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Dhaka city trapped in traffic jam

Dhaka North mayor compares the city to an ICU patient

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka North City Corporation Mayor Annisul Huq yesterday likened the capital to a patient in intensive care unit and said immediate attention and action were needed to help it recover.

Regarding Dhaka's traffic situation, he, however, said the problem would be addressed to some extent by April next year. At a roundtable discussion on how to ease traffic congestion in Dhaka, he said he had identified six points from Gazipur to Hatirjheel to set up double loops to facilitate traffic movement without interruption. The DNCC will require

additional space along the highways to install the loops. "Once we install the loops, intersections will be sealed," the mayor said while unveiling his short-term plan to improve the traffic situation.

He requested Road Transport and Bridges Minister SEE PAGE 11 COL 1



A cattle market in the capital's Shanir Akhra went under knee-deep water in the daylong rain yesterday, leaving traders and cattle to suffer.

Tarique faces sedition charge

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday pressed sedition charges against BNP Senior Vice

Chairman Tarique Rahman in connection with a case filed for calling Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman "Pakbandhu" (friend of

Pakistan). After finding truth of seditious allegation, Jewel Rana, assistant commissioner (Paltan Zone) of Detective Branch (DB) of police of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, yesterday submitted the charges to the court of Metropolitan Magistrate Asaduzzaman Nur. Jewel is also the investigating officer (IO) of the case.

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Work in coordination It was instigated Decentralise power

PM asks top bureaucrats to ensure faster development

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday urged the government officials to work in a coordinated way as ministries or divisions are interdependent for development works.

"Our ministries and divisions are interdependent for implementing any development project. Coordination is needed there and coordination should be

ensured in such a way that decision making and implementation can be done quickly," she said.

The PM was speaking at the signing ceremony of Annual Performance Agreement at her office. The Annual Performance Agreement for the 2015-2016 fiscal was signed between the SEE PAGE 11 COL 1

Acting police chief says about Tangail mayhem; another bullet-hit victim dies

STAR REPORT

A fourth victim of Friday's "police firing" on locals in Tangail died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday.

Md Rubel, 19, succumbed to his head injuries around 7:00pm, Mozammel Haque, camp in-charge of the DMCH police outpost told The Daily Star last night.

Earlier on Friday, three people were shot to death by cops during a protest by locals against the torture of a woman SEE PAGE 13 COL 2

Decentralisation of power is a must to strengthen the democratic institutions and ensure the rule of law, and balance of power among the country's three basic organs.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

'Concerned Citizen's Group' urges at roundtable

Concerned Citizens' Group, a non-political platform of noted citizens, said this yesterday at a roundtable titled "Checks and Balance:

Decntralisation" at the city's Cirdap auditorium.

They said decentralisation of power, however, is not possible without political will and unity.

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solution soon to public university teachers' demand for a separate pay scale as said by Education Minister **Nurul Islam Nahid?**

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Dhaka North City Corporation Mayor Annisul Huq compared Dhaka to an ICU patient. Do you think he is doing his job well?

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Pope meets Fidel Castro in Havana

AFP, Havana

Pope Francis yesterday met with Fidel Castro at the Cuban revolutionary leader's home in Havana after an outdoor mass attended by hundreds of thousands of people on the city's iconic Revolution Square.

