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EID CATTLE MARKET

Sale, price lower than last year's

HELEMUL ALAM

The sale of sacrificial animal in the capital was yet to gain momentum till yesterday evening even though tomorrow is Eid-ul-Azha.

As customer turn up was low in comparison to that of last year, many traders did not sell their cows till afternoon with a hope of getting better price during nighttime sale.

Though the cattle price was low compared to that of last year, traders are passing their time in anxiety fearing fall of price farther.

Sattar, a cattle trader, said he brought 16 cows in Nayabzar cattle market from Jhenidah three days back but could sell only two till yesterday.

"I could sold two cows at Tk 30,000 and Tk

37,000 but similar cows were sold at Tk 42,000 and 50,000 respectively last year," he said.

Fearing loss, he sold them with a minimum profit margin, Sattar added.

A middle size cow on sale was priced at Tk 40,000 but it was sold at Tk 50,000 last year. A big size cow was priced at Tk 1.5 lakh but it was sold at Tk 2 lakh last year, said Alam Bepari who brought six big size cows in the market but failed to sale any till yesterday afternoon.

"We have received hasil (toll) of 200 cows till 2:00pm though the figure was around 1,000 at the same time last year," said Zamal Ahmed, an official of the cattle market.

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3 'Lashkar' men handed over to Pak embassy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh government handed over three Pakistani nationals, who were arrested by the Detective Branch of police last Saturday for their suspected link to Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), to the Pakistan government through its embassy in Dhaka.

Senior Superintendent of Dhaka Central Jail Towhidul Islam told The Daily Star that Pakistani nationals Syed Abdul Kaiyum Azhari alias Sufian, 22, Mohammad Ashraf Alias Zahid, 24, and Mohammad Monwar Ali, 30, were freed from prison at

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UN PEACEKEEPERS Bangladesh ranked first

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh ranked first in the world by sending 10,748 peacekeepers in the United Nations (UN) mission, an ISPR press release said yesterday. Among the peacekeepers, 10,581 are male and 167 are female, the release said. Pakistan, India, Nigeria, Egypt and Nepal ranked 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th position by sending 10635, 8704, 5786, 5463 and 4735 peacekeepers respectively.

On 31 October, the UN published a report on "Ranking of Military and Police

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RISKY RIDE



Hundreds of homebound passengers crowd the roofs of train compartments risking their lives to meet their kins and share the joy of Eid festivity. This picture was taken at the Airport Railway Station in the capital yesterday. Story on page 1.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

PM's JAPAN VISIT Dhaka to seek funds for Padma Bridge

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh is expecting an assurance from the Japan government that it will fund the Padma Bridge, said Foreign Minister Dipu Moni yesterday.

Describing Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's five-day visit to Japan from November 28 as a timely step, she said at a regular press briefing at the foreign ministry yesterday afternoon that issues of bilateral cooperation would be discussed during the visit.

She said the premier will hold talks with Japan Prime Minister Naoto Kan and also have an audience with

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Stalker jailed in Patuakhali

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A stalker yesterday was awarded one year's imprisonment and fined Tk 500, in default he has to suffer another seven days' imprisonment by a mobile court in Patuakhali town.

Md Saiful Islam, executive magistrate, delivered the judgment after hearing both sides. It is the first judgment on a stalking case in the district.

The stalker was identified as Masud Ali, 28 of Dunki upazila town.

Mobile court sources said, SEE PAGE 15 COL 3



BSF kills 3

STAR REPORT

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) killed three Bangladeshi nationals along Benapole and Kushtia borders yesterday morning.

In Benapole, BSF beat up two cattle traders-- Abdul Gaffar, son of Jiraf Gazi of Ashashuni upazila in Satkhira, and Matiar Rahman -- mercilessly, leaving them dead on the spot.

BSF troops caught them when they, along with the other cattle traders, were crossing Dhanyakhola border, said Abu Bakkar, officer-in-charge of Benapole Port Police Station.

BSF men dragged one of the bodies into their territory. Police, on information, recovered the other body from the border area, reports our Benapole correspondent

Villagers in the area, however, claimed that at least four people went missing since the incident.

Ahsan Habib, of 22 Rifles Battalion of Dhanyakhola Camp, confirmed the incident.

Our Kushtia correspondent reports: BSF men gunned down Mokter Hossain, 33, along Mohishkundi border at Doulatpur upazila of Kushtia in the morning.

