

Thousands in five districts celebrate Eid-ul-Azha today

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Over 50,000 people will celebrate Eid-ul-Azha in Barisal, Patuakhali, Bhola, Barguna and Madaripur districts today in conformity with the practice followed in Saudi Arabia.

Our Barisal correspondent reported that more than 30,000 followers of Kaderia, Jahangiria and Chistia tarikas will celebrate Eid-ul-Azha in Barisal, Bhola and Barguna districts today.

They are the followers of Pir of Elahabad Sufia Darbar Sharif and Pir Shaheb of Mariachi Darbar Sharif of Satkania in Chittagong.

They all hail from Harinafulia, Karanpur and Kashipur villages under Sadar upazila, Madhavpasha, Kedarpur, Tajkati, Talukdar Char, Nishan Baria, Haji Banshkati villages in Babuganj upazila, Sundarkati in Bakerganj upazila, of Barisal, Charfashion upazila of Bhola, and Taltali of Barguna districts.

In Patuakhali, at least 15,000 people of 25 villages under Patuakhali district

will celebrate Eid-ul-Azha today. They all are the followers of Kaderia tarika and join Eid congregations in different areas of Patuakhali Sadar, Baufal, Galachipa and Kalapara upazilas, according to our correspondent.

The villages are Badarpur under Sadar upazila, South Devpur, Patua, Nishanbaria, Morichbunia, Safakhali, Ajimuddin, Tegachia, Chinkhola, Badurtali and Naiya Patty under Kalapara upazila, Dakua, Fultali, Chotobaishdia, Rangabali and Katakali under Galachipa upazila, Kanakdia, Indrokul, Shaplakali, Modonpura, Dhaurabhanga, Boga, Dipasha, Narayanpasha and Taterkatha under Baufal upazila.

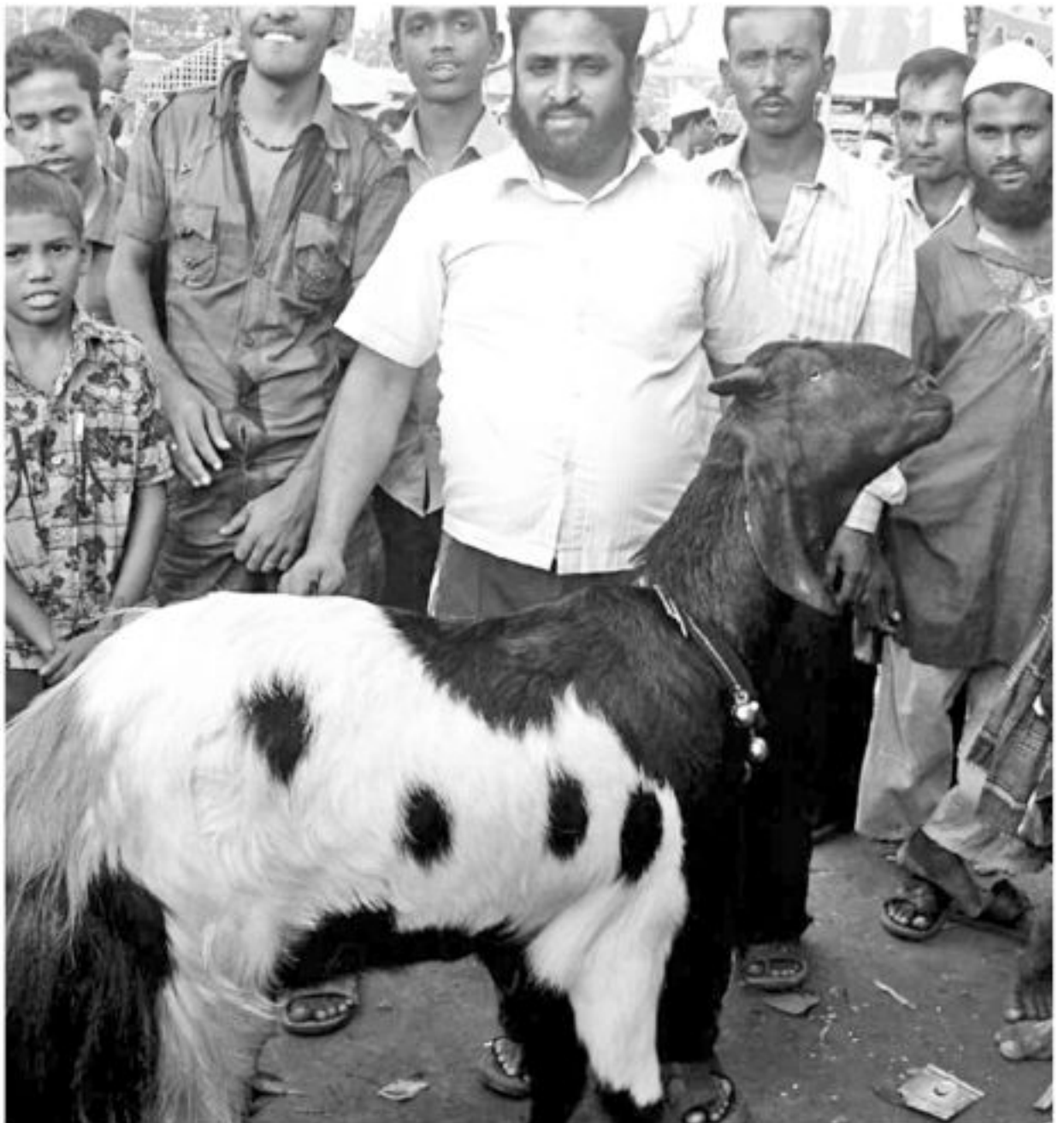
Badarpur Darbar Sharif sources said Eid congregation will be held on the darbar sharif premises at 8:00am today.

