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CHEMICAL-TAINTED MANGO

Supply falls as govt set to start drive

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The supply of mango to the capital has sharply come down ahead of the government drive to check consignments of the summer fruit for formalin.

Many traders at Karwan Bazar and Mohammadpur yesterday said the supply has almost halved over the last two days. It would drop further from today as government teams start inspecting trucks of mango at eight entry points of the capital.

"Usually, we get four to five truckloads of mango every night. But tonight not a single truck is coming to my store," said Md Parvez, manager of a wholesale centre at Karwan Bazar, yesterday.

According to some wholesalers, orchard owners fear police might destroy their fruits as they use four to five types of chemicals in different phases of fruit growth.

ASM Mahbubul Alam alias Haji Babul, president of Karwan Bazar wholesale fruit market, said fruit growers use chemicals, which include insecticides and ripening hormones, though they had been asked not to.

Asked about the supply, he said around 500 tonnes of mango arrive at

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There are buyers but no mangoes at the Baneshwar market in Rajshahi yesterday after a mobile court destroyed mangoes worth Tk 1.5 lakh and fined two sellers Tk 50,000 each for selling contaminated fruits.

PHOTO:
MOHAMMED MASUD

2 more bKash agents mugged Tk 28 lakh snatched

STAR REPORT

Armed criminals impersonating detectives took Tk 28 lakh from two agents of bKash, a mobile money transfer service provider, in Jhalakathi yesterday.

Police said Kabir Ahmed and Rubel Mridha were going to Rajapur and Kathalia upazilas from Jhalakathi on a motorbike to the give money to bKash distributors there.

When they reached Satarkanda area on Barisal-Khulna highway, a group of seven people identifying themselves as policemen from the Detective Branch stopped their bike.

The muggers searched their bags and

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Noab gets new committee Matiur president, Azad vice president

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prothom Alo Publisher Matiur Rahman and Samakal Publisher AK Azad have been elected president and vice-president of the Newspaper Owners Association of Bangladesh.

Daily Manab Zamin Chief Editor Matiur Rahman Chowdhury was re-elected treasurer of the new executive committee, which was formed in a meeting on June 8, says a Noab press release.

Other members of the Noab executive committee include The Daily Star Editor and Publisher Mahfuz Anam, Daily Ittefaq acting editor Tasmima Hossain, Daily

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Global wealth grows to \$152tr Number of millionaires rockets worldwide

INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

There are millions more millionaires in the world, thanks to a huge surge in private wealth around the world.

More than 16 million households passed the mark in US dollars in 2013, up from 13.7 million in 2012, according to a report by the Boston Consulting Group (BCG).

Most of them are to be found in the US, which also has the highest number of new millionaires, and wealth is growing fast in China.

There are 2.4 million households there



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ONLINE POLL

Do you think that the government's drive against formalin-tainted fish, fruits and vegetables is well enough to prevent entry of chemically contaminated foods entering the capital?

Yes (10%)

No (90%)

TOTAL VOTES: 445

TODAY'S POLL
Do you think Health Minister Mohammad Nasim's promise to the doctors to give them their desired posting after they serve three years in an upazila will encourage them to work in rural areas?

PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE AT
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PRAYER TIMING June 11

Azan Jamaat

Fajr 4-05 4-40

Zohr 12-45 1-15

Asr 5-00 5-15

Maghrib 6-50 6-55

Esha 8-15 8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

RUMOUR OF DEATHS IN ROAD ACCIDENT Students go rowdy

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Several hundred students went on the rampage and vandalised more than 100 vehicles on Dhaka-Mymensingh highway in Tongi yesterday following a rumour of two female students' death in a road accident.

Chhowa, 15, and Laboni Akter, 14, both students of class-IX of Shafiuiddin Sarker

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WE MOURN

We like to inform with deep sorrow the sad demise of **Md. Anwar Jamil Siddiqui**, Director, AB Bank Limited, Pacific Motors Limited and Therapeutics (BD) Limited, who left us for heavenly abode on Tuesday, June 10, 2014, at the age of 70, at Kuala Lumpur General Hospital, Malaysia (Innalillah Wa Inna Ilahi Rajeun). He left behind his wife, three sons and one daughter.

He was a widely travelled person and made significant contributions in the Board of AB Bank Limited. All levels of AB Bank Employees, Officers and Directors were stunned at the sudden departure of Late Siddiqui from this world to heavenly abode.

We pray to Almighty Allah for the salvation of the departed soul and give strength to the members of the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss with fortitude and courage.

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