



Rough ride home

Holidaymakers brace for tailbacks at certain points on battered highways

STAR REPORT
The journey home during the Eid and Puja holidays is likely to be rough and long, as a large number of highways are riddled with potholes while many others are too narrow to cope with the huge rush.
Then there is the long delay at ferry terminals.
Many regional and district roads are in bad shape as well and will cause

sufferings on the way once the rush of holidaymakers begins today.
Most roads are narrow. Besides, roadside shops, bazaars and cattle markets and illegal vehicles like nasimon, karimon and easy-bikes will add to the woes. Rain could worsen the situation even more.
The authorities have planned for a smooth journey on the Paturia-Daulatdia and Mawa-Kawrakandi ferry routes, but handling the heavy traffic

of passenger buses and cattle-carrying trucks remains a big challenge.
Thirteen ferries will ply each route during the Eid holidays.
To ease people's sufferings, the authorities have decided to ban all vehicles, except for passenger vehicles, cattle-laden trucks and trucks with perishable items, from using the ferries on October 13-15 and 17-19.
"We will deploy a mobile court and

The Konabari-Shafipur stretch of Dhaka-Tangail highway has been in a sorry state for months owing to a lack of repair and maintenance. With the home rush for Eid on, the situation is going from bad to worse, causing sufferings to travellers.

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Shibir men attack puja mandap

One killed in police firing in Chuadanga; activists run amok across country

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia
When the Hindu community started celebrating their biggest religious festival, Durga Puja, across the country yesterday, the Hindus at Damurhuda upazila in Chuadanga witnessed vandalism at one of their places of worship.

Activists of Islami Chhatra Shibir attacked a puja mandap in Darshana bus stand area in the upazila, breaking the electric lights around it and vandalising a platform designated for guests.
A Shibir activist was killed when police fired on the marauding activists to drive

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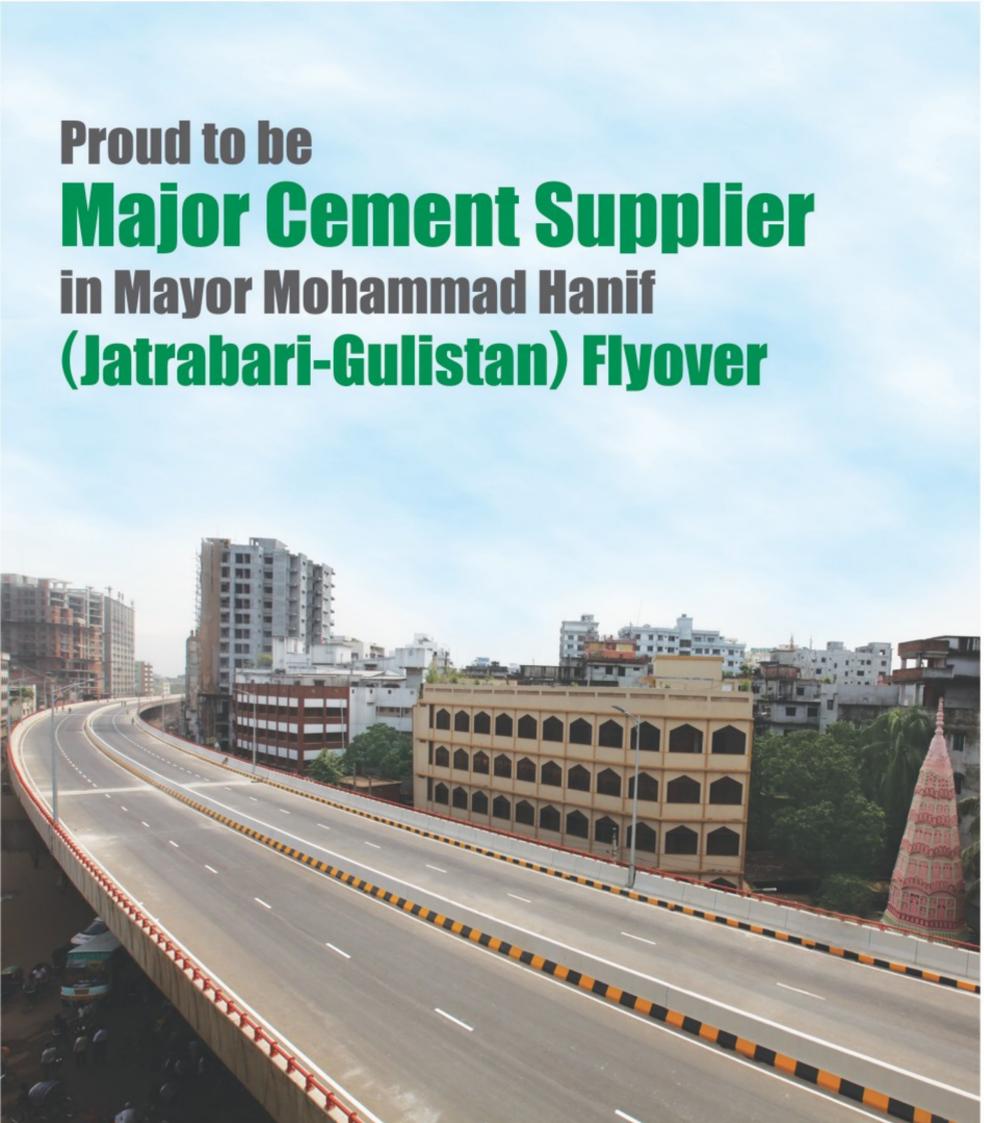
200 and over Indian cricket legend ready for last Test hurrah

SAKEB SUBHAN
The first farewell bells on 24 years of cricketer excellence were rung yesterday when Sachin Tendulkar announced that the two Tests against West Indies in November would be the last of his career. Having quit ODI cricket earlier this year, the 40-year-old's retirement from Tests marks the end of the road for the batsman who leaves as the highest scorer and century-maker, by a country mile, in both Tests and ODIs.
The enormity of his numbers defies comprehension. 15,837 runs in Tests with 51 centuries at an average 53.86



Sachin Tendulkar

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