

The Daily Star Spreading the smile HSBC



“May this Eid be the best Eid of your life and bring a big smile on your face that will never fade!” this was the greeting Fariha Hashmi, Ashma Akhter Hashmi, Nasima Akhter and Anika Zaman gave to an orphan living at a government orphanage.

Under a joint initiative of The Daily Star and the HSBC bank titled “It’s Time to Smile”, readers of the largest English newspaper of the country were given blank Eid greeting cards on August 12 and 13 to write Eid greetings for orphans.

Though the orphans are unknown to them, the readers came forward to greet them and share joys of the country’s biggest religious festival.

To make unfortunate children smile in this joyous season, The Daily Star received 12,000 responses from readers all over the country in the last 48 hours. Many more responses could not be received due to the Eid holidays but as the greetings come those will be distributed.

The Eid greetings reached over 5,000 orphans living in more than 60 government-run

orphanages in 45 districts of the country.

Selina Hossain, eminent writer of the country, wrote, “Eid is a very big festival for you. Open your mind and be joyful. Just feel that all the people of this city are standing beside you. See how beautiful this country is.”

President of Sammito Sangskritik Jote Nasiruddin Yusuf Bacchu wrote in his greeting message, “Pleasures and Smiles of Eid may spread everywhere, to the face of all the children to the heart of all the people.”

The initiative, first of its kind in the country, brought pleasures and big smiles on the faces of many orphans as many of them received such greeting cards for the first time in their lives.

Our Chittagong office reported that they distributed around 3,300 Eid greeting cards. Out of those cards 2,950 were distributed in 25 orphanages of different districts whereas the rest of the cards were given to street children of Chittagong city.

The only government orphanage in Chandpur with 175 girls residing in it did not receive any gift from the government as of yet,

reported a correspondent from Chandpur.

However, yesterday the girls had a reason to smile as they received Eid greetings wishing them happy and good lives.

Rabbi, a six-year-old boy was speechless after receiving a card with Eid greetings. He has been staying at Sarkari Shishu Paribar (Government Children’s Home) in Mymensingh for the last six months, said our Mymensingh correspondent.

Manikganj correspondent reports the orphans were surprised seeing the Eid greetings given by strangers.

Eid cards have been distributed among 100 orphan girls of an orphanage in Manikganj on Wednesday afternoon.

“I am so happy today. This is the first time in my life that I have received such an Eid greeting,” said Nasrin Begum, a 15-year-old orphan girl and a student of class X.

All greetings were screened by The Daily Star before sending them out to prevent any inadvertently written inappropriate message from reaching the children.



AUG 4 DINAJPUR VIOLENCE Judicial probe demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
An anti-communalism platform yesterday demanded a judicial investigation of the August 4 violence in Dinajpur and punishment to the people responsible for it. During the violence, attackers burned and looted 50 houses of the Hindus in Balai Bazar area and adjacent Rajapur village of Chirirbandar upazila. More than 50 people were injured in the incident. The violence erupted over an attempt to construct a mosque near a temple in the area.

At a press conference in the capital, the organisation accused local Jamaat-e-Islami men of provoking the violence to obstruct war crimes trial. Ajoy Roy, coordinator of Sampradayikata-Jangibad Birodhi Mancha, said the violence took place due to Jamaat’s direct or indirect incitement. The platform’s two other demands were rehabilitation and compensation for the victims and legal action against the government officials allegedly involved in the incident. Law enforcers arrested 17 people in connection with the violence on August 7.

12 killed, 64 hurt in road crashes

METRO DESK
Twelve people were killed and sixty-four others injured in separate road accidents in Munshiganj, Chittagong, Tangail and Pabna yesterday. Our Munshiganj correspondent reports, five people were killed and 49 others injured as a Dhaka-bound bus from Homna collided with a Chandpur-bound bus on Dhaka-Chittagong highway in Jamaldi area of Gajaria upazila yesterday. The four were travelling on the Chandpur-bound bus. However, their identities could not be known immediately. Of the injured, 19 were admitted to Bhaberchar Health Complex Gajaria while the rest at different hospitals in Sonargaon upazila and in the capital. Following the accident, the traffic on the road halted for some time. In Chittagong, an unidentified man, aged around 60, died as a jeep ran him over in Choumuhoni area in the city early yesterday. In another incident, pick-up van driver Suleman, 32, died instantly as the van, driven

by its helper, hit a truck from behind on Dhaka-Chittagong highway at Sitakunda upazila yesterday morning. Yet another incident, Israful Jannat Promi, 7, daughter of Md Ayub, of Anwara upazila, was killed instantly as a microbus crushed her while she was crossing the road in Mailer Matha area of the city yesterday morning. In Tangail, two motorcyclists died instantly when a bus hit their motorbike from the opposite direction on Dhaka-Tangail highway in Sohagpur area of Mirzapur upazila yesterday morning. The deceased are Masud Rana, 22, son of Nurul Islam, and Limon, 20, son of Mosharaf Hossain. In another incident, an unidentified man died and five others were injured when two buses collided head-on on Tangail-Bhuapur road in Razabari area of Kalihati upazila around 10:00am yesterday. In Pabna, bus helper Md Hassem Ali, 35, died and 10 others were injured as the bus hit a tree beside Pabna-Rajshahi highway in Kalikapur point yesterday morning.

ঈদের খুশি ছড়িয়ে যাক সবার মাঝে

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