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People start returning to capital

Journey almost smooth despite downpour

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

City dwellers started returning to the hustle and bustle of Dhaka after celebrating Eid-ul-Fitr with near and dear ones as workdays resumed yesterday after the official holidays.

Many passengers were seen entering the capital through Sadarghat Launch Terminal, Kamalapur Railway Station and different bus terminals.

People travelled smoothly to the capital as the highways and ferry ghats did not witness excessive rush yesterday, according to transport operators and passengers.

However, fear of long tailbacks on the highways in next two to three days persists when traffic flow will intensify.

Osmam Ali, general secretary of Bangladesh Sarak Paribahan Sramik Federation, believes passengers are likely to suffer much from now on since incessant rains might have severely damaged different roads.

On Thursday and Friday ahead of Eid, thousands of home-goers went through indescribable sufferings as their vehicles got stuck in long tailbacks on the Dhaka-Tangail and Gazipur-Tangail highways.

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People trying to help firefighters at a slum in Madhya Badda in the capital yesterday afternoon when a fire was raging through a number of shanties there.

100 made homeless in fire

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A fire in the capital's Madhya Badda burnt down the belongings, including savings, of around a hundred low income families yesterday.

Boarders of Bhai Bhai Boarding, a two storey tin and wood structure erected on a pond, had to helplessly stand by and watch their homes burn to ashes as 16 units of firefighters struggled to douse the fire.

A few hundred tin shanties that also housed grocery stores, tea shops and temporary restaurants were gutted in the fire that broke out around 12pm.

"I left my room for just a few minutes to go to the grocers' and by the time I returned, I saw my belongings, including Tk 40,000 in cash, turn into ashes before my eyes," said victim Zakir Hossain who earns his livelihood as a driver.

Luckily there were no

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3 brothers murdered in Noakhali

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

Three siblings were hacked to death over a land dispute at Kazinagar village in Noakhali on Sunday. The dead are Kamal, 36, Harun, 32, and Babul, 27, sons of Maksud Ullah of the same village under Sonaimuri upazila's Nethswar union.

Kazi Haniful Islam Bhuiyan, officer-in-charge of Sonaimuri Police Station, quoting locals, said the incident took place around 2:00pm when the three and one Golam Mawla along

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James Murphey, victim of WWII forced labour.

Mitsubishi apologises for WWII slave labour

REUTERS, Los Angeles

Construction company Mitsubishi Materials Corp became the first major Japanese company to apologize for using captured American soldiers as slave labourers during World War Two, offering remorse on Sunday for "the tragic events in our past."

A company representative offered the apology on behalf of its predecessor, Mitsubishi Mining Co, at a special ceremony at a Los Angeles museum.

"Today we apologize remorsefully for the tragic events in our past," Mitsubishi Materials Senior Executive Officer Hikaru Kimura told an audience at the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles.

In all, about 12,000 American prisoners of war were put into forced labour by the Japanese government and private companies seeking to fill a wartime labour shortage, of whom more than

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Woman's eye gouged out by husband

UNB, Savar

A man gouged out an eye of his wife following an altercation over Eid shopping at Kalma village in Savar on the outskirts of the capital on Friday.

Locals said Robiul Islam, 30, had a brawl with his wife Sukhi Begum, 25, in the morning. At one stage, he plucked out one of her eyes.

As the neighbours sensed the ordeal of

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Ashraf wants neutral public administration

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Newly appointed Public Administration Minister Syed Ashraful Islam yesterday directed his ministry officials to be neutral and efficient.

He also said the government does not believe in politicisation of the administration. "We believe that civil servants, wherever they are posted, should work with efficiency and neutrality," he said while talking to journalists after joining his new ministry.

A week after the LGRD and cooperatives ministry was taken away from him, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina made him the Minister of Public Administration on July 16. He did not join work immediately since the Eid holidays began the day after. Yesterday was the first working day after Eid.

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JCD president, 5 others held with yaba pills

STAR REPORT

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal President Rajib Ahsan and his five "associates" were sent to Patuakhali jail yesterday after they were arrested reportedly in possession of yaba tablets in the district the previous night.

Police did not seek any remand for the six after producing them before the district chief judicial magistrate's court, reports our correspondent there.

