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# Risky trips on trains

40 hurt after falling from roof

STAR REPORT

Holidaymakers going home by train are experiencing less hassle than the ones travelling by bus although most of the trains from Dhaka were delayed for at least an hour.

Visiting Kamalapur Railway Station yesterday, it was seen that the platform was full of hundreds of passengers, and most of the trains were carrying passengers beyond their capacity.

Despite a restriction on travelling on the train roof, many passengers climbed on the roofs, exposing themselves to the risk of accidents.

At least 40 passengers were injured after falling from the roof of a train in Sirajganj near the Bangabandhu bridge west zone railway station as they were hit by hanging wires above the track.

Bangladesh Railway authorities said the pressure of passengers is now heavier than

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Like every other year, people leaving the capital to celebrate the Eid vacation travel on the train roof at the Airport Railway Station yesterday. Travelling on train roof can lead to a serious accident anytime. Yesterday, at least 40 passengers suffered injuries falling off the roof of a train in Sirajganj. **Top right**, one of the victims lying on the ground. **Bottom right**, a ladder is being used to climb to the roof of a train at Sreepur station in Gazipur.



PHOTO: STAR

# 33 Bangladeshi hajj pilgrims die in KSA

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A total of 33 Bangladeshi hajj pilgrims died of old age and various illnesses in Saudi Arabia between August 7 and September 8.

Among the dead are nine females, said a bulleting of the Hajj Management Department of the religious affairs ministry yesterday.

"The hajjis died mainly from old age. Some of them died of heart and kidney failure," AKM Masudur Rahman, consular at the Bangladesh Hajj Mission in Jeddah, told The Daily Star over the phone.

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# India to release GM mustard

2nd GM food crop in South Asia, 3 years after Bt brinjal's release in Bangladesh

REAZ AHMAD, back from Kolkata

India is all set to release its first genetically modified (GM) food crop -- a highly productive mustard oil variety -- and has declared edible oilseeds, oil crushed from the seeds and the leaves derived from the new breed as safe for both human and animal health.

The development came three years after Bangladesh released first GM food crop in South Asia -- Bt brinjal -- in 2013.

Once released, the genetically engineered Dhara Mustard Hybrid-11 (DMH-11) will be India's answer to lessening the huge import-dependency on edible oil. The vari-

ety is expected to be released sometime later this year.

The Indian environment ministry on September 5 made public the full report on food and environment safety of the GM mustard, uploaded on its website, seeking public comments until October 5 before the Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC), India's highest GM regulatory body, gives a final nod.

According to the report, the GM mustard, developed through public funding by a team of scientists at University of Delhi South Campus (UDSC), has 30 percent higher yield potentials than the varieties

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# Fakhrul slates removal of Zia's medal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is belittling itself by removing Ziaur Rahman's Swadhinata Padak from the National Museum and also with its move to relocate his grave from the parliament area, says BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir.

"The government has shown its meanness by doing such heinous activities," he said.

The BNP leader made the remarks while talking to journalists after placing wreaths at Zia's grave at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar in the capital yesterday to mark

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# Circus elephant runs amok

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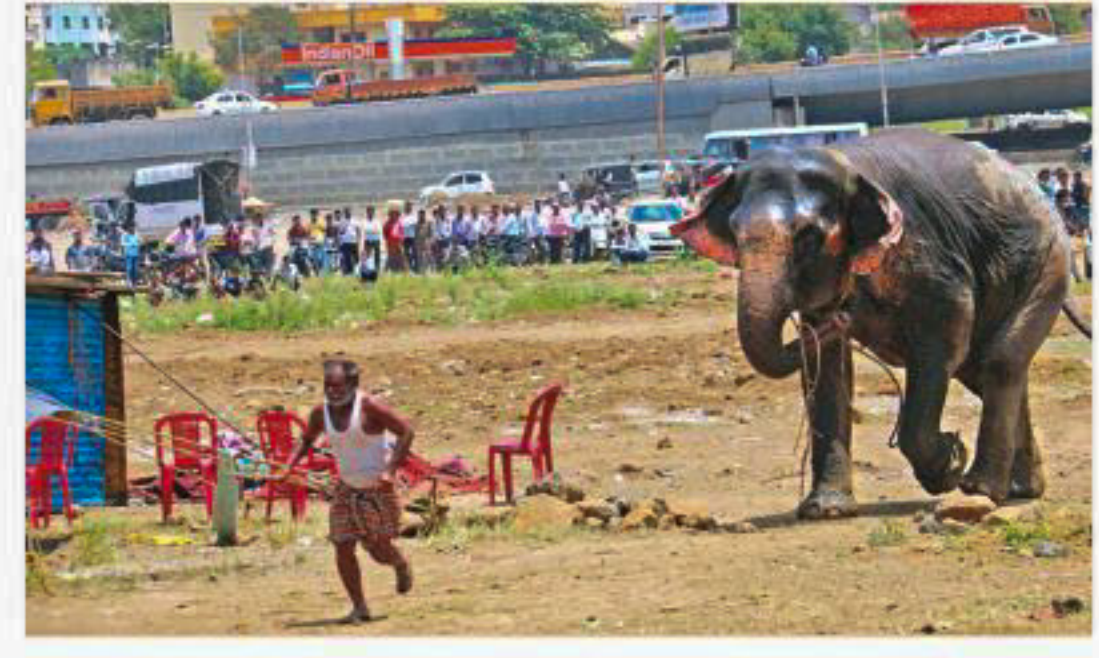
A circus elephant ran amok for three hours in a busy area of Pune, in India.

