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Hard to cross the Padma

Ferry service disruption causes tailbacks at Daulatdia

STAR REPORT

Thousands of passengers from 17 southwestern districts, who are returning to Dhaka after Eid-ul-Azha holidays, are suffering while crossing the Padma. Ferry service on Daulatdia-Paturia route is being hampered due to strong currents.

It takes around four to five hours to get on a ferry at Daulatdia ferry terminal in Rajbari's Goalanda, said passengers.

Over 500 vehicles, including buses and cars, were seen waiting for ferries yesterday morning, creating 5-6km tailbacks at Daulatdia.

Meanwhile, more than 400 vehicles were stuck on both sides of Shimulia-Kathalbari ferry route yesterday evening to cross the river as ferry service was disrupted due to poor navigability.

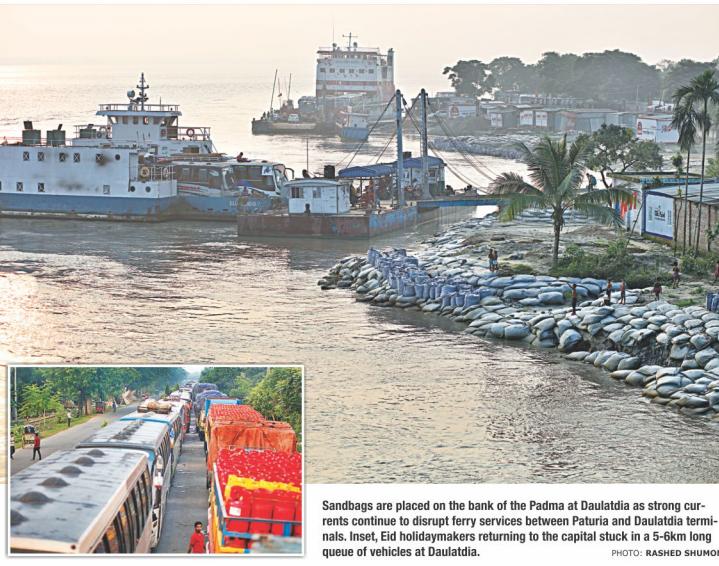
At Daulatdia ferry terminal, flow of vehicles began to increase yesterday morning as the ferries took twice the time required for each trip due to strong currents, said Shafiqul Islam, manager (commerce) at Daulatdia office of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation (BIWTC).

Three ferries, including two for passengers and one Ro-Ro, three K-type and six utility ferries, were now operating, he added.

Another ferry from Mawa ghat joined the service yesterday, reports our Manikganj correspondent.

The ferries were often breaking down, said Shafiqul, adding that one to two of the 18 ferries had to be repaired in the floating workshop.

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Sandbags are placed on the bank of the Padma at Daulatdia as strong currents continue to disrupt ferry services between Paturia and Daulatdia terminals. Inset: Eid holidaymakers returning to the capital stuck in a 5-6km long queue of vehicles at Daulatdia.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

DU senate surprised at acting VC appointment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The senate members of the Dhaka University have expressed surprise over the appointment of Prof Md Akhtaruzzaman as the university's acting vice-chancellor saying it was a clear violation of Dhaka University Order-1973 and interference to its autonomy.

In a statement issued yesterday, they said AAMS Arefin Siddique was supposed to carry on as the VC as per an Appeal Division bench rule.

President Abdul Hamid, chancellor of the university, appointed Prof Akhtaruzzaman as acting vice-chancellor for "smooth continuation of the academic and administrative activities" as the tenure of Prof Siddique ended on August 24, according to an education ministry circular issued on Monday.

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Four tourists missing in Bandarban, Sylhet

STAR REPORT

Four tourists have been missing at Bandarban's Tinap Satar Waterfall and on the Plain river at Sylhet's Jafflong area in last two days.

In Bandarban, two tourists were missing in remote Tinap Satar Waterfall, a tourist spot under Ruma upazila, on Monday afternoon.

The tourists are identified as Huzzatul Gani, 31, of Chakaria in Chittagong and Shahidul Alam of Barisal.

