

BIWTC fleet to start special Eid operation September 1

Fares to remain as before

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

The Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation (BIWTC) will start a 10-day special operation of seven passenger ships on September 21, which will run between Dhaka and five districts on the occasion of Eid-ul-Azha.

The special service, apart from the regular trips, will continue till September 30, said Azmal Hossain, deputy general manager (commercial/passenger), BIWTC, Barisal.

According to officials, the vessels can carry an average of 700 people each.

The seven vessels PS Mahsud, PS Ostrich, PS Lepcha, PS Turn, MV Modhumoti, MV Bangalee, and MV Shela will make trips to Chandpur, Barisal, Jhalakathi, Pirojpur and Bagerhat.

Gopal Majumdar, BIWTC's station manager in Barisal, said the

fares would remain as in the normal times.

On the 161km Dhaka-Barisal route, one first class cabin seat will cost Tk 1,050, a second class cabin seat Tk 630, and every deck seat Tk 170, he said.

COASTAL DISTRICTS

Apart from the seven vessels, sea trucks will run between five coastal districts—Barisal, Bhola, Laxmipur, Noakhali, and Chittagong.

They will travel mainly short distances and stop at 11 points including Maju Chowdhurir Hat, Monpura, Shashiganj, Ilisha, Charchenga, Boyarchar, Hatiya, Kumira and Guptachhara.

Moreover, three coastal ships MV Monirul Huq, MV Abdul Matin, and MV Boro Awlia of BIWTC will operate from Chittagong under regular and Eid special services to different destinations in Hatiya and Sandwip from September 21 to 30.

Accept public univ teachers' demands

BNP also urges government to withdraw VAT on private universities, medical colleges

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Supporting the ongoing movements of the public university teachers and private university students, BNP yesterday asked the government to accept all of their demands; otherwise, what it said, there will be a crisis in the education sector.

"The meritorious students of the country have lost their interest in teaching profession as salaries of our teachers are not respectable like other neighbouring countries," said BNP spokesperson Asaduzzaman Ripon.

Ripon was addressing a press conference at the party's Nayapaltan office in Dhaka where he also demanded withdrawal of the recently imposed VAT on private universities.

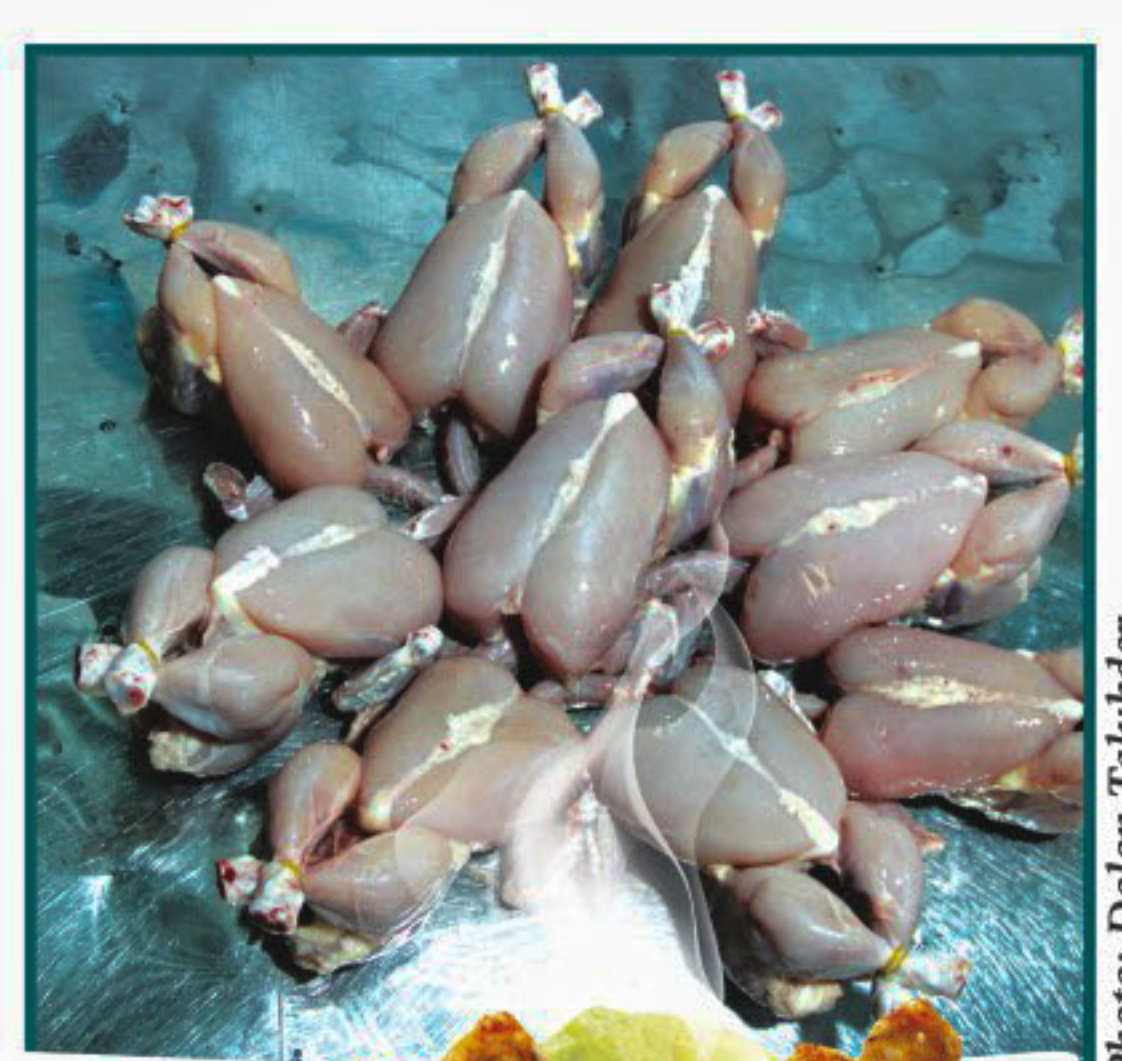
BNP also condemned the attack by the law enforcers on the East West University students during their movement.

