



Ignoring traffic, vendors carrying raw food, cross Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue in the capital's Karwan Bazar area yesterday morning. The influx of workers crossing the avenue has become a regular scene in the area from 6:00am to 8:00am, putting both the vendors and passengers at risk.

PHOTO:  
ANISUR RAHMAN

## NEWSIN brief

### 7 held on drug peddling charge

BSS, Ctg

Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) in separate drives arrested seven alleged women drug peddlers with Yaba tablets and liquor from different areas under Biyazid Police Station in the city yesterday.

The arrestees are Ruma Begum, 25, Munni Akter, 30, Rahima Begum, 30, Selina Akter, 26, Chamuda Khatun, 56, Rafia Khatun, 50 and Aysha Khatun, 29.

Police said they are residents of different areas under the police station.

### BSMMU offers free treatment

BSS, Dhaka

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) yesterday provided free treatment to 5,675 patients on the occasion of 41st martyrdom anniversary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the National Mourning Day.

BSMMU Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Quamrul Islam inaugurated the free treatment service at 9:00am where around 200 specialised physicians participated, said a release.

### 7,886 youths to get Tk 30cr as credit

BSS, Dhaka

The Youth Development Department will give a credit of Tk 30 crore to 7,886 trained youths countrywide to make them self-reliant.

The department yesterday handed over cheques to the youths in the department's conference room in the capital, said a press release.

The programme was organised by the department to mark the 41st martyrdom anniversary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman where State Minister for Youth and Sports Dr Biren Sikder were present as the chief guest.

## An act of humanity

Says Barguna court about efforts of 'Bangladeshi Bajrangi' to reunite Indian boy with family, acquitting him of two cases

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

Jamal Ibne Musa, who made all the arrangements for reuniting Indian boy Sonu with his family in New Delhi and was dubbed "Bajrangi Bhaijaan" after a Bollywood blockbuster of the same name by Bangladeshi and Indian media for his noble efforts to save him, was acquitted of two cases filed by the boy's "captors".

Sonu was abducted and brought to Bangladesh in 2010 by a trafficking gang comprising around six persons including Hasi Begum and her sister Aklima Begum of Geramardan village in Betagi upazila of Barguna.

After examining all the records and witness, Executive Magistrate Sajedul Islam of Barguna District Court acquitted Jamal of the cases on August 2, describing what he did for the boy as "an act of humanity".

But he and his family members are still facing four cases filed by the captors, claimed Sushanto Kumer, a lawyer for Jamal, adding that Hasi filed the cases with the court on May 4, 2010, accusing Jamal of giving threats on their lives.

He was among 14 acquitted of the same



Jamal Ibne Musa

charges on that day.

The court also said through this, he set an extraordinary example, which is why it released all the accused in the case as the allegations brought by Hasi were irrational.

"All of my family members including my only son Ferdous had to be in prison. We are still facing four cases," Jamal said.

Feeling happy for what he could do for Sonu's return to his family, Jamal said, "Now I badly need to get freed from the rest of the false cases."

"But it pains me a lot when I think of the cases, he lamented, demanding a neutral investigation into them.

Though those who are involved in such activities are freely moving around, law enforcers still seem to be oblivious, allege locals.

Asked, Bijoy Basak, superintendent of police of Barguna, said, the remaining cases were now under investigation.

Earlier on June 28, a Barguna court handed over Sonu to the Indian high commission, which sent him back to his family in New Delhi on June 30.

## Saudi Arabia warns people not to follow unfair means for Hajj

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Saudi grand Mufti Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Asheikh, also the chairman of the Saudi Council of Senior Scholars, has issued a warning for those who are planning to perform Hajj using unfair means, reported Arab News on Sunday.

Criticising fraudulent ways, he said it is absolutely wrong to hoodwink security forces by crossing Hajj checkpoints in normal dresses and then donning the ihram in Makkah.

He said the government has also made arrangements in such a way that there is no stampede and all the pilgrims complete their rituals without hassles.

Meanwhile, Biman Bangladesh Airlines has so far carried over 10,000 Hajj pilgrims in 42 flights for Saudi Arabia from the capital's Hazrat Shahjahan International Airport and Chittagong's Shah Amanat International Airport till yesterday.

The national flag carrier started Hajj flights from the Chittagong airport with 414 pilgrims earlier on Friday.

Biman will operate a total of 11 flights from this airport till August 29, said a press release signed by Tasmina Akter, assistant manager (public relations) of the airlines.

