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RAMADAN BEGINS

Admin wary of unhygienic iftar items

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka deputy commissioner's (DC) office will be on the watch for the sale of adulterated and unhygienic foods, especially Iftar items, throughout the month of Ramadan.

It gave a warning to food sellers on the very first day of fasting yesterday through a mobile court drive in Old Dhaka's famous Iftar selling venue, Chawkbazar.

During the nearly one-and-a-half-hour drive in the afternoon, three stalls selling kebabs, roasted beef, mutton and chicken were fined for not covering the items with polythene.

At the beginning of the drive, the magistrates warned them not to leave food items in the open for sale. When they were about to leave the place after the surveillance on the 30 yard road, they found the food items still uncovered and so imposed fines on the stall owners.

"We came here to check if they [sellers] were using any harmful chemical in the food

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A vendor in Old Dhaka's Chawk Bazar, a spot famous for its various iftar items, tries to draw customers by demonstrating his food items yesterday, the first day of Ramadan.

PHOTO: RASHED



Modi pitches for Saarc satellite

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday asked the country's space scientists to develop a South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (Saarc) satellite to benefit the neighbouring countries.

"We have done a lot (in space science) but the heart wants more. I have proposed to our scientists that they develop a Saarc satellite. This will help all our neighbours," Modi said while congratulating the scientists of Indian Space Research Organisation on the launch of a rocket

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BDR CARNAGE CASE HEARING

Time ticks away in making paper-book

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

The Supreme Court authorities have started work on producing paper-books of the BDR carnage case aiming at completing the huge job in next three months.

The time frame has been set for quick disposal of the death references and appeals at the High Court.

A paper-book, which contains the lower court's judgments, orders and other documents including statements and evidence, is necessary for the HC to hear and dispose of a death reference or an appeal.

Earlier this month, the SC authorities began composing and editing the paper-books and comparing them with case records. Around 230 paper-books will be

prepared for the biggest ever criminal case in the country's history in terms of number of accused and convicts.

Having 40,000 to 42,000 pages, every paper-book will be published in more than 40 volumes so that they can be handled easily, an SC official told The Daily Star on Friday requesting anonymity.

Around 30 paper-books will be produced in the first phase for the death references. About 200 more will be readied for as many appeals which were filed by the convicts challenging their convictions and sentences handed down by the lower court.

Upon completion of composing, editing and comparing, the paper-books will be printed and photocopied.

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LOAN FRAUD

Sonali sues Hall-Mark printers

COURT CORRESPONDENT

State-run Sonali Bank Ltd yesterday filed another case against a concern of Hall-Mark Group and its Managing Director Tanvir Mahmud for taking over Tk 13.62 crore in loans on fake documents.

Abdus Salam, executive officer of the bank's Ruposhi Bangla Hotel branch, filed the case with Money Loan Court-1 in Dhaka.

Hall-Mark Group Chairperson Jasmine Islam and Hall-Mark Boby Flatbed Printing Ltd, a

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AT ODDS WITH SUDAN EMPLOYERS

56 Bangladeshis want to return

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Some 56 Bangladeshi workers who are working at a textile company in Sudan have demanded that the government bring them back home as their employer prevents their repatriation to Bangladesh.

"We are now passing our days in fear as our company management has threatened to hand us over to police if we do not work here and try to flee," Arshad Hossain, one of the 56 migrants, told The Daily Star over the phone on Sunday.

They have been protesting their company management's reluctance to give them due payment and provide them with better accommodation, he added.

The workers went to Sudan in January this year to work as operators for Sametex Textile and Investment, a joint venture company run by Sudanese and Turkish nationals in a town near Khartoum, the capital of Sudan.

Each migrant paid Tk 2.6 lakh to two Bangladeshi recruiting agencies -- Al-Purbasha Enterprise and Gulam Rabbi International -- for managing their jobs in the company

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WAR CRIMES TRIAL

Prosecution rebuked

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-2 yesterday rebuked the prosecution for submitting an "erroneous" petition, which did not have the name of chief

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SEHRI, IFTAR TIMINGS				
Ramadan	July	Sehri	Iftar	
2	1		6-54	
3	2	3-42	6-54	
4	3	3-43	6-54	

PRAYER TIMING			July 1
	Azan	Jamaat	
Fajr	3-47	3-52	
Zohr	12-45	1-15	
Asr	5-00	5-15	
Maghrib	6-54	7-04	
Esha	8-17	8-45	

Source: Islamic Foundation

Emperor penguins running out of ice

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Global warming is melting sea ice so fast that more than half of Antarctica's population of Emperor penguins are set to be wiped out by the end of the century, according to a new research.

"If sea ice declines at rates projected by the climate models and continues to influence Emperor penguins as it did in the second half of the 20th century in Terre Adelie, none of the colonies, even the southern-most locations in the Ross Sea, will provide a viable refuge by the end of the 21st century," warned lead author Dr Stephanie Jenouvrier.

She called for the Emperor to be given "endangered species" status to help reduce the damage climate change is inflicting upon them.

The report acknowledges that such a classification would do nothing to save the sea-ice habitat of

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