Our Madaripur correspondent Add: Around 15,000 followers of Sureshwar Darbar Sharif will also celebrate Eid-ul-Azha today in conformity with the practice followed in Saudi Arabia.



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Black cows brought for Eid-ul-Azha at Zoragata cattle market, the biggest in Khulna, saw high demand yesterday, right, the trader demanded Tk one lakh for this goat at the market.



OC, three cops hurt as gamblers snoop on them in Lalmonirhat

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Officer in-charge (OC) of a police station and two others policemen were injured in Lalmonirhat while their van was vandalised as gamblers attacked them on Wednesday.

Away in Noakhali, a man was stabbed to death allegedly by a gambler in Begumganj upazila yesterday.

On Wednesday night, gamblers attacked OC Mosabbarul Haque of Aditmari PS in Lalmonirhat and another two constables, leaving them injured.

They also smashed a police van at Kuzabazar village in Aditmari upazila, reports our correspondent.

The injured were admitted to the upazila health complex, said police.

Police later arrested Istiyak Ahmed Shipon, 25, son of

Durgapur union parishad (UP) member Mostafizur Rahman, Nazidul Islam, 32, son of late Golzar Hossain, Dulal Hossain, 35, son of Nur Mohammad, Abdul Halim, 26, son of Abdul Aziz and Shihab Pramanik, 28, nephew of the UP chairman Salequzzaman Pramanik of the village in this connection.

OC Mosabbarul said, on secret information, he along with the constables raided the village at around 11:00pm while a gang of 25/30 was gambling there.

Sensing their presence, the gamblers led by Salequzzaman Pramanik attacked them, vandalised the van and fled the scene, said Mosabbarul.

On information, addition police rushed to the spot and arrested the five, said the OC.

Contacted, the UP chairman refuted the allegation.

Our Noakhali correspondent

reported that a man was killed allegedly by a gambler at Panditerhat village in Begumganj upazila early yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Md Salahuddin, 40, son of Md Ali of Narottampur village.

Police arrested Md Joynal, 52, son of Javed Mia, and Md Faruk, 38, son of Md Joynal, in this connection.

Syed Md Ahasanul Islam, officer in-charge at Begumganj PS, said Salahuddin and his associates Faruk and Tofail were gambling at about 1:00am.

At one stage, Faruk attacked Salauddin with sharp weapons, leaving him dead on the spot following an altercation over distribution of gambling money.

On information, police rushed in, recovered the body and sent it to Noakhali Medical College and Hospital morgue for autopsy, said the OC.

Man killed, 3 missing as robbers' trawler hits passenger boat

UNB, Bhairab

A man drowned while three others went missing as a trawler carrying a gang of robbers hit another trawler with 30 passengers on board in Meghna River on Tuesday night.

