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## ENGLISH MEDIUM SCHOOLS HC stays VAT on tuition fees for 6 months

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday stayed for six months the collection of value added tax on tuition fees of English medium school students.

The court asked the authorities concerned to explain why the imposition of 7.5 percent VAT should not be declared illegal.

The HC bench of Justice Shamim Hasnain and Justice Mohammad Ullah issued the rule in response to a writ petition by two guardians of students at English medium schools seeking cancellation of the VAT.

The court decision comes amid anti-VAT demonstrations by guardians, students and teachers of English medium schools in the capital.

Yesterday, more than 300 demonstrators formed a human chain on footpaths of Saat Masjid Road in Dhanmondi around 11:30am, demanding cancellation of the VAT.

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A Syrian refugee carries his child after an overcrowded dinghy arrived on the Greek island of Lesbos crossing a part of the Aegean Sea from Turkey yesterday. PHOTO: REUTERS

## DCCs fix 595 spots in city for slaughter

Move to speed up cleaning, waste management during Eid-ul-Azha

HELEMUL ALAM

This Eid-ul-Azha, there will be 595 designated spots in the city to sacrifice animals for the first time.

The two city corporations, Dhaka North

and Dhaka South, have taken this measure to speed up the management of waste, blood and leftovers disposal after the slaughters.

The Dhaka South City Corporation

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## COALMINE GRAFT CASE

### Khaleda faces trial

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday cleared the way for resuming the trial of BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia in the Barapukuria coalmine corruption case.

The bench of Justice Md Nuruzzaman and Justice Abdur Rob did so by vacating a 2008 stay order on the case proceedings.

This is the fifth graft case against Khaleda that got the HC's clearance for lower court to go ahead with the trial.

Earlier, the HC lifted legal bars to continuing trials in Gatco, Niko, Zia Charitable Trust and Zia Orphanage Trust



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## Migrants inundate Croatia

EU calls emergency summit; criticism of 'xenophobic' Hungary mounts

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Amid chaotic scenes at its border with Serbia, Croatia said yesterday it could not cope with a flood of migrants seeking a new route into the EU after Hungary kept them out by erecting a fence and using tear gas and water cannon against them.

The European Union called an emergency summit next week to try to overcome disarray over the refugee crisis, as its newest member state said it may have to use the

army to stop illegal migrants criss-crossing the Western Balkans in their quest for sanctuary in the wealthy 28-nation bloc.

The EU is split over how to handle the influx of hundreds of thousands of people mostly fleeing war and poverty in Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

More than 7,300 people entered Croatia from Serbia in the 24 hours after Wednesday's clashes between Hungarian riot police and stone-throwing refugees at

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## PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES Teachers' strike may disrupt admission tests

DU CORRESPONDENT

Public university teachers have threatened that the upcoming admission tests to the universities will be disrupted if their four-point demand is not met soon.

"Teachers at almost all the public universities want to boycott the scheduled admission tests. We will take a decision after holding a meeting," said Prof ASM Maksud Kamal, secretary general of Federation of Bangladesh University Teachers Association (FBUTA).

FBUTA, a platform for public university teachers, yesterday observed daylong stoppage at all 37 state-run universities.

During a two-hour sit-in in front of the Oporajeyo Bangla at Dhaka University yesterday morning, the federation leaders said they will go for a tougher movement in the form of continuous work stoppage after the Eid holiday if the government does not hold any discussion soon with them about fulfilling their demands.

Rejecting the finance

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BSRM is delighted to announce the inauguration of the 5-star Hotel Royal Tulip Sea Pearl Beach Resort & Spa at Inani Beach, Cox's Bazar and equally proud to have been the construction partner by supplying all the rebars for the project. BSRM Xtreme is the only rebar in Bangladesh to have fulfilled all 10 criteria of a true 500W, was supplied for the construction, equipping the 5-Star Hotel Royal Tulip Sea Pearl Beach Resort & Spa with 10-star safety!



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