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ENCLAVE SURVEY

Family divided

Husband for India, wife for Bangladesh

OUR CORRESPONDENTS,
Nilphamari and Lalmonirhat

Farhad Hossain and his wife Anjuara were unable to decide whether they should opt for Bangladeshi or Indian nationality.

While Farhad, 45, would like to become an Indian national, his wife wants to register her name as a Bangladeshi citizen.

Farhad's family has been living in the Indian enclave Boro Khanki in Nilphamari for more than two decades, but now they will have to choose their nationality and citizenship as an official survey is on to know the enclave dwellers' choice of nationality.

Anjuara's love for Bangladesh is what made her go against her husband. She has her mother-in-law Joigun Bewa and three children on her side. "What shall we do going there [India] with all my friends and relatives in Bangladesh?" she asked.

Farhad's son Alimuzzaman, 23, said, "I would like to live in this country with my wife, mother and grandmother as Bangladeshi nationals and hope my father too will do so."

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Traffic chaos in the capital's Nilkhet area. Hundreds of vehicles remain stuck at the Nilkhet intersection for hours, as shoppers in droves swarm the nearby Gausia Market and New Market. This photo was taken yesterday noon.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

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Betrayal not in his blood
Says Syed Ashraf

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Invoking the memory of his father Syed Nazrul Islam, just-removed LGRD minister Syed Ashraf Islam yesterday said he doesn't do politics for personal gains.

"I don't do politics for my own benefit. My father did politics with honesty. He was loyal to his leader. He embraced death for his leader. He never betrayed Bangabandhu. This is what's in my blood," he said.

Syed Nazrul Islam, acting president of 1971 Mujibnagar government, was among the four national leaders murdered in jail on November 3, 1975, less than three months after the brutal assassination of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Ashraf made the comments at an Iftar party hosted by Hossainpur Samity at the capital's Officer's Club, two days after losing the LGRD portfolio.

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Can Tigers make a turnaround?

Second ODI against SA today

BISHWAJIT ROY

The Tigers were fantastic in the World Cup down under, they were magnificent against Pakistan and they have dominated India --

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ZAKAT DISTRIBUTION Seek permission from cops first

Says DMP day after Mymensingh tragedy

STAR REPORT

Dhaka Metropolitan Police Commissioner Asaduzzaman Mia yesterday said anyone planning to organise zakat distribution programme anywhere under the DMP area will have to take permission from police.

He made the comment a day after 27 people were killed in a stampede while collecting zakat clothes from a house in Mymensingh town.

"If anyone organises a gathering for distributing zakat without our knowledge and any accident takes place there, they [the organisers] will have to take the responsibility."

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Shopkeepers are busy packing clothes at a wholesale shop at Narayanganj's Gausia Market. As Eid draws near, buyers from all over the country throng the market famous for low-cost sari and lungi. Below, a three-wheeler brings clothes to the market from nearby factories; a porter carries clothes to the market; lungis are put on display at a shop; clothes are loaded onto a truck in front of another wholesale market at Narsingdi's Baburhat.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON



Far bigger than it looks

Traders busy meeting demand for \$2b zakat clothes

REFAYET ULLAH MIRDHA

It was nine o'clock last Tuesday and Nurul Islam was waiting for Gausia wholesale market in Narayanganj to open. Owner of Bismillah Clothes Store in Fatullah in Narayanganj, the retailer was there to buy a good collection of clothes in wholesale for his shop.

With the Eid-ul-Fitr in just a week, the trader was expecting a large number of customers to turn up at his shop to buy zakat clothes. He bought 50 pieces of sari, as many sets of salwar-kameez and a good number of lungi.

Zakat makes up one of the five pillars of Islam. Every solvent Muslim requires giving 2.5 percent of their wealth to those in need.

The exact amount spent in Bangladesh for zakat is hard to estimate as most people like to give it to their deserving relatives. Even if they deposit money with the zakat fund, they would not give the total amount to a particular organisation.

Last year, people deposited Tk 1.71 crore with the zakat fund, said Khizir Hayat Khan, director of the Department of Zakat Fund at Islamic Foundation Bangladesh.

"People like to give zakat during Ramadan as they believe helping people in the holy month is more acceptable to Allah," he noted.

Well-off people spend nearly \$2 billion annually to hand out lungi, sari and food items to the poor in order to meet their religious obligations, according to an estimate. Nearly 90 percent zakat is paid during the holy month of Ramadan.

Traders like Islam do not want any shopper to slip away, as they buy in huge quantity.

Islam hopes to sell clothing items worth Tk 5,000 to Tk 7,000 a day, which normally rakes in Tk 2,000.

For small traders like Islam, wholesale markets such as Gausia in Narayanganj and Baburhat in Narsingdi are good

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Greece faces judgment day

Parliament approves reform package; Eurozone finance ministers at key Brussels talks

AGENCIES

Greece's eurozone partners were doubtful of a last-ditch bailout deal yesterday, saying talks to stop it crashing out of the euro would be tough because trust in Athens had collapsed.

Eurozone ministers warned that Greece is still "far away" from being handed another bailout as they arrived in Brussels to discuss the debt-ridden country's new reform proposals.

They came knowing that the Greek parliament has overwhelmingly passed a package of reform and austerity measures that the Alexis Tsipras' government hopes will convince creditors to grant his country a three-year bailout.

The prime minister warned that his country was facing a "minefield" of negotiations after promising tax hikes and spending cuts that have angered voters who rejected similar austerity measures in a referendum just days ago.

Hardline German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble led a chorus of scepticism about Greek Prime Minister

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Serena wins 6th title

REUTERS, London

Serena Williams claimed a sixth Wimbledon title and fourth successive grand slam crown by suppressing the spirited attacking instincts of 20th-seeded Spaniard Garbine Muguruza to win Saturday's final 6-4 6-4.

American Williams reinforced her stranglehold on the women's game by overcoming an early wobble and resisting a battling fightback to claim a 21st grand slam title that leaves her one behind German Steffi Graf's record haul of professional era majors.

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SEHRI, IFTAR TIMINGS

Ramadan	July	Sehri	IFTAR
24	12	6-53	
25	13	3-48	6-53
26	14	3-49	6-53

PRAYER TIMING

JULY 12

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha

AZAN 3-54 12-45 5-00 6-53 8-17

JAMAAT 4-04 1-15 5-15 6-63 8-45

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