

# Woman 'gang-raped' by husband, cohorts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An injured and traumatised woman alleged that she was gang-raped by four persons who afterwards tortured her by pouring hot water on her.

The victim, taking treatment for burn injuries at Dhaka Medical College Hospital, claimed this was the second time that she was raped in less than six months by the same group comprising her husband, Alauddin, and his friends.

"Alauddin and his friends were arrested after the first time but were released on bail several months ago," said the 22-year-old woman who separated from her husband a year ago.

The victim was going to Bhatara on Wednesday afternoon when she was picked up by a microbus in Natunbazar area and taken to an apartment, she told The Daily Star.

The rapists then locked her in the apartment, raped her and tortured her for hours, she said.

"Before leaving me in the dead of the night, they poured hot water on my genitals," she said.

A security guard of the building rescued her after 3:00am and took her to Bhatara Police Station, she said.

Police advised her to go to a hospital immediately but she went home, took some primary treatment, and then went to DMCH with her father and a neighbour.

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# HC okays Feroz's JS membership

Rejects challenge for loan default

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday declared that it was legal for Chief Whip ASM Feroz to hold the office of a member of parliament.

The court rejected a writ petition that challenged the legality of Feroz holding the office of a lawmaker due to a loan default.

The HC delivered the verdict on the grounds that Feroz is not a loan defaulter as he has rescheduled his bank loan on time.

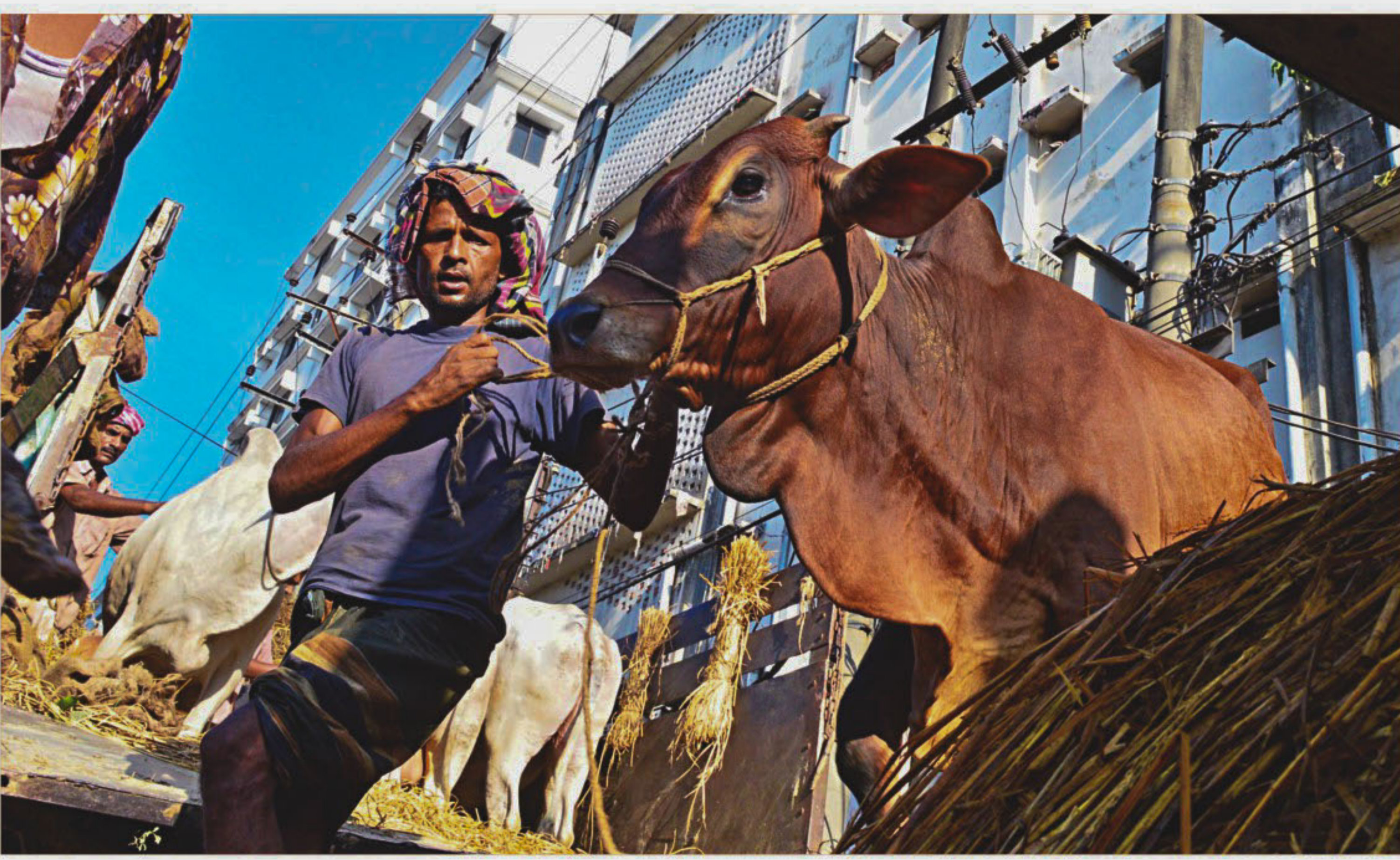
Feroz won uncontested from the Patuakhali-2 constituency in the January 5 polls.

