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Iftar at shopping break

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Over the last decade there has been a drift in Dhaka's iftar scene. As the city has expanded northward, so has its culinary geography. Nowadays, people are spoilt for choice with a wide assortment of international cuisines on offer. With healthier options there for taking, the traditional 'fried' food frenzy has reached an all time low.

While almost all food shops in the capital have iftar offers, some areas have become renowned iftar hubs. Among them, the food courts at all major shopping centres cater, of course, to shoppers' needs. **THE LEGEND OF BAILEY ROAD** An important link between the heritage of old and rapid modern expansion, this important avenue has been the core of the arts and cultural movement in Dhaka for a long time, and simultaneously showcases a thriving food scene; it only gets more vibrant as Ramadan rolls in.

A stroll along the road will let you absorb the buzz at the time just before iftar. Some prefer to buy the scrumptious items from the classic Baily Hut, while

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People, mostly shoppers, taking iftar at Bashundhara City shopping mall in the capital. City residents now have many choices for iftar, with a wide range of cuisines being offered at different hubs. Right, people breaking fast at a shop on Bailey Road, in front of Shimanto Square in Dhanmondi and City Super Market in Khilgaon. The photos were taken yesterday.



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SEHRI, IFTAR TIMINGS	June	Sehri	Iftar
Ramadan	23	29	6-53
	24	30	3-42
	25	1 July	3-42



PRAYER TIMING JUNE 29

	Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN	3-48	12-45	5-00	6-53	8-17
JAMAAT	3-53	1-15	5-15	7-03	8-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

BANGLADESH ON MIGRATION GOVERNANCE INDEX 2016

Lot more to do for forex earners

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Bangladesh has fared poorly in terms of migration governance in the Migration Governance Index 2016 prepared by London-based The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU).

It secured poor grades in three of five indicators that define overall migration governance, according to the EIU, research arm of The Economist Group.

The study commissioned by the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) graded the governance indicators on a scale of 0-10 where 10 is the best. The indicators were categorised as nascent: 0-2.49; emerging: 2.5-4.99; developed: 5-7.49 and mature: 7.5-10.

Labour migration is significant for Bangladesh that receives more than \$15 billion annually from some eight million Bangladeshis, mostly low and semi-skilled ones, working abroad.

The country's readymade garment industry is the second largest source of foreign currency and vital to maintaining the country's balance of payment.

While the remittance is appreciated widely, experts and activists have long been critical of the country's weak migration governance.

The major factors behind it have been high migration cost, involvement of too many middlemen and visa trading. These factors often lead to hundreds of thousands of migrants leaving undocumented and vulnerable to exploitation.

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BANGLADESH'S POSITION IN FIVE MGI INDICATORS

Institutional capacity	Emerging
Migrant rights	Emerging
Safe and orderly migration	Emerging
Labour migration management	Developed
Regional and international cooperation and other partnerships	Mature

HAZARIBAGH TANNERIES SC stays order on paying compensation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday stayed till July 17 a High Court order that had asked 154 tanners in the city's Hazaribagh to pay a daily compensation of Tk 50,000 each for damaging the environment.

Justice Hasan Poez Siddique, chamber judge of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, passed the order following a petition filed on Monday by Tannery Owners Association and Bangladesh Finished Leather, Leather Goods and Footwear Exporters Association, seeking a stay on the HC order.

The judge also sent the petition to the full bench of the Appellate Division for its further hearing on July 17.

Following a petition by Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh (HRPB), the HC on June 16 ordered the tanners to pay the compensation until their factories are relocated to Savar Tannery Industrial Estate.

The court also ordered the environment secretary to assess environmental damages caused by the tannery units to the Buriganga and submit a report to it by July 17.

Citing from the petition, tannery

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'Heli-taxi' set for lift off



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It could be the perfect way to soar above the traffic if you're running late. The Airvinci allows users to call their own personal heli-taxi, then take to the air to soar above the traffic.

The firm behind the radical idea says it is preparing for its first test flights this summer of its ducted fan, fixed-pitch rotor aircraft drone.

"So far, a 'Heli-Taxi' seemed to be reserved for VIPs or at least very wealthy people," it says.

"Soon, this will change. We are developing and building a helicopter that is compact for take-off and landing in urban environment and has low maintenance costs, which will keep the price down for customers. Our next milestone is our first test flight next month."

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Air cargo ban won't affect RMG exports to Germany

Says German envoy as most shipments go by sea

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh's exports to Germany will not be affected due to the ban on direct cargo flights from Dhaka, as most of the shipments are made through seaways, Thomas Prinz, the German ambassador in Dhaka, said yesterday.

"I do not think that the ban will affect garment exports as they are sent from Chittagong harbour by ships. But anyway, the problem needs to be solved very soon," said Prinz.

Germany imposed a ban on direct cargo flights from Dhaka upon information from law enforcement authority and intelligence services that consignments from Bangladesh pose a risk to aviation security.

From now onwards, all

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Large potholes in Dhaka-Tangail highway at Bhakurta of Tangail have been poorly patched up with bricks by the Roads and Highways Department ahead of Eid. Transport drivers and highway police said the road would be damaged even after a light rain.

PHOTO: MIRZA SHAKIL

HABIGANJ CHILDREN KILLING

Charges accepted against 9

MINTU DESHWARA, from Habiganj

A Habiganj court yesterday accepted charges against nine people in the killing of four children in the district's Bahubal upazila on February 12 this year.

According to the charges, Abdul Ali, 60, ordered the killing; his son Rubel Miah, 18, Habibur Rahman Arju, 25, and Bachchu Miah, 32, abducted the kids and killed them; Ali's another son Jewel Miah, 20, Shahed Ahmed Bashir, 32, Billal Miah, 30, Ustar Miah, 48, and Babul Miah, 45, aided and abetted the killers.

They all are residents of Sundrateki village of the upazila.

Magistrate Kiran Shankar Halder of Special Court for Prevention of Women and Children Repression passed the order, said Special Public Prosecutor Abul Hashem Mollah.

The court also rejected bail to five of the nine accused -- Abdul Ali, Rubel Miah, Jewel Miah, Arju Miah and Sahed Miah -- and fixed July 25 for the next hearing, said lawyer Triluk Kanti Chowdhury.

On April 5, Detective Branch of Habiganj police pressed charges against the nine.

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পবিত্র ঈদ-উল-ফিতর, ২০১৬ উপলক্ষে সড়ক পথে যাত্রী সাধারণের যাতায়াত নিবিঘ্ন করার লক্ষ্যে ট্রাক, কাভার্ডভ্যান ও লরী চলাচল সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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