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# Tangail weaving Eid happiness

MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

Roksana Begum, a homemaker from Uttara in Dhaka, hired a microbus and came to Tangail's Pathrail along with some relatives last week. She wanted to buy some famous Tangail saris for Eid.

Traditional Tangail saris, which are still the first choice among a large number of women, are available in Dhaka. Why then did she come all the way to Tangail?

"Actually, there is a different charm in buying saris from stacks lined up at the places where they are produced," Roksana said as her group bought a total of 33 saris, costing between Tk 1,500 and 3,000 each, from different weavers.

With Eid only days away, weavers in Tangail are working through one of their busiest months of the year.

Eid and other festivals, like Durga Puja and Pahela Baishakh, are times when the creative weavers in the area have their hands full, working on new and trendy designs to meet amplified demands.

Silk, half silk, soft silk, gas silk, raw silk, dotari silk, jute silk, cotton, jute cotton, jal cotton, banarasi, jamdani, tissue jamdani, khaddar, baluchori, tasar, dengu, kuchi are some of the varieties of saris the Tangail weavers boast of adorning women with.

## DELDUAR, CAPITAL OF TANGAIL SARI WEAVING

The Tangail saris are produced in different areas of the district, including Pathrail, Chondi, Nolshodha, Borotia, Chinakhola, Mongolhor, Noluta, Dhultia, Balla, Rampur, Chhatihati, Bajitpur, Jugni and Bathuli.

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Weavers processing dyed yarn at Pathrail in Delduar upazila of Tangail. The yarn will be used in their handlooms for making the famous Tangail saris, inset, the demand for which skyrockets ahead of Eid. More photos on page 2. PHOTO: STAR

## Shab-e-Qadr tonight

BSS, Dhaka

Muslims across the country will observe the holy Shab-e-Qadr or Lailatul Qadr tonight, the night when the first verses of the holy Quran were revealed to Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (Pbuh).

According to the holy Quran, the night is better than 1,000 nights as the angels and the spirit descend therein, by the permission of Almighty Allah with all decrees.

This is one of the holiest and most blessed nights which is likely to occur on one of the odd nights in the last 10 days of Ramadan and most likely to be the 27th of the holy month.

The devout Muslims traditionally observe the occasion through nightlong special prayers, milad, Quran Khwani, religious discussions at mosques and

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# UN shelter hit in Gaza

15 killed, over 200 hurt; UN condemns attack, raises alarm over civilian deaths as toll hits 788

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Fifteen Palestinians were killed yesterday when an Israeli shell slammed into a UN shelter where hundreds of civilians had taken refuge, sending the death toll in Gaza soaring to 788 despite world efforts to broker a ceasefire.

The strike hit a UN school sheltering some of the 100,000 Palestinians driven from their homes in search of a safe haven after weeks of deadly fighting between Israeli troops and Hamas militants.

The shell crashed down in the middle of the courtyard where people had set up camp, leaving the ground covered in bloodstains.

Gaza's emergency services said at least 15 people had been killed and more than 200 wounded. They were among 93 people who died on the 17th day of the Israeli

offensive.

So far, 32 Israeli soldiers and three civilians have died in the fighting.

The strike came despite UN efforts to broker a humanitarian corridor to evacuate civilians from the school as fighting was raging around it. An AFP correspondent saw nine bodies, including that of a year-old baby and his mother at a nearby mortuary.

Scores of crying families who had been living in the school ran with their children to a hospital where the victims were being treated a few hundred metres away. Laila Al-Shinbari, a woman who was at the school when it was shelled, told Reuters that families had gathered in the courtyard expecting to be evacuated shortly in a Red Cross convoy.

"All of us sat in one place when suddenly four shells landed on our heads ... Bodies were on the ground, (there was) blood and

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Palestinian children stand in the back of a truck as families leave their neighborhoods for safer locations amid continuing Israeli bombardment of Gaza yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

# Home rush begins

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Desperate to be with their near and dear ones during the upcoming Eid-ul-Fitr, people started to leave the capital yesterday.

The holidaymakers had been departing the city quite smoothly till yesterday noon, but they began to get stuck in gridlock at the capital's exit points later in the afternoon as the home rush gained momentum.

Most of the buses and trains reached the terminals and stations on schedule yesterday, the last working day of this week.

If Eid is celebrated on July 30, there will be a single working day on July 27, offering the homegoers a nine-day vacation.

The people who left the capital yesterday

said they were going home early as they fear the traffic congestion at the capital's exit points and also on the highways would start to get worse from today.

Visiting Kamalapur Railway Station yesterday morning, hundreds of people were seen making desperate bids to catch their trains which were already overcrowded.

"My train was supposed to come at 8:30am and it did arrive on time. Although, the train was much overcrowded, I reached my destination on time," Shakil Mahmood, who went to Parbatipur of Dinajpur, told The Daily Star over telephone.

Bangladesh Railway Director General

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# HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX Bangladesh goes one notch up

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh has moved one notch up to the 142nd place in the Human Development Index (HDI) among 187 countries for its progress in health sector and reducing gender gap, says a UNDP report.

It puts Bangladesh among the 18 countries showing extraordinary progress in human development.

The Human Development Report 2014, released worldwide yesterday, shows the country has demonstrated a good track record of inclusive development and is doing better than India, Pakistan and Nepal, the positions of which

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# TOXIC POULTRY FEED Four factories busted for using tannery waste

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mobile court yesterday sealed off four factories at Hazaribagh for using tannery waste in poultry and fish feed that contains hazardous chemical chromium.

The court also ordered the agencies concerned to destroy 300 tonnes of so-called "feed" made with toxic tannery scraps generated from nearly 200 tanneries at Hazaribagh.

"We have also asked the authorities concerned to file cases against the owners of these factories for making feed using the tannery waste," said Mohammad Al Amin, executive magistrate, during the drive with Rab-4 personnel at Eastern Feed Mills.

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A mobile court backed up by Rab raids a factory in Hazaribagh in the capital yesterday where leather strips, allegedly tainted with chromium, was being used for making poultry feed. More photos of page 17. PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON



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