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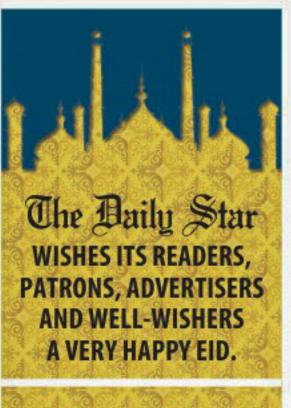
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The Daily Star offices will remain closed for three days from today for Eid-ul-Azha. There will be no issue of the newspaper on Sept 25, 26 and 27.



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.

PHOTO: AFP

HAJJ 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 from dawn in 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 SEE PAGE 2 COL 1

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Due to Eid holidays, The STAR (Sept 25), Showbiz (Sept 26) and Lifestyle (Sept 29) will not be published.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

The Daily Star

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

and more accountability, said cabinet division sources.

Once the agreements are signed, all work targets laid out on paper would come under scrutiny and would be rated at the year-end through systematic performance indicators. SEE PAGE 2 COL 5

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

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

request everyone in

alone to keep the

city clean. We

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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.



LET'S KEEP OUR CITY CLEAN



HAZARDS

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

Name of the contract of the co

Throw horns, teeth, bones, hooves out in the open Let blood clot in the open



Spray bleaching powder at slaughter spots

DCCs TO PROVIDE

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

the city to help the DSCC in managing the waste.

DSCC MAYOR **SAYEED KHOKON MORE ON PAGE 2**

GETTING GSP BACK

Put waste

in bags,

dump it

in bins

DO

Take cattle to

slaughter sites

designated

Dhaka needs to do more

Wash

away

blood

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 16point action plan.



Visiting Assistant US Trade Michael Delaney 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.

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

Ambassador Bernicat said, "Completing the GSP Action

visit to Bangladesh from September 19, said the delegation had meetings with leaders of businesses, the government SEE PAGE 10 COL 5 TICFA MEANINGLESS WITHOUT GSP: TOFAIL -- B1

PM flies to New York

UN GEN ASSEMBLY

UNB, Dhaka Prime



(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 SEE PAGE 2 COL 4



এতে আছে ইউক্যালিপটাস, সাইট্রোনেলা ও পিপারমিন্ট অয়েল। শরীরের অনাবৃত অংশে ম্প্রে করুন আর মশাকে শরীর থেকে দূরে রাখুন। শিশু থেকে বড় সবার জন্য নিরাপদ।



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