

# Rain, jam disrupt

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going on a journey of over 250 kilometres. And quite naturally we are worried," Nazrul Islam, who works in a private firm, said before getting into a Rajshahi-bound bus at Kalyanpur around noon.

Passengers got stuck at different exit points of the capital like Gabtoli and Abdullahpur of Uttara due to huge traffic congestion and haphazard vehicular movements.

"Our bus left Mohakhali around 9:00am and it took more than two hours to cross Uttara," said Kalimullah, a businessman travelling to Naogaon.

Even Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader said Gabtoli and Abdullahpur points were two major sources of sufferings for the home-goers after the minister himself remained stuck there for about half an hour on Thursday and Friday, despite having police protocol.

"I have ordered the authorities to take steps for dealing with the chaotic situation at Gabtoli and Abdullahpur," he told The Daily Star over the phone.

The minister will visit Gabtoli today to observe the situation and will give directives to the police authorities and others concerned for taking necessary measures to smoothen vehicular movement through this point, says a ministry press release.

The Eid holidaymakers, who travelled to northern districts and the districts in Chittagong division, had to spend hours in tailbacks on Dhaka-Tangail and Dhaka-Chittagong high-

ways yesterday. Passengers there had similar experiences in the last two days.

From 6:00am to 10:00am yesterday, hundreds of vehicles remained stranded on both sides of the Dhaka-Tangail highway from Chandra Intersection of Gazipur to Mirzapur in Tangail.

"I started from Dhaka's Mohakhali around 9:00am. It took six hours to reach Tangail town as my bus got stuck at many points," said Shiblee Ahmed, a passenger.

Hundreds of vehicles were stuck on either side of Dhaka-Chittagong highway in Daudkandi of Comilla in the early hours of yesterday. Drivers blamed the tailback there on cratered highway.

Highway police said torrential rain, huge traffic flow ahead of the Eid and haphazard movement of cattle-laden vehicles were the reasons behind the gridlocks.

Commuter Mohammad Asaduzzaman along with his brother and uncle had to wait for more than two hours at Patuaria launch ghat in Manikganj.

"I went to the ghat around 9:00am and could not board a ferry before 11:00am. Had there been no rain, life could be much easier," he told The Daily Star later.

Hundreds of other passengers there had similar experiences.

People who left Dhaka by trains and launches suffered comparatively less as most of those were on schedule.

[Our district correspondents contributed to the report]

# Bangladesh

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Dalmyia was appointed the interim president of the BCCI in June 2013, when N Srinivasan stepped down. Srinivasan returned as the president in October 2013. On March 2015, Dalmyia became the president of the BCCI again after a 10-year gap. He was also president of the ICC from 1997 to 2000.

His health had been a cause of concern for a long time but he was said to be recuperating well in Kolkata. Dalmyia was credited largely with bringing in money into Indian cricket during his initial years with the Board.

The BCCI expressed its condolence after the sudden demise while BCCI Secretary Anurag Thakur called it a personal loss.

"The greatest sports administrator of India has passed away, an era ends. A personal loss to me & Indian cricket. @BCCI #RIPDalmyia," Thakur tweeted.

Dalmyia was also a selfless patron of Bangladesh cricket. It was because of his patronisation that Bangladesh won the Test status in 2000 when he was president of the game's governing body.

Saber Hossain Chowdhury, former president of Bangladesh Cricket Board, said Dalmyia's contribution to Bangladesh cricket was invaluable.

"I'm deeply saddened at the loss of an inspiring visionary and a great leader. Bangladesh cricket can never repay his debt and the world cricket also owes him deep gratitude," Saber told The Daily Star Sport by phone last night.

"Where Bangladesh cricket is today is in no small measure due to the steadfast support and patronisation of Jagmohan Dalmyia," he added.

Bangladesh Cricket Board President Nazmul Hasan Papon also expressed his deep sadness at the passing away of Dalmyia.

"With the passing away of Jagmohan Dalmyia, Bangladesh cricket has lost a true friend and a genuine well-wisher.

"We are forever grateful for the assistance and warmth received from Mr Dalmyia in taking cricket forward in Bangladesh. It is also apt to say that Bangladesh's elevation to Test status in many ways was a result of his farsightedness and wholehearted support.

"World cricket will sorely miss his dynamism, leadership and vision. His glittering legacy in cricket administration, however, will live on," read a BCB statement.

# Decentralise power

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Former Chief Election Commissioner ATM Shamsul Huda, former caretaker government adviser M Hafizuddin Khan, Executive Director of Policy Research Institute Ahsan H Mansur, and local government experts Dr MM Shawkat Ali and Tofail Ahmed, among others, were present at the programme.

