

Dhaka yet to get back to normalcy

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The overcrowded Dhaka is yet to get back to its normalcy with a small number of people returning to the city yesterday following Eid celebration.
However, a good number of people thronged the amusement parks, museums, resorts, parks and zoo.
Kazi Nazim Islam Avenue, Motijheel, Gullistan, Gulshan Avenue and Mirpur Road—the busy streets in the capital remained empty and seats of most of the buses were found empty.
The secretary was almost vacant as many officers and staff were on leave though high-ups joined their respective offices.
Most of the ministers did not join their offices. A very large number of visitors was seen at the visitor's waiting rooms which usually remain cramped with guests.
"I wish we always had a vacation when the city streets remain free from chaos," said Shoyeb, a high school student.
He was visiting the national museum at Shahbagh with his friends.
"No traffic congestion and no frequent honking. It seems like a dream. I can make as much trip as I can," said Hasan Mia, a rickshaw-puller at Motijheel.
However, in a festive mood, many rickshaw-pullers and CNG-run auto-rickshaws drivers charged high fares.
"Most of the people have gone home and we don't get many passengers during the Eid vacation. So, we have no option but to charge a bit higher," said Ihsan Ali, one of the drivers.
The people living on city streets were also seen passing-trains in leisure rather than scavenging at traffic jams or bawling at traffic



People turn up in droves at the tourist attractions across the country on the occasion of Eid. Apart from meeting relatives and friends, visiting places has also become a part of the celebration. Clockwise from left, Children enjoy at Shishu Park at Shahbagh in the capital on Sunday. People through the Sea World at Chittagong's Foy's Lake yesterday noon. Tourists flock to Bichnakandi of Sylhet on Sunday.



Surgery patients overrun Nitor Ctg in festive mood

SHAHREEN MOLLAH and SHADMA MALIK
Eid holidays. On a normal day, anaesthetists work in shifts. So there was a pressure on the operation theatre during the holiday, said the hospital doctors.
The staffers at Nitor do an eight-hour shift. However, Shodan Baidya, a male nurse at Nitor, said he did two shifts including morning and night before the Eid day in the emergency department as there was a shortage of nurses.
There are 327 nurses at Nitor but only 60 non-Muslim and six Muslim nurses were on duty during the Eid holidays.
Arif Kazi, attendant of an inpatient, said his nephew Masum Kazi was beaten by some miscreants in Terokhda of Khulna on Eid day. He was first taken to Khulna sadar hospital. Due to a shortage of doctors there, they referred him to Nitor.
Masum was admitted on Sunday, the day after Eid day. He underwent two surgeries at intervals because the doctors had to attend to other emergency patients as well.
"The whole procedure takes time, so patients suffered a lot," said Arif.
Nitor staff said during Eid vacation, they saw more patients coming from outside Dhaka as most of the local hospitals gave limited service on this occasion.
On the day before Eid day, 183 patients came to receive emergency treatment, according to the hospital. On Eid day, the number was 145, and on the next day, it was same as before. On a usual day, the number of patients stands at 130 to 140 in the emergency department.
Not only the hospital suffered

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Although it rained during the afternoons of Saturday and Sunday, it could not dampen the festive spirit of the port city residents.
The recreational places were abuzz with visitors during the last three days since Saturday—the Eid day. The dwellers thronged the parks, sea beach, Naval Academy Road area, banks of the Karnaphuli and the zoo.
On Eid day, the Patenga sea beach and Naval Academy areas saw a huge rush of people enjoying with their family members. The Abhay Mitra Chat on the bank of the Karnaphuli was also a sought-after place for the holidaymakers.
Yesterday being bright and sunny, added more delight to the Eid festival.
Mohammad Mohsin went to the Foy's Lake Amusement Park with his children yesterday afternoon. His children—Ishika and Tuhin—were elated at spending time there.
"We went to the Patenga sea beach on Sunday but could not stay for a long time due to rain," he said.
Contacted Biswajit Ghosh, deputy manager (marketing) of Concord Amusement World, Foy's Lake, said yesterday's turnout of people was higher than the previous two days. "Over 4,000 people visited the park and sea world yesterday."
The Chittagong Zoo was also crowded with visitors. Around 2,000 people visited the zoo during Eid, said Shahadat Hossain Shuvo, veterinary surgeon at the zoo.
Shwadinata Park, Karnaphuli Park, Kadir Dewri Park and Batterry Park were also abuzz with people. Samia Tareq went to Abhay Mitra Chat with her two children yesterday afternoon. "We also went to the Buttery Park on Sunday," she said. "The children want to visit the lake. I'm planning to take them to Foy's Lake and then to the nearby zoo."
She looked at her children, who were running around and smiling constantly. "They are enjoying lot."

