010** to set up a corporate action in Central Depository System (CDS) for giving effect of change in denomination of share value (Face Value) from Tk. 100.00 (Taka one hundred) to Tk. 10.00 (Taka ten) each as well as market lot from 20 (Twenty) to 100 (One Hundred) shares of National Bank Limited as approved by Securities and Exchange Commission vide their letter no.SEC/SRMIC/94-61/578 dated August 26, 2010.

By order of the Board of Directors

Dated : Dhaka  
8<sup>th</sup> September 2010

**A K M SHAFIQUR RAHMAN**  
Company Secretary



May the spirit of this Eid fill our lives with love, joy and prosperity.

baydevelopments.com



*Eid Mubarak*

On the auspicious occasion of Eidul Fitr we extend our warm wishes to you all

Builder of *Classic Apartments*

## TRUST ALLIANCE

Technology Limited

House # 104 (1st & 2nd Floor), Park Road, New DOHS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1206.  
Phone: 8712118, 8712563, 8712564, 8715479, 871580, Fax : 88 02 8715094  
www.trustalliancebd.com, e-mail: trustalliance@gmail.com

MEMBER REHAB


### Jute worth Tk 40 lakh gutted in Chittagong

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Jute worth around Tk 40 lakh was gutted in a storehouse fire at Amin Jute Mill in Chittagong city yesterday.

Almost three hours into breaking out of the fire around 7:20am, five fire fighting units from two stations managed to extinguish it.







The blaze might have been started by an electric short-circuit causing an estimated loss of Tk 40 lakh, according to the fire service officials.




Nothing like Anything

# Make this Eid NOTHING LIKE ANYTHING.


Choose from our revolutionary range of phones and make this Eid unforgettable for yourself and your loved ones.

 <p><b>W900</b> Taka 15,499</p> <p>Windows Mobile Voice Assisted GPS Navigation Microsoft Windows Mobile 6.1 Professional Microsoft Office WLAN</p>	 <p><b>Q55</b> Taka 8,499</p> <p>One-Touch-Launch Facebook Multi Instant Messenger 2MP Camera Preloaded Opera Mini Browser Compact Vanity Mirror</p>	 <p><b>Q7</b> Taka 4,990</p> <p>Dual SIM Support Wi-Fi Enabled Facebook Ready Multi Instant Messenger Expandable Memory (Upto 4GB) Internal Memory 78 MB</p>
 <p><b>X111</b> Taka 1,799</p> <p>Color Screen Stereo FM Radio Water resistant marble keypad Free Headphone</p>	 <p><b>X250</b> Taka 2,990</p> <p>Dual GSM-Dual Standby Twin LED Torch Light Stereo FM With Telescopic Antenna Motion Sensor Mp3 Player With Vibration Speakers Expandable Memory (Upto 8GB)</p>	 <p><b>X100</b> Taka 1,475</p> <p>One Touch Torch Color Screen FM Radio Phone Book Free Headphone</p>



1 Year WARRANTY

Authorised Distributor



Reach DISTRIBUTION

Micromax has stepped into the market with 1 year warranty facility. To fix any problem of your handset within one year of your purchase, we are here with 6 service points and 49 collection points nationwide. You will get the addresses in our warranty card.

For your inquiry, please call:  
Dhaka: 01678-006443, 01678-006440, 01678-006442 | Khulna & Barisal: 01678-006453 | Bogra, Rajshahi, Rangpur: 01678-006452, Sylhet: 01678-006454 | Comilla: 01678-006448 | Chittagong: 01678-006451



May your life be filled with joy and happiness this Eid!

*Eid Mubarak!*

Corporate office: Celebration Point, Plot: 3 & 5, Road: 113/A, Gulshan Dhaka-1212, Bangladesh.  
Phone: 8816191, 8821477, 8825349, Fax: 880-2-8812672, e-mail: info@btibd.org

Chittagong office: 27 S. S. Khaled Road (adjacent to Chittagong club) Lalkhan Bazar, Chittagong  
Phone: 031-617957, 031-2856104, 031-2856105, E-mail: info\_ctg@btibd.org

ISO 9001: 2008 CERTIFIED    REHAB MEMBERSHIP# 001    www.btibd.org



**bti** building technology & ideas Ltd.  
since 1984  
in pursuit of excellence...