Zia-Ul Haque, municipality mayor of Bauphal in Patuakhali, filed the writ petition in February last year.

In his petition, Zia said Feroz did not reschedule his bank loan on time, which was mandatory under the Representation of the People Order.

Following the petition, the HC on February 10 last year issued a rule upon the government and Election Commission to explain under what authority Feroz will hold the office of an MP.

After holding hearing arguments on the rule, the HC delivered the verdict yesterday.



A trader brings his bull of local breed to Sagorika Cattle Market in Chittagong city yesterday with the city cattle markets gaining a momentum. Livestock officials say the total demand of sacrificial animals in the district can be met with local cattle, but traders fear there will be a crisis if cattle are not brought from India.

PHOTO: STAR

# Jute mill workers block Ctg road for 3hr for arrears

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Workers of a state-owned jute mill in Chittagong city yesterday blocked Chittagong-Hathazari road for three hours demanding arrears of two months.

Around 2,000 workers of Amin Jute Mills Ltd demonstrated before their factory from 10:00am to 1:00pm that created traffic jam causing immense sufferings to travellers.

The workers also set fire to straw in different places on the road.

Mohammed Saimun, a first semester student of Shyamoli Ideal Polytechnic, said he had to walk all the way from Oxygen intersection to Muradpur.

Similarly, Anjumana Ara was forced to walk from the jute mill to Oxygen intersection to visit one of her ailing relatives.

The workers, who are paid once a week, said they were yet to get arrears of nine weeks.

Mohabbat Ali Khan, president of CBA of the mill, said they urged, in vain, the management repeatedly to repay the arrears.

Jotshna Afroza, deputy general manager of the mill, said they could not pay them due to a lack of sale order.

However, the blockade was withdrawn as the authorities agreed to pay the arrears of one week in a meeting with police and the workers' leaders.

# CATTLE SUPPLY FOR EID IN CTG Dist admin firm to meet demand with local breed

But traders fear crisis if Indian supply stalls

ARUN BIKASH DEY and SHAHADAT HOSSAIN, Ctg

When livestock officials are confident enough to meet the demand of sacrificial animals in Chittagong with local cattle, traders fear there will be a crisis if cattle are not brought from India.

Although it is reported that Indian cattle are coming through different border points, the traders in Chittagong said they did not see any till yesterday.

Manjurul Alam Manju, a lessee of Bibirhat Cattle Market, said Indian cattle meet over 50 percent of the demand during Eid-ul-Azha.

Those brought from Myanmar, Nepal and Pakistan every year can meet around five percent of demand, he said. "There is no alternative to bringing Indian cattle to meet the demand hundred percent," Manju observed.

Jobair Bepari, a trader at Sagorika Cattle Market, echoed Manju. Local cattle alone could not meet the demand of the Chittagong markets, he said adding that he found some Indian cattle in the market

which had been brought last year. He fears a price hike this year.

Contacted, Chittagong District Livestock Officer Abdul Hye said they had taken preparations considering the present situation.

"We have conducted a survey in every union of 14 upazilas of Chittagong and have made a list of the farmers who are rearing at least three cattle each," he said.

"2.2 lakh bulls and around 1.5 lakh goats are being reared in different upazilas."

So, 3.7 lakh cattle are ready to come to the market, he said adding, "In the previous year, 3.63 lakh bulls and 1.1 lakh goats were sacrificed in Chittagong."

In addition, a good number of cattle are coming from Myanmar, Nepal and Pakistan, he added saying, "So there will be no crisis."

Local cattle met over 80 percent of demand last year, said Hye, adding, "I think, middlemen are trying to create a panic among people in a bid to hike prices."

