



Britain's Queen Elizabeth II and Britain's Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh arrive in a state car for a national service of thanksgiving for the Queen's 90th birthday at St Paul's Cathedral in London yesterday, which is also the Duke of Edinburgh's 95th birthday. Britain started a weekend of events to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday.

PHOTO: AFP

14-party

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form human chains across the country on June 19, protesting the recent killings and militant activity.

The coalition leaders would also visit different districts after the Eid to create awareness among the people against militancy, he said.

Besides, on June 14, the alliance leaders would visit the house of a Hindu priest who was recently hacked to death in Jhenidah, said Nasim, also the health minister.

He accused BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia of protecting the killers. "Khaleda Zia has said AL leaders were involved in the killings. By making the remarks, she is openly giving protection to the killers. It's not a new side of her character. In the past, she and her husband wanted to save war criminals," he said.

Referring to the comment of BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir that BNP leaders might be arrested during the crackdown, Workers Party chief Rashed Khan Menon said if the BNP did not give shelter to the militants, they would have nothing to be afraid of.

LEADERS VISIT BABUL
Leaders of the coalition yesterday visited the house of Superintendent of Police Babul Akhtar, husband of Mahmuda Khanam Mitu who was killed by assailants on June 5.

While visiting the house in the city's Banasree, they consoled Babul and enquired about his two sons and other family members.

Nasim, Menon and AL lawmaker Saber Hossain Chowdhury, among others, were present.

BNP questions

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On June 2, unidentified criminals shot Azizur in the legs through a window while he was asleep at home just two days before the election to this union parishad, leaving him critically injured. Doctors later amputated his left leg.

Questioning the motive behind the police drive, Fakhrul alleged, "The incidents of crossfire or gunfight have risen sharply in the name of this operation as nine people have already been killed within a short time."

Referring to the attack on Azizur, he said this once again exposed that there is no democracy, the rule of law and public security in the country.

The BNP leader alleged that the Election Commission has completely destroyed the country's election system with its incompetence, loyalty to the ruling party and submissive role.

Fakhrul said there is no alternative to holding a national election under a non-party administration to get rid of the country's current situation.

He also alleged that the government is creating anarchy in the country to cling to power.

Jubo League

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General Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries around 10:00pm.

Fahimul Kabir Khan, publicity affairs secretary of Pabna district unit Jubo League, associated youth body of ruling Awami League, said Munna was their activist.

"He was killed over previous enmity. It is not because of political conflict," Fahim said, demanding punishment of the killers.

Police sent the body to Pabna Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy on Friday morning. Nobody was arrested as of filing this report last evening.

India rejects Google

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rejected.

Security agencies had expressed concerns about allowing such image-capturing services, on the basis that planning for the 2008 Mumbai attacks is believed to have involved photographic reconnaissance of targets by key "planner" David Headley, a US man.

"The main concern was security of sensitive defence installations. The defence ministry said it was not possible to monitor the service once it was launched and it would be detrimental to national security," a senior government official was quoted as saying by The Hindu newspaper.

A spokesman for Google told the BBC that they had not received a copy of the order as yet.

In 2011, police in the southern city of Bangalore stopped Google from collecting images for its service in the city on an experimental basis after police objections. Cameras mounted on cars and tricycles had been taking pictures of the city.

Google Street View was launched in May 2007, covering San Francisco, Las Vegas, Denver, New York and Miami, allowing users to navigate virtual streets from photographs gathered

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magistrate added.

Per kg of sugar was being sold at Tk 68 at Meena Bazar whereas it is sold at Tk 50 by wholesalers, Rahman said, adding that date-expired honey as well as face-wash were also found there.

A kg of beef was being sold at Tk 650 at the shop, he further said.

Swapno was selling per kg of gram at Tk 105, sugar at Tk 68 and green chili at Tk 65, the magistrate added.

Meanwhile, three other mobile courts fined 25 other businesses a total of Tk 1,46,500 at Seaport and Failyatoli Kitchen Market and in Bibirhat and Aturar Depot areas for selling products at hiked up prices, keeping date-expired products and not displaying price list, said a press release.

