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# Back home from sea of death

BELAL HOSSAIN BIPLOB

Ismail looked up at the sky and took a deep breath.

"I saw death so close. For 16 to 17 hours, I along with 40 to 50 people tried to stay afloat in the water," he recalled.

This is how the 22-year-old Bangladeshi began the tale of his sur-

Their rickety boat sank in the Mediterranean Sea off the Libyan coast in Tripoli on August 24, but he and 24 other Bangladeshis survived.

Yesterday around 5:00am, they returned home by a Turkish Airlines flight.

Ismail said there were around 600 passengers on the upper and lower decks of the boat. But it started to sink one hour after sailing off around 2:00am. He was on the upper "Around 300 passengers, mostly women and children, at

the lower deck died, as they did not know how to swim. Those of us who were on the upper deck could do nothing to help them. We just tried to save our lives," he said. "Everyone was screaming, crying and praying to Allah."

Ismail said he managed to survive by clinging to a wooden plank.

After several hours, a rescue boat arrived. But only 50 to SEE PAGE 10 COL 1



With Eid-ul-Azha just five days away, traders are bringing cattle to the capital, the biggest market for sacrificial animals in the country. The photo taken yesterday shows a boatload of cattle entering Dhaka through the Buriganga.

PHOTO:

### **AMRAN HOSSAIN**

# East Europe clashes over migrant influx

Ismail

Hungary accuses Croatia of 'violating sovereignty'; new Mediterranean tragedy kills 5-year-old

AGENCIES

Hungary and Croatia traded threats yesterday as thousands of exhausted migrants poured over their borders, deepening the disarray in Europe over how

to handle the tide of humanity.

More than 20,000 migrants, many of them refugees from the Syrian war, have trekked into Croatia since Tuesday, when Hungary used a metal fence, SEE PAGE 10 COL 1 JOYPURHAT BORDER

### **BSF** says sorry for firing

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

The Indian Border Security Force (BSF) has regretted its firing in which a Bangladeshi was killed and four others were injured on a border in Joypurhat Sadar upazila on Friday, says a BGB official.

Following a series of flag meetings

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### 18 to stay minimum marriage age for girls

Says health minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Health Minister Mohammad Nasim yesterday said the updated child marriage restraint act would not leave any scope for girls' marriage below 18 years.

The 2014 draft of the proposed law determines 18 as the minimum legal age for girls' marriage as it was in the Child Marriage Restraint Act 1929 but with an addition that under SEE PAGE 10 COL 3

Cattle traders waiting for sale to begin

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Different cattle markets in the capital are teeming with sacrificial animals as traders wait for the sale to begin in a day or two.

"Our booths will start receiving Hasil [charge for the purchasing price paid by the buyers] from Monday or Tuesday. But we are allowing the traders to take their cattle to the field," said Masud Rana, member of a committee which has got the Sadeque Hossain Khoka playground in Dholai Khal area on lease to set up a cattle market.

Traders started to take their animals to different makeshift markets in Dhaka from Friday. A Dhaka South City Corporation official said the traders had been asked not to do so before yesterday.

The Daily Star saw several thousands of sacrificial animals on East End Club playground at Dhupkhola in Gandaria area, Sadeque Hossain Khoka playground and Balurmath adjoining Brothers Union Club at Kamalapur yesterday.

Some cattle were on the adjacent streets, blocking traffic movement and causing sufferings to commu-

Masud Rana said they had to keep some animals on street as the Sadeque SEE PAGE 10 COL 3

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