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EID TRIPS Launch, bus operators charge higher

PANKAG KARMAKAR

With the rush of Eid holidaymakers getting momentum, bus and launch operators like previous years are overcharging passengers.

People, who are desperate to go to their village homes, are compelled to pay extra as the authorities concerned turn a blind eye to the home-goers' plight.

However, Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader, while visiting the capital's Mohakhali Bus Terminal yesterday, claimed that bus operators were charging passengers correct fares.

This correspondent talked to over a dozen people, who travelled to different destinations from Dhaka in the last couple of days. All of them alleged that they had been charged additional fare.

This year, the Eid-ul-Fitr will be either on July 6 or the following day.

Mohammad Asaduzzaman, who works in a private organisation, was going to Jhenidah on a JR Paribahan bus from Dhaka on Sunday. The price of his ticket was Tk 550. As per the government-fixed rate, the ticket price should be Tk 456.

Heera, who studies at a



As the mad rush has begun, an extremely crowded train leaves the capital with people going on Eid vacation. The photo was taken at Airport station yesterday.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

Holidaymaking abroad

Long Eid holiday boosts local tourism, enables affluent people to celebrate Eid outside country

WASIM BIN HABIB

Ashiqur Rahman has planned something big this Eid. He would take a trip to Malaysia with his four-member family on July 7. The private banker in the capital has already got the visa and completed all preparations.

"We've a plan for a week-long vacation. Time and scope for a family outing outside the country is hard to get. We got the chance this time and don't want to miss it," said Ashiqur.

This will be the first trip for the 40-year-old with his family outside the country. They plan to visit Langkawi and Penang Island.

"I hope it would be a great trip for my kids," he said.

Ashiqur, however, is not alone to seek a quiet getaway during Eid-ul-Fitr, one of the biggest Muslim religious festivals. Like him, a huge number of local vacationers are preparing to celebrate the Eid at tourist destinations both at home and abroad.

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GULSHAN CAFE SIEGE Two suspects detained

Says IGP; case may be filed anytime soon

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Inspector General of Police AKM Shahidul Hoque yesterday said two suspects in Friday's terror attack had been detained. They were in police custody and one of them was being treated at a hospital, he said.

The police chief, however, did not say anything about their identity or whether they had been at the scene during the attack on Holey Artisan Bakery cafe in Gulshan.

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Rejoinder

The authorities of Quantum Power System Ltd (QPSL) of furniture giant Otobi have sent a rejoinder to the report titled "Quietly, Otobi dismantles its power plant published in The Daily Star on July 1.

The rejoinder, signed by Sujit Roy Chowdhury, chief financial officer of Otobi Limited, stated the QPSL lent out two idle transformers to Desh Energy's Siddhirganj power plant at their request without dismantling any other installation of Noapara power plant.

WE MOURN

We the employees of Prime Bank Limited, would like to express our deepest condolences on the horrific attack of July 01, 2016 on innocent people at Holey Artisan Bakery, Gulshan, Dhaka.

In this tragic incident we lost our three valued clients- **Faraaz Ayaaz Hossain (Bangladeshi)**, **Ms. Nadia Benedetti (Italian)** and **Ms. Adele Puglis (Italian)**.

We pray for the departed souls. We also stand shoulder to shoulder with the victims' families at this difficult time.

Prime Bank

Gone with Tonu joys of her family

Parents brace themselves for an Eid bereft of her warmth

RAFIUL ISLAM

The parents of Sohagi Jahan Tonu will spend this Eid, reminiscing about their joyous Eid celebrations with their daughter who was found murdered inside the Comilla Cantonment on March 20.

In the last three years, Tonu brought them new clothes ahead of Eid with the money she earned by tutoring children. On Eid days, she prepared dishes, which she had learnt from cooking shows on television, for the family and guests.

"Now we only have memories of those joyful days," said her mother Anwara Begum with tears welling in her eyes.

"Our happiness was buried along with her.... We will be a bit happy only if justice is delivered for Tonu."



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5 killed as launch hits steamer

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

At least five passengers were killed and 20 others injured in a collision between a steamer and a launch at Charbaria point in the Kirtankhola river early yesterday.

The collision occurred at 4:00am when the BIWTC steamer PS Mahsud was heading for Barisal with passengers on board and triple-deck passenger launch MV Suravi-7 was returning to Dhaka after setting down all passengers.

The steamer was carrying more than 700 passengers, while MV Suravi-7 was almost empty when they collided around five kilometres away from the Barisal port, witnesses said.

Passengers of PS Mahsud who were on the deck for Fazr prayers said Suravi-7 was going on the right side of the river but suddenly changed course to the left and hit the steamer.

MV Suravi-7 continued its journey towards Dhaka after

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CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

The Chamber is shocked and saddened by the tragic and untimely death of **Faraaz Ayaaz Hossain**, the younger son of Mr. Mohammed Waquer Bin Hossain and Ms. Simeen Hossain, Member of the MCCI Committee and Managing Director & CEO of Eskayef Bangladesh Limited in the heinous and senseless attack on Holey Artisan Cafe on 1st July 2016. Faraaz demonstrated unbelievable courage and honour in his final hours, epitomising the best of Bangladesh for the world to see. We mourn his loss along with the loss of all the other victims of this cowardly act of terror.

May his noble soul rest in peace.

Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Dhaka

Best wishes to all our customers, stakeholders, partners and well-wishers.

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SEHRI, IFTAR TIMINGS

Ramadan	July	Sehri	Iftar
29	5		6-54
30	6	3-45	6-54

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PRAYER TIMING JULY 5

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha	
AZAN	3-50	12-45	5-00	6-54	8-17
JAMAAT	3-55	1-15	5-15	7-04	8-45

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