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Today is the 6th death anniversary of the poet of urban alienation

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NON-GOVT PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Govt goes for nationalisation

Process starts in January with MPO-listed schools; to be completed in three phases

WASIM BIN HABIB

The government will nationalise all the 26,284 non-government primary schools in the country in three phases starting on January 1 next year. The jobs of 1,05,345 teachers of these schools will also be nationalised, according to a draft policy formulated by the government. Implementation of the plan will require around Tk 1,308 crore a year. In the first phase, 22,981 schools that are already getting Monthly Pay Order (MPO) from the government will be nationalised. The schools that are not on the MPO list will be nationalised in the second phase beginning on July 1 next year, and the third phase starting on January 1, 2014. MPO entitles the teachers of non-government primary schools to basic salary just as those of government schools, Tk 200 as house rent and Tk 200 as medical allowance. These schools -- the ones having permanent or temporary registration, or approval, community schools, and government-funded NGO-run schools -- will be nationalised in the second phase. Their number is 2,252. Nationalisation of the remaining 1,051 schools, which either have approval or are awaiting approval, will take place in the third phase. Once nationalised, teachers of these schools will get the same salaries and benefits as those in government primary schools. Meanwhile, the formulation of the policy followed prolonged agitation by teachers of the non-government schools for nationalisation of their jobs and institutions. On May 27, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina assured the teachers of meeting

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SHOOTING, MAIMING BY RAB Limon, mother reject police probe report

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Limon Hossain, a Jhalakathi college student maimed by Rab last year, and his mother have rejected the final report in the attempt-to-murder case filed against the elite force members. They have also demanded a judicial probe. Limon's mother Henoara Begum, complainant of the case, yesterday said police were yet to inform her about the final report, which was submitted on Tuesday, the last working day before Eid. She has decided to file a no-confidence (naraji) petition against the report. "Such an act by the police just before the Eid festival has dashed all our hopes of a free and fair investigation

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Probe credibility under question

STAR REPORT

Legal and governance experts have expressed doubts over the credibility of the final report on Limon's case which police submitted quietly to a Jhalakathi court on Tuesday. "Submission of the final report on the last working

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SETTLING ROHINGYA CRISIS

Zillur urges OIC to persuade Myanmar

BSS, Dhaka

President Zillur Rahman has urged the OIC member states to persuade the Myanmar government with political and economic support to ensure dignified living of their Muslim-minority Rohingyas. "We must take a pro-active role towards a lasting solution to this long-standing



(Rohingya) problem both bilaterally and multilaterally," he said. The president was addressing the closing ceremony of the Fourth Extra-ordinary Session of Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) summit in Mecca last night, according to a message received in Dhaka yesterday.

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ZAKAT CLOTHES DISTRIBUTION

Stampede kills 3, injures 15

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three women died while around 15 others were injured in a stampede during a rush for zakat (charity on one's wealth) in the capital's Fakirapool yesterday. The dead are Saju Akhter Moyna, 30, a domestic help, and Jorina Begum, 36, a beggar. The identity of the other victim aged around 65 years could not be ascertained immediately. Witnesses said the incident occurred around 6:00pm when around 3,000 poor people, mostly women, gathered

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Laws passed, left with little review

JS bodies do not monitor poor or no enforcement of many laws; More than 1,100 laws passed in 4 decades

SHAKHAWAT LITON

Parliamentary bodies never exercise their constitutional authority to review enforcement of laws or propose measures for their better enforcement. Article 76 (2) (b) of the Constitution empowers the parliamentary standing

committees with sweeping authority to ensure proper enforcement of laws and prevent their misuse, according to seasoned parliamentarians. But none of the committees have moved to exercise this power in the last four decades, although the House by this

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A man dozes off on his luggage as he along with many other exhausted passengers wait long hours to catch the Rajshahi-bound Silk City Express at Kamalapur Railway Station in the capital yesterday. The train was scheduled to arrive at 2:40pm, but could not make it even by 4:00pm when this photo was taken.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

Taliban attack Pak air base

10 security men killed

AFP, Kamra, Pakistan

Heavily armed militants stormed a Pakistani air force base yesterday, sparking clashes that left 10 people dead and raised concerns about the safety of the country's nuclear arsenal. One security official was killed and a plane damaged in the pre-dawn assault at PAF Base Minhas claimed by the Taliban as militants again proved able to penetrate a sensitive military site five years into an insurgency. The first strike on a base in more than a year came amid speculation that Pakistan could bow to US demands for an operation against militants in their main fortress of North Waziristan, in the tribal belt on the Afghan border. An official denied there were nuclear weapons on the

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REMARKS ON COURT Contempt rule sought against Mamata

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

A petition was filed yesterday at the Supreme Court of India, seeking contempt proceedings against West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee for saying that

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Home rush for Eid at peak

Defying all odds on highways, lakhs of people leave capital; most trains run behind schedule

PANKAJ KARMAR, TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY and MAHBUBUR RAHMAN KHAN

Thousands of people had to bear the brunt of traffic gridlocks on highways and delayed departures of trains and launches as they left the capital yesterday to spend the Eid holidays with their families. Defying the government's

directives, passengers were seen travelling on the roofs of trains and top decks of launches, putting their lives at risk. Railway officials said a total of 28 trains departed from Kamalapur Railway Station till 4:40pm. Of them, 12 were late by up to four hours, while the departure of nine trains was delayed by

five minutes to half an hour. Only seven trains left the station on time. The crisis was even worse for the passengers bound for the northern districts. Trains toward that region were late by several hours due to the derailment of an intercity train at Sardah Railway Station in Rajshahi on Wednesday evening.

Passengers had to wait for several hours before they could board the trains at the station. "It took me over twelve hours to reach my home by bus ahead of the last Eid. Considering that suffering, this time I opted for a train journey. But I face more troubles here," said Mohammad Liton,

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