Google co-founder fuels flying car labs: report

AFP, San Francisco

Google co-founder Larry Page has secretly poured more than \$100 million into building flying cars, Bloomberg reported Thursday.

Page has backed Zee.Aero while striving to keep his involvement hidden, according to the report that cited unnamed sources described as having intimate knowledge of the flying car startup launched in 2010.

"Based in the heart of Silicon Valley, Zee is developing a revolutionary new form of transportation," the startup said on its website, which invited people with engineering skills to apply for jobs.

Zee is "working at the intersection of aerodynamics, advanced manufacturing, and electric propulsion," it said.

As part of a bid for secrecy, Zee.Aero employees referred to Page as "GUS," a play on "Guy UpStairs" since, for a time, the Google co-founder had a private hideaway on the second floor of their facility, according to Bloomberg.

It said Zee.Aero has nearly 150 employees and expanded operations to an airport hangar a little more than an hour's drive from Alphabet-owned Google's headquarters in the California city of Mountain View. Page has spent more than \$100

million from directional cameras on special vehicles.

The service has been hugely successful but has caused problems of privacy in some countries.

In 2010 almost 250,000 Germans told Google to blur pictures of their homes on the Street View service and the Czech government also banned Google from taking any new photos for the service.

13 BCL men

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Central President of Bangladesh Chhatra Union Lucky Akter told the Daily Star yesterday.

They also released a formal statement condemning the attack on Thursday, she confirmed.

On Thursday night, students under the banner of "Santrasher Biruddhey Jahangirnagar" (Jahangirnagar against Terrorism), brought out a protest procession.

Prof Ajiit Kumar Majumdar, president of JU Teachers' Association, said, "We urge the university authorities to take proper initiatives on this issue."

Earlier, JU BCL has suspended their Religion Affairs Secretary Mohitosh Roy Titu after finding his involvement in primary investigation.

SERIES OF ALLEGATIONS AGAINST MOHITOSH

According to the sources, Mohitosh was indicted in several violent activities including stabbing Bangladesh National Cadet Corps and Rover Scouts volunteers in September 2013, assaulting Mir Mosharraf Hossain Hall provost Prof Obaidur Rahman on March 11, 2016.

Besides, he was caught with a girl inside room no. 110/b of the hall on February 12, 2014, and allegedly beaten up rickshaw-pullers and canteen workers several times.

JU administration and BCL also suspended Mohitosh for his violent activities earlier, sources said.

Seeking anonymity, few alleged that Mohitosh is also involved in snatching and robbing on the Dhaka-Aricha Highway.

A blessing

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duckling, just a few days old he bought for about Tk. 50, selling all after 4 months for up to Tk. 150 each. That was two years ago. "Recently I bought 8,000 ducklings," he says. "Nowadays I am solvent."

Similarly another neighbour, Muhon Miah, 32, says he bought 5,000 ducklings a few days ago for about Tk. 70 each. He expects to sell them after 4 months at a rate of up to Tk. 200 each.

Professor Dr. Md. Mohan Mia of the Department of Veterinary Animal Science at Sylhet Agriculture University told the Daily Star that around the world duck farming has a long tradition, with present domestic breeds derived originally from wild birds. "As those wild duck species wandered, some were domesticated due to their value as a food source."

He says that in Sylhet these days, poor housewives and unemployed villagers are often attracted to ducks farming by the relatively low establishment costs, recognising the income potential of selling both meat and eggs.

Divisional deputy director of the livestock department Dr. Achintya Kumar Saha, says duck farming projects often prove to be profitable and sustainable. He estimates there are around 1,800 duck farms in haor areas of Sylhet Division.

Major reshuffle

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High Commission in Colombo, Sri Lanka; and Director General of South Asia Wing Tareq Md Ariful Islam as deputy permanent representative of Bangladesh to the UN in New York, USA.

