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Roads clogged with rickshaws

At least 2 lakh people come to Dhaka to take home Eid expenses

SHARIFUL ISLAM

About two lakh additional rickshaws have hit the city streets ahead of Eid-ul Fitr, causing massive traffic snarl-ups, with law enforcers opting to ignore the issue on what they unofficially say are humanitarian grounds.

It is the time when poor people from different parts of the country flock to the capital in a desperate bid to earn some extra money before the religious festival.

As in past years, a large number of labourers made their way to Dhaka this year as well at the start of Ramadan to earn their Eid expenses, The Daily Star found while talking with people in the sector.

However, with little knowledge of different city streets and routes, and sometimes poor understanding of traffic rules, they end up worsening the city traffic.

Rickshaws are everywhere. Schools are closed and politics has gone into hibernation. Yet there is no respite from traffic chaos. Roads have been packed like sardines since the start of Ramadan.

Areas such as New Market, Elephant Road, Green Road, Dhanmondi, Mouchak and Malibagh are the worst affected ones because of rickshaws. Travelling is really a nightmare, according to locals.

"I own 30 rickshaws and 14 of their pullers joined just ahead of and after the start of Ramadan," said Mohammad Sohail, owner of a rickshaw garage at Shahjahanpur.

He said all of them were day labourers and came from Jamalpur and Tangail districts.

"I came to Dhaka days before Ramadan began. I want to

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Hundreds of rickshaws are stuck in a jam on Dhanmondi Road-1 in the capital. Every year this very street sees a high number of the non-motorised vehicle ahead of Eid when the number of illegal rickshaws on city streets increases.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

UN OPEN DEBATE

Dhaka slates Gaza killings

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh has expressed displeasure over the world leaders' "indifference" to the Israeli aggression in Palestine and human disaster there and sought necessary steps to find a peaceful solution to the crisis.

"We're compelled to say with a heavy heart that UN member state Israel is carrying out killings on Palestinians by ignoring all the international norms and restrictions," said

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TORTURE IN CUSTODY

Mirpur cops face another complaint

SHAHEEN MOLLAH and JAMIL MAHMUD

The gruesome torture on garment-waste trader Mahbubur Rahman Sujon that led to his death was not the only such act perpetrated by Mirpur police.

Rakib Hossain, who owns a printing press, allegedly had to face similar wrath of unscrupulous policemen of Mirpur Police Station in November last year. He, however, managed to come out alive only after giving them what they wanted-- money.

Rakib alleged he was tortured on orders of Officer-in-Charge Salahuddin Khan of the police station. Sujon's family also raised similar allegation against the police official, who has a history of being exposed for negative jobs in the past.

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42 dead in Taiwanese plane crash

AFP, Taipei

At least 42 people were killed in a plane crash in Taiwan yesterday, officials said, with witnesses and local media reporting the flight came down in a storm after an aborted landing.

TransAsia Airways flight GE222 was carrying 58 people on a domestic flight when it crashed into houses near Magong airport on the Penghu island chain after requesting a second attempt to land there, local media reported.

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Netherlands mourns as bodies flown in

Black boxes sent to British investigators

REUTERS, Eindhoven

The bodies of the first victims from a Malaysian airliner shot down over Ukraine last week yesterday arrived at a military base in the Netherlands - a nation in shock and sorrow.

Bells pealed and flags flew at half mast in memory of the 298 people killed when flight MH17 came down in an area of eastern Ukraine held by Russian-backed separatists, in the first national day of mourning since wartime Queen Wilhelmina died in 1962. King Willem-Alexander and Prime Minister Mark Rutte joined dignitaries on the tarmac as two military aircraft carrying 40 plain wooden coffins landed at Eindhoven in the southern Netherlands.

A military guard of honour stood to

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জরুরী বিজ্ঞপ্তি

আসন্ন পবিত্র ঈদ-উল-ফিতর নিরাপদ ও নির্বিঘ্নে উদ্‌যাপনের জন্য সম্মানিত জনসাধারণকে নিম্নোক্ত পরামর্শ গ্রহণের অনুরোধ জানানো হচ্ছে :

