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For them, Eid means nothing

SUBIR DAS AND RAFIUL ISLAM

Travel a year back. And you see in Rajbari a happy family having happy times with Taslima on the Eid day. Being the sole bread earner of the family, the garment worker brought home many gifts and with them big smiles.

This year, the Eid-ul-Azha is around but the family has no happy faces because there is no Taslima. The 20-year-old was among the 1,132 people, mostly garment workers, killed in the April 24 Rana Plaza collapse in Savar. The family has yet to get her body.

"My youngest daughter was the only wage earner of our family. Last year, she bought dresses for all of us. But today I have no one to give me a lungi or a shirt," her father Ayub Sheikh told The Daily Star.

But it is not Taslima's body alone that could not be identified and was therefore buried in Jurain graveyard as unidentified bodies. About 329 more bodies still remain unidentified. The government is working to identify the

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Nearly six months on, the family members of those missing in the Rana Plaza collapse, the country's worst factory disaster, still know nothing about the fate of their dear ones. They have not got any compensation as well. Helpless, they keep showing to journalists and authorities the photos and IDs of those missing.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ



Adilur freed on HC bail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Adilur Rahman Khan, secretary of rights watchdog Odhikar, was freed on bail yesterday, two months after his arrest.

He walked out of Kashimpur jail in Gazipur around 10:30am, Abdul Kuddus, jailor at the

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Deadline Nov 4

Saudi Arabia reminds illegal workers of the 'last chance' to get their jobs regularised

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Saudi government has asked the illegal expatriates to take the last chance of an ongoing amnesty by November 4.

"Expatriates are advised to process their paperwork without delay, as we will begin taking punitive action against illegals and their employers without leniency," said a joint statement of the ministries of Interior and Labour of KSA last week.

The ministries urged the workers to legalise their residency and labour status before the expiry of the amnesty to avoid punishment, report Saudi Arabian media.

Faisal Al-Otaibi, director of the department for inspections at the labour ministry, said the raid would cover institutions across cities and principalities without exception.

The ministry would not allow any black market for foreign workers, he said. "We will allow manpower supply only through

licensed companies," he added.

The Bangladesh embassy in Riyadh has urged the Bangladeshi workers, who have not taken the advantage, to take it to avoid punishment, said labour counsellor Emdadul Haque.

Around four lakh Bangladeshis had taken the advantage. Of them 40,000 returned home.

There would be work opportunities after the end of the amnesty as a good number of illegal residents from other countries had left Saudi Arabia, the counsellor added.

Arab News, a Saudi Arabian newspaper, reported yesterday that more than 200,000 illegal foreign workers left the Kingdom since the amnesty began in May this year.

Around 2 million qualified expatriate workers had not legalised their status but are available to take jobs, it said.

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Bahaddarhat flyover in Ctg opens today

UNB, Chittagong

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will today open the Bahaddarhat flyover to traffic in Chittagong.

"The premier will inaugurate the Bahaddarhat flyover at 10:30am," Abdus Salam, chairman of Chittagong Development Authority (CDA), told UNB over the phone.

Hasina laid the foundation stone of the project in 2010 and its work started in 2011, the CDA chairman said, adding that around Tk 145 crore was spent on the project.

The premier will also inaugurate a total of 11 projects, worth about Tk

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Nobel Peace Prize goes to Syria's weapon monitor

AFP, Oslo

The OPCW, the body overseeing the destruction of Syria's chemical weapons, won the Nobel Peace Prize in a surprise announcement yesterday.

It was honoured "for its extensive efforts to eliminate chemical weapons," Nobel Committee chairman Thorbjørn Jagland said. "Recent events in Syria, where chemical weapons have again been put to use, have underlined the need to enhance the efforts to do away with such weapons," the jury said in its statement.

The Hague-based Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons was founded in 1997 to implement the Chemical Weapons Convention signed on January 13, 1993.

Until recently operating in relative obscurity, the OPCW has suddenly been catapulted into the global spotlight because of its work supervising the dismantling of Syria's chemical arsenal and facilities.



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2 killed in Kishoreganj gunfight

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kishoreganj

Two people were killed and 25 others were injured in a gunfight between two groups of villagers over a land dispute at Singpur under Nikli upazila of Kishoreganj yesterday.