Manju however claimed the survey figures have no link to reality.



Workers of Amin Jute Mills Ltd set fire to substances on Chittagong-Hathazari road in Chittagong city yesterday demanding their arrears of two months. They also blocked the road for two hours.

PHOTO: STAR

# Illegal structures demolished at Ctg port

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A mobile court yesterday demolished 27 illegal structures, including motor garages and houses, which were built on the land of Chittagong Port Authority (CPA).

In Taltala area, the court demolished two truck terminals and three motor garages, says a press release.

In another drive, 20 tin-roofed houses and two club-houses were also demolished at Bandar East Colony. Chittagong Metropolitan Police and Ansar personnel assisted the court.

# NEWS IN brief

## Dhaka Govt Alia Madrasa students clash, injuring 12

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 12 students were injured in a clash between two groups of students at Government Alia Madrasa in the capital's Bakshibazar last evening.

The injured were admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital, Sentu Das, an assistant sub-inspector of the DMCH police camp, told The Daily Star.

Political affiliation of the students could not be known immediately but one of the injured said they belonged to Bangladesh Chhatra League.

They clashed to establish supremacy, he said. Two students were detained.

## BNP leader Minu freed from jail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Former Rajshahi city mayor Mizanur Rahman Minu was released on bail on Wednesday.

The jail guards were withdrawn from the cabin of Rajshahi Medical College Hospital around 7:00pm where Minu was undergoing treatment for last one week, said Rajshahi Central Jail Super Shafiqul Islam Khan.

Minu, also the city unit BNP president, was sent to jail on July 13 in seven cases filed over vandalism during anti-government movement this year.

He got bail in the cases from the High Court this month.

## RU evening LLM admission test Oct 15

RU CORRESPONDENT

The admission test for the evening master's course under the Department of Law of Rajshahi University will be held on October 15. Registration process for the test will continue till October 13, said a press release.

Law graduates from any public or recognised private universities can apply for the one-year programme.

For details, applicants can visit university website www.ru.ac.bd or contact the department office or call at 0721-711143, 01722-260565.

## Train ticket rush gets madder

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"Today I had an academic course examination in my university. But I have come here to collect tickets of Dinajpur," said Yasin Ali.

Some people in the queues were found listing names of those before and after them. "In previous years we saw that some people come hours later and forcibly tried to jump the queue. It creates a chaotic situation," said Azizul Islam.

Like previous days, most tickets were sold out within a few hours. Many blamed this on the black marketing of tickets.

Meanwhile, a mobile court assisted by Rab jailed seven persons for seven days to three months for the offence and fined two persons Tk 1,000 each for attempting to create chaos in queues. Earlier in the morning, a Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) team seized 27 tickets and Tk 2.3 lakh from five of them, said Sarwar Alam, an executive magistrate at the Rab headquarters.

The railway authorities will operate seven pairs of special trains from September 22 to October 3 to cope with the rush of passengers. Around 10 lakh people use trains to leave the city ahead of Eid each year, say railway officials.

In Chittagong, around 2,000 of the 4,280 tickets available were left unsold on the first two days of the advance sale.

Yesterday, some 1,000 of 7,512 were left unsold. However, those left were mostly of special trains to Chandpur while intercity train tickets, of Bijoy Express, Paharika Express, Udayan Express and Turna Express, were sold out by 12:45pm, according to the station sources.

The rush for yesterday's tickets began on Wednesday night when witnesses said some 300 people were found waiting in queues around 11:00pm.

## Formulate policies to ensure

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necessary assistances for enhancing professional skills.

Begum Shamsun Nahar, director general of the Bureau of Manpower Employment and Training, said they would arrange skill training programmes for the handicapped people in their technical training centres across the country. Monir Hossain Mridul, a trainer of DCF Computer Training Centre, who presented a keynote paper, placed some recommendations, including inclusion of the employment and rights of the handicapped people in all the ministries, addition of an article to the labour law for them, and ensuring their treatment

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economy, getting private sector on board is very crucial," he said.

He said the private sector was realising that it has to participate in making the environment more stable and knew they have everything to gain from a predictable and more level playing field.

On the fund flow, Thomas Gass said raising fund through domestic resources was very crucial.

Thomas Gass said the UN will continue to support countries which seek it. "We are strongly encouraging countries' statistics offices to closely work with the civil society," he said.

He also mentioned that there would be an annual programme where countries would be able to make presentations on the progress of SDGs.



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