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HC TO GOVT ON BRAZILIAN WHEAT

Take back wheat if not accepted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the government to take back Brazilian wheat from any department or organisation if they wanted to return the grain, considering it to be unfit for consumption.

The government cannot compel anybody to receive the imported wheat if one is unwilling to do so, said the court in its verdict on a writ petition that challenged the legality of the import and distribution of the grains.

The verdict came three days after the Directorate General of Food (DGF) submitted a report to the HC, claiming that the

wheat is fit for human consumption since its quality conforms to the admissible set of parameters.

Test reports reveal that the wheat is fit for human consumption, said the court. A bulk of the grains has already been consumed and there has been no report of illness or causalities. The presence of insects in wheat has not made it inedible, the HC observed.

The bench of Justice Quazi Reza-Ul Hoque and Justice Abu Taher Md Saifur Rahman delivered the verdict. Pabel Mia, a lawyer at Dhaka Judge's Court, had filed the

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Students can sit for test only once

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday upheld the Dhaka University's decision that barred the admission seekers from sitting for the admission test more than once.

The bench of Justice Farah Mahbub and Justice Kazi Md Ejarul Haque Akondo rejected a writ petition challenging the legality of the DU's decision.

Following the verdict, an admission seeker will not get more than one chance to appear in the admission test of the DU, Attorney General Mahbubey Alam told The Daily Star.

DU's lawyer AFM Mesbahuddin said the HC rejected the petition after accepting his arguments.

He told the court that many of the students, who have already been admitted to the DU, sit for the second time in admission test

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SEHRI, IFTAR TIMINGS				
Ramadan	July	Sehri	Iftar	
21	9	3-46	6-53	
22	10	3-46	6-53	
23	11	3-47	6-53	

PRAYER TIMING JULY 9					
AZAN	Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib Esha	
JAMAAT	3-52	12-45	5-00	6-53	8-17
JAMAAT	4-02	1-15	5-15	6-63	8-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Tragic death of a schoolboy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Twelve-year-old Fahim Ahmed was excited as he was going to have his Eid shopping soon.

As planned, he and his mother, Jharna Begum, left their home in Gazipur yesterday morning for the capital's New Market. They were riding in a bus, completely unaware of the tragedy that was to befall them.

Around 1:15am, the bus reached near Dhanmondi's Anwer Khan Medical College Hospital on Mirpur Road and got stuck in a traffic jam.

As the vehicle was not moving for a long time, Fahim, a class six student at Prohola School in Gazipur's Shripur, became impatient. He got off the vehicle to reach the destination on foot.

The mother was still inside the bus. She was about to follow him.

But suddenly, the jam eased and vehicles on the street started to move freely.

Another bus which was heading towards the same direction

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Indigenous children doing their physical training inside a classroom at a school in Bandarban. Under a project run jointly by the government, Unicef and CHT Development Board, many pre-primary schools provide them with lessons of their native tongue while also preparing them for formal education.

PHOTO: STAR

HURDLE GOES

Indigenous children find an opportunity to learn native tongue along with Bangla

TAMANNA KHAN

Indigenous children growing up in remote villages of hilly Bandarban often find it difficult to adjust and adapt to formal education when they go to primary schools around the age of six.

"Language is one of the main barriers," said Vanramnuam Bawn, a teacher at Swicha Karbari Para Government Primary School, 12 kilometres from the district.

Citing examples of his students who

mostly come from the Marma ethnic group, the teacher said most of them are not usually exposed to Bangla unless when the ice-cream seller visits the village about once a month.

"Most of them do not understand when instructions are given in Bangla. Some do not even get a good grasp of the language even after they complete primary level," he added.

Home to 12 ethnic linguistic communities, the hill district, where transportation and market accessibility are not as well developed as the rest of the country, has one of the

lowest literacy rate of 35.86 percent.

Laila Apnan Banu, education officer, Chittagong zone of Unicef, explained how children in Bandarban also do not get much educational support from the family.

"Awareness among the parents is low and in most households both the parents remain busy working in jhum cultivation. As a result, they often cannot help their children with their studies," she said.

Under this circumstances, the Integrated

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A colourful motif with shiny stones and glass being made for a dress at a home in Bihari Colony of Aam Bagan in Chittagong. The demand for glitzy new dresses ahead of Eid skyrockets and the people who make them work round the clock to meet the demand.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

3 youths held for beating up stray dog

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In a very unusual instance, three youths have been arrested in the capital for beating up a stray dog.

The arrestees are Shovon, Johny and Imran of Rampura. Police are looking for some others, believed to be involved in the incident.

Rubaiya Ahmad, founder of animal welfare group Obhoyaronno, filed a case on June 18 accusing Shovon and Johny of animal cruelty under the Cruelty to Animal Act 1920.

Police arrested the two accused from Rampura on Tuesday. During primary interrogation, the two admitted they along with

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Postal delivery by drones!

AFP, Bas-vully

Switzerland's postal service said Tuesday it had begun testing parcel deliveries by unmanned drones, although widespread use of the flying postmen is not likely to kick in for another five years.

Postal service executives showed off the drones for the first time Tuesday and said initial tests of the machines' post-delivery abilities would run until the end of July.

The snow-white drones consist of four branches with propellers on the end extending from a hollow ring the size of a toilet seat. A yel

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REFORM PLANS AMID DEBT CRISIS

Greek PM vows to grab 'last chance'

AFP, Brussels

Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras yesterday vowed to present "credible" reform plans before a Thursday deadline set by exasperated European leaders, as Athens formally asked for a new bailout to avoid crashing out of the euro.

Leftist leader Tsipras was greeted by a mixture of boos and cheers as he addressed the European Parliament yesterday, defending his decision to hold a bailout referendum last Sunday that dismayed Europe.

"The Greek government will tomorrow file new concrete proposals, credible reforms, for a fair and viable solution," Tsipras told European lawmakers in Strasbourg, France during a heated debate.

Tsipras also appealed for unity on all sides after six months of deep rifts with eurozone colleagues over the Greek debt crisis, saying: "let us not allow it to become a divided Europe."

But EU President Donald Tusk warned that a special

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