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Why almost 600 Albanian kids couldn't start new school year in September

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Eid-ul-Azha on Oct 16

UNB, Dhaka

The holy Eid-ul-Azha will be observed on October 16 as the new moon of the Arabic month of Jilhaj was sighted in the country's sky yesterday.

The National Moon Sighting Committee took the decision at a meeting after reviewing reports received from different parts of the country.

Director General (DG) of Islamic Foundation Shamim Mohammad Afzal presided over the meeting in absence of State Minister for Religious Affairs M Shahjahan Mia.

Other committee members attended the meeting held at the foundation's conference room at Baitul Mukarram in the capital.

After the meeting, Islamic Foundation DG told reporters that the Jilhaj moon was sighted in Gaibandha.

Farmers frown at jute prices

Cash-strapped BJMC virtually stays out of purchase; poor sale of golden fibre

REAZ AHMAD

Jute farmers walk a tightrope this season. So does Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation.

The BJMC, the biggest purchaser of raw jute in public sector, is running out of cash and is struggling to buy jute

from the farmers and traders during the peak season now.

With the BJMC-run mills remaining cash-strapped, jute market has lost competitiveness, and a depressed market is forcing growers to sell jute at a lower price.

As against Tk 1,400 -1,500 a maund last year, farmers get only Tk 950-1,100 this season from the sale of raw jute, market sources and field reports say.

"This really acts as a disincentive for the farmers, who grew jute with a high hope this year against the backdrop of increasing demand for the natural fibre both at home and abroad. But we are failing to go to jute market in a big way because of a serious cash crisis," said a BJMC official, wishing not to be named. A sluggish market is dictating the prices at a time when

breakthroughs in jute genomics opened up new avenues for further growth of the "golden fibre", and jute has been made mandatory in manufacturing many packaging prod-

Asked, BJMC Chairman Humayun Khaled admitted the fund crisis, saying, "We sought Tk 500 crore from the government for jute purchase but to no avail. Now we're trying to line up loans from banks."

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HC clears way Disastrous for for Rampal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday cleared the way for the government to construct the controversial Rampal power plant in Bagerhat, despite green groups' protest at the project's possible disastrous impact on the Sundarbans.

its directives on the government to stop the construction of : biodiversity of the Sundarbans. coal-fired power plant until an assessment on the project's environmental impact was done.

The court summarily rejected a writ petition that sought

Sundarbans

Eminent citizens for site change

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eminent citizens yesterday said unveiling the foundation plaque for Rampal power · plant was actually the beginning of a process disastrous for the unique

With the construction of this coal-fired · plant, both Bangladesh and India are The HC clearance comes a day after the foundation : violating some of their national laws,

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Govt employees to get 20pc DA

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the government had decided to provide public servants with 20 percent dearness allowance apart from forming a permanent pay commission.

"We have decided to give 20 percent dearness allowance (to public servants), " she said while addressing the National Grand Rally of Professionals at the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the capital.

The premier, however, said the maximum pay rise for the government officials and employees would be around Tk 6,000.

After taking office in early 2009, she said, her government increased SEE PAGE 10 COL 8

Guard murdered at ATM booth

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A security guard was murdered while on duty at an ATM booth of Dutch-Bangla Bank Ltd in the capital's Mohammadpur early yesterday.

The deceased, Enamul Haque, 18, an employee of the private security company Elite Force, was found dead with a deep wound in the head in front of the ATM booth on Nurjahan Road around 5:20am, Javed Chowdhury, incharge of the company's Mohammadpur zone, told The Daily Star.

The motive behind the murder was not clear. There was no sign of any ·

Enamul Haque

Hopes now their tears

ZYMA ISLAM

In the one-room family home, his brand new computer sits on a tiny table. Inside the drawer of the table is his personal diary, where he wrote of his love and dreams.

But he will never more use the computer. Nor will he write for his love, whom he named "Priya" (beloved) in his diary. For Enamul is no more: His life was cut : short by unknown assailants in front of an : ATM booth yesterday. He was just 18. He was the apple of his parents' eyes.

Burnt over toll

Jubo League man pours boiled water on tea vendor for failing to pay daily toll

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Thirty-year-old Jahangir Alam, who makes his living by running a tea stall in front of Phulbaria Super Market, has been having a bad time with his business.

On top of it, for the last 10 days, the wet weather has been driving away his customers. Jahangir, father of a six-month-old daughter, of Old Dhaka, was earning barely enough for his basic needs.





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