

EID RETURN TRIPS People suffer for tailbacks

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

People in numbers returned to the capital yesterday after celebrating the Eid with their dear ones at village homes.

Buses, trains and launches that entered the capital were filled up with passengers. Besides, many were seen travelling on the roofs of vehicles.

Some passengers suffered due to tailbacks at Kawrakandi ferry ghat in Madaripur and on Dhaka-Tangail highway.

Dhaka-bound vehicles from southern districts had to wait for hours to board ferries for crossing the Padma river through Kawrakandi-Shimulia route as the ferries were plying slowly for lack of navigability in the river, said passengers.

"A tailback of around 250 vehicles was created, and the vehicles might take several hours to cross the river," said Ashiquzzaman, assistant general manager of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation, who is in charge of Mawa ferry ghat.

He also added that operation of three ferries would be suspended at night due to navigability problem. Apart from the three, 14 other ferries would continue plying.

Around 20km traffic jam was created on Dhaka-Tangail highway, from Rabda under Sadar upazila to Baoikhola of Basail upazila, yesterday afternoon following an accident in Gazipur. Eight people were killed as a train rammed their three-wheeler at a level crossing.

However, the gridlock eased in the evening, reports our Tangail correspondent.

People who used others routes enjoyed a hassle-free journey as vehicular movement on their routes was smooth.

Transport operators think home-goes' rush towards Dhaka will be more on Friday and Saturday.

Australia backs turning Northern Territory into seventh state

AFP, Sydney

Australian political leaders yesterday backed the establishment of the country's seventh state -- the Northern Territory -- by mid-2018, with Prime Minister Tony Abbott conceding the national flag could be changed.

The push for the Northern

Territory, which has a population of 244,000 and is slightly smaller than Luxembourg, to be a state was initiated by Chief Minister Adam Giles who said it should not be a "second-class citizen" in Australia.

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countries.

A total of 979 dwellers in Indian enclaves inside Bangladesh territory have expressed willingness to move to India. But the question arose how their property-related problems would be resolved, officials said.

"We discussed how the 979 people would travel to India and what would happen to their properties in Bangladesh," said Shafiqur Rahman, joint secretary of the home ministry.

The meeting decided that Bangladesh will issue travel documents to the 979 while India will grant them multiple-entry visas.

A joint secretary of the Indian external affairs ministry and Abu Hena Md Rahmatul Muneem, additional secretary of the Bangladesh home ministry, led their respective sides at the meeting.

According to the census of 2011, there were 37,364 people in 111 Indian enclaves, covering 17,158 acres in Kurigram, Lalmonirhat, Nilphamari and Panchagarh districts of Bangladesh.

However, the joint survey conducted earlier this month found that 41,449 people are there.

Talking to BBC Bangla Service, Deputy Commissioner Habibur Rahman of Lalmonirhat said the issue of some 35 people who claimed to have been excluded from a census, also came under discussion during the meeting.

At least 14,215 people are living in 51 Bangladeshi enclaves covering 7,110 acres of Indian land. But none of them were willing to move to Bangladesh.

LEGAL NOTICE

In the Supreme Court of Bangladesh
High Court Division
(Statutory Original Jurisdiction)

Company Matter No. 154/2015
Bashir Ahmed and another

— Petitioners

Versus

Bashir Ahmed Limited and others

— Respondents

Notice is hereby given that an application under Section 43 of the Companies Act, 1994 for rectification of share register of the Bashir Ahmed Limited Company (respondent No. 1) was moved before the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh on behalf of the petitioners and upon preliminary hearing on 07.07.2015 Mr. Justice Syed Reafat Ahmed was pleased to admit the application and also restrained respondents from showing the petitioners as chairman and director respectively and its shareholder for a period of 10 (ten) weeks from date. The Hon'ble Court also directed joint stock company (respondent No. 8) to certify and transmit all records and files pertaining to the Bashir Ahmed Limited Company (respondent No. 1) within a period of 3 (three) weeks from date. The Hon'ble Court fixed the matter for hearing on 30.08.2015.

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Brutality at its worst

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"Water? There's a lot of water down there," says the man with the stick, pointing to the river. "Go now and drink as much as you like."

Then the first man again kicks the body back into the water.

His head barely above the water, the boy feebly opens his mouth for more air but water, dirty and stinky, seeps through.

Crowds on the shore keep jeering at him and cursing him.

"Why can't he die?" says one.

"Say your last prayers to God ... And die!" says the other.

The boy makes one last frantic effort to move out of the water but fails.

The mob bursts into barbaric laughter at this. Some even clap in a sick display of what man is capable of.

This is no scene from some horror film; nor is it a work of fiction. It is all so real as it can be.

This is exactly how Najim Uddin, 16, was killed by a mob in the capital's Khilkhet area on April 13. He was the son of local vegetable vendor Jalal Uddin from Mastul village.

