



A group of kids ride towards the railway station, clutching onto the exterior buffer beam of the trailing locomotive, putting their lives at risk. Many of such riders lost their limbs, in some cases died, falling from the speedy trains. The photo was taken yesterday at Chittagong Railway Station.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

Civil servants extraordinaire to be awarded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

From now on, the civil bureaucrats will be awarded annually for their outstanding contributions to their respective fields as the government has introduced first ever "Public Administration Padak".

The Ministry of Public Administration thinks that this reward will help the public servants expedite their works and they will play an effective role for the betterment of the country.

"We have introduced the award for public servants to encourage them to sincerely do the works they are entrusted with," said Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury, senior secretary to the ministry, at a press conference at his ministry's conference room yesterday.

The ministry will give award in two categories -- national and district levels. Each of these categories is divided into three more groups -- personal, group and institutional.

This year a total 30 civil bureaucrats will be awarded for their remarkable jobs. Of them, 13 civil servants are from national category and 17 from district category.

Each of the award winners from national level will get a gold medal, a certificate and Tk 1 lakh in cash. From district level, the awardees will be provided a certificate and Tk 50,000 each. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will hand over the prizes to the winners tomorrow at a programme in Dhaka. "This year a total 129 bureaucrats were nominated for the award and of them 30 will be awarded," the senior secretary added.

3 high officials to visit Germany to 'inspect' camera for PM's events

STAR REPORT

Three high officials under the information ministry are going to Germany to "inspect" a digital camera and some of its parts, which will be used to cover Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's programmes.

The three officials are Director General of the Department of Films and Publications (DFP) Mohammad Liyakat Ali Khan, Joint Secretary of the ministry Mohammad Nurul Islam and Deputy Director of DFP Shiplu Zaman.

The news of their weeklong tour from July 25 raised many eyebrows and went viral on social media.

A letter, signed by Deputy Secretary of the information minister Nilufar Nazneen, said they were going to

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Strike paralyses CU

'Deprived' BCL men clash with supporters of new body; BR 'indefinitely' shuts down shuttle train service

CU CORRESPONDENT

Regular academic activities of Chittagong University remained adjourned as the post-deprived Bangladesh Chhatra League men of the university unit continued their strike yesterday.

Classes and examinations were suspended at most departments since Bangladesh Railway (BR) Chittagong authorities has shut down the university's shuttle train service after Wednesday's attack that left two people injured including a police official.

Earlier, Bangladesh Chhatra League men, who were either deprived or did not get the expected post in the newly formed committee of the Chittagong University unit, attacked the shuttle train demanding

reformation of its body.

Students said most of the classes and examinations were suspended as the university's main transportation depends on the shuttle train.

The supporters of the deprived group and the newly formed committee brought out processions yesterday and also locked in a clash on the campus early yesterday, which left three BCL activists injured, according to university sources.

Abir Iqbal, deputy secretary of the newly formed CU BCL committee, was injured in the clash after getting hit by a splinter, said Mokadesh Ali, officer-in-charge of the university's police camp.

Abir was taken to Chittagong Medical College Hospital while the other injured BCL activist Md Rakib was given primary treatment at CU Medical Centre, Mokadesh said.

"The central committee will take action against them," said Fazly Rabby Sujan, general secretary of CU BCL. "We have requested them to sit with us to resolve the issue, but they denied. If they were really deprived, we would include them in the hall and faculty committees," he added.

Rezaul Karim, one of the "deprived" protesters, said that no one talked with them to solve this crisis. "We will continue protesting until our demand is met," he said.

Contacted, CU Proctor Ali Asgar Chowdhury, said, "We have already talked with Chittagong city Awami League leaders and central committee leaders of BCL to mitigate the crisis."

Asked, railway sources said they did not know when the train communication will become normal again.

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina with army officials at President Guard Regiment Headquarters in Dhaka Cantonment yesterday, marking the regiment's 41st founding anniversary.

