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For love of fish

Poush Sangkranti observed with fresh-water fish fair

MINTU DESHWARA, Moulvibazar

This is not one of those usual fairs where craft items from weavers and potters are the main attractions. This is a fair where people rush for the love of fish, all kinds of fresh-water fish.

Every year, the fair starts in the afternoon of January 13, the day before Poush Sangkranti, on the bank of Kushiara in Sherpur under Moulvibazar Sadar upazila. Marking especially the end of the Bangla month, Poush, it ends on the first day of Magh.

Fishermen and fish traders from the entire Sylhet region wait through the whole year for an opportunity to be present in the fair with rare species

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Fish farmers and fishermen display huge fresh-water fishes at a fair in Sherpur upazila of Moulvibazar. The fair is a 200-year-old tradition and it is held to mark Poush Sangkranti, the last day of the Bangla month, Poush, every year.



PHOTO: MINTU DESHWARA

Ijtema ends with Akheri Munajat today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The second phase of three-day Biswa Ijtema, the second largest Muslim congregation after the Hajj, concludes today with Akheri Munajat seeking spiritual well-being and welfare of the Muslim Ummah.

Noted Indian Islamic scholar Mawlana Muhammad Saad is expected to lead the munajat sometime between 10:00am and 11:00pm, said organisers.

Before that, he will deliver a sermon on the importance of Islam based on the holy Quran and Hadith. The first phase

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'Al-Qaeda attacks' Burkina Faso hotel

At least 23 dead from 18 nations; France-backed operation frees 126 hostages

AFP, Ouagadougou

At least 23 people from 18 countries were killed in an attack by jihadist gunmen on a top hotel and a restaurant in the capital of Burkina Faso, before security forces ended the siege yesterday and killed four assailants.

A total of 126 people were freed, including 33 wounded, from the four-star Splendid hotel, popular with Westerners and UN personnel, after security forces retook the 147-room facility and the Cappuccino restaurant nearby in the early hours of yesterday, Interior Minister Simon Compaore told AFP.

The jihadists' assault had been completely crushed by midday yesterday, a security

source said. Four jihadists, including two women, were killed in the counter-assault.

Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) claimed responsibility for the attack saying it was "revenge against France and the disbelieving West", according to a statement carried by US-based monitoring group SITE.

The attackers were members of the Al-Murabitoun group based in Mali and run by Mokhtar Belmokhtar, SITE said.

The security source said at least 23 people from 18 countries were killed in the jihadists' assaults, adding that the toll could yet rise.

Aside from the four jihadists killed, a fifth attacker could be seen rushing into a

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Torturer-cops suspended

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Metropolitan Police yesterday suspended sub-inspectors Masud Shikder and Arshadul Islam Akash of Mohammadpur and Jatrabari police stations in connection with assaulting Bangladesh Bank official Golam Rabbi and Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) official Bikash Chandra Das.

The move followed public uproar over the two recent incidents of police excesses on innocent people in the city.

National Human Rights Commission Chairman Prof Mizanur Rahman yesterday said law enforcers were "feeling a sense of

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Tea garden workers chase pro-SEZ men

Block road for 3 hours

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Agitating tea garden workers yesterday chased away Chunarughat upazila chairman's men who had gathered on the proposed Special Economic Zone (SEZ) site in Chandpur of Habiganj to showcase their strength in favour of the government plan.

Later, the labourers blocked the Chunarughat-Madhabor road for three hours protesting the move to set up the economic zone.

The government has decided to develop five SEZs on 512 acres of land across the country under its Economic Zones Development Project to attract foreign and domestic investments. One of the SEZs will be in Chandpur area.

Chunarughat Upazila Chairman Abu Taher, who have been supporting the zone, and his men showed up at the proposed site around 1:30pm, said witnesses.

On their way, they had beaten up two college students -- Santal youth Sanjay Kumar and Lokkhi Prasad Rudro Paul -- in Amtala area "for no reason", said Swapon Santal, joint

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Taiwan elects first female president

Voters turn their back on closer China ties

AFP, Taipei

Tsai Ing-wen of Taiwan's main opposition party will become the island's first female president in a landslide victory over the ruling Kuomintang yesterday, as voters turned their back on closer China ties.

KMT candidate Eric Chu

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Greatest dad on earth?

Desperate father dresses as a woman to raise money for son's cancer treatment

MAIL ONLINE

A father has bravely put aside his pride to dress as a flower girl to raise money for his son's cancer treatment.

Dong Dajun has been spotted wearing a wig and a dress while selling flowers to strangers near an underground station in Beijing, China, reported People's Daily Online.

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Dr. Babar Kabir

May Almighty Allah give the strength and courage to the family of Dr. Babar Kabir. He has left behind his beloved wife and two daughters. In keeping with the philosophy of life - to stand beside your loved ones, we pray in whatever little ways we can for the salvation of HIS departed soul.

Ruhi Bhabi, Sushila and Sharmila stay strong, our prayers and support will always be with you.

From all the friends, associates, the staffs of BH Enterprise and the sister concerns



On the day of 15th January 2016, we have lost our dear friend Dr. Babar Kabir. A man of wisdom, who believed that knowledge and integrity holds the key to a better future, breathed his last very unexpectedly. Dr. Babar Kabir with his farsightedness pioneered many business projects that had contributed to the development of Bangladesh, hence was regarded as 'the Man ahead of Time'. He was a man of great stature who believed in supporting everyone around him and with natural affinity, people dearly called him as 'Babar Bhai'. His premature demise gives us the inner reflection of HIM being amongst us with unforgettable memories that would be remembered, adorned and cherished by his friends, near and dear ones. Dr. Babar Kabir has left permanent impression in our lives with his ever friendly and cheerful acquaintance. It truly was an honour to be associated with an amiable and immensely knowledgeable person like him. We the friends, associates and countless well-wishers pay deep tribute and homage to Dr. Babar Kabir and pray for the salvation of his soul. We at the same time, extend our deep sympathy to his bereaved family. May Allah grant him Jannah.

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