The battle began around 5:00pm between a group of villagers led by Awami League leader Halim and another group led by BNP

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PRAYER TIMING			October 12
Fajr	4-45	Azan	5-20
Zohr	12-45	Jamaat	1-15
Asr	4-15		4-30
Maghrib	5-45		5-50
Esha	7-15		7-45
Source: Islamic Foundation			

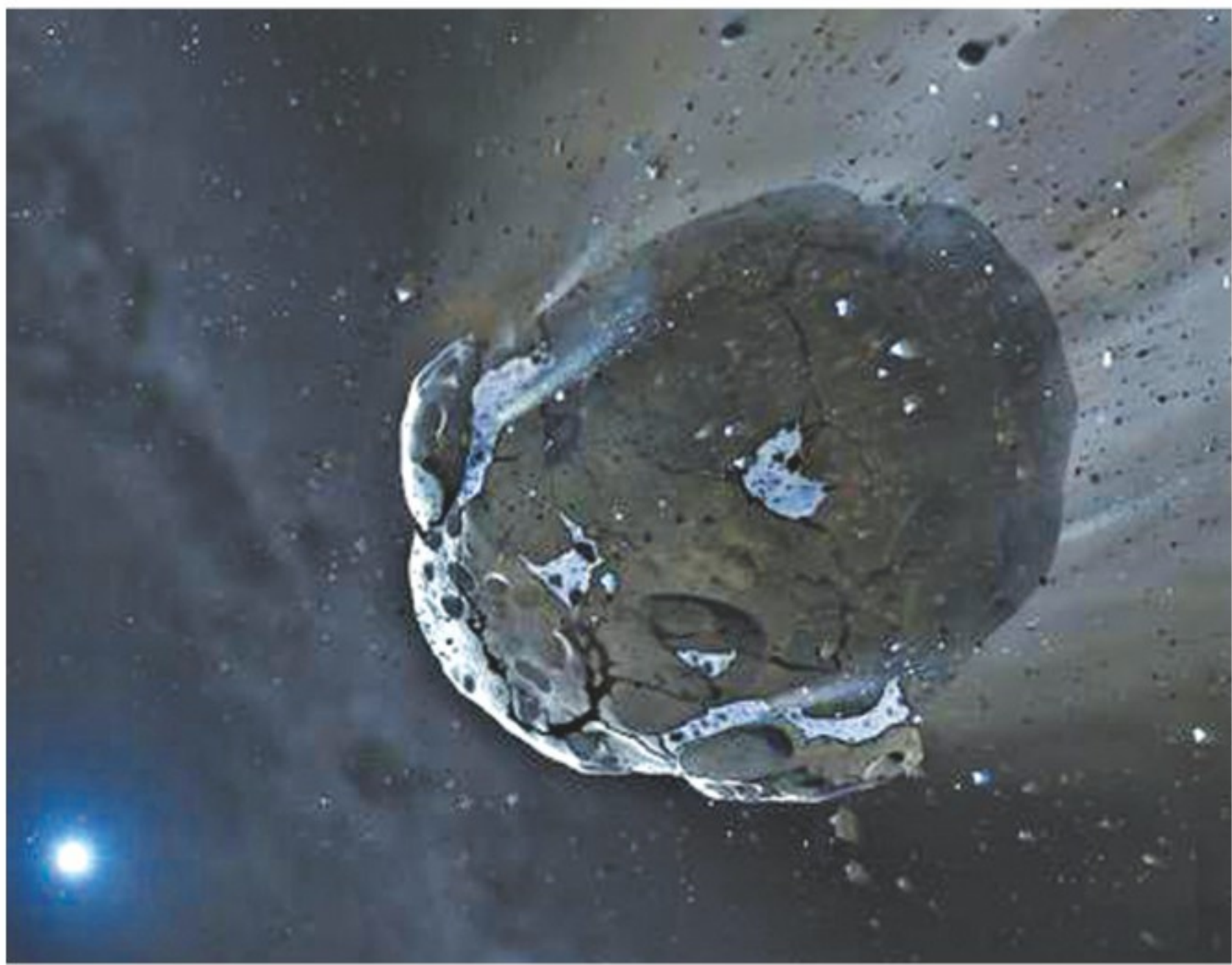
Planet with vast oceans, rocks found

INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

The remnants of a lost water world of rocks and oceans have been discovered by astronomers -- who said they had found the basic ingredients for a habitable planet beyond our Solar System.