Highlighting politicians' role in bringing about important political changes, Shamsul Huda said, "We don't have any desire to be the country's president or the prime minister. Our objective is to make democracy and people's empowerment sustainable. We want decentralisation of power but we can't bring about such a change. Only the politicians can do it."

Local government expert Dr Tofail Ahmed said, "The current parliament has become one-party parlia-

ment ... Decentralisation of power is needed to overcome this situation. Or else, things will become worse."

In his keynote paper, Dr Tofail said it is politics that mainly determines how power will be decentralised in a country. "Relation between politics and power is like the relation between a letter and an envelope," he said.

"It is necessary that a person or an organisation has power and authority to resolve a problem or crisis. But many problems and crises have arisen from excessive centralisation of power," he said.

He recommended that the government seek public opinion before or after placing an important bill in parliament.

"Referendum should be made mandatory if basic amendments are to be brought to the constitution," he emphasised.

He also recommended that the

Zila Parishads across the country be brought under elected representatives and that MPs should not interfere in any activities of local government bodies.

Dr Shawkat Ali said local government bodies cannot be empowered for lack of decentralisation of power. "Enough monetary allocation should be ensured by the centre to make local government bodies effective."

He, however, said complete decentralisation of power is not possible in Bangladesh as it is an integrated state and has no province.

Ahsan H Mansur said decentralisation of power will not be possible if the country's resources are not properly distributed.

He suggested the formation of an independent financial commission to empower local government bodies through proper distribution of the national resources.

# Work in coordination

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Cabinet Division and other ministries or divisions.

"You're the officials of the republic. It's your duty to ensure the continuity of the pace of development. Governments will come and go, [and] their policies will change, but the pace of development has to continue," she said.

The premier said the government still has three years left in its tenure, and in this time, it wants to place the country in a position where no one would be able to play with the fate of the country's people.

"The pace of development has to be maintained in this country where people [will] never be exploited and deprived ... that's our aim."

The PM directed the authorities concerned to be more attentive towards maintaining the trend of development works.

Stressing the need for setting priority programmes for different ministries and divisions, she directed the secretaries to be more attentive and monitor activities to achieve their targets with more efficiency.

"We believe in equal and balanced development. We want to build the country as a poverty-free one in line with the spirit of the Liberation War dream by the Father of the Nation," Hasina said.

The aim of the present government,

she said, was to implement the development projects for rural people. "If we cannot make the rural economy stronger, raise their purchasing capacity, make them free from poverty, fulfil their basic needs, then there is no meaning of doing politics."

She also said the aim of her politics was to improve the socio-economic condition of people at the lowest ladder of society.

"We want to provide them a better life in terms of education and knowledge, minimise the gap between the poor and the rich, and reduce the income disparities ... We want these people to benefit from these development programmes."

The ministries and divisions prepare their annual strategic goals and action plans in line with Vision-2021, Fifth Year Plan and Perspective Plan, said the PM.

Referring to the first cycle of Annual Performance Agreement, Hasina said there have been good results from the initiative and it has been proved that success could be achieved if steps are taken properly.

Finance Minister AMA Muhith, Cabinet Secretary M Mosharraf Hussain Bhuiyan and Principal Secretary Md Abul Kalam Azad and Secretary on Coordination and Reforms, Cabinet Division Nazrul Islam also spoke on the occasion.

# Pope meets

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Brazilian priest Frei Betto's book of interviews with him, "Fidel and Religion," which he signed: "With admiration and respect from the Cuban people."

Francis was also due to meet Castro's brother Raul, who took the reins in Cuba when Fidel stepped down amid a health crisis in 2006.

Fidel Castro had previously met pope John Paul II at the Vatican in 1996 and on three occasions when he visited Cuba in 1998.

He also met pope Benedict XVI when he visited Cuba in 2012.

After decades of hostility between Castro's communist regime and the Catholic Church, relations have slowly improved since the mid-1980s, with John Paul II's historic visit playing a key role.

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Memo No. D-II/ 2015-2016/575 Dated: 20/09/2015.

