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## AL to take tough stance on 'anarchy'

HASAN JAHID TUSHER

The ruling Awami League will adopt a tough position against the BNP-led opposition if it carries out destructive activities in the name of movements to press the demand for the restoration of the caretaker government, party insiders have said.

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia on June 11 threatened to launch tougher agitations like hartal, blockade and mass sit-in after Eid-ul-Fitr if the government did not fulfil the demand.

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## POST-EID AGITATION BNP now mulls go-slow policy

RAKIB HASNET SUMAN

Despite making repeated threats to go for a tougher agitation after the Eid-ul-Fitr, the main opposition BNP now plans to build up the movement gradually to restore the caretaker government system in the constitution.

The high command believes this strategy would help them create an anti-government sentiment among the people ahead of the next general elections.

They think it would be too early to go for an oust-government movement after the Eid as the tenure of the present government will expire in January 2014.

Party insiders said a meeting of the secretary generals of the BNP-led 18-party alliance will be held soon to discuss the agitation programme, which would be finalised by the national standing committee of BNP.

Chairperson Khaleda Zia will visit a few districts to

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With no room inside the train, Eid holidaymakers get on the roof of a train risking not only their own lives but also their children's. The photo was taken yesterday at Chittagong Railway Station. PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

## Milam urges global efforts to save GB

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

World leaders must discourage the government from proceeding with its move against Grameen Bank before it is too late to save the microlender, a former US ambassador to Bangladesh has said.

In a write-up in the Wall Street Journal, a leading US business daily, on Tuesday, William B Milam also said the spectre of Bangladesh government's taking over the Nobel-winning bank has been haunting it and its founder for the last 18 months.

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## Prices spiralling in Ctg kitchen markets

MINHAJ UDDIN, Ctg

Only days ahead of Eid, the prices of egg, chicken, meat and some vegetables have sky rocketed in the kitchen markets of Chittagong.

After completing shopping of clothes, most of the city dwellers are turning to the kitchen markets as preparation for Eid, mainly to entertain the guests.

Customers blamed profit-mongering

mentality of the vendors behind the price hike while the latter claimed that "high demand and low supply" of the items were causing prices to soar.

Visiting different kitchen markets including Karnaphuli, Kazir Dewry, Steel Mill and Reazuddin Bazar yesterday, The Daily Star found that retailers were charging much higher for daily necessities than a week ago.

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## Solar-powered toilet for South Asia, Africa

REUTERS, Seattle

Bill Gates is betting the toilet of the future for the developing world will be solar powered.

The world's leading private philanthropist handed a \$1,00,000 prize to the California Institute of Technology on Tuesday for its work on a

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## State-run steamer service in bad shape

PANKAJ KARMAKAR

The BIWTC passenger service is in a precarious state to tackle the Eid exodus from the major cities as some of its old vessels remain inoperative for years due to poor repair and maintenance.

The state-run company has six passenger steamers in its fleet with the capacity of carrying 4,122 passengers in a single trip, said sources in Bangladesh Inland

Water Transport Corporation (BIWTC).

Of them, MV Shela has been undergoing repair for more than one year, while MV Sonargaon has been out of service since last winter. This has cut down the BIWTC's passenger capacity to 2,810.

Talking to The Daily Star, BIWTC Chairman Mojibor Rahman said MV Shela will be fit and start carrying Eid holidaymakers this week.

