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A walk thru' hell and back

AARONY ZADE

They say one must exercise daily for better health. Keeping that in mind, a walk from Jatrabari to Sayedabad is exactly what the doctors prescribed. The construction of the Mayor Mohammad Hanif flyover has narrowed the main road to such a limit that pedestrians must limbo through the frameworks of the under-construction monstrosity to avoid the approaching vehicles as well as the waterlogged potholes of the sidewalk. And all this while keeping a balance on the mud creases on the sidewalk due to constant drizzles in the past few days.

Nawaz Hossain, a student of Jatrabari Ideal School, explains why he prefers following other pedestrians in the morning rather than taking a bus. "It is unthinkable to travel by bus if I want to make it to school on time. I usually get off the bus by Dania and walk the rest of the way. It would take me an extra 20 minutes if I stayed on the bus," he said.

Indeed, the scene at 7:00am illustrates how the main road can barely accommodate two buses side by side.

The worst case scenario is if one takes the route from

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Locals and students of several institutions demonstrate on the capital's Jatrabari-Demra road yesterday, interrupting traffic for hours. They demand immediate repair of the road that has been in a mess due to excavation for laying utility lines and a flyover construction.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

RMG unrest rattles Ashulia again

Production hampered amid clash, vandalism, attack on factories

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 50 people were injured and production at five ready-made garment factories in Ashulia, on the outskirts of the capital, remained suspended yesterday due to clashes between police and workers.

The workers vandalised several factories in Jamgorah and around 15 vehicles, halting the traffic on Dhaka-Tangail highway for over two hours.

Around 1,800 workers of Fashion Knit Composite Limited had been staging a

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JMB militant Khamaru held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Rapid Action Battalion early yesterday arrested Mahtab Khamaru, a key leader of outlawed militant group JMB, from Talgharia village in Bagmara upazila here.



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Bomb, gun attacks kill 107 in Iraq

REUTERS, Baghdad

At least 107 people were killed in bomb and gun attacks in Iraq yesterday in a coordinated surge of violence against mostly Shia Muslim targets.

As well as the scores of deaths, at least 268 people were wounded by bombings and shootings in Shia areas of Baghdad, the Shia town of Taji to the north, the

northern cities of Kirkuk and Mosul and many other places, hospital and police sources said.

No group has claimed responsibility for the wave of assaults but a senior Iraqi security official blamed the local wing of al-Qaeda, made up of Sunni Muslim militants bitterly hostile to the Shia-led government, which is friendly with Iran.

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Reducing salt could cut cancer

BBC ONLINE

Cutting back on salty foods such as bacon, bread and breakfast cereals may reduce people's risk of developing stomach cancer, according to the World Cancer Research

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The rich fragrance of guava has filled the air of Jhalakathi villages. Farmers are passing busy hours collecting the fruits from their gardens and taking the harvest to wholesalers. However, as in every other year, farmers complain about the poor communications and low prices for their produce.

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think Shipping Minister Shahjahan Khan's idea to legalise extortion at ferry terminals is logical?

Yes (8.7%)
No (89.9%)
No Comments (1.4%)

TOTAL VOTES: 346

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think the World Bank will reconsider its decision to finance the Padma bridge project following Syed Abul Hossain's resignation?

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Further delay in DCC polls

HC extends stay order for 3 more moths

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday extended by three more months its previous stay order on holding the Dhaka City Corporation (north and south) polls since the authorities

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OLYMPIC 2012 Hasina flies to London tomorrow

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will pay an official visit to UK beginning tomorrow to attend the opening ceremony of London 2012 Olympic Games.

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PRAYER TIMING July 24

| | Azan | Jamaat |
|---------|-------|--------|
| Fajr | 4-00 | 4-10 |
| Zohr | 12-45 | 1-15 |
| Asr | 5-00 | 5-15 |
| Maghrib | 6-49 | 7-09 |
| Esha | 8-15 | 8-45 |

Source: Islamic Foundation



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SEHRI, IFTAR TIMINGS

| RAMADAN | DATE | SEHRI | IFTAR |
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| 04 | 24 July | | 6.49 pm |
| 05 | 25 July | 3.56 am | 6.49 pm |

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