PHOTO: PMO

Bangladesh no place for terrorists

PM tells PGR anniversary event

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said Bangladesh would live in the world community as a victorious nation as well as a peaceful and prosperous country for which it was born in 1971.

"We should remember that we are a victorious nation. Bangladesh is not a place for terrorists and militants. There will be no place for the terrorists in the soil of Bangladesh," she said.

Hasina was addressing a programme at President Guard Regiment (PGR) Headquarters in Dhaka Cantonment, marking the regiment's 41st founding anniversary.

Pointing out the recent spate of terrorism in the country, she said, "It is our misfortune that the image of the country has been tarnished a little bit due to the incidents. But it has the capacity to tackle any situation."

The international community remains with Bangladesh as they could understand its capacity to tackle any situation... she added.

Army chief General Abu Belal Muhammad Shafiqul Huq, PGR Commandant Brig Gen

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OLD HC BUILDING FALSE CEILING COLLAPSE ICT prosecution writes again to shift office

TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

A portion of the false ceiling of the old High Court building (west block), where the prosecution office is situated, collapsed yesterday morning, raising concern among the prosecutors.

Following the incident, the chief prosecutor of the International Crimes Tribunal once again wrote the law ministry to shift the office from the building immediately, as the century-old "dilapidated building is at the risk of collapse".

Ghulam Arief Tipoo made the request yesterday, Zead Al Malum, the prosecutor taking care of the administrative affairs, told The Daily Star. "Same request was made on March 4, 2014, but to no avail," He added.

A portion of the false ceiling fell

down in early morning while a second portion around 10:15am, Prosecutor Rezia Sultana Chaman said. "I got frightened as the [false] ceiling fell down immediately after I passed the area."

The government has set up the Tribunal-1 in March 2010 and the Tribunal-2 in March 2012 in the eastern block of the old High Court building and later allotted the western block to the prosecution.

The building, standing opposite the Curzon Hall of Dhaka University, was constructed in the beginning of the 20th century, documents say.

Currently, more than 80 people including 20 prosecutors sit at the Chief Prosecutor Office, Prosecutor Hrishikesh Saha, also the drawing and disbursing officer

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To many Bangladeshis, mutton is synonymous with Biye Barir or Star Kabab's Kachchi whilst others will disagree and say that nothing beats mutton prepared in yoghurt based curry and served with piping hot Rotis or Parathas. These dishes bring back fond memories of wedding season, childhood memories of weekends, rainy days or even family gatherings at home.

Since it is a red meat, it does contain high amounts of cholesterol and fat but many forget that just like any other type of meat it is primarily composed of high quality protein that contains all the essential amino acids required for the body's growth and maintenance making it a great option for those looking to develop more muscle or suffer from anemia. Mutton consists of vitamins such as Vitamin B3, B12 that prevent Osteoporosis and build strong bones. These vitamins also help produce and repair body tissue. In addition mutton also contains minerals like Selenium, Zinc, Phosphorus and Iron.

Most Shwapno outlets sell mutton on a regular basis and in order to ensure the quality of mutton sold is never compromised their approach to acquiring it from the farmers is very hands on. In the initial stages, a team from Shwapno inspects all farms and their livestock. Once they have picked out farms that they think will yield products of the highest qualities they start training and educating the farmers on how to raise the goats. The team also instructs the farmers on how much the goats need to weigh before they are ready to be sent to a factory in Savar. Once the goats have fully matured they are sent to the factory where another team from Shwapno waits to further sort out and inspect them for diseases.

Abiding by Islamic laws, the goats are slaughtered in the most humane way possible and then the meat is cut and packaged. This entire process of preparing the meat can continue into the early hours of the next morning before they are ready to be sent to the Shwapno outlets. In order to uphold the freshness and quality of the meat, the mutton is transported to Dhaka in vans that have built in freezing compartments.

The fact that the consumption of mutton is related to high cholesterol and therefore many diseases including heart diseases is no secret. So make sure you take your favourite dish of mutton in moderation always!