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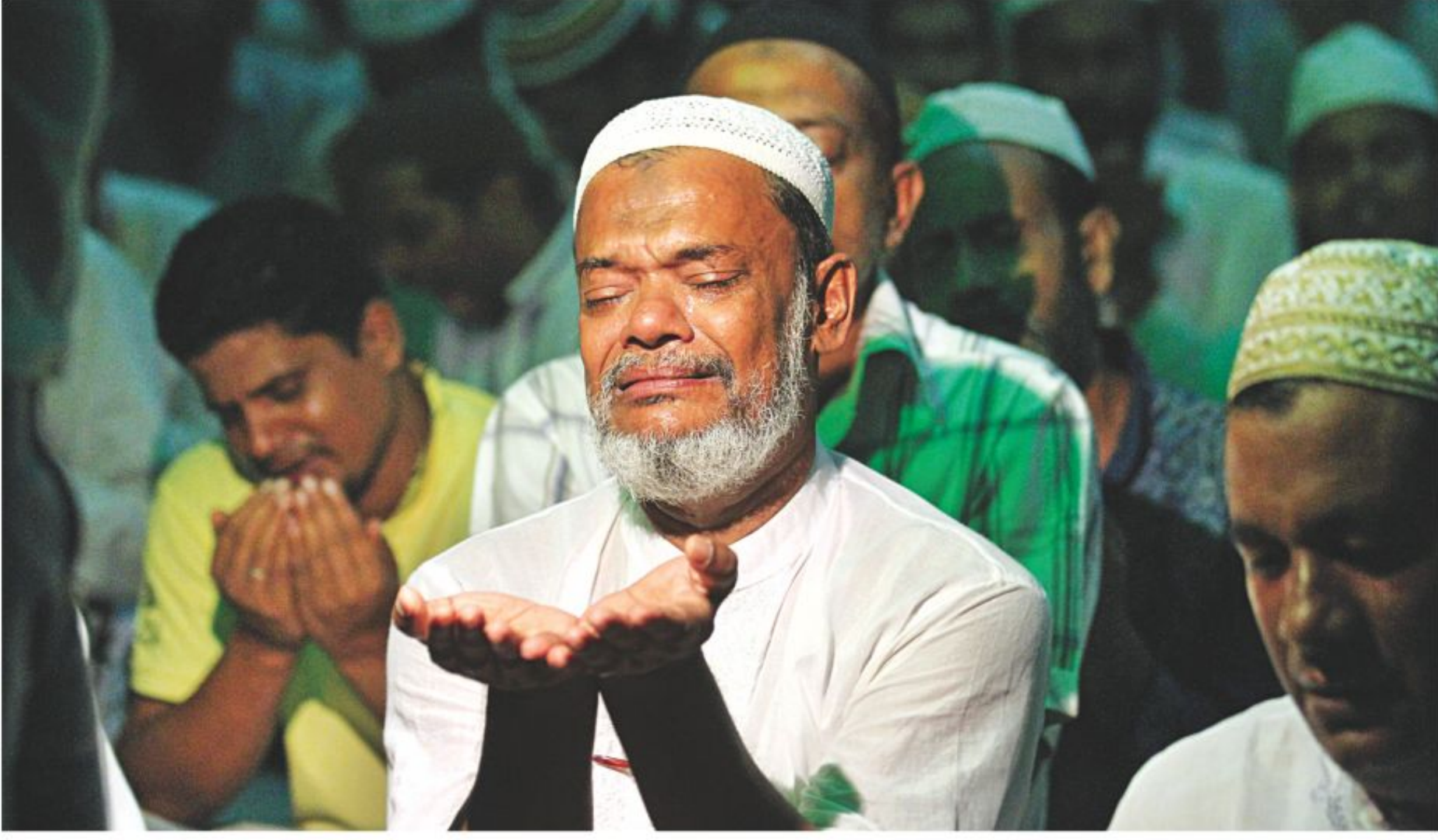
## 3 trampled to death by wild elephants

A CORRESPONDENT, Cox Bazar

A herd of wild elephants trampled three people to death and wounded 11 others in a village in Ramu upazila of Cox's Bazar early yesterday.

The dead are Amena Khatun, 28, wife of Abdul Hamid; Md Shahjahan, 30,

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## Mother, daughter brutally killed

Bodies found at N'ganj flat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

Police recovered the bodies of a mother and her daughter from their flat in Paikpara residential area in Narayanganj city yesterday.

The dead were identified as Maria Akhter, 46, wife of an expatriate, and her daughter Sadia Akhter, 12, a class six student of Ideal Girls High School in the city.

Police also recovered a blood stained lungi and a pair of unused hand gloves from the crime scene. Law enforcers suspect that they were murdered two days earlier as the bodies had decomposed.

However, police were yet to ascertain the motive for the double murder.

Narayanganj Sadar Model Police Station Officer-in-Charge Manzur Quader said Maria had been beheaded and her legs tied. A knife was found beside the body of Sadia.

Police primarily assumed that it was unlikely to be a case of robbery or mugging. The OC said the killers might have been acquaintances of the victims.

He said the killers might be identified from the call list of Maria's mobile phone and fingerprints on the recovered knife.

Devotees offer special prayers at Baitul Mukarram National Mosque late last night on the occasion of Shab-e-Qadr.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

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**MR. NOODLES**

SEHRI, IFTAR TIMINGS

RAMADAN	DATE	SEHRI	IFTAR
27	16 Aug		6.35 pm
28	17 Aug	4.10 am	6.34 pm

**PRAYER TIMING August 16**

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-15	4-20
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-45	5-00
Maghrib	6-35	6-45
Esha	8-00	8-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

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