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People suffer from strike on waterways

PANKAG KARMAKAR

Holding luggage in one hand and his child in another, Nuruzzaman was desperately looking for a launch followed by his wife with another child in her lap at Sadarghat terminal.

They came to the capital around a week ago to visit a relative and were scheduled to return home in Shariatpur yesterday.

"After coming to the terminal, we learned that there is a strike. Now we have to go to the bus station enduring the same traffic jam and spending more money," said Nuruzzaman who works at a restaurant in Shariatpur.

He was talking to The Daily Star around 10:30am at the launch terminal.

Not only Nuruzzaman, many other passengers and traders had the same experience as vessel operation has been suspended since 12:01am on Tuesday.

Water transport workers enforced an indefinite strike across the country to press home their 15-point demands including a minimum monthly wage of Tk 10,000, an increase in overtime pay, festival bonuses and other benefits, ensuring security and maintaining navigability of the waterways.

Currently, minimum wage of a worker is Tk 3,900, they said. However, a number of owners claimed they were

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Sadarghat Launch Terminal in the city wears a deserted look yesterday as water transport workers enforced an indefinite strike across the country to press home their 15-point demand, including a minimum monthly wage of Tk 10,000 for workers. The strike brought launch services to a halt, leaving thousands of passengers to suffer.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

HC clears way for DMP's tenant info collection

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday justified the provision of Dhaka Metropolitan Police Rules and Regulations, 2006 under which the city police has been collecting information about city residents.

Delivering the verdict on a writ petition, the court ruled that the DMP can take any step as per its rules and regulations for keeping law and order under control and ensuring public security.

The police will not harass anybody and ensure people's security during discharging their duties, said the court.

Citing the HC's observations, Deputy Attorney General Motaher Hossain Sazu said steps taken and instructions given by the DMP under the rules and regulations to prevent militancy and terrorism are logical and justified.

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ADMISSION IN 5 PVT UNIVERSITIES, UNAUTHORISED CAMPUSES UGC alerts students

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The University Grants Commission has cautioned students against enrolling in five private universities and unapproved campuses of five other universities.

The five universities either have disputes over ownership or cases against the trustee boards or are running operation taking court orders after the government had shut down their operations.

The commission in a notice on its website gave a list of the universities. It advised students to get admitted into universities, campuses and courses approved by the government and the UGC. It also asked students to collect information on such institutions from its website.

Before issuing the notice, the UGC published advertisements in different newspapers last week to inform students and their guardians about such universities, Jesmin Parvin, deputy

director (private universities) of the commission, told The Daily Star.

The caution from the statutory apex body for higher education came a day after the publication of the Higher Secondary Certificate examination results on August 18. Around nine lakh students, who passed the exam, are taking preparation for admission into universities.

America Bangladesh University and Queens University are among the five

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Emotion takes over Fakhru BNP leader describes party men's ordeal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir yesterday broke down while describing the "government's oppression of his party men".

"My car was stuck in a traffic jam. A young hawker came to me and said he

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MUSLIM CLERIC MURDER NY grand jury indicts Morel

REUTERS, New York

A New York City grand jury on Monday indicted a Brooklyn man who is accused of fatally shooting a Muslim cleric and his assistant this month after they left a mosque in Queens.

Oscar Morel, 35, was charged with one count of first degree murder, two counts of second degree murder and two counts of second-degree criminal possession of a weapon, court documents showed. He has denied

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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Man kills 3 over land dispute

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Three people, including a woman and her pregnant daughter, were stabbed to death over land dispute in Habiganj last night.

The alleged killer, brother-in-law of the woman, was arrested.

The incident happened around 9:00pm in Birsingho village of Madhabpur upazila.

The dead are: Jahanara Begum, 40, her daughter Sharmin Begum, 25, and their neighbour Shimul Miah, 25, of the same

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Eat up or pay up German restaurants charge patrons extra for not finishing their meals

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A number of restaurants in Germany have come up with a somewhat controversial way of fighting food waste – charging patrons a small fee if they cannot

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Josna Begum finally gets her MRP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Josna Begum received her machine readable passport (MRP) yesterday after going through troubles for eight months due to another woman who forged her name and other information and got an MRP in 2014.

The Munshiganj passport office handed the MRP to the migrant worker who returned home from Jordan in October last year. She worked there as a housemaid for two years.

In December last year, Josna completed the

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