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13 indicted for Rajon killing

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A Sylhet court yesterday framed charges against 13 people, including prime accused Kamrul Islam, in a case filed for the brutal murder of teenage boy Samiul Islam Rajon in July. Sylhet Metropolitan Sessions Judge Akbor Hossain Mridha passed the order.

The trial would begin on October 1 with recording of witness statements, Rajon's father Azizur

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Home-goers had to endure long tailbacks near Kanchpur Bridge, on the outskirts of the capital yesterday. It took them over two hours to reach the bridge from Jatrabari intersection in the capital -- usually a 20-minute trip.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Chaos at exit points

Thousands of home-goers suffer while leaving Dhaka city; situation on Tangail highway improves

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With the Eid rush gaining momentum, thousands of home-goers had to endure sufferings due to gridlock at different exit points of the capital and on its outskirts.

Excessive flow of vehicles, haphazard parking and stoppage, and street vending caused traffic chaos at the capital's main exit points at Gabtoli, Abdullahpur, Jatrabari, Postogola and Babubazar.

Many passengers also got stuck in long tailbacks for hours on the city's outskirts --Savar, Ashulia, Tongi, Kanchpur and Keraniganj.

The situation might worsen today and tomorrow, as a huge number of city dwellers are expected to leave for home by this time to celebrate the Eid on Friday with their loved ones, said transport operators.

At Gabtoli, there was traffic congestion near Aminbazar Bridge in the morning.

A U-turn point only a few yards from the bridge contributed to gridlock, as many vehicles used it, making others wait in a long queue to cross the bridge.

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2 million gather in Makkah for Hajj

AFP, Makkah

Hundreds of thousands of Muslims from across the globe began the annual Hajj pilgrimage yesterday in one of the largest annual gatherings of people in the world.

In what for many will be the highlight of their spiritual lives, pilgrims began moving from Saudi Arabia's holy city of Makkah to nearby Mina for the start of the six-day event.

Almost two million people are expected to take part in this year's pilgrimage, under-terred by a crane collapse at Makkah's Grand Mosque earlier this month that killed 109 people and injured nearly 400 at Islam's holiest site.

Joyous pilgrims like 35-year-old Egyptian Walaa Ali had been gathering for days ahead of

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BASIC BANK SCAM ACC files 24 more cases

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday filed 24 more cases in connection with the Tk 5,000-crore BASIC Bank scam between 2010 and 2013.

The officials investigating the scam filed four cases with Motijheel, eight with Paltan and 12 with Gulshan police stations.

Borrowers and some officials of the state-run bank were accused in these cases. However, the then BASIC Bank chairman Abdul Hye Bacchu, who is believed to be at the centre of the scam, was not accused in any of the cases.

The anti-graft watchdog on Monday filed 18 cases accusing 56 people of embezzling over Tk 650 crore from the state lender.

Early this month, the ACC gave approval to its investigating officers to file 56 cases in connection with the BASIC Bank scam.

One of the best-run banks until 2009, BASIC Bank has been mired in financial irregularities in recent years.

TANGAIL MAYHEM

Locals saw no instigation

RASHIDUL HASAN and PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE, back from Tangail

It was a peaceful protest at first and there was no instigation from any quarter as suggested by the acting police chief, witnesses have said.

Locals, mostly youth, took to the streets, seeking to draw the government high-ups' attention to the physical and sexual assault of a woman and her son by an influential man. People from different

villages in Kalihati and Ghatail upazilas of Tangail spontaneously joined in, demanding exemplary punishment to the culprits -- Rafiqul Islam Roma and his two partners in the assault.

None of the protesters had any sticks or brick chips with them, roadside vendors and grocers who witnessed the demonstration told The Daily Star.

However, the protest turned violent when police intervened and opened fire.

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Asiya with her kids and mother-in-law at their house in Kushtia village of Tangail's Kalihati upazila. Her husband Faruk Hossain was one of those killed in police firing on Friday.

PHOTO: STAR

Justice is all they want

PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE and RASHIDUL HASAN

In her mid-20s, Asiya finds herself saddled with a life she never wanted.

In a cruel twist of fate, she became a widow four days ago. Her husband Faruk Hossain, 32, is one of the four people killed in police firing on a protest in Tangail's Kalihati on Friday.

A three-wheeler driver, Faruk was the sole breadwinner of the five-member family. Apart from her own, she is left with three mouths to feed -- an eight-year-old autistic son, a three-year-old daughter and her mother-in-law. She does not know what to do now.

"My whole world ... has gone dark," she told these correspondents when they visited her house in Kushtia village on Monday.

She was standing in front of a corrugated-sheet built room.

On the fateful day, her husband went to buy some rice from a store at Kalihati Bus Stand, which he did, but could not bring it home. Instead, it was his bullet-hit body that arrived home.

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PM goes to UN with 227-member entourage

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina leaves for the US this morning to attend the UN special summit on Sustainable Development and 70th UN General Assembly (UNGA), heading a 227-member delegation, the biggest since her taking office in 2009.

She led a 178-member delegation for the 69th UNGA last year, while the number was 134 in 2013.

Two advance teams of the Special Security Force and President Guard Regiment have already been to New York and London. Apart from the security personnel, civil officials have also reached New York.

The delegation includes nine ministers and PM's advisers, 17 "eminent personalities", 15 officials from the Prime Minister's Office, 12 foreign ministry officials, three officials from Bangladesh missions in the US, 11 from different ministries, 28 security personnel, a 10-member media team, four media personalities and 119 business representatives. Businesspersons usually travel with the premier at their own cost.

Important delegation members include Finance Minister



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