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EID CATTLE MARKET Prices high, sales low

HELEMUL ALAM

Although cattle markets in the capital are already experiencing a glut of sacrificial animals, sales are yet to gain any momentum due to a low turnout of customers. Indeed, such was the picture last evening.

Traders were pinning their hopes on making brisk business today as it is a public holiday.

Customers, however, complained that the traders were demanding higher prices for the cattle than last year.

Traders said they had earned hefty profits last year as there was a huge shortage of sacrificial animals just before eid day. This encouraged them to bring in much more cattle this year.

A trader from Faridpur, Tuku brought 20 cows to the Sadeque Hossain Khoka playground cattle market two days ago.

He said traders from his area had brought in 25 percent more cows this year compared to last year.

The situation was completely different in 2010 when the traders incurred a huge loss, said Minhaz, a trader from Ishwardi of Pabna.

"Last year I brought only six cows, but this time I have brought 19," he added.

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A businessman of Chittagong bought the two camels from Gabtoli cattle market in the capital yesterday for Tk 13 lakh. Camels have been featuring in cattle markets of the capital alongside cows, goats and sheep. However, they are pricey and most people cannot afford them.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

DURGA PUJA
Bijoya
Dashami
today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The beating of drums and cymbals, intricately designed idols of Durga and drifts of incense lent the capital a festive air as Hindu devotees celebrated *maha navami*, the ninth day of prayers offered to the Goddess Durga.

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No more testimony to defend Sayedee

Tribunal closes deposition for failure to produce witnesses in time

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday closed recording the testimonies of defence witnesses for Jamaat leader Delawar Hossain Sayedee in connection with crimes against humanity after the defence failed to produce witnesses.

Now only the closing statements of the prosecution and defence are left before the tribunal delivers the verdict in the case against the Jamaat-e-Islami nayeb-e-ameer.

The tribunal on Monday had asked Sayedee's counsel to produce the remaining four witnesses yesterday.

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Family trying to contact Nafis thru' lawyers

STAR REPORT

The family of Qazi Mohammad Rezwul Ahsan Nafis, the Bangladeshi youth arrested in New York over an alleged bomb plot, was trying to talk to him through the lawyer the US government appointed for him, reported the BBC Bangla service yesterday.

Nafis's father Quazi Ahsanullah told the BBC Bangla that they had talked to the lawyer who informed them it would

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Hall-Mark workers clash with cops

200 hurt; vehicles smashed, highway barricaded in Savar for eid bonus, arrears

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Around 200 people sustained injuries, mostly from rubber bullets, as several thousand garment workers of Hall-Mark Group clashed with law enforcers during their demonstrations for arrears and Eid bonus in Savar in Dhaka yesterday.

The sporadic demonstrations left around 30 vehicles ransacked and a three-hour-long tailback on Dhaka-Aricha Highway causing immense sufferings to the people bound for home to celebrate Eid.

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US President Barack Obama and Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney shake hands at the end of the third and final presidential debate at Lynn University in Boca Raton, Florida yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Obama 'wins' final debate

REUTERS, Boca Raton

President Barack Obama scolded challenger Mitt Romney for being "all over the map" on foreign policy in their final presidential debate on Monday, but the Republican appeared to have passed the "commander-in-chief" test of looking authoritative on national security issues.

With two weeks left until Election Day, the high-stakes debate strayed frequently into domestic policy, with Romney seeking to bolster his argument that Obama had bungled the US economic recovery.

Running neck and neck in polls, neither man threw a knockout punch or made a noticeable gaffe as they clashed over Israel, Iran, Russia and the size of the US Navy in the encounter at Lynn University in Boca Raton.

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Mother, 2 kids murdered in Chittagong

STAFF CORRESPONDENTS, Ctg

A mother and her two children were hacked to death by unknown criminals at their rented flat in Chittagong city yesterday evening.

The deceased are Doly, 30, wife of expatriate worker Anwar, their son Albhi, 10, and daughter Payel, 6.

All of them hailed from Kagotia village of Raozan upazila in Chittagong.

The murders occurred at a flat on the top floor of a five-storey building in Khotiber Haat area where Doly along with her two children had been residing for the last two months.

Police recovered the bodies of the three after they were informed by neighbours around 7:00 pm.

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