The newly promoted directors general are Mohammad Monirul Islam (economic affairs), Mohammad Khorshed Alam Khastagir (Europe) and Md Monwar Hossain (South Asia).

13 lakh apply

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number of students change their track every year after passing the SSC exams.

"Some opt for technical education after passing the SSC exams, while some others drop out, go abroad or get involved in jobs," said an official of Dhaka Education Board asking not to be named.

Around 14.52 lakh students passed this year's SSC examinations.

The government last year initiated online admission to all colleges and decided that the boards would publish a list of students specifying the colleges where they are to be enrolled.

However, the entire system turned out to be a nightmare for more than 11 lakh applicants and their parents apparently due to a lack of preparation on the government's side. The major problem that the students faced was wrong selection of colleges made by the boards.

This time, a student has the chance to apply for up to 20 institutions of his or her choice. Last year the preference was restricted to five, of which one would be given them as per their merit.

Officials of the subcommittee said they have received 44.92 lakh applications thanks to the option for applying for several colleges.

The merit list of students will be published on June 16 and students will be able to enrol from June 18 to June 30.

Admission on payment with late fees will begin on July 10 and will be closed on July 20, according to admission policy issued by the education ministry.

Classes in the colleges will begin on July 10.

BRITAIN'S EU REFERENDUM

Latest poll gives 'Leave' camp 10 points lead

Germany warns Brexit would shut UK out of EU trade zone

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The "Leave" camp was 10 points ahead of "Remain" with less than two weeks to go before Britain's referendum on whether to stay in the European Union, according to a poll by ORB for The Independent newspaper published yesterday.

Sterling lost more than half a cent against the dollar soon after the poll was released.

Britons will vote on June 23 on whether to leave the world's largest trading bloc, a decision with far-reaching implications for politics, the economy, trade, defence and migration in Britain and the rest of the EU.

ORB's online survey of 2,000 people, conducted on June 8-9, suggested that "Leave" was on 55 percent versus 45 percent for "Remain".

The data was weighted to take account of how likely to vote people said they were. Those surveyed were not given the option of answering "don't know".

In an article accompanying the poll results, The Independent said "Leave" had extended its lead by four points since the last poll in the series, conducted in April.

The online newspaper said it was by far the biggest lead the "Leave" camp had enjoyed since ORB began polling about the EU issue on its behalf a year ago, when "Remain" was ahead by 10 points.

It came as German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schauble yesterday issued a stark warning to Britain that it would face costly barriers to the European Union trade zone if it left the bloc.

The comments by one of Europe's most senior officials is a blow to Brexit supporters, who have argued that Britain could negotiate deals to access the single market similar to those in place for non-members Norway and Switzerland.

"That won't work," the veteran minister told Germany's Der Spiegel weekly, which on Saturday plans to publish a German-English edition at home and in Britain with "Please don't

go!" on the cover. "That would require the country to follow the rules of a club which right now it wants to leave."

European Commission president Jean-Claude Juncker last month said that British "deserters will not be welcomed with open arms" by European partners if Britain votes to leave in the June 23 referendum, but Schauble's intervention is the most explicit threat so far.

Vote Leave chief executive Matthew Elliott hit back, saying there was "no question about it, Britain will still have access to the single market."

"It would be perverse of the eurozone to try to create artificial barriers -- and would do far more damage to them than to anyone else," he said.

The EU accounts for 47 percent of British exports and 54 percent of imports, according to latest government figures.

With opinion polls on a knife-edge, senior figures in Britain's opposition Labour party made an impassioned plea to stay in the EU amid fears their failure to get out the left-wing vote may result in a Brexit.

Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn is officially backing the "Remain" campaign but has been keeping a low profile.

Former party leader Ed Miliband acknowledged in a BBC interview: "Some Labour voters don't know where we stand at the moment."

Corbyn has refused to share a platform with Prime Minister David Cameron and there are concerns some Labour voters will abstain or back a Brexit to give the Conservative leader a bloody nose.

But Miliband accused the "Leave" campaign, also backed by the anti-immigration UK Independence Party (UKIP) leader Nigel Farage, of "trying to perpetrate a fraud on Labour voters".