The elephant, called Nitya, broke away from circus staff after she was taken for a bath.

The incident took place in the suburbs of Pune on Wednesday, as around 2,000 people bolted in fear and traffic was brought to a standstill.

According to local media the animal was

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# RU teacher found dead

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

A female teacher of Rajshahi University was found dead inside her campus quarters yesterday.

The deceased, Akter Jahan Joly, 45, was an associate professor of mass communication and journalism department.

Police recovered her body after breaking open the door of her room at Juberi Bhaban on the campus around 4:30pm.

Joly has been living alone at room no 303 of the Bhaban since her divorce two years ago.

Police also recovered a suicide note from the room, said Iftekhar Alam, assistant commissioner of

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Mother hilsas put up for sale at a wholesale shop of Karwan Bazar in the capital yesterday. To ensure smooth breeding of hilsa, the government has imposed a ban on catching the fish for 22 days from October 12.



PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

# Ban on fishing in hilsa habitats starts Oct 12

OUR CORRESPONDENT, CHANDPUR

The government has imposed a ban on fishing, selling, hoarding and transportation of all types of fish in the hilsa habitats of the Padma and the Meghna from October 12 to November 2.

Flouting the 22-day ban would result in fines and imprisonment, said District Fisheries Officer Shafiqur Rahman.

The annual ban, usually 15-day long, has been extended this year for ensuring safe spawning of hilsa during its peak breeding season, said Anisur Rahman, chief scientific officer at Bangladesh Fisheries Research Institute in Chandpur.

The ban has been extended as researchers found that spawning hilsas were caught before and after the 15-day ban in the last few years, Anis explained.

Shoals of mother hilsas start swimming upstream from the sea towards the rivers, weeks before the full moon in October (Ashwin in Bengali calendar), and they return to

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# Donald Trump courts pro-life voters, Hillary Clinton talks security

AFP, Washington

Donald Trump reaches out to so-called values voters yesterday in a bid to bolster his credentials with conservative, pro-life Americans, after days of duelling over national security with Democratic White House rival Hillary Clinton.

The Republican nominee was expected as star guest at a Washington gathering of grassroots activists, conservative stalwart lawmakers and leaders in the anti-abortion and religious freedom movements.

Trump's attendance at the Values Voter Summit highlights how conservatives are keen to press such issues on the political mainstream as the bitterly fought presidential campaign heads into its final two months.

He addresses the event at about 3:30pm (1930 GMT).

Activists in the US capital were painting President Barack Obama's administration as having rolled back the rights of Americans seeking to practice their religion free from government interference.

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# France foils terror attack plan

Police shot, arrest woman who pledged allegiance to IS

AFP, Paris

A 19-year-old woman arrested in a probe into a car found laden with gas cylinders in Paris had pledged allegiance to the Islamic State group and was preparing an imminent attack, officials said yesterday.

French President Francois Hollande said a terror cell had been shut down and an attack "foiled," after Ines Madani, 19, and two other women were arrested.

Police shot and wounded Madani as they swooped on her and her accomplices aged 23 and 39 in a suburb south of Paris on Thursday.

Investigators believe Madani is the main suspect in a probe into the Peugeot 607 found a few hundred metres (yards) from

Notre Dame cathedral on Sunday.

She is the daughter of the car's owner.

Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve said the three women "were apparently preparing new, violent and, what is more, imminent actions".

The women were "radicalised and fanaticised", he said.

Madani had sworn allegiance to the Islamic State group in a letter found in her possession, according to a source in the investigation.

A police officer suffered a knife wound to the stomach during the arrests late Thursday in Boussy-Saint-Antoine, south of Paris.

Hollande, speaking on a visit to Athens, said: "An attack has been foiled."

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