Earlier on August 4, the first Hajj flight carrying 401 pilgrims left the Dhaka airport on August 4. Civil Aviation Minister Rashed Khan Menon and Religious Affairs Minister Matiuir Rahman saw off the pilgrims.

A total of 1,01,758 Bangladeshis are expected to perform the holy Hajj this year. Only 5,200 of them will do so under government management while the remaining under private ones.

## Too weak to get up



PHOTO: STAR

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

The second time tranquilised wild elephant who fell down on the muddy field of Koyra village in Jamalpur yesterday morning due to the heat, lesser amounts of food and the way he has been tied, did not get up as of yesterday evening.

"The tired pachyderm is now lying in the field," said Ashim Kumar Mallick, wildlife inspector of the forest department.

The stranded elephant recently rescued and named as Bangabahadur fell down around 11:30am and was lying there as of 7:00pm.

Mallick said he was being given 300-litre saline to recover, adding, "We are pouring water on him to help him to cope with the heat."

Bangabahadur was not transported to Bangabandhu Safari Park in Gazipur yesterday as was expected, said Tapan

Kumar Dey, chief executive director of Nature Conservation Society.

"We gave him lesser amounts of food so that he would not become too energetic as we were planning to escort him with the help of three other elephants brought from there," said Mallick.

The forest department is also confused over the ways he can be loaded onto a truck and taken to the park, said Tapan.

"This is our first experience in tranquilising and transporting a wild elephant. To some extent this is a difficult job and we will consult with the Indian team for advice as they have experience in this," he added.

Bangabahadur was tranquilised on Sunday for the second time after being tranquilised on August 11.

The wild elephant got separated from his herd in Assam and entered into Bangladesh territory on June 27.

## Bank fined for not keeping national flag at half-mast

UNB, Sylhet

A mobile court yesterday fined a Dhaka Mercantile Co-operative Bank Ltd branch in Moulvibazar Tk 1,000 for not keeping the national flag at half-mast on the National Mourning Day.

Locals got angered noticing that the Srimangal branch did not keep the flag at half-mast and informed UNO Shahidul Haque.

A mobile court, led by Biswajit Kumar Paul, assistant commissioner (land) and executive magistrate, fined the bank for violating the People's Republic of Bangladesh Flag Rules, 1972.



This is what vehicles have to endure on this road in Sylhet's Companiganj upazila every day. Some two months have passed since a 34-month repair project involving around Tk 400 crore was scheduled to start. The photo was taken in front of Sylhet High-tech Park on Sunday.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR



## আতিফ রহমান-বিপ্লবের ৬ষ্ঠ মৃত্যুবার্ষিকী স্মরণে

আজ ১৬ই আগস্ট ২০১৬, রোজ মঙ্গলবার, বেঙ্গল এয়ার লিফট গ্রুপের প্রয়াত উপ-ব্যবস্থাপনা পরিচালক মরহুম আতিফ রহমানের ৬ষ্ঠ মৃত্যুবার্ষিকী। এ উপলক্ষে মরহুমের পরিবার ও কোম্পানীর পক্ষ থেকে এতিমখানা ও দুস্থদের মধ্যে খাবার বিতরণ, কোরআনখানি ও মিলাদ মাহফিলের আয়োজন করা হয়েছে। মরহুমের আত্মার শান্তি কামনায় দোয়া করার জন্য আত্মীয় স্বজন, বন্ধুবান্ধব ও শুভানুধ্যায়ীদের বিশেষ ভাবে অনুরোধ জানানো হচ্ছে।

## Film exhibition on Bangabandhu held at DU

UNB, Dhaka

A film exhibition titled "Bangabandhu on Celluloid" was held at the Teacher-Student Centre (TSC) of Dhaka University yesterday.

Dhaka University Film Society organised the programme on the occasion of the 41st anniversary of the assassination of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

## Nation recalls Aug 15 tragedy

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Mawlana Bhashani Science and Technology University in Tangail held a rally, a discussion and a photo exhibition, inaugurated by VC Dr Md Alauddin.

Mahanagar Sarbajanin Puja Committee offered special prayers for Bangabandhu and his family members who were murdered on August 15, 1975.

Border Guard Bangladesh, Workers Party of Bangladesh, BIRDEM General Hospital,

Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority, and Alampana Tower Flat Owners' Association in Segunbagicha also observed the day with different programmes.

Our diplomatic correspondent reports, Bangladesh missions abroad including in Thailand and Mumbai observed National Mourning Day. They hoisted the national flag half-mast, read out the messages from the president and the prime minister, and held discussions and milad mahfils.

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