**Invitation for Tender**  
**IFT No. 03 /2015-2016**

1.	Ministry /Division	Ministry of Planning
2.	Agency	Public Works Department (P.W.D.)
3.	Procuring Entity Name	Executive Engineer, S.B.Nagar PWD Division-II, Sher-E-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka.
4.	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).
5.	Budget & Source of Funds	GOB
6.	Project Name	Construction of Bank Building, Daycare Centre, Police Barrack, Garage & Post Office at Planning Commission Campus.
7.	Tender Package Name	Package-1: Construction of 1-storied Bank Building & Daycare Centre. Package-2: Construction of 1-storied Police Barrack, Garage & Post Office including Ancillary works.
8.	Work Completion Time	06 ( Six ) Months.
9.	Eligibility of Tenders	This Invitation for Tender is open to all qualified Tenderers as mentioned below:
	(a)	The minimum number of years of general experience of the Tenderer in the construction works as Prime Contractor or Sub - Contractor or Management Contractor shall be 10 (ten) years.
	(b)	i) The minimum specific experience as a Prime Contractor or Sub - Contractor or Management Contractor in successful completion of at least 1 (one) number of Building construction work in a single contract amounting to Package-1: Tk. 65.00 (sixty five) lac & Package-2: Tk. 90.00 ( Ninety) lac in Government/Semi-Government/ Autonomous Organization of Bangladesh during last 5 (five) years. ii) The work certificate for successful completion of a building construction work shall have to be issued by an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer of concerned Department/Organization duly verified by the concerned Executive Engineer of PWD of that district under whose jurisdiction the work has been done. Prescribed form for "Work Certificate" for this purpose will be available in the tender Document.
	(c)	The Tenderer shall have a minimum average annual construction turnover during last 5 (five) years of Package-1: Tk. 200.00 (Two hundred) lac & Package-2: Tk. 280.00 ( Two hundred eighty) lac. Total certified payments received for contracts in progress or completed contracts under public sector during last 5 (five) years must be submitted along with the tender in support of average annual construction turnover.
	(d)	The minimum amount of liquid asset or working capital or credit line(s) of the Tenderer shall be Package-1: Tk. 35.00 ( Thirty five) lac & Package-2: Tk. 50.00 ( Fifty) lac. Document submitted along with the tender must be issued in between publication date and submission date of the tender. Prescribed form for line of credit for this purpose shall be submitted as per form PW3-7 of tender and contract forms.
	(e)	The tender must possess: (i) Up-to-date income tax clearance certificate. (ii) Valid VAT registration certificate. (iii) Up-to-date trade license. (iv) Up-to-date ABC category contractor and supervisory license from Electricity Licensing Board, Government of Bangladesh. (v) Attested copies of documents mentioned in Sl.No.i, ii, iii & iv are to be submitted. (vi) Original money receipt must be enclosed with the tender.
	(f)	Other required eligibility and conditions of the Tender are shown in Tender Data Sheet (TDS) of the tender document.
10.	Price of Tender Documents	Package-1: Tk. 1,000/- ( One thousand ) only. Package-2: Tk. 1,500/- ( One thousand five hundred ) only.
11.	Amount of Tender Security	Package-1: Tk. 2.00 ( Two ) lac. Package-2: Tk. 3.00 ( Three ) lac.
12.	Name & Address Of The Office(s)	
	-Selling of Tender Documents.	Office of the Executive Engineer PWD City Division/Dhaka PWD Division-IV, PWD Division Azimpur/ Sher-E-Bangla Nagar PWD Division-I/ II/ III/ Mohakhali/ Mirpur & Maintenance Division, Dhaka/ Chittagong PWD Division-I, Chittagong/ Khulna PWD Division-I, Khulna/Rajshahi PWD Division-I, Rajshahi/Sylhet PWD Division, Sylhet/Barisal PWD Division, Barisal. Office of the Sub-Divisional Engineer, PWD Sub-Division No-V, Under PWD division-IV, Purta Bhaban, Dhaka.
	-Receiving of Tender Documents	Office of the Executive Engineer, S.B.Nagar PWD Division-II, Sher-E-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka.
	-Opening Tender Documents	Office of the Executive Engineer, S.B.Nagar PWD Division-II, Sher-E-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka.
13.	Tender Last selling, Date & Time	Date 20/10/2015 Time: 5.00 P.M.
14.	Tender closing Date & Time	Date 21/10/2015 Time: 12.00 Noon
15.	Tender Opening Place, Date & Time	Tender will be opened on 21/10/2015 at 1.00 P.M. in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Sher-E-Bangla Nagar PWD Division-II, and Dhaka. Intending Tenderers or their authorized representatives may remain present during opening of tenders.
16.	Place/Date/Time of pre-Tender meeting.	Executive Engineer, Sher-E-Bangla Nagar P.W.D.Division-II, Dhaka. Dated: 22/09/2015.
17.	Special Instruction.	a) This Tender notice is in brief and the details of the Tender can be seen at the office of the undersigned during office hours. b) If the Tenderer submits any false/incorrect or forged certificate, the Tender security may be forfeited. c) The Tender notice can also be available in the official web site of Public Works Department (www.pwd.gov.bd) and Web site of CPTU (www.cptu.gov.bd) (Planning Commission Complex), Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, and Dhaka.
18.	Name of Official Inviting Tender.	Mohammad Ataur Rahman Siddique, Executive Engineer, Sher-E-Bangla Nagar P.W.D.Division-II, Dhaka. Telephone No. 9110422. Fax No. 88-02-9110422.
19.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.	