What was Najim's crime? He allegedly had stolen a pigeon from a neighbour's house.

This gruesome incident was videotaped and The Daily Star has obtained one of the clips.

Though he was alive till the end of the 5:39 minute long footage, he was later killed and his body was dumped in the nearby Balu river.

However, the family came to know about this incident not until April 17 when a neighbour, who claimed to have witnessed the incident, told them.

"I was told by locals that they started torturing my son from 3:00am and went on for six hours," Jalal told the Daily Star.

He filed a case with Khilkhet Police Station that very day.

Najim's body, meanwhile, was found in the Shitalakkhya river at Noapara of Rupganj in Narayanganj on April 16.

"The body was sent for an autopsy and later buried as an unidentified body," said Officer-in-Charge Jahirul Islam of Rupganj Police Station.

They had notified other police stations and sent a photo of the body.

Najim's parents saw the photo at Khilkhet Police Station and went to Rupganj to claim the body.

"To ascertain their claim, we collected DNA samples from the grave and sent those to the CID [Criminal Investigation Department] for screening," the OC said, adding that

they hadn't got the test result and the victim's family was yet to get the body even though more than three months had passed since then.

After Jalal filed the case on April 17, Khilkhet police had arrested three people, including witness Rajan. But none of them were seen taking part in the savagery.

So where are the real killers?

"The killers seen in the video have fled the area. We are trying to track them down," said Inspector Gholam Faruq of the Criminal Investigation Department. He is investigating the case.

Meanwhile, unhappy with the probe progress, the CID on Wednesday formed a three-member committee led by an assistant superintendent of police, said Special Superintendent of Police Mirza Abdullahe Baqui.

"We will scrutinise the process of investigation. If we find a lack of sincerity in the investigation, we will take actions against the official concerned," he added.

In a similar incident of savagery, a mob beat Samiul Islam Rajan, 13, to death in Sylhet on July 8 for "trying to steal a rickshaw".

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Mohammad Russel, 29, and Kazi Sohel, 38.

Sources at the elite force said some of the detainees could be ruling party men.

Lt Col Khandaker Golam Sarwar, commanding officer of Rab-3, said on information they raided the Rajuk Bhaban around 3:00pm and arrested the six who were trying to snatch the tender documents of a Rajuk project.

Some 15 to 20 men were trying to snatch the tender files in front of police, said a Rab press release.

Rajuk had floated the tender of Tk 30 crore for the construction of internal roads and surface drains at different sectors of Purbachal New Town Project. Yesterday was the last day for submitting the bidding documents.

Project Director Anwar Hossain, however, last night told The Daily Star that he knew nothing about the detainees or yesterday's incident.

Earlier this month, 10 alleged ruling party men were awarded different terms of imprisonment for extorting money from businessmen of a supermarket in the capital's Titakuli.

Later, Jubo league expelled its Publication Secretary Iqbal Mahmud from the organisation for his involvement with the extortion.

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Twelve people, including the four accused in the murder case, have been held, reports our Moulvibazar correspondent.

Jalalabad police filed the case, accusing Muhibul Alam, his brother Kamrul Islam, their accomplice Ali Haider and security guard Moyna Mia.

Meanwhile, Haider yesterday confessed to his involvement in the crime, said Suranjit Talukdar, investigation officer of the case. He is the seventh to have given a confession statement under Section 164.

Sylhet Metropolitan Magistrate Sajedul Karim recorded the statement, said Suranjit. The magistrate then sent Haider to jail.

Locals caught and handed over Haider to police when he was trying to take away the body of Rajon after torturing him to death.

Farhana Yesmin, judge of Sylhet Metropolitan Magistrate's Court-2, yesterday granted five days of remand for Badal Mia, the 12th person who was caught and handed over to police by locals on Wednesday.

Earlier, Suranjit produced Badal before the court and sought his remand for 10 days.

Badal, a worker of a garage near Jalalabad where Rajon was beaten up cruelly, is a witness to the incident.

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Without loosening his grip even when the latter stabbed him indiscriminately.

Parvez died yesterday in the line of duty around 10:00am at a local hospital.

The incident took place in the morning around 7:30am near the Golchokor field in Baharchora area of the beach town.

Jahirul Islam, additional police super (ASP) of Cox's Bazar Tourist Police, said his team that included Parvez heard the cries of tourist Zakir Hossain, who had been attacked by a gang of six muggers.

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But already there have been doubts about whether the severely weakened Greek economy can support the program after a six year-long slump that has cut national output by a quarter and sent unemployment over 25 percent.

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After debating the bailout reforms in parliament until near dawn, 36 Syriza rebels defied the government, forcing Tsipras to rely on pro-European opposition parties to pass the measure and raising the prospect of a snap election once the deal is sealed.

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