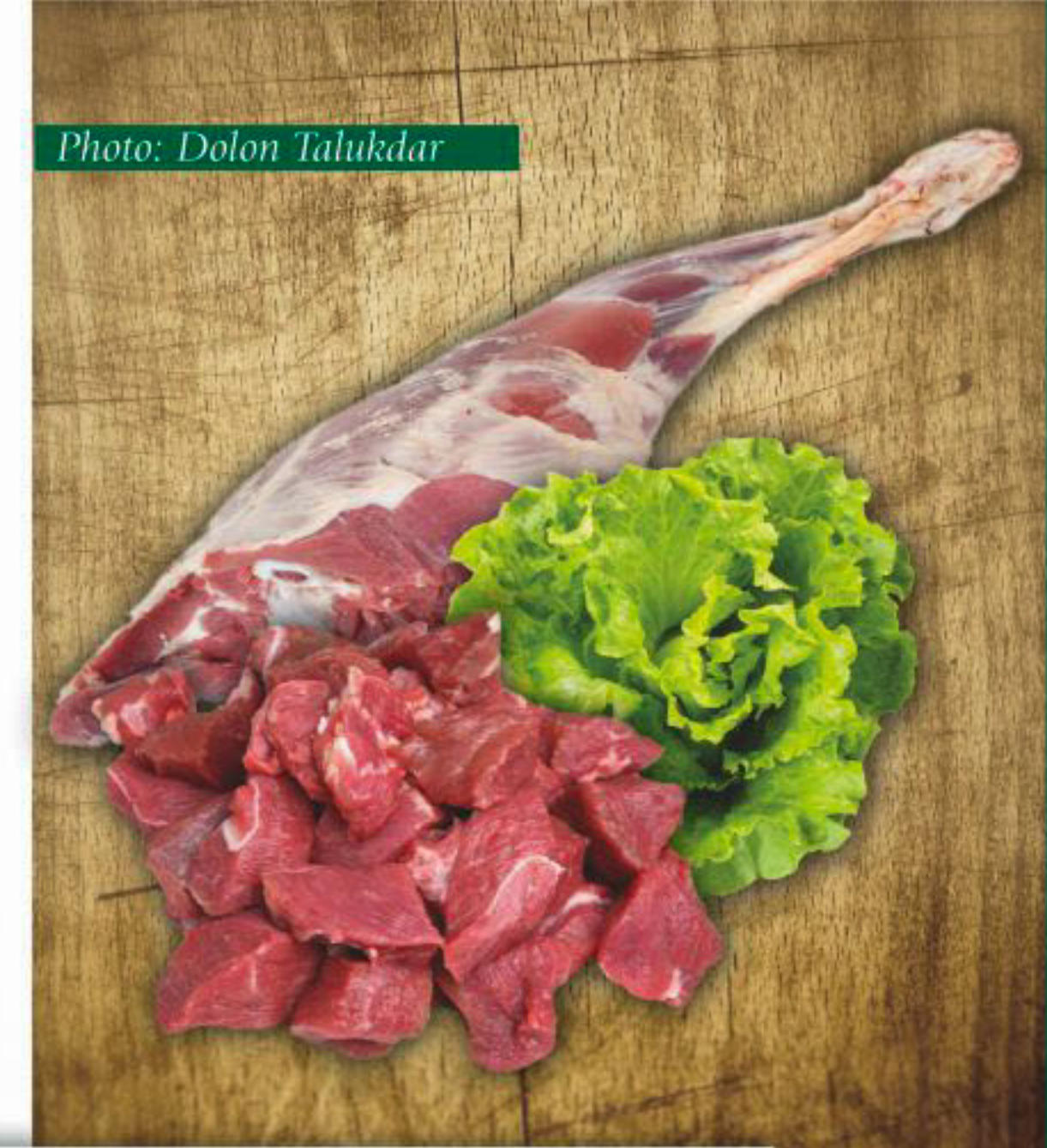


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