- ঈদের প্রাক্কালে যারা ঢাকার বাহিরে যাবেন তাঁরা সময় নিয়ে ভ্রমণ পরিকল্পনা করবেন, যাতে শেষ মুহূর্তের ট্রেন, বাস, লঞ্চ ও ফেরীঘাটের মারাত্মক ভীড় এড়িয়ে নির্বিঘ্নে প্রিয়জনের সাথে ঈদের আনন্দ উপভোগ করতে পারেন।
- দ্রুতগতিতে গাড়ি চালাতে চালককে তাগিদ দেবেন না। চালক যাতে নিয়মতান্ত্রিকভাবে গাড়ি চালায় সে দিকে লক্ষ্য রাখুন।
- নিজের জীবনের ঝুঁকি নিয়ে অতিরিক্ত যাত্রী হয়ে ট্রেন, বাস, লঞ্চ বা স্টিমারের ছাদে ভ্রমণ করবেন না। যথাসম্ভব ভীড় এড়িয়ে চলুন, নিরাপদে ভ্রমণ করুন।
- মহাসড়কে নসিমন, করিমন, ভটভটি ইত্যাদি অবৈধ যানবাহন চালানো সম্পূর্ণ নিষিদ্ধ। এসব বিপদজনক যানবাহনে চলাচল পরিহার করুন, নিরাপদে থাকুন।
- যাত্রা পথে রেল স্টেশন, বাস ও লঞ্চ টার্মিনালে অপরিচিত কোন ব্যক্তির কাছ থেকে কোমল পানীয় বা অন্য কোন খাবার গ্রহণ করবেন না।
- কোন ব্যক্তিকে অজ্ঞান পার্টি/প্রতারক চক্রের সদস্য বলে সন্দেহ হলে তাৎক্ষণিকভাবে নিকটস্থ আইন-শৃঙ্খলা রক্ষাকারী বাহিনীর সদস্যদেরকে জানান।
- বড় অংকের অর্থ লেনদেনের ক্ষেত্রে সতর্কতা অবলম্বন করুন, প্রয়োজনে পুলিশের সহায়তা নিন। কোন মোট জাল সন্দেহ হলে তাৎক্ষণিকভাবে নিকটস্থ পুলিশকে জানান।
- কোন ব্যক্তি/গোষ্ঠী যাতে অমূলক ঘটনার গুজব সৃষ্টির মাধ্যমে জনগণকে বিভ্রান্ত করে আইন-শৃঙ্খলা পরিস্থিতির অবনতি ঘটাতে না পারে সে ব্যাপারে সতর্ক থাকুন। এ ধরনের পরিস্থিতি সৃষ্টি হলে পুলিশকে অবহিত করুন।
- প্রয়োজনে ঢাকা মহানগর পুলিশের সহায়তার জন্য ০১৭১৩০৯৮৩১১, ৯৫১৪৪০০, ৯৫৫১১৮৮, ৯৫৫৯৯৩৩, র‍্যাপিড এ্যাকশন ব্যাটালিয়নের (র‍্যাব) ০১৭৭৭৭২০০২৯, ৭৯১৩১১৭, পুলিশ হেডকোয়ার্টার্সের কন্ট্রোল রুম ০১৭৬৯৬৯০০৩৩, ০১৭৬৯৬৯০০৩৪, ৯৫৬১৯৬৭, ৯৫৬০৬৬১ নম্বরে এবং জেলা পুলিশ সুপার ও থানার অফিসার ইনচার্জ (ওসি) এর সাথে যোগাযোগ করুন।

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3-parent babies could be reality

INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

The world's first baby with three genetic parents could soon be born in the UK, after the government announced plans to legalise a controversial technique to help prevent children inheriting diseases.

In response to a consultation launched by ministers three months ago, the Department of Health has announced plans to legalise the use of IVF treatments which prevent babies from being born with

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The Daily Star

Integral Energy Limited

ONLINE POLL

Do you think it was justified for Communications Minister Obaidul Quader to claim that 80 percent of the repair work of dilapidated highways had been done?

Yes

No

(10%)

(90%)

TOTAL VOTES: 241

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think that the English medium schools would agree with the new govt guidelines that fixed admission fees and session fees?

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SEHRI, IFTAR TIMINGS

Ramadan	July	Sehri	Iftar
25	24	6-49	
26	25	3-56	6-49
27	26	3-57	6-48

PRAYER TIMING

July 24

Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-00 4-05
Zohr	12-45 1-15
Asr	5-00 5-15
Maghrib	6-49 7-00
Esha	8-15 8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

Pubali Bank's Credit Rating

Credit Rating was done by the National Credit Rating Ltd. (NCR) on the basis of Audited Financial Statements as on 31.12.2013, which shows substantial improvement. The summary of the rating is presented below:

Credit Rating Report (Surveillance Rating)

	Long Term	Short Term
Rating Outstanding (Updated 13 July 2014)	AA Double A (Very Strong Capacity & High Safety)	ST-1 Strongest Capacity
Previous Rating (Assigned 12 June 2013)	AA Double A (Very Strong Capacity & High Safety)	ST-1 Strongest Capacity
Validity of outstanding Rating	Valid till 12 July 2015	

Pubali Bank Limited was assigned AA (Pronounced Double A) rating of Pubali Bank Limited in the Long Term and ST-1 in the Short Term. This level of rating indicates very strong capacity for timely servicing of financial obligations in Long Term and strongest capacity for timely payment of financial obligations in Short Term. NCR performed the present rating assignment based on the Audited Financial Statements of 31 December 2013 and other relevant information. The present rating takes into account among others, Bank's comfortable capital adequacy, improved asset quality, continued profitability, adequate liquidity and reduction in non-performing loan (NPL) levels to single digit (gross 5.25%)

Pubali Bank Limited was assigned AA in the Long Term and ST-1 in the Short Term by NCR on 12 June 2013 which had a validity of 1(one) year from the date of rate assigned on the Audited Financial Statements of 31 December 2012.

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