Magistrate Tareque Shams fixed today for hearing on the bail petitions

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Two women with children try to take cover under a small umbrella in Hatirjheel area yesterday when the heavens opened. A large number of people with their holiday mood went to Hatirjheel to spend some time outdoors but the rain ruined it for many, just like it did on Eid day and the day after.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

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আগামী ২৮ জুলাই-০৩ আগস্ট জাতীয় মৎস্য সঙ্গহ ২০১৫ উদয়াপিত হতে যাচ্ছে

- আগামী ২৯ জুলাই গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকারের মাননীয় প্রধানমন্ত্রী শেখ হাসিনা কৃষিবিদ ইনসিটিউশন বাংলাদেশ মিলনায়তনে সকাল ১১:০০ ঘটিকায় জাতীয় মৎস্য সঙ্গহ ২০১৫ শত উভয়েনে সান্ধান সম্পত্তি প্রদান করেছেন।
- আগামী ২৯ জুলাই গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকারের মাননীয় প্রধানমন্ত্রী শেখ হাসিনা পুরুষ মাছের পেনা অবযুক্ত করবেন।
- ২৯-৩০ জুলাই এসঙ্গাহ উদ্বাপন উপলক্ষে ঢাকা শহরের বিভিন্ন গুরুত্বপূর্ণ স্থান ও সড়কাবলী সজ্জিতকরণ করা হবে।
- ৩০ জুলাই মহামান্য রাষ্ট্রপতি জনাব মোঃ আবদুল হামিদ বঙ্গভবন পুরুরে পেনা মাছ অবযুক্ত করতে সদয় সম্মতি জ্ঞাপন করেছেন।
- ৩১ জুলাই বাংলাদেশ জাতীয় সংস্কৰণের মাননীয় প্রিপারেটর ড. শিরীন শারমিন চৌধুরী এমপি সংসদ ভবনে পেনা মাছ অবযুক্ত করতে সদয় সম্মতি প্রদান করেছেন।
- ০১ আগস্ট বিকাল ৬:০০ ঘটিকায় জনাব আবুল মাল আবুল মুরিত এমপি, মাননীয় মরী, অর্থ মন্ত্রণালয় কৃষিবিদ ইনসিটিউশন বাংলাদেশ চতুর্বেণী মৎস্য মেলা আন্তর্মিলিনিক উত্থোধন করবেন।
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- এসঙ্গাহ উপলক্ষে দেশব্যাপি জেলা-গুরুজেলায় সমাবেশ, প্রচারণা, রাজি, সড়কবীপ ও গুরুত্বপূর্ণ স্থান সজ্জিতকরণ, শিল্পের বিষয়তাক্ষেত্রে চিত্রাঙ্কন ও চর্চা প্রতিযোগিতা, মিডিয়া কর্মীদের সাথে মতবিনিয়োগ, পোনা মাছ অবযুক্তিসহ বিভিন্ন গণসভাতে নতুন মৎস্য প্রযুক্তি মেলা-র প্রতিবেশী মৎস্য মেলা আন্তর্মিলিনিক উত্থোধন করা হবে।
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ISIS claims killing 100

Suicide bombing at a market in Iraq marks end of Ramadan

REUTERS, Baghdad

More than 100 people were killed in a suicide car bombing at a busy market in an Iraqi town on Friday, in one of the deadliest attacks carried out by Islamic State militants since they overran large parts of the country.

The blast brought down several buildings in Khan Bani Saad, about 30 km northeast of Baghdad, crushing to death people who were celebrating the end of the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan, police and medics said.

Islamic State, which controls large

parts of northern and western Iraq claimed responsibility for the attack in the mixed eastern province of Diyala where Khan Bani Saad is located and said the target was "rejectionists," as the group refers to Shia Muslims.

Angry crowds went on the rampage after the explosion, smashing the windows of cars parked in the street in grief and anger. Body parts were flung onto the roofs of nearby buildings to close for the rest of the Eid al-Fitr holiday to preempt any further attacks.

The Diyala provincial government declared three days' mourning and ordered all parks and entertainment places to close for the rest of the Eid al-Fitr holiday to pre-empt any further attacks.

Islamic State said in a statement issued on Twitter that the attack was to

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