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The Daily Star WISHES ITS READERS, PATRONS, ADVERTISERS AND WELL-WISHERS A VERY HAPPY EID.

HOLIDAY

The Daily Star offices will remain closed for three days from today for Eid-ul-Azha. There will be no issue of the newspaper on Sept 25, 26 and 27.



Pilgrims praying atop Mount Arafat near Makkah on the Hajj day yesterday. Hundreds of thousands of Muslim devotees spent the day offering prayers and reciting the holy Quran.

HAIJ PERFORMED Pilgrims pray for peace

AFP, Mount Arafat

Around two million Muslims yesterday poured into the vast Saudi plain where the Prophet Mohammed (pbuh) gave his final sermon, for the peak of the Hajj pilgrimage.

Many of the faithful from around the globe camped at the foot of Mount Arafat where they slept, exhausted from their journey, and prayed despite the scorching sun.

Carrying colourful umbrellas, they walked down from massive crowds towards the 300-metre-high slippery, rocky hill -- also known as Mount Mercy -- located on the plain.

Here Prophet Mohammed (pbuh) gave his last sermon 14 centuries ago after leading his followers on Hajj.

Unlike previous years, the pilgrims were not carrying their countries' flags, in what local media said was a "ban" on flags during the pilgrimage.

The kingdom's authorities have repeatedly warned

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OUR ONLINE SECTION WILL REMAIN OPEN DURING THE EID HOLIDAYS. FOR LATEST NEWS, VISIT OUR WEBSITE www.thedailystar.net

NOTICE

Due to Eid holidays, The STAR (Sept 25), Showbiz (Sept 26) and Lifestyle (Sept 29) will not be published.

Tighter scrutiny for better work

Under new performance assessment method, all ministries and divisions to set annual goal of development work, make them public

REAZ AHMAD

All the ministries and divisions of the government will have to sign annual performance agreements (APAs) with their subordinate departments and organisations by October 15 to ensure better public service

Eid-ul-Azha tomorrow City corporations move to keep Dhaka clean

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ahead of the Eid-ul-Azha, the two city corporations in Dhaka have called upon all to use the designated spots for slaughter of sacrificial animals and biodegradable bags for controlled and faster disposal of waste.

To keep the capital clean, the corporations for the first time have fixed 595 spots to

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CONGRATULATIONS!

City Bank heartily congratulates its Chairman Mr. Rubel Aziz on being elected as the Chairman of IDLC Finance Limited.

This new appointment marks his unique professional advancement in the world of business and commerce where he, besides being the Chairman of City Bank, is also the Managing Director of Partex Group, Vice Chairman of Bangladesh Association of Banks (BAB), Vice President of the board of trustees of IBAIS University, President of Dhaka Boat Club and Advisor to Banani Club and Banani Society.

With his visionary leadership, we trust IDLC will surpass its limits of excellence.

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making sense of money

LET'S KEEP OUR CITY CLEAN

Around 4 lakh cattle to be slaughtered

Over 20,000-tonne waste to be produced

HAZARDS

- Environment pollution from putrid blood and entrails
- Germ from cattle waste may cause respiratory complications, fever, diarrhoea

DON'T

- Throw waste anywhere other than in the bins
- Throw horns, teeth, bones, hooves out in the open
- Let blood clot in the open

DO

- Take cattle to designated slaughter sites
- Put waste in bags, dump it in bins
- Wash away blood
- Spray bleaching powder at slaughter spots

DCCs TO PROVIDE

- Sheds for protection from rain
- Imams, aides to perform sacrifice
- Water, bleaching powder, bags

Our target is to clean Dhaka within 30 hours. We need your cooperation. We request you to slaughter cattle at the designated places only.

DNCC MAYOR ANNISUL HUQ

It is not possible for the city corporation alone to keep the city clean. We request everyone in the city to help the DSCC in managing the waste.

DSCC MAYOR SAYEED KHOKON
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GETTING GSP BACK Dhaka needs to do more

Says visiting US trade rep

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The United States has said there is still important work to be done before the GSP trade privilege can be reinstated for Bangladesh though Dhaka claims it has fulfilled all conditions outlined in the 16-point action plan.

Visiting Assistant US Trade Representative (USTR) for South and Central Asia Michael J Delaney and US Ambassador in Dhaka Marcia Bernicat yesterday made it clear that Bangladesh is yet to fully implement the Action Plan's "To Do" list.

"There was an assessment by 'some' in Bangladesh that the action plan has already been fulfilled, but the fact is that our own tracking of the items in the plan indicates that more needs to be done," said Delaney.

He said the US conducted intensive public reviews for six years and also engaged with Bangladesh.

The US suspended Generalised System of Preferences (GSP) trade benefits for Bangladesh in June 2013 after finding that Bangladesh was not fully meeting the eligibility criteria, particularly rights.

Ambassador Bernicat said, "Completing the GSP Action Plan is the right way forward and right thing to do, but there were some 'inherent international standards' in action plans that needed to be fulfilled."

Delaney, who led the USTR delegation on its five-day visit to Bangladesh from September 19, said the delegation had meetings with leaders of businesses, the government

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UN GEN ASSEMBLY PM flies to New York

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday left Dhaka on an eight-day official visit to the United States to attend the 70th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).

A VVIP flight of Biman Bangladesh Airlines carrying the PM and her entourage took off from the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport around 10:00am.

Industries Minister Amir Hossain Amu, Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed, Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Rashed Khan Menon and PM's Media Adviser Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury were present at the airport.

Besides, Cabinet Secretary M Musharraf Hussain Bhuiyan, PM's Principal Secretary Abul Kalam Azad, the chiefs of the three services, the US Ambassador and the British

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ডেঙ্গু মশা হোক যতই ক্রেতার চান্স পাবে না শরীরে বসার

Mosquito repellent body spray

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