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President Abdul Hamid with Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha during a reception at Bangabhaban on Eid day.

Muhith for separate zone for Rohingya

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Finance Minister AMA Muhith has proposed creating a separate zone inside Myanmar to rehabilitate Rohingya Muslims under the authority of the international community.
The Burmese is a ferocious nation, and to save the Rohingyas from their atrocious UN force like the peace keeping mission should be deployed there, he told reporters at his secretariat office yesterday.
"The Burmese army is a rogue army. They should be kept away from the separate zone."
Talking about the citizenship of Rohingyas, the finance minister said they belonged to Myanmar. The torture on them reflects the belligerent attitude of the Myanmar government.
The saddest thing is that Nobel peace prize winner Aung San Suu Ki is also supporting the atrocities, Muhith added.
"Asked if the government would seek fund from the international community for the Rohingya refugees here, he said it was not something under consideration at this moment."
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Woman feels betrayed, kills husband

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
In a bid to solve the financial crisis of the family, housewife Aklima Akther Akhi went to Saudi Arabia a couple of years back. She started working there hard and used to send the money to her husband in Bangladesh, dreaming of a better future.
But her thankless husband Shaheen Alam, 40, a day labourer in profession, married another woman named Roksan, 30, spending Aklima's money and started living with her in a tin-roof house in Borobagh area of Nilpur in the capital.
Aklima, 35, came back to Bangladesh two weeks back.

Jubo League activist to jail over killing friend

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
A Chittagong court yesterday sent a Jubo League (JL) activist to jail in connection with the murder of his friend on August 9.
Chittagong Metropolitan Magistrate Nazmul Hossain sent JL activist Amit Muhith to jail after he was produced before the court with a 10-day remand prayer.
It also fixed today for hearing the prayer, said Additional Deputy Commissioner Nirmalendu Bikash Chawakbarary.
Amit is accused in a double murder case in the city's CRB area 9, said police.
On August 9, Amit and his associates murdered Imanul Karim Imon by stabbing and strangling him at Ami's residence in Nandankanan area as Imon allegedly stalked Amit's wife. The murder and kidnapping (AC) lahajhar Alam of Chittagong Metropolitan Police (Kotwali Circle).
After the murder, they tried to hide the body inside a drum by pouring acid and filling it up with cement. Later, they dumped the body near Ranir Dighir Par in Enayet Bazar area.
Covered in concrete, Imon's body was recovered on August 13. A murder case was filed with Kotwali Police Station the same day.
Earlier, Amit gave his confessional statement before a court on Sunday after he was arrested in Comilla Sadar area the day before, said AC lahajhar Alam.
His two associates—Safiqur Rahman Safi and Imam Hossen Mazumdar Shishir—were arrested from Chittagong and Comilla on August 30. They also gave their confessional statements, said the AC.
During the confessions, Shishir said Amit committed the murder. But Amit said Shishir was the one who stabbed Imon in the face while he stabbed Imon in the thigh, said the AC.
Police were yet to recover the knife used in the murder. "We are trying to arrest the rest of the accused," said the AC.

Schoolteacher found killed on Eid day

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A school teacher from Narsingdi was found dead in Gazipur city on Eid day.
The body of Nargis Akhter, 54, was found in a blue barrel in front of the kitchen market in Bhogra area, said Sub-inspector Montosh Chandra Das of Joidyepur Police Station.
Her 24-year-old son identified the body. Nargis was wearing a green salwar and kamiz.
SI Montosh said that around 11:00am, the locals spotted the barrel and found the body as it was spreading malodour.
It was admitted to Shaheed Tazuddin Ahmad Medical College Hospital for an autopsy. Dr Promoy Bhushan Das of the hospital said she had been injured in the chest and abdomen. The primary sign indicates she was killed two or three days back.
He said, on Thursday, Nargis left from the capital's Tejgaon area to see her relatives in Gazipur; she had been missing since then. Nargis was the second wife of Anwar Ullah, a retired police detective, and daughter of Abdul Rahim from Narsingdi.

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