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# Austria sees fresh

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Within days of the border closure, Croatia said it could not cope with the influx of arrivals and began to redirect the migrants back towards Hungary or towards Slovenia, sparking angry reactions from both countries.

Many of the migrants are fleeing the war in Syria, with the European Union receiving almost a quarter of a million asylum requests from April through June.

Germany alone expects up to a million asylum seekers this year.

At the Austrian town of Nickelsdorf on the Hungarian border, some 7,000 refugees and migrants were stuck waiting for onwards transport to elsewhere in Europe -- some of them in a long

snaking line for buses, others hoping for taxis to take them to Vienna.

"Once you get to Austria, you've arrived," said Saeed, a 23-year-old from Damascus who is hoping his odyssey will end in Germany.

"As we approach the Europe that we want, people are getting nicer and nicer."

There were more bottlenecks elsewhere along the long migrant trail up from Greece through the Balkans, as authorities in a string of countries struggle to cope with the inflow.

At Tovarnik in Croatia, on the border with Serbia, the interior ministry said nearly 4,000 people were waiting for transport towards Hungary.

# Tarique

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Before submitting the charges, the IO took approval from the home ministry as it is a mandatory provision for bringing sedition charges against any person.

On November 7, the court will decide whether the charge will be accepted or not.

On October 19 last year, advocate Moshir Rahman Malek, president of Bangabandhu Foundation, lodged the lawsuit with the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court of Dhaka.

After the hearing, the same court asked the police to submit a probe report on the issue after getting the home ministry's approval.

In his case statement, Moshir alleged that Tarique had called Sheikh Mujibur Rahman "Pakbandhu" at a discussion in London.

"Sheikh Mujibur Rahman cannot be the Father of the Nation. He returned to the country with a Pakistani passport. Someone who accepts Pakistani passport even after Bangladesh's independence is a citizen of that country according to law," said Tarique.

"One day it will have to be explained how a Pakistani citizen became a president or prime minister of Bangladesh," the BNP leader warned while addressing the discussion at York Hall in East London on September 29 last year.

Tarique, now staying in London, faces over 18 criminal cases, including August 21 grenade attack cases.

Of the cases, trials of August grenade attack and Zia Orphanage Trust graft cases are going on at different courts.

# Dhaka city trapped

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Obaidul Quader, who was present at the programme organised by the DNCC, to allocate the required land.

Obaidul assured all-out support would be extended to the city corporation, and suggested that the mayor focus on resolving the issues without caving in to pressure from interest groups.

Speaking of the area he is in charge of, Dhaka South City Corporation Mayor Mohammad Sayeed Khokon said Shahbagh to Uttara and Moghbazar to Uttara are two important routes.

The construction of metro rail will begin early next year but by then Mouchak flyover will not be completed.

"Traffic system will break down if no alternative is planned now," Khokon said, asking people concerned to think over the matter.

Speakers at the discussion suggested freeing footpaths of hawkers and rehabilitating them.

Annusul said he had been facing difficulties in reclaiming footpaths as many influential people were behind

the hawkers.

Only 10 to 15 percent people travel in private cars every day but they occupy 85 percent of the roads in the capital, said Bijoy Bhushan Paul, director of Bangladesh Road Transport Authority.

The number of public buses should be increased to ease traffic congestion, said architect Iqbal Habib, requesting the mayors to set up bus stops and passenger sheds.

Shamim Uz-Zaman Basunia, president of the Institution of Engineers Bangladesh, criticised VIPs, army personnel and lawmakers, saying they often take the wrong side of the roads causing traffic jam.

While giving a presentation, Prof Md Shamsul Hoque said grid pattern of roads facilitates smooth traffic movement but in case of Dhaka, it is not possible.

"Gradual shifting of the capital has become inevitable."

Additional Commissioner (traffic) Khandaker Golam Faruk and Chairman of Urban Habitat Ltd Architect Tanwir Nawaz also presented papers on traffic congestion and its solutions.