The Indian border guards of Nadirapara camp opened fire on

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Indian telecom minister Raja resigns

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

Indian Telecom Minister A Raja resigned Sunday night in the wake of allegation that he caused a huge loss to the state exchequers while allocating 2G spectrum to private telecom companies.

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Suu Kyi aims to revive her party

AFP, Yangon

Myanmar's newly freed democracy icon Aung San Suu Kyi returned to work for the first time in years yesterday as she knuckled down to the task of rebuilding her weakened party.

A smiling Suu Kyi arrived at her party's headquarters in Yangon where she was due to meet senior regional members of her National League for Democracy (NLD), as dozens of plain-clothed policemen were seen near the building.

Suu Kyi was freed from house arrest on Saturday, less than a week after a controversial election that cemented the junta's decades-long grip on power but was widely criticised by democracy activists and Western leaders as a sham.

The Nobel Peace Prize SEE PAGE 15 COL 7



Though the schedule for DCC polls still remains uncertain, aspirants go on campaign spree on city thoroughfares pasting posters and erecting gates. Taking the occasion of Eid as an opportunity, the hopefuls greet city dwellers to make their presence felt. The photos were taken recently.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Nuisance on walls

Govt indifferent to EC's proposed law for controlling posters, graffiti

SHAKHAWAT LITON

Sticking posters on walls goes unabated as the government remains indifferent to the practice that is defacing both public and private property.

Not only during the election time, people paste posters and write on walls throughout the year.

Individuals, mostly belonging to political parties, put up posters to do self-publicity in the name of greeting people on different occasions.

Besides, socio-cultural and business organisations stick posters to press for their demands and advertise products and services.

Two years back, the Election Commission had moved for a law to control posters and graffiti, as it deems the electoral laws insufficient to stop the nuisance.

In 2008, it sent some proposals to the then caretaker government to translate those into an ordinance.

On November 9 that year, the Fakhruddin Ahmed-led government approved in principle Graffiti and Poster Control Ordinance 2008. It, however, did not promulgate the ordinance that had punitive provisions for its violations.

Seven months after coming to power in January last year, the Awami League-led government approved in principle a

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OnlinePoll

Do you think steps regarding Khaleda Zia's house will cast a negative impact on the government's popularity?

- Yes (47.6%)
- No (50.3%)
- No Comments (2.1%)

Total votes: 4085

TODAY'S POLL

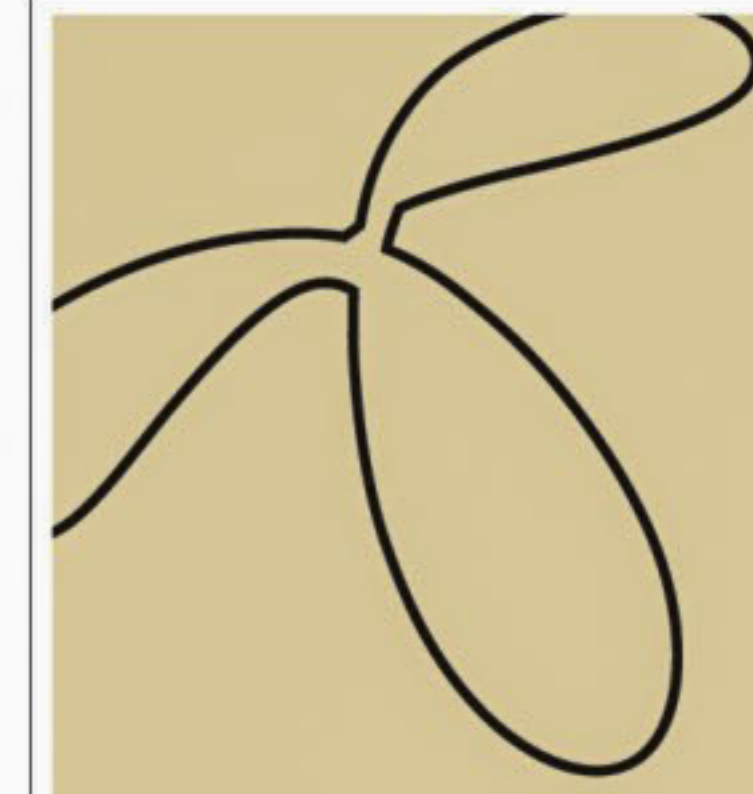
Do you think BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia should move to the house allocated for Leader of the Opposition in the parliament?

Please cast your vote at www.thedailystar.net

Prayer Timing

November 16		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-05	5-40
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	3-45	4-00
Maghrib	5-21	5-24
Esha	7-00	7-30

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