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Highways not fit yet

Quader's deadline for repair over

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Some roads and highways are still in bad shape with the deadline set by Communications Minister Obaidul Quader to repair all the highways expiring yesterday.

And the repair work that has so far been done is feared to become useless if there is rainfall, raising concern that there might be no relief this time either for people who will be travelling outside Dhaka to spend the Eid with their near and dear ones.

The Roads and Highways Department (RHD) staff are making all out efforts to turn all the roads usable but they said it would take a few more days to complete the job, if there's no rain.

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Workers, left, mending the potholes at Sitakunda on Dhaka-Chittagong Highway yesterday while vehicles crawl on the under-construction Dhaka-Mymensingh Highway at Digarkanda. The communications minister had promised that all highways would be repaired by yesterday for the Eid rush.



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MH17 DISASTER

Bodies loaded on train, destination unknown

AGENCIES

The bodies of the victims of Malaysia Airlines flight MH17 are being loaded on to three railway carriages, apparently with refrigerator capability, which are standing at the train station in the town of Torez, several miles from the crash site in the Donetsk region of eastern Ukraine.

The Guardian witnessed the arrival of a delegation from the international

monitoring body the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) at around midday local time to inspect the wagons, accompanied by a convoy of heavily armed and nervous rebels.

As they opened the metal door to one of the carriages to inspect the interior, a stench of death wafted out, and black body bags were visible inside.

"The special monitoring mission in its third day dealing with the incident

has now monitored the location where bodies are being refrigerated in three wagons," said Alexander Hug, the deputy chief of the mission.

"We have not been able to count them as that would be too difficult in this situation."

According to AFP, the pro-Russian militiamen loaded almost 200 bodies into trains yesterday and said they had recovered objects from the crash site

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Illegal battery-powered rickshaws were seized by police in the capital's Kamalapur area yesterday.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

JUDGE IMPEACHMENT Petition with HC against govt move

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Supreme Court lawyer yesterday filed a writ petition with the High Court seeking its directive on the government not to restore parliament's authority to impeach Supreme Court judges by abolishing the existing Supreme Judicial Council.

Advocate Eunus Ali Akond in his petition also prayed that the HC ask the government to maintain status quo on the government's reported decision about changing Article 96 of the constitution to restore the parliament's power to impeach judges.

According to the article, the Supreme Judicial Council, led by the chief justice, inquires into the

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Early risers 'less moral at night'

BBC ONLINE

"Morning people", who are more alert early in the day, are more likely to cheat and behave unethically in the night hours, researchers say.

Psychologists found that early-rising "larks" and late-night "owls" had different levels of honesty depending on the time of day.

The study found a link between ethical choices and such internal clocks.

Sunita Sah, research fellow at Harvard University in the US, said this had "implications for workplaces".

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The Daily Star



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ONLINE POLL

Do you think BNP's new committee for Dhaka city unit with Mirza Abbas its convener will help the BNP-led 18-party alliance to wage strong movement for holding a national election under a non-party administration?

Yes (51%) No (49%)

TOTAL VOTES: 249

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think that the government's initiative is adequate enough to prevent ticket scalping ahead of Eid?

PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE AT www.thedailystar.net

SEHRI, IFTAR TIMINGS

Ramadan	July	Sehri	Iftar
22	21		6-50
23	22	3-54	6-50
24	23	3-55	6-50

PRAYER TIMING July 21

Azan	Jamaat
Fajr 3-58	4-03
Zohr 12-45	1-15
Asr 5-00	5-15
Maghrib 6-50	7-00
Esha 8-15	8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

Poultry Meat, Egg and Feed are Safe

In recent days we have observed some research publications in the media relating to use of tannery waste in poultry feed. Not a single such study or investigation conducted in recent times in Bangladesh on poultry egg, chicken and feed specimen collected from any commercial layer or broiler farm and modern feed mill. The study methodology adopted in such cases is highly questionable and devoid of universal representation of data. Around 80-90 per cent of the total feed produced in Bangladesh is manufactured in automatic hi-tech feed plants that are all registered with the Feed Industries Association Bangladesh (FIAB). All these mills have in-house testing laboratories where every single ingredient is accepted or rejected on the basis of lab test reports. The finished product (feed) also goes through rigorous testing in in-house and government laboratories before being made available to farmers. In addition to this, random sampling of feed from the open market is rigorously done by concerned Government agencies on a regular basis. In the last two decades none of the FIAB members have received any complaint from any Government agencies with regard to use of tannery waste. Feed is also exported to countries in the Middle East and South Asia. None of the said studies collected feed samples from any of the FIAB registered feed mills. Therefore, it is only logical to conclude that the study findings are misleading, misrepresentative, incomplete and biased.

We, the members of FIAB, strongly condemn use or handling of tannery waste, chromium or any other element harmful to human health or environment. We want to reassure the consumers our commitment in using safe ingredients. We welcome quality investigation in any FIAB member facilities any time of the year. We fervently request any government or private research organization to collect samples from FIAB registered feed mills from the open market to conduct a comprehensive study and publish the findings at the earliest for the sake of the consumers. At the same time we are open to process investigation at any of our production facilities. As a matter of fact, we, on several occasions, have raised the issue of adulteration, as depicted in the media, to the concerned Government agencies.

The journalist community is requested to engage in a holistic manner to ensure that the data they receive are authentic in terms of study methodology, sample size, sample dispersion etc. We are surprised that none of the registered association members were contacted or asked to submit any form of information during the study or publication of these reports in the electronic and print media. We strongly object to the presentation and interpretation of this partial and biased information in the media, thereby creating unnecessary panic among the consumers.

We demand immediate attention of concerned Government authorities to stop trade of tannery waste. As per the law of the land such unwanted waste cannot be allowed to leave any production facility before treatment. We request all tannery plant owners to take immediate measures in this regard.

The Feed Industries Association Bangladesh (FIAB), Breeders' Association of Bangladesh (BAB), Egg Producers Association of Bangladesh (EPAB), Animal Health Companies Association of Bangladesh (AHCAB), Poultry Industries Association of Bangladesh (PIAB), World's Poultry Science Association-Bangladesh Branch (WPSA-BB) and the Bangladesh Poultry Industries Coordination Committee (BPICC) are committed to make the poultry sector sustainable and provide safe and hygienic food to the nation.

May Allah give us all the strength and commitment to travel the straight path and serve our fellow citizens.



Bangladesh Poultry Industries Coordination Committee (BPICC)

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