The body of the deceased was recovered from the river near Chhatiantola village on Wednesday morning while the three others remained untraced till filing of this report yesterday noon.

The dead was identified as Pabitra Chandra Barman, 20, of Chhatiantola village. The missing passengers are Jamuna Rani Barman, 7, Lucky Rani Barman, 11, and Suman Chandra Shil, 25, of the village.

Locals said that the 30 passengers, all from Chhatiantola, a predominantly Hindu area, were returning

home after visiting several Durga Puja mandaps in Bhairab town by a trawler at about 10:00 pm.

Suddenly a trawler, carrying armed robbers, appeared in the mid-river at Kalipur Kodalkati and chased the passenger river craft.

As the passenger trawler tried to change its course in a bid to escape attack, the trawler of the robbers dashed against it, causing the passenger craft to capsize.

Hearing cry for help, several boats that were passing by, rushed to the spot and the robbers fled the scene sensing danger.

All but four of the passengers were either rescued by the boats or they swam ashore. After 12 hours of search locals recovered Pabitra Chandra's body from the river at 11 am yesterday.

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Trader shot dead in Tangail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A medicine trader was shot dead by a gang of criminals in the new bus terminal area of the district town on Wednesday night. The victim was identified as Shahinur Rahman, 35, owner of Shahin Medical Hall at the bus terminal and son of Akbar Ali of Kodalia area in the town. Police and locals said a gang of 5-6 masked criminals stormed into the shop of Shahin at about 9:30pm and opened fire at him. The gang also hacked him indiscriminately before leaving the place. Locals rescued Shahin and rushed him to Tangail General Hospital where doctors declared him dead.

Youth electrocuted

UNB, Manikganj

A young man died and four others were injured from electrocution at Tara Mirzapur village in Ghior upazila early yesterday. The deceased was identified as Subir Sen, 23, son of Anath Bandhu Sen of the village. Locals said Subir first came in contact with a live electrical wire at about 12:30am when he along with others was going to nearby the Kaliganga River for immersing goddess Durga. When four people came to save him, they also came in touch with the wire and sustained injuries.

Man killed in earth collapse

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

An indigenous man was killed and another person injured as a chunk of earth collapsed on them at Ramnagar village in Sadar upazila yesterday afternoon. The deceased was Tarsiuce, 36, while the injured was identified as Md Raihan of the village. Md Abdul Kader Zilani, officer in-charge at Dinajpur police station, said four day labourers went to the home of one Md Abdul Kuddus for digging a well at around 1:30pm. At one stage, a chunk of earth from near the mouth of the well collapsed on them, leaving Tarsiuce dead on the spot and Raihan injured. On information, fire fighters rushed in, recovered the body and sent it to the hospital morgue for autopsy, said the OC.

'Robbers' arrested with arms

UNB, Faridpur

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) members arrested three alleged robbers along with arms and ammunition at Chowhatta in Sadar upazila on Wednesday night. The arrestees were identified as Helal Uddin, 27, Ayub Bachchu, 25, and Sobhan, 22. Rab-8 sources said on secret information, they conducted a drive in the area at about 10:00pm and arrested the three. The elite force also recovered one 9mm pistol and six bullets from their possession. The robbers were later handed over to Kotwali police station.

'Smuggler' held in Jessore

UNB, Benapole, Jessore

Police arrested an alleged smuggler along with huge Indian cumin in Navaran Rail Bazar area in Sharsha upazila on Tuesday night. The arrestee was identified as Tipu Ahmed, 35, son of Aliar of Dakkhin Buruzbaghan village in the upazila. Acting on a tip-off, a police team conducted a drive in the area around 8:30pm and arrested Tipu along with 2,450 kgs of smuggled cumin worth about Tk 10 lakh. A case was filed in this connection.

Two cops closed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A sub-inspector and an assistant sub-inspector of Ishwardi police station were closed on Wednesday on charge of joining hands with drug peddlers. SI Md Dulal Uddina and ASI Md Azizul Haque were closed to the police line in Rajshahi, said Md Akbar Hossain, officer in-charge of the PS. The OC did not disclose further details but said that he of the Rajshahi range DIG.

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