



Top, a sea of ticket-seekers before the counters at Kamalapur Railway Station in the capital yesterday with the special transport services for Eid home rush set to start today. Far left, some of them spent the night before there to make sure they get the tickets as soon as sales opened at 9:00am. Near left, little person Suman shows off his trophies that he managed on a quota for persons with physical challenges, and women.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

## TRANSPORTING EID VACATIONERS Special services start today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka city dwellers will start leaving the capital today, the last working day of this week, to celebrate Eid-ul-Fitr with their near and dear ones outside the capital.

A huge number of holidaymakers have already booked tickets of trains, buses and launches for today with the special services scheduled to start today alongside the regular ones.

If the Eid is celebrated on July 30, there will be a single working day on July 27, making the vacation nine days long, starting tomorrow.

Private operators said around 8,000 buses would run daily between Dhaka and other destinations during the Eid rush, but they were fearful of tailbacks due to the battered highways.

The state-run Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation will operate 450 buses daily from Dhaka during the period, said its officials.

Kamrul Ahsan, Dhaka divisional railway manager, said the authorities would operate 64 regular and three special trains from today, and they hoped to carry around 1 lakh passengers daily from Dhaka.

Private launch owners will start the special trips today from Sadarghat Launch Terminal. The government-run Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation will also start operating five steamers today from Dhaka, said its General Manager (commerce) Shaheb Uddin.

Mosharraf Hossain, manager of Hanif Paribahan, said, "All our bus seats for tomorrow are booked. We have the capacity to carry over 15,000 passengers daily from Dhaka to other districts."

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Railway yesterday continued to distribute advance tickets for the fourth consecutive day at Kamalapur Railway Station.

Like previous days, long queues of ticket-seekers were seen before the counters. Though some passengers raised

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## 7-MURDER AT LALBAGH HC set to pass verdict today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court is set to give a verdict today on the appeals filed by the convicts in the Lalbagh seven-murder case challenging a lower court judgement.

According to the case statement, some criminals allegedly led by a former Dhaka City Corporation ward commissioner Abdul Aziz opened fire on the victory procession of his rival Humayun Kabir at Lalbagh in Old Dhaka at about 10:30am on January 31, 1994. Humayun won the DCC election as the commissioner of ward no 59.

Delwar, Gazi, Nazrul, Anwar, Hafiz, Aziz and Shah Alam were killed and several others injured in the gun attack.

Humayun filed the murder case against Abdul Aziz and 23 others on the same day.

On May 7, 2008, a Dhaka court sentenced two persons to death, nine

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## NEW BNP DHAKA CITY COMMITTEE Courageous leaders for wards, thanas

Abbas-led team decides in 1st meeting

RASHIDUL HASAN

Courageous activists who are ready to make sacrifices in the post-Eid anti-government movement will be inducted into BNP's ward and thana level committees in the capital, newly formed Dhaka city unit convening body decided in principle at its maiden meeting yesterday.

The committee members said brushing aside nepotism and factionalism, dedicated and tested persons who would not show their back during the movement would be picked up.

The meeting chaired by Dhaka city unit chief Mirza Abbas was held at Bhashani Bhaban in the capital's Nayapalton.

"Everyone in the meeting agreed to reconstitute all wards and thanas of Dhaka city with honest and courageous persons who have made contributions in the party and who played a brave role in the past," Abdul Awal Mintoo, joint convener-1 of new Dhaka city body, told The Daily Star.

The committee also vowed to strengthen the crucial chapter "at any cost" as part of preparations for the upcoming movement demanding a fresh national election under a non-party administration.

The immediate past Dhaka city committee led by Sadeque Hossain Khoka was disbanded on July 18 due to their failure to wage anti-government movement in the capital last year, especially from October to December. Khoka had led the unit for nearly 17 years.

To bring dynamism in the crucial unit, Khaleda Zia on July 18 night approved the Abbas-led 56-member committee.

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## KHALAF MURDER SC to hear govt pleas challenging HC verdict

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday permitted the government to move appeals before it against a High Court verdict in the Saudi embassy official Khalaf Al Ali murder case.

Khalaf was shot dead near his Gulshan residence in the capital's diplomatic enclave on March 6, 2012. On December 30 the same year, a Dhaka court gave the death sentence to five persons Saiful Islam Mamun, Al Amin, Rafiqul Islam Khokon, Akbar Ali Lal, and Selim Chowdhury.

