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# Indian cattle flow thin

People may have to depend on local cattle for sacrifice this Eid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Cowsheds in the border areas are empty as the flow of cattle has dropped significantly ahead of the Eid-ul-Azha, leaving people to depend largely on local cattle for sacrificing.

The number of smuggled Indian cattle is very limited, report our correspondents from Chapainawabganj, Benapole and Satkhira after visiting cowsheds in the last week of August.

Cattle traders anticipate cattle markets might not be overwhelmed with Indian cattle like previous years since only a handful of Indian cattle reached the sheds until yesterday. However, over 70 percent of the demand ahead of Eid can be met with locally reared cattle, according to sources.

Thousands of Indian cows used to be sold at the Putkhali cowshed in Benapole, the biggest shed in the country. On average, 4,000-5,000 cows used to be brought to this shed every day, mostly from Haryana across the border.

Those cattle were kept in Putkhali, Navaron and Satmire cowsheds.

Vishwanath Kunda, tax officer of Navaron, said only 25,122 cattle including cows, goats and sheep entered Bangladesh through Benapole as of August 27 this year.

The number was 76,606 ahead of Eid in 2015 and 6,26,723 ahead of Eid in 2014, he said.

Right now there are no cattle in Putkhali shed. During a visit to the shed last week, only 15 to 20 cows were seen there.

Bazlur Rahman, a cattle trader from Putkhali in Jessore, said Indian cattle never come through any legal channels. Cowboys used to bring those from the Indian side. But now

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The dislodged pontoon of a ferry landing station at Daulatdia Ferry Terminal yesterday. The Padma devoured a part of its bank at Daulatdia of Rajbari, causing disruption to ferry services on Paturia-Daulatdia route.

PHOTO: STAR

# Paturia Ferry Service Holidaymakers stranded for hours

HASAN JAHID TUSHER and ZAHANGIR SHAH

The authorities could not reinstall two landing stations at the Daulatdia ferry ghat as holidaymakers of the south and southwestern districts continue to suffer for this.

Continuous erosion in the mighty Padma river along with strong current is hampering the progress in repairing the stations, which were eroded early Monday. As a result, operation of ferry services has been limited, forcing hundreds of people to be stranded for hours on both sides of the river.

The authorities have however claimed that they made an important headway in reinstalling one of the stations around 7:30am on Monday. But they are uncertain as to when they could make it operational, according to officials of BIWTA and BIWTC.

"We hope to reinstall both the stations by Thursday and are working to that effect," said Shah Alam,

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# Road to Rangpur wider by 2021

Ecneec approves Tk 11,881cr for dual carriageway from Elenca

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Ecneec yesterday approved the construction of a four-lane highway from Elenca to Rangpur to connect Bangladesh with Nepal and Bhutan via India under the ADB's regional connectivity improvement initiative.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Ecneec) chaired by Prime minister Sheikh Hasina set the target of finishing the construction by 2021 of Tk 11,881-crore highway.

The project, once implemented, would bring about a revolutionary change in communication for people of eight districts in northern Bangladesh. With the road network established, it will take only four and a half hours to go to Rangpur from Dhaka, which now takes seven to eight hours, an official of the planning ministry said.

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) will finance 79 percent of the 190-kilometre highway from its sub-regional connectivity fund. Under the South Asia sub-region connectivity project, about 1,752 km highway will be constructed in total.

According to the planning ministry project proposal, a feasibility study and detailed design of the 1,752 km highway has been completed with ADB assistance.

The Elenca-Hatikamrul-Rangpur highway is part of the sub-regional highway. To establish the network, work on a 70km road from Joydevpur to Elenca has already begun with ADB funds.

The Elenca-to-Rangpur highway will ease communication with India and Nepal through Banglabandha and India and Bhutan through Burimari,

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# Defying the cultural tide

INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

A group of girls used to walk up and down the beaches of south-east Bangladesh selling snacks to tourists. They trod the sands for hours every day offering crisps and eggs to anyone who looked willing to buy them so they could support their families.

Some of the girls, at the age of around 10, were sent to rich households to be their domestic servants. But the girls do not do that anymore. Instead, they surf.

The group started when Shoma saw a lifeguard riding the waves

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# Tarique, ex-ETV chairman, 2 others charged with sedition

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Detectives yesterday pressed charges against Tarique Rahman, senior vice-chairman of BNP, Abdus Salam, former chairman of television channel ETV, and two others in connection with a sedition case filed in January last year.



The other two accused -- Mahathir Farooki Khan and Kanak Sarwar -- are former journalists of ETV.

The case was filed with Tejgaon Police Station against Tarique, Salam and several other unknown persons on charges of broadcasting a "false, fabricated, and provocative" speech given by BNP Senior Vice Chairman

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# 'SON OF A W\*\*\*\*' REMARK Obama won't meet Philippine president

AFP, Vientiane

US President Barack Obama yesterday cancelled a meeting with foul-mouthed Philippine leader Rodrigo Duterte at a regional summit after being branded a "son of a w\*\*\*\*".

The pair had been due to meet in the Lao capital of Vientiane at a gathering organised by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, an annual event meant to foster harmony but which often highlights regional rows.

This year's edition was launched with a spectacular fall-out between the United States and the Philippines, long time allies that have seen relations plunge under a barrage of insults from Duterte since he came to office on June 30.

Obama's aides announced that his planned meeting

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# Shafik Rehman out on bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Journalist Shafik Rehman walked out of prison yesterday after five months after he was arrested in a case filed in connection with an alleged plot to abduct and kill prime minister's son Sajeeb Wazed Joy.



He was freed from Kashimpur-2 Central Jail in Gazipur around 12:50pm after his bail order reached the jail authorities, said

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# Police shoot 'snatcher' dead in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An alleged snatcher was killed and another sustained bullet wounds in police firing in the capital's Dhanmondi yesterday.

Law enforcers also nabbed their accomplice Bashar when he was trying to flee the spot.

Police said the dead is Sagar, 26, a listed snatcher. The injured is Hazrat Ali, 28.

The trio in a private car attempted to snatch valuables from a rickshaw passenger near Matsya Bhaban intersection

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**২০১৭-২০১৮ কর বৎসরের জন্য আয়কর অধ্যাদেশ, ১৯৮৪ এর ৬৪ ধারা অনুযায়ী অগ্রিম আয়করের ১ম কিস্তি পরিশোধ সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

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- প্রদেয় অগ্রিম আয়কর সংশ্লিষ্ট সার্কেলের উপ কর কমিশনারের অনুকূলে পে-অর্ডার অথবা ক্রেডিট চেকের মাধ্যমে পরিশোধ করিতে হইবে অথবা কর অঞ্চল-৬, ঢাকার অনুকূলে কোম্পানী করদাতার জন্য প্রদেয় অগ্রিম আয়কর ১-১১৪১-০০২৫-০১০১ কোডে এবং ব্যক্তি করদাতার জন্য প্রদেয় অগ্রিম আয়কর ১-১১৪১-০০২৫-০১১১ কোডে বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকে জমা প্রদান করিতে হইবে।
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