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# EID SHOPPING

## Sales low as markets see less crowd

MD FAZLUR RAHMAN

Business centres in the capital yesterday saw a thin presence of Eid shoppers as thousands of city people had already left for their village homes.

Ismail Hossain, a salesman at Ibrahim Handicrafts in Eastern Plaza, said the relatively early beginning of Eid holidays this year had led to the significant fall in the number of shoppers.

Mohammad Samiullah, manager of Lamiha Saris at the same market, echoed Hossain's view, and said the sales did not fulfil their expectations this year.

"We had been waiting for this month...but our sales ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr this year have been much lower than last year's," he told The Daily Star.

People went into a week's holiday beginning with National Mourning Day on August 15, followed by Shabe-e-Qadr and set to continue through the weekend and Eid-ul-Fitr.

But the thin presence of customers at shopping centres was a boon to some people like Mahubur Rahman, an employee at an insurance company.

He took his family to Bashundhara Shopping Mall from Jatrabari yesterday to do Eid shopping without being pushed and shoved by frenzied shoppers.

"The crowd at the mall was thinner compared to that in past years," he said.

However, the prices of commodities did not conform

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Green Road in the capital is flooded with banners of numerous coaching centres, selling the dreams of "guaranteed success" in exams. Hundreds of coaching centres have mushroomed all over the capital, although there is a debate whether they are really good for the education of children. The photo was taken on Tuesday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

## Jumatul Wida today

BSS, Dhaka

Jumatul Wida, the last Friday prayers in the holy month of Ramadan, will be observed across the country today.

Muslim devotees will attend the Juma prayers at different mosques, seeking divine blessings for the departed souls of their near and dear ones.

Special munajat will be offered after the prayers seeking peace, progress

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## Suspected militant leader captured

*DB claims the arrestee leads Bangladesh chapter of Kashmir separatist group*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detectives yesterday arrested a person who they claim was a leader of Kashmir separatist militant group Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) and was designated to recruit Rohingyas for the outfit.

Acting on a tip off, Detective Branch of Police arrested madrasa teacher Moulana



Mohammad Yunus

Mohammad Yunus, 48, at Fakirerpool in the capital around 12:15pm yesterday, said Monirul Islam, deputy commissioner of DB (south).

Monirul claimed that Yunus was one of the "top-most leaders of JeM's Bangladesh chapter".

His job was to recruit Rohingyas and locals of Cox's Bazar for his

## Eating egg yolks as bad as smoking

DAILY MAIL ONLINE

Scientists have unscrambled the truth about eggs - eating the yolk is almost as bad as smoking for people at risk of heart disease.

The problem lies in an increased risk of the hardening of the arteries, known as atherosclerosis.

It is a disorder of the arteries where plaques, aggravated by cholesterol,

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## Riot fears spark panic in India

*Thousands flee; govt urges calm, warns rumour mongers*

AGENCIES

Thousands of Indians from the northeast of the country fled to southern cities yesterday after rumours they would be attacked by Muslims in reprisal for recent ethnic violence in Assam, officials said.

Railway officials said they had put on extra trains from Bangalore to the north-

eastern state of Assam to accommodate a spike in demand after 6,000 tickets were sold since Wednesday evening.

The Indian government said there was no threat to anyone from the region living anywhere in the country and warned of strict action against rumour mongers.

The chief ministers of Assam and

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**MR. NOODLES**

SEHRI, IFTAR TIMINGS

RAMADAN	DATE	SEHRI	IFTAR
28	17 Aug		6.34 pm
29	18 Aug	4.11 am	6.33 pm

**PRAYER TIMING August 17**

	Asan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-15	4-20
Juma	12-30	1-15
Asr	4-45	5-00
Maghrib	6-34	6-44
Esha	8-00	8-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

## DOUBLE MURDER Cops still clueless

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

Police quizzed at least six neighbours and relatives of murdered Maria Akhter and Sadia Akhter but could not arrest or identify anyone in connection with the double murder.

Nurul Huda, brother of the victim Maria, early yesterday filed a case with Narayanganj Sadar Model Police Station accusing an

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## OPERATION CERTIFICATE RENEWAL ROW Biman's KSA flights face uncertainty

SHARIFUL ISLAM

Biman is on the verge of losing its flights to Saudi Arabia as the civil aviation authority is unwilling to renew Biman's Air Operation Certificate (AOC) for two years at a time.

The Saudi aviation authorities have recently made the two-year clearance mandatory for operating flights in the kingdom.

The Civil Aviation Authority of

Bangladesh (Caab) since February last year has been issuing Biman AOC for three months instead of the previous practice of one year, as the national flag carrier failed to pay the Caab its arrears. Till date Biman owes Caab Tk 250 crore.

Biman officials said they were worried over the AOC issue as the Hajj flights were going to start from September 17. "It will be a disaster if the Saudi aviation

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## Politics absurd without 2 leaders

Says Fakhru

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Politics without Khaleda Zia and Sheikh Hasina is an absurd idea, BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir said yesterday.

Fakhru was talking to the reporters while visiting the family members of missing BNP leader M Ilias Ali at his Banani

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**শোক সংবাদ**

অত্র সমিতির চেয়ারম্যান জনাব এম, এ, রউফ চৌধুরী গত ১৪-০৮-১২ ইং রোজ মঙ্গলবার লন্ডনের একটি হাসপাতালে হৃদযন্ত্রের ক্রিয়া বন্ধ হয়ে ইস্তেকাল করেছেন (ইন্না লিল্লাহি ওয়া ইন্না ইলাইহি রাজিউন)। মৃত্যুকালে তাঁর বয়স হয়েছিল ৬২ বছর। তিনি দীর্ঘ দিন থেকে নিঃস্বার্থভাবে অত্র সমিতির চেয়ারম্যান হিসেবে অত্যন্ত নিষ্ঠার সাথে দায়িত্ব পালন করেছেন। তাঁর মৃত্যুতে আমরা গভীরভাবে শোকাবিভূত এবং আমরা তাঁর বিদেহী আত্মার মাগফিরাত কামনা করছি। অত্র সমিতির সদস্যদের পক্ষ থেকে তাঁর শোক সন্তপ্ত পরিবার-পরিজনদের প্রতি সমবেদনা জ্ঞাপন করছি।

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**ONLINE POLL**

Do you think the government will be able to bring back the six fugitive killers of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman?

Yes (25%)

No (71%)

No Comments (4%)

TOTAL VOTES: 470

**TODAY'S POLL**

Do you think the police investigation of the attempted murder case filed by the mother of Limon Hossain, maimed by Rab, was neutral?

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