Following appeals filed by the convicts, the HC on last November 18 acquitted Selim, who is on the run, upheld the death sentence on Saiful and sentenced Al Amin, Khokon and Lal to life-term imprisonments.

Later, the government filed three leave to appeal petitions with the SC

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## BONUS, ARREARS BEFORE EID RMG workers of 3 more Savar units want payment

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Hundreds of workers of three garment factories in Savar demonstrated yesterday demanding arrears and Eid-ul-Fitr bonus.

Workers of SMN Sweater (Pvt) Ltd demonstrated on the factory premises around 9:00am. The demonstrators then gathered at the Rana Plaza site and formed a human chain there to press home their demands.

The workers claimed that they have not been paid salaries of May, June and July.

They said the factory manager told them that they would be paid on July 10, but he has been missing since then.

The factory authorities could not be

contacted despite repeated attempts by The Daily Star.

Meanwhile, Adorn Garment (Pvt) Ltd workers continued their demonstrations for the third consecutive day on the factory premises demanding arrears and bonus.

The workers claimed they have not been paid the salary of June.

Mirza Shaijuddin, inspector of Ashulia Industrial Police, said the factory authorities have not been present at the factory since the demonstrations began.

Police have been deployed in the area to avoid any untoward incident.

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## RANA PLAZA COLLAPSE HC bench splits over bail for factory owner

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A two-judge High Court bench yesterday delivered a split verdict on a bail petition filed by Bazlul Samad Adnan, owner of a garment factory housed in the Rana Plaza that collapsed in April last year, killing at least 1,135 people and injuring scores.

Adnan, the owner of New Wave Style, had submitted the petition to the HC seeking bail in a case filed by police for negligence in protecting the lives

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## To Know is to Prevent

### Do not let your neck and back pain agonize you!

Farida Yasmin at forty seven runs her own khadi cloth shop in Comilla with her husband. Farida did have some nagging pain in her neck for few weeks, but suddenly one morning she felt severe neck pain with absolute immobility. A local doctor in Comilla advised her to go to Dhaka for better treatment. She had neck surgery in a big private hospital in Dhaka; but unfortunately even after two weeks passed after the surgery there was no improvement in her condition!

In desperation, when Farida came to see the Spine Surgeon in an International Standard Tertiary Care Hospital in Dhaka itself, she was having difficulty in speaking, drinking water and swallowing food having obstruction in her neck; further she was having tingling sensation and pain which was radiating from her neck to her shoulder, arm and hands. The Spine Surgeon diagnosed her to be a case of Cervical Radiculopathy which resulted from implant failure in cervical spine from her previous surgery for Cervical Herniated Disc.

Neck part of our spine is called cervical spine. Any condition that injures or somehow irritates the cervical nerve can cause Cervical Radiculopathy. The most common causes of Cervical Radiculopathy include:

- Cervical Herniated Disc when the inner material of the cervical disc herniates or leaks out and inflames and/or impinges on the adjacent nerve.
- Cervical Spinal Stenosis where as part of the degenerative process of the cervical spine, changes in the spinal joints can lead to tightening of the space for the spinal canal.
- Cervical Degenerative Disc Disease when the cervical spine degenerates over time resulting in degenerated discs and a pinched nerve.

The Spine Surgeon explained to Farida her condition by drawing picture of spine. He told her, arm pain from a cervical herniated disc is one of the more common cervical spine conditions which usually develop in thirty to fifty year old age group. The doctor further said that although a cervical herniated disc may originate from some sort of trauma or injury to the cervical spine, the symptoms commonly start spontaneously. The herniated disc material presses on a cervical nerve, causing pain to radiate along the nerve pathway down the arm. Along with arm pain and muscle weakness, numbness and tingling can be present down the arm and into the fingertips.

\* Name disguised to protect identity

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X-ray of Farida's cervical spine revealed implant failure of cervical plate from previous surgery which was putting an obstruction for her to swallow food and water. "Unfortunately the previous surgery at other hospital was a failure and I advised her for a surgery here without any delay", said the Spine Surgeon.

The Spine Surgeon removed the cervical plate from previous surgery; then the surgeon did 'corpectomy' which means removal of a cervical vertebral body, after which fixation of the cervical spine was done using a cage and cervical plate. With an uneventful post operative stay, all signs and symptoms subsided in Farida as was evident in her follow up visits. Farida Yasmin, in a train going back to her home in Comilla, is now a happy person free from neck pain with restored normal function of arms and hands.

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