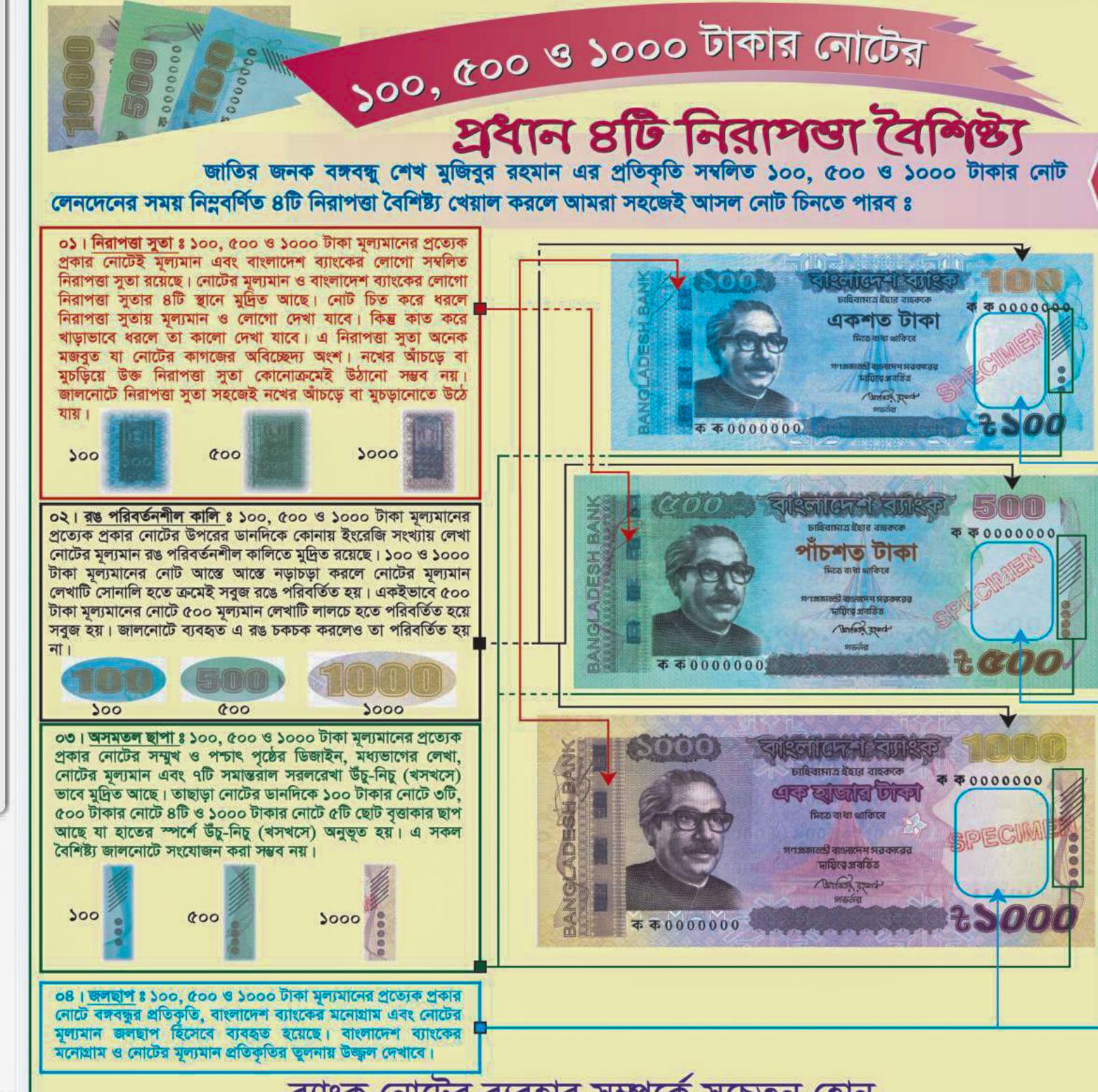
In what is sure to become an emblematic moment of Francis's tour of Cuba and the United States -- the Cold War enemies whose reconciliation he helped to bring about -- the pope chatted with the 89-year-old Castro and his family for about 30 or 40 minutes, said Vatican spokesman Federico Lombardi.

Lombardi said the conversation touched on various topics, including the environment, and was "very informal and friendly."

Francis gave the former Cuban leader four books, including two on theology.

Castro reciprocated with a dedicated copy of

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Austria sees fresh migrant influx

13 more, including 6 children, die in new Mediterranean tragedy

AFP, Nickelsdorf

Crowded aboard buses and trains, thousands more migrants flooded into Austria yesterday as at least 13 desperate refugees drowned making the perilous trip to Europe in search of a better life.

Six children were among those who died off the coast of Turkey after the inflatable dinghy carrying them to Greece collided with a ship, Turkish media reported.

As several thousand more migrants arrived in Austria from Hungary via Croatia, Budapest abruptly decided to reopen a

border crossing with Serbia whose closure on Tuesday had sparked a surge of migrants into Croatia.

The Horgos-Roszke 1 crossing is on the highway that before the migrant crisis engulfing Europe was the main route linking Belgrade and Budapest.

The closure added distance and uncertainty for those undertaking the gruelling journey across the Balkans into western Europe, with Croatia saying more than 25,000 had entered its territory in the past four days.

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