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Holy Ashura today

UNB, Dhaka

The holy Ashura, the 10th day of Moharram, will be observed across the country today with due religious fervour, commemorating the Karbala tragedy in which Hazrat Imam Hussain (RA) embraced martyrdom 1,377 years back.

On this day in the Hijri year of 61, Hazrat Imam, grandson of Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh), along with his family members and 72

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NOTICE

The Daily Star office will remain closed today on the occasion of holy Ashura, and therefore there will be no issue of the newspaper tomorrow.

'Rampal plant won't harm Sundarbans'

Govt responds to Unesco concerns
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Bangladesh government has responded to Unesco's concerns over the Rampal power plant, saying the project would not cause any harm to the Sundarbans.

The government said the authorities would use the latest technologies and follow the guidelines of the World Bank and the International Finance Corporation (IFC) while implementing the project. Therefore, there would be no negative impact on the forest.

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Xi out to get region in silk order

For three years, China investing billions of dollars in regional infrastructure to get countries on one trade route

SHAKHAWAT LITON

China has been pouring billions of dollars in large infrastructure projects in foreign countries for the last three years with the aim of building new Silk Road trade routes.

Under the "One Belt, One Road" initiative comprising the Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road, the Asian giant is focusing on building a trade and infrastructure network for connecting at least 60 Asian countries with Europe and Africa along the ancient Silk Road routes.

It aims to boost not only China's development but also that of other countries, according to Chinese President Xi Jinping, who came up with the idea, also known as "Belt

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CHINA SPENDING ON SILK ROAD

- \$53 b in Kazakhstan
- \$46 b in Pakistan
- \$20 b in India
- \$15 b in Uzbekistan
- \$3 b in Kyrgyzstan,
- \$1.4 b in Sri Lanka

Over \$200 billion infrastructure projects have been planned for construction and another \$1 trillion in projects are on the horizon, said Russian news agency Sputnik in a report last June

- \$40b Silk Road Fund
- \$100 b AIIB Fund



The Hindus immerse the idol of Durga in the Buriganga river near Wais Ghat yesterday. The immersion of the idols draws the curtains on Durga Puja, the biggest Hindu festival in the country.
PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Adieu, Durga

Biggest Hindu festival ends with immersion of idols

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

She came to world at the invocation and supplication of Hindu devotees. After spending a few days with them, goddess Durga along with her four children yesterday set off for Kailash, her husband's abode.

Wishing to have Durga among themselves next year, devotees bade her farewell by immersing her idols in water bodies across the country.

With this, the biggest religious festival of the Hindus came to an end.

For devotees, the day began with Dashami Puja and ended with immersion of idols, said Nirmal Kumar Chatterjee, joint secretary of Bangladesh Puja Udjapan

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Bangladeshi sues FIFA in Qatar over mistreatment

REUTERS, Doha

A Bangladeshi man who says he was harshly exploited while working on 2022 World Cup facilities in Qatar is suing FIFA for allegedly failing to use its influence to ensure workers are treated fairly.

The Gulf state has faced criticism of its treatment of foreign workers from Amnesty International, the Building and Wood Workers' International organisation and others.

But the case announced on Monday is the first time football's world governing body has been targeted.

The suit, launched in FIFA's home city Zurich with the backing of the largest labour union in the Netherlands, calls on FIFA to force Qatar to adopt "minimum labour standards" for migrant workers preparing for the tournament, including at least the right to quit a job or leave the country.

Leading the Swiss suit is 21-year-old

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Rain or cyclone?

Bangladesh and England face off in final ODI today

AL-AMIN

There is a strong possibility of rain in Chittagong today. And if it rains, cricket aficionados in Bangladesh and across the world are set to miss a different kind of cyclone that has been gathering momentum over the last couple of days with one Jos Buttler in the eye of the storm which is set for a 2:30pm landfall at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium.

The proverbial cyclone is a reference to the third one-day international between Bangladesh and England, an unofficial final which has been spiced up ever since the much-talked-about send-off of England captain Jos Buttler in the second ODI at Mirpur on Sunday that the home side won in dramatic fashion to level the series at 1-1.

Buttler was roared off by the Tigers after the third umpire ruled him out leg-before following a review and with that dismissal England's chance of winning the game effectively evaporated. However, the Tigers' celebration in his face and the subsequent reaction from the otherwise mild-mannered England captain has taken centre-stage to an extent that it has turned the match in the port city into more than just a game to be won.

Although the game's ruling body has docked Bangladesh captain

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MG!

"It is so nice that the shackles have been taken off me and I can now fight for America the way I want to."

US PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE DONALD TRUMP TWEETED IN RESPONSE TO US HOUSE SPEAKER AND TOP ELECTED REPUBLICAN PAUL RYAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HE WOULD NO LONGER DEFEND TRUMP.



22-day hilsa ban begins

STAR REPORT

A 22-day ban on catching, selling, hoarding and transporting of hilsa begins today to protect safe spawning of the popular fish during the peak breeding period.

Around 7,000 square kilometre area of rivers in 27 districts have been earmarked as the breeding ground of the hilsa, according to the fisheries and livestock ministry.


The restriction will remain effective until November 2. Shoals of mother hilsa start swimming upstream from the sea towards the rivers weeks before the full moon in October (Ashwin in Bengali calendar) and they return to the sea after spawning.

Apart from rivers of those districts, all the coastal areas and estuaries will be under the purview of the ban. Drives

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People buying and selling hilsa at Karwan Bazar wholesale fish market on the last day before a 22-day government ban on hilsa catching, storing and transportation kicks in. Even though prices were lower a few days ago, people were eager to buy the national fish yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN



FARAAZ HOSSAIN
Courage Award
A PEPSICO Global Initiative

True courage is demonstrated when an individual, facing extreme danger, stands up to protect a fellow human being. Such a heroic deed was exemplified through Faraaz Hossain's sacrifice, raising high the flag of humanity, courage and values. He demonstrated an exceptional strength of character in the final moments of his life, rising above all self interest.

Faraaz Ayaaz Hossain, a student of Emory University, Atlanta, USA, was martyred in the horrific attack at Holey Artisan Bakery, Dhaka on July 1, 2016. He sacrificed his life for his friends, exemplifying true friendship, standing steadfast against injustice and connecting a humanity of different race, religion and nationality with love and harmony.

The world now knows that Bangladesh stands for such human values, as epitomised by Faraaz. To encourage the spirit of bravery among Bangladeshi youth, the very spirit Faraaz inspires, **Pepsico Global has taken the decision to launch the annual "Faraaz Hossain Courage Award" from 2016 for the next twenty years.** The purpose of the Award will be to recognize acts of exceptional courage by individuals setting examples of empathy for fellow human beings.

In addition to a Certificate of Recognition, the Award will carry a cash prize of US\$ 10,000/- (Ten Thousand US Dollars).

The winner must fulfill the following criteria:

- Exemplify exceptional personal courage;
- Has taken outstanding initiative to help other human beings;
- Symbolises highest standards of moral and ethical values;
- Be a male or female citizen of Bangladesh below the age of 30;

To find the winner of the award, we seek your personal and institutional help. If you happen to come across or have heard of such an extraordinary individual, please try to obtain the name and details of the person and inform us through email courageaward@faraazhossain.com or please call +88 01708133289 or 01708144289 (9:00 am-8:00 pm).

All such information should be communicated no later than October 27, 2016.

A jury comprising of eminent personalities will review all proposals to finalize the individual winner who will be given the "Faraaz Hossain Courage Award" along with US\$ 10,000/- (Ten Thousand US Dollars).

