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Tip trap

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When Eid is around the corner, you have to face it. It could be at your home, workplace, beauty parlour, gym, departmental stores or tailor's -- you are showered with greetings from people who you hardly notice at other times of the year.

"Assalamualaikum, sir!" the guard at ATM booth hurriedly opens the door, grinning. He looks dutiful, unlike his usual indifference. Once you finish your transaction and step out, it's his flashing teeth again.

Your house help and driver, always casual at work, suddenly become proactive, trying to make you happy with their services. At the barber's, it will take more than a while to "fine tune" your hair.

This too many "salam, sir" from security guards and office assistants, particularly at government offices, at times annoy you.

All they want is Eid bakshish.

A Dhaka city dweller will encounter at least 15 types of people seeking Eid bakshish or tips towards the end of Ramadan.

There are cleaners, canteen boys, gatemen, rickshaw-pullers, imams, club and association operators, newspaper hawkers and electricians who will try to draw your "kind attention".

"Sir, bhalo achhen (how are you doing, sir)? Amader dike ektu nazar raikhen (Please, keep us in your mind)."

It's not limited to smile or salam; there are other ways as

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Forkan gets death for war crimes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

On the night of August 17, 1971, Forkan along with local Razakars



abducted a teenage Hindu girl from her house at Subidkhal Bazar in Patuakhali.

The criminal gang took her to a secluded place and raped her until she lost consciousness. They then abandoned the girl near her house. The teenager died on that night due to the torture.

Three days later, Forkan Mallik, then 40, along with other Razakars abducted two Hindu women of a family in the same locality.

They took the women to a Razakar camp, raped them for two days and returned the victims to their families. The victims along with their families left the country to avoid humiliation and never returned.

Forkan's act of savagery did not stop there.

Just a day after, he along with some local Razakars abducted a married Muslim woman from her father's house at Kakarbania Bazaar.

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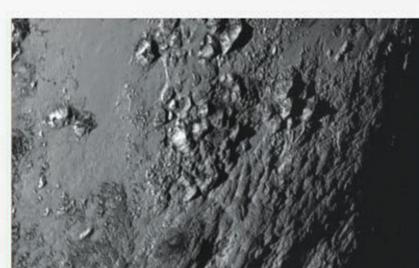
Pluto has huge icy mountains: Nasa

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Nasa's New Horizons mission has found that Pluto's icy surface is covered in huge, young mountains.

The mountains were formed less than 100 million years ago, according to Nasa, making them much younger than the solar system. And they might even still be growing.

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JOINT ENCLAVE SURVEY ENDS

Most opt to remain where they are

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Most of the residents of Indian enclaves opt for Bangladeshi nationality while all those from Bangladeshi enclaves want Indian citizenship, officials say citing preliminary findings of a joint survey.

As the survey to record the "choice of nationality" of around 53,000 people in 162 enclaves ended yesterday, it was found that only 1,006 out of around 39,000 residents of 111 Indian enclaves inside Bangladesh want Indian citizenship.

Most of the 1,006 people are from

Hindu communities, the latest headcount suggest. Some 200 people from Indian enclaves in Lalmonirhat want to go to mainland India and only two of them are Muslims.

On the other hand, all the 15,000 residents of 51 Bangladeshi enclaves in Indian district of Cooch Behar have chosen Indian nationality.

It has been estimated on the last day that some 483 residents of 36 enclaves in Panchagarh district, 200 people from 59 enclaves in Lalmonirhat, 341 people from 12

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PRIMARY FINDINGS

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The formal exchange of enclaves begins **July 31** midnight

LONG LEGAL BATTLE

Limon losing hope

TAMANNA KHAN

For Limon the glitzy shopping malls in the capital, jam-packed with Eid shoppers, did not mean much when he came to Dhaka recently on a short trip from Savar.

"I do not buy new clothes on Eid anymore," said Limon Hossain, 20, who was

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Top left, a man, who was beaten by three constables following an altercation near Pantapath-Green Road intersection yesterday, being taken to hospital. Later, policemen led by Kalabagan OC charged truncheons on protesters, leaving one writhing in pain on the ground, top right. OC Mohammad Iqbal, below, threatens to hit one of the protesters. See online for the video.

PHOTO: STAR

CAUGHT IN TRAFFIC Cops beat man for asking a question

MAHBUBUR RAHMAN KHAN

His only "mistake" was to ask a cop how long he would keep commuters waiting at a traffic signal.

Furious at his query, three constables dragged him from a rickshaw and beat him hard.

As he fell on the floor of the makeshift police box at the capital's Panthapath signal, the policemen kicked him all over.

They kept beating him until passers-by rescued the man, aged about 25. But by that time, he could hardly stand on his feet.

This correspondent, who witnessed the incident, could not learn his name as some people carried him on a rickshaw and took him to a hospital.

"I heard the youth just ask a traffic constable why

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