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Traffic terrible

Commuters suffer as major roads blocked for agitation by nurses, rally for Tonu, VVIP movement during opening of flyover

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sonia Ahmed had had enough of city traffic yesterday after remaining stuck in a huge tailback near New Market for about one and a half hours.

Riding in a CNG-run auto-rickshaw in the hot spring afternoon, the 40-year-old was struggling with pain from a stiff neck and a full bladder.

She was on her way home at Dhanmondi from Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

"No auto-rickshaw would head towards Dhanmondi. The only one that agreed to go asked for a fixed fare of Tk 200," Sonia said.

Although the fare for the four-kilometre trip was quite high, she got on the vehicle around 12:30pm. She needed to go home soon and use the toilet.

Around 2:15pm, the auto-rickshaw reached Dhanmondi, two blocks away from



Scuffle between police and demonstrators.

her house and she was extremely frustrated.

"I am convinced that I am quite unfit for a job which requires frequent commuting across the city. I better do something home-based rather than going through this physical stress every day," said the employee of a private firm.

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A glimpse of severe traffic congestion at Shahbagh intersection yesterday. Nurses blocked the intersection, one of the busiest in the capital, for about three hours from around 10:30am, demanding recruitment of senior nurses in government hospitals based on academic seniority, instead of through tests.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

NIZAMI REVIEW

SC to hear govt plea for early hearing on April 3

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday fixed April 3 for dealing with a government application that prayed for early hearing on war criminal Motiur Rahman Nizami's review petition.

Earlier in the day, the government filed the application, urging the apex court to set a date for hearing and disposal of Nizami's petition seeking review of its judgement that upheld his death penalty and other sentences for his crimes against humanity during the Liberation War in 1971.

After a brief hearing, SEE PAGE 10 COL 1

Historic power shift in Myanmar

Htin Kyaw sworn in as first civilian president after 50 years

AFP, Naypyidaw

Myanmar entered a new era yesterday as Aung San Suu Kyi's democracy movement took power after 50 years of military domination, with a close aide of the Nobel laureate sworn in as president.

Htin Kyaw, a school friend and confidante of the democracy champion, succeeds former general Thein



RAIL THROUGH PADMA BRIDGE

Chinese company gets \$3.33b deal

Cabinet committee also appoints army as project consultant

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

China will construct a rail route between Dhaka and Jessore through the Padma bridge, cutting travel time significantly and boosting national and regional connectivity.

The cabinet committee on economic affairs yesterday approved a proposal from

the railway ministry to give the job to China Railway Group Ltd.

The 215-kilometre rail network will link the capital for the first time with Jessore at a cost of \$3.33 billion. The new route will also directly connect Dhaka to Khulna, Benapole and Mongla.

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PRAYER TIMING

MARCH 31

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha

AZAN 4-45 12-45 4-45 6-20 7-45

JAMAAT 5-20 1-15 5-00 6-25 8-15

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Today is the 45th Death Anniversary of S N H Rizvi



We request all relatives, friends and well-wishers to remember him in their prayers and to pray for eternal peace of his soul



STRATEGIC INVESTMENT SIGNING CEREMONY

Al-Arafah Islami Bank Limited and Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector

Date: 29 March, 2016, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm, Venue: 14th Floor, Dhaka, Bangladesh. Time: 6:00 PM

Strategic Partnership Endless Possibilities

Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector (ICD) join hands with Al-Arafah Islami Bank Limited (AIBL)*

AIBL has entered into a strategic partnership arrangement with ICD, the private sector arm of the Islamic Development Bank Group. Under this collaborations, ICD is expected to subscribe 10% of equity stock of AIBL with Board representations in the bank.

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AIBL is one of the leading Shariah compliant banks in Bangladesh and ICD, based in Saudi Arabia, has an authorized capital of US\$ 4 billion, and its shareholder list includes 52 member countries. The mandate of ICD is to support economic development and promote the development of the private sector in its member countries. ICD investments are selected on the basis of their contribution to economic development of the respective member country considering several factors including job creation and development of Islamic finance.

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