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Eid shopping a click away

e-trading gives customers a break from traffic jam, bargaining; traders expect Tk 15cr sales this Ramadan

SUMAN SAHA

Farjana Mony was feeling exhausted even at the thought of going to malls braving huge traffic jams and crowds. But she can't help as it is the time for Eid shopping.

She was looking for an alternative means of buying her dresses. When she found one -- through friends and the social media -- she was all smiles.

It's so easy: place the order online and get the item right at your door. You don't need even need to pay before delivery.

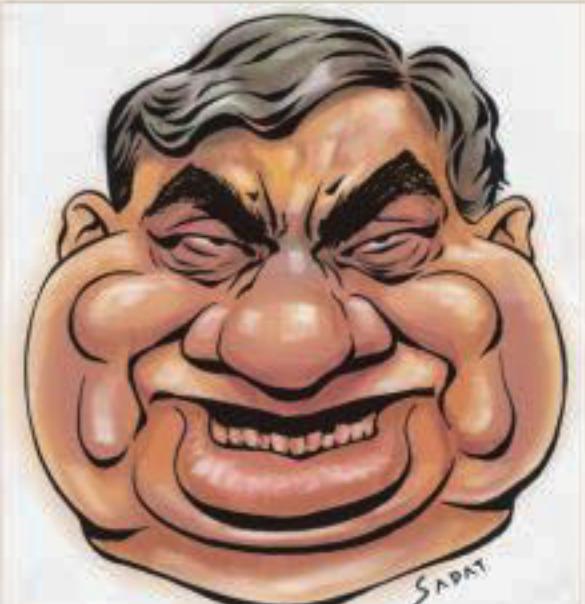
"I'm very happy to buy my Eid dress from an online store," Mony, a resident of Shyampur in the capital.

This is e-commerce. Shopping is just one click away.

Receiving orders on their portals, e-trading companies collect the items from manufacturers, importers or distributors and then deliver those to consumers. They get a commission on every sale.

These virtual stores offer a wide range of products, including kitchen items, apparels, gift items, furniture, electronic goods, home appliances and books.

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Mohsin's new antics

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After dozing off on stage a few times, Social Welfare Minister Syed Mohsin Ali messed up his speech for a programme and said Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was Saima Wazed Hossain's paternal grandfather.

"Working together we will prove that what we had not done for your *dada* [paternal grandfather], we will do that and more for you," he said apparently to flatter Saima.

In Bangla, paternal grandfather is *dada* and maternal grandfather is *nana* and Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman is actually Saima's maternal grandfather.

Saima is Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's daughter.

"If Aung San Suu Kyi can get the Nobel prize for peace, our Putul [Saima's

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UN warns of war crimes

Launches probe

AFP, Geneva



Israel's military actions in the Gaza Strip could amount to war crimes, UN rights chief Navi Pillay said yesterday while also condemning indiscriminate rocket attacks by Palestinian militants Hamas.

"There seems to be a strong possibility that international law has been violated, in

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Bloodshed goes on

Over 700 killed in 16 days of Gaza strikes; US, UN report 'some progress' in truce efforts

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Gaza fighting raged yesterday, displacing thousands more Palestinians in the battered territory as US Secretary of State John Kerry said efforts to secure a truce between Israel and Hamas had made some progress.

In a blow to Israel's economy and image, American aviation authorities extended a ban on US flights to Tel Aviv for a second day, spooked by rocket salvos out of the Gaza Strip, with many

other global airlines also avoiding the Jewish state. As Kerry and UN chief Ban Ki-moon held talks in Jerusalem, they appeared cautiously optimistic, saying they had pooled their efforts in the hope of boosting the quest for a truce in a conflict that has claimed 687 lives in Gaza and 35 in Israel.

Kerry met Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, Ban Ki-moon and a grim-faced Netanyahu yesterday. He was due to return later in the day to Egypt, which shares a border with Gaza and has

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Displaced Palestinian children from Beit Hanun in the northern Gaza Strip stand behind the window of a classroom yesterday at a UN school in the refugee camp of Jabalia where families have taken refuge after fleeing heavy fighting in the Gaza Strip.

PHOTO:
AFP

Cops needed Tk 10 lakh

Student detained as murder suspect, tortured over 'failure to pay bribe'

RAFIUL ISLAM

Dhanmondi police have allegedly tortured a college student in their custody so brutally that he may not walk again.

When cops arrested him in a murder case on June 9, Inzamamul Islam Jisan, 17, was perfectly fine, according to the very police officer who allegedly tortured him.

The barbarity caused serious infection in the youth's left leg.

A second-year student of Dhaka City College, Jisan was taken on nine days' remand from June 10 to 19 in two phases.

During the remand, Sub-inspector of Dhanmondi Police Station Sahidul Biswas and several other cops beat him up, gave electric shocks and repeatedly pierced his left leg with syringes. They also demanded Tk 10 lakh from his family to spare him the torture, the victim and his family alleged.

Jisan's father Jahidul Islam said they gave Tk 4 lakh in two parts to a plainclothes man who demanded the money in the presence of Sahidul inside the police station.

"But they tortured my son even after that," he said.

SI Sahidul, however, denied torturing Jisan or taking any money. He claimed Jisan walked to the courtroom on the third floor to give a confessional statement on June 19.

"How could he walk if he had leg injuries?" he asked.

The incident came to light yesterday as National Human

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Inzamamul Islam cuffed to his bed at the burn unit of DMCH. He was hospitalised allegedly after police torture in custody.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Invest more in Bangladesh

PM urges expatriates

UNB, London

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Tuesday called upon the Bangladeshi expatriates, especially from Sylhet region, to invest more in Bangladesh.

She made the request when a five-member delegation of All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG), led by Lord Sheikh, met her at Hotel Hilton on Park Lane in the afternoon.

The meeting discussed how to boost trade and investment in Bangladesh from the Sylhet community living in the UK, PM's Press Secretary AKM Shamim Chowdhury and Foreign Secretary Shahidul Haque told a joint press briefing.

The PM said her government's main focus is also on regional cooperation and connectivity since South Asia is a big market.

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