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Get Ready for CHICKEN DINNER!!



When we think of chicken, we think of delicious curries, biriyani and kababs. Preparations for chicken in most forms is healthy that is if you are not the chicken yourself. Jokes aside, the benefits of eating poultry are vast as are its methods of preparations. This means that you can breathe a sigh of relief that your family members will not get tired of eating chicken frequently, if you plan on cooking it more than once a week.



We are all aware that chicken is a good source of lean low fat protein that promotes muscle growth and its development. It is also a great option to opt for if you are trying to shed a few pounds and is considered a better alternative to eating beef or mutton in order to maintain healthy body weight and metabolism. Chicken also contains minerals such as phosphorus, calcium that promotes healthy bones and lowers the risks of arthritis. Niacin, a form of vitamin B3 is also found a component of chicken that promotes healthy skin and aids with the functions of the intestinal tract and the nervous system.

Shawkat Ali, from Sherpur, Bogra is one of the many farmers who supplies Shwapno with chickens. He has been breeding poultry for the last 12 years or so. The process starts off with collecting one day old chicks from well known farms. He takes care of them on his three thousand square feet plot for thirty to thirty-five days, where not only does he feed them but a local veterinarian doctor visits on a weekly basis to check on the health of the chickens. Once the chickens reach a weight of two kilos in the aforementioned time period, Shawkat notifies Shwapno. A team, from Shwapno is sent over to inspect the chickens for any defects or diseases. Afterwards, they are transported via trucks to Shwapno's plant that is located in Savar. Once they reach the plant, the chickens are allowed to rest for a day or two. The chickens are then slaughtered in the most humane (halal) way possible. Throughout the whole process a separate team is assigned to control the quality of meat that is being processed. The butchers waste no time in placing the meat in freezers right after the chickens have been slaughtered. Via freeze vans, chicken meat is transported to all Shwapno outlets at the earliest hour possible.

Chicken meat is something you should never feel guilty about consuming (although a lot does depend on the way it is cooked). Although eating healthy at times can mean eating the same thing on a regular basis, you can always spruce things up by adding chicken. So what are you waiting for? Your step to healthy eating is just a cluck away!



Housewife 'gang-raped' in capital

One 'rapist' arrested; forensic test finds evidence of rape

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A 19-year-old woman was allegedly gang-raped by three men in a slum room in the capital's Rampura on Wednesday.

The victim, who lives at her paternal aunt's house in the area, was waiting for her husband at Rampura Bus Stand around 8:00am when one Imran and his two cohorts forced her into a room at their Jamtala slum and allegedly raped her, said Rampura police.

Imran was arrested on Wednesday night after the victim filed a case accusing him and two other unnamed persons, officer-in-charge of Rampura

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VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN Name, shame culprits

NHRC Chairman Dr Mizanur urges victims; speakers at a convention demand speedy tribunals for such cases

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Children falling victim to abuse, instead of keeping silent which encourages the perpetrators, should name and shame the culprits which will stop recurrence of such incidents, suggested National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) Chairman Dr Mizanur Rahman yesterday.

Meanwhile, speakers at a national convention demanded that such cases be heard at speedy trial tribunals and that effective steps be taken to protect the rights of children and bring a stop to such incidents, reports our DU correspondent.

Advising a stop to use of children in reception programmes for VIPs, Dr Mizanur said, "This nonsense procedure has to stop." He also requested mayors to provide playgrounds so that children could grow up healthy.

Dr Mizanur was addressing a discussion on child safety Bangladesh Shishu Academy organised at its office in the capital.

Underscoring the need to bring a change in attitudes,

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DSCC yet to move against makeshift street kitchen markets

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) is yet to recover a public road adjacent to Wari's Baldha Garden in the capital which it leased out to Awami League men, who then set up a kitchen market.

The city corporation cannot by law allocate any road for markets or shops, but some of its officials did it for bribes, alleged a number of officials at Nagar Bhaban, the DSCC headquarters.

The Daily Star published a story with a photograph on August 23 and contacted DSCC Mayor Mohammad Sayeed

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