The leaders of 10 major trade unions came out in favour of staying in the EU this week, but many workers blame the mass migration caused by the EU's freedom of movement rules for driving down wages.

50 hurt, 190 held

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stitches in his forehead, said Sub-Inspector Bachchu of the DMCH Police Outpost.

No case was filed in connection with the incident.

Dhaka Trade Centre was kept shut as of last night.

On Thursday, Dhaka South City Corporation Mayor Sayeed Khokon and D M P Commissioner Asaduzzaman Mia visited Gulistan around 2:00pm to oversee eviction of hawkers from streets in the area.

After they left the spot, traders of Dhaka Trade Centre tried to evict hawkers from the footpaths in front of the market, triggering a clash around 4:00pm, according to witnesses.

Several traders and hawkers were injured in the clash.

MA Kasem, president of Bangladesh Hawkers Federation, told this correspondent yesterday that the DSCC on

Thursday evicted hawkers from streets, not from footpaths. But the traders of the mall "evicted them even from footpaths and looted their goods".

He said they want the authorities to form a committee to probe the incident and bring the culprits to book.

Asked about the allegation that traders looted hawkers' goods, shop owners at Dhaka Trade Centre said none of the traders were involved in looting.

On the condition of anonymity, a hawker leader told this correspondent, "We run our businesses on footpaths. This is a very crucial time for us, as sales of goods see a sharp rise during Ramadan. What do we do now?"

He said they were willing to reach an understanding with the traders.

Police said a hawker, Lutfar Rahman, filed a case with the Paltan Police Station against unnamed traders of the mall on Thursday.

One year a slave

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was nearly sold to a gang for his organs. Despite being in a safe place, he believed a gang was chasing him for his kidneys.

He has lost some memories. He cannot recognise his family. He wants to be alone and is very reluctant to talk to people.

The traffickers, who lured him into the perilous more-than-a-month-long sea journey in November 2014 through the Bay of Bengal, Andaman Sea to close to Malaysia-Thailand border, tortured him on the way and in the jungles of Thailand, said Ashik Rahman, executive director of Migrant88, an organisation for the Bangladeshi migrants in Malaysia.

The ill- and half-fed child was treated like a commodity, a modern-day slave to be sold and bought.

The traffickers exploited him physically and sexually for months. He was eventually sold to a gang in Penang of Malaysia which put him in the sex industry. He was there for five months.

The traffickers planned to sell his organs in the black market. Luckily, he was able to escape, said Ashik.

For months he lived on the streets of Kuala Lumpur eating off garbage cans. But the trauma he endured left a deep scar in his mind.

A good Samaritan saw the boy and requested Tenaganita, a rights organisation based in KL, to help him.

He was rescued in August last year. Migrant88 arranged his repatriation and was sent to his village home in Narayanganj on June 4.

It was a shock for the family. His mother and elder sister told The Daily Star that the boy had not talked to them over the phone when they had tried to speak to him.

"I didn't see the face of my son for more than two years. Now, he doesn't talk to me," his mother told this correspondent by phone.

His sister said lured by the traffickers, the boy had left home two years ago without even informing them. "We have lost our brother. Now, he doesn't know us. If we want to talk to him, he yells 'who we are?'"

She added, "He doesn't care what we are talking about. He speaks to himself, narrates things to himself which are not clear to us."

He brought a bag with him from Malaysia, she said, adding that he does not allow anybody to touch it.

He often opens the bag and brings out some papers. He looks at pictures on those papers but yells at his family members if they try to see the pictures.

"When he screams for anything, we become frightened," she said, adding, "We are very shocked. He doesn't think that we are his family."

After 18 days of his disappearance from home, the family got to know from a local trafficker that the youngest of their four siblings was confined to the jungles of Thailand.

"We had to sell a piece of land to give Tk 2.5 lakh to the trafficker for my brother's release from captivity," the sister said.

Now, the family is worried how they would manage the cost of his treatment.