Astronomers believe the tiny blip on their telescope screens some 150 light years from Earth was once a rocky planet with huge amounts of water --

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CATTLE MARKETS

Supply huge, price low

HELEMUL ALAM

Days ahead of the official opening of 19 makeshift cattle markets, traders began to bring large numbers of sacrificial animals in the capital.

The price of the animals was relatively low this year in comparison to the same time last year as the turnout of customers was small despite the availability of a large number of bulls.

Though the official opening date of the markets in the city was set for tomorrow, traders had started to gather their cattle at suitable places for the last several days to attract buyers' attention.

The cattle market authorities had also started collecting Hasil (service tax to be paid by buyers) though they were not supposed to do it before tomorrow.

ASM Sarowar, a committee member of a cattle market at Mirpur Eastern Housing, said they started taking Hasil as the cattle traders had come to their market early.

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think secretary-general level talks between the AL and the BNP will help to break the political standoff as both sides remained rigid on their stance?

Yes (25%)
No (75%)

TOTAL VOTES: 215

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think it will be justified for the Election Commission to register Bangladesh Nationalist Front (BNF) as a political party despite strong criticism from different quarters?

PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE AT www.thedailystar.net



জরুরি বিজ্ঞপ্তি

আসন্ন পবিত্র ঈদ-উল-আযহা নিরাপদ ও নির্বিঘ্নে উদ্‌যাপনের জন্য সম্মানিত জনসাধারণকে নিম্নোক্ত পরামর্শ গ্রহণের অনুরোধ জানানো হচ্ছে :

- ঈদের প্রাক্কালে যাঁরা ঢাকার বাইরে যাবেন তাঁরা সময় নিয়ে ভ্রমণ পরিকল্পনা করবেন, যাতে শেষ মুহূর্তের ট্রেন, বাস, লঞ্চ ও ফেরিঘাটের মারাত্মক ভীড় এড়িয়ে নির্বিঘ্নে প্রিয়জনের সাথে ঈদের আনন্দ উপভোগ করতে পারেন।
- নিজের জীবনের ঝুঁকি নিয়ে অতিরিক্ত যাত্রী হয়ে ট্রেন, বাস, লঞ্চ বা স্টিমারে চলাচল করবেন না। ট্রেন/লঞ্চ/বাসের ছাদে/ট্রাকে ভ্রমণ করবেন না। ভীড় এড়িয়ে নিরাপদে ভ্রমণ করুন।
- দ্রুতগতিতে গাড়ি চালাতে চালককে তাগিদ দেবেন না। চালক যাতে নিয়মতান্ত্রিকভাবে গাড়ি চালায় সে দিকে লক্ষ্য রাখুন।
- রেল স্টেশনে, বাস ও লঞ্চ টার্মিনালে, যাত্রা পথে অপরিচিত কোন ব্যক্তির কাছ থেকে খাবার সামগ্রী ও পানীয় গ্রহণ করবেন না।
- কোন ব্যক্তিকে অজ্ঞান পাটি/প্রতারক চক্রের সদস্য সন্দেহ হলে তাৎক্ষণিকভাবে নিকটস্থ পুলিশকে জানান।
- ট্রাক, লঞ্চ, ট্রলার ইত্যাদি পরিবহনে অতিরিক্ত পণ্য বোঝাই করবেন না।
- পস্তর হাটে অর্থ লেনদেনের ক্ষেত্রে সতর্কতা অবলম্বন করুন, প্রয়োজনে পুলিশের সহায়তা নিন। কোন নোট জাল সন্দেহ হলে তাৎক্ষণিকভাবে নিকটস্থ পুলিশের সহায়তা নিন।
- পস্তর হাটে কেউ অতিরিক্ত হাসিল অথবা চাঁদা দাবি করলে নিকটস্থ পুলিশকে অবহিত করুন।
- পস্তর চামড়া পাচারের ব্যাপারে সতর্ক থাকুন। কাউকে চামড়া পাচারকারী সন্দেহ হলে স্থানীয় পুলিশকে জানান।
- কোন ব্যক্তি/গোষ্ঠী যাতে অমূলক ঘটনা/গুজব সৃষ্টির মাধ্যমে জনগণকে বিভ্রান্ত করে আইন-শৃঙ্খলা পরিস্থিতির অবনতি ঘটাতে না পারে সে ব্যাপারে সতর্ক থাকুন। এ ধরণের পরিস্থিতি সৃষ্টি হলে আইন-শৃঙ্খলা রক্ষাকারী বাহিনীর সদস্যদেরকে অবহিত করুন।
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