They were missing while bathing in the waterfall along with their friends around 4:00pm.

Shafiqul Islam, officer-in-charge of Ruma police, confirmed the incident and said it took time to reach the spot as the area is very remote.

In Sylhet, the floating body of one of the two missing youths in the Plain was recovered yesterday.

College students Faisal Hossain Sourav, 18, and

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MYANMAR ROHINGYA CRISIS

Malaysia, Turkey slam rights abuses

European Commission calls for giving aid workers full access in troubled Rakhine state

AGENCIES

Malaysia and Turkey yesterday condemned escalating human rights violations targeting the Rohingya Muslim minority in Myanmar's Rakhine state.

Malaysia summoned Myanmar's ambassador U Sein Oo to the foreign ministry where Kuala Lumpur registered its "deep concern regarding the escalation of violence", warning that it could cause Rohingya refugees fleeing from the other Southeast Asian countries, reports AFP, citing a statement from the foreign office.

"It would also see more people... become increasingly vulnerable to recruitment by extremists. Both have the potential to greatly impact the security and stability of the region," the foreign ministry said.

It was a rare show of disapproval within the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean), a group bound by the principle of non-interference in the domestic affairs of member countries.

The ministry also said that Foreign Minister Aung San Suu Kyi had held working discussions with his Iranian and Turkish counterparts to convene a special meeting of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) on the Rohingya issue. The date and venue of the proposed meeting has yet to be decided.

Ainifah on Monday told AFP was "dissatisfied" with Myanmar's de facto leader Aung San Suu Kyi's silence on the crisis.

Meanwhile, urging all sides to desist from escalation, European Commission yesterday said it was committed to putting in all efforts to restore aid deliveries in the Rakhine State and working tirelessly with all stakeholders to achieve this, our diplomatic correspondence reports.

"Unrestricted humanitarian access, including for aid workers, is critical to reach 350,000 vulnerable people in Rakhine State. They must be allowed to do their job to try to prevent the further deterioration of

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Schoolboy caned by teacher

Admitted to hospital

OUR CORRESPONDENT, KATHUA

A 12-year old schoolboy severely injured when caned by his class teacher 13 days ago has now been admitted to the local health complex and undergone a surgery after his condition deteriorated yesterday.

Torqul Islam is a student of Class-V at Kewa Government Primary School in Pangsha upazila of Rajbari district.

Source in Khoksa upazila health complex in the district confirmed the matter in the afternoon.

Shukur, the boy's father, said Nasir Uddin - a teacher at school - severely beat his son with a cane when he failed to answer a question in class on August 22.

When Ali learnt about this matter he went to the

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Motorman stops train, saves dog on tracks



PTI, Mumbai

Time and Tide - and the Mumbai suburban trains - wait for none, but yesterday was an exception. An alert motorman at a station in the city had stopped a train to save a dog which was about to get run over.

The incident happened at the crowded Churchgate station of the Western Railway in the afternoon. A local train had barely pulled into the station when the motorman saw a dog on the tracks.

He stopped the train and blew the horn but the canine did not budge.

The incessant blowing of the horn attracted commuters, including a PTI correspondent, from other platforms but did not seem to have any effect

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**CONTAINER HANDLING
Ranking of Ctg port
5-notch up**

DWAIPAYAN BARUA, CG

The Chittagong Port has advanced five steps in terms of annual throughput in 2016, becoming the 71st busiest among the top 100 container ports, according to the Lloyd's List, the world's oldest journal on port and shipping.

The 2017 edition of the Lloyd's List's One Hundred Container Ports was published on Monday based mainly on the total throughput of containers in 2016.

The country's premier port handled 23,461,009 TEUs (20-foot equivalent units) of container in 2016, up from 20,24,207 TEUs in 2015, posting 15.9 percent annual growth in container handling.

Such growth helped the port advance five steps from its previous year's 76th position. Earlier in 2015, it was ranked 87th on the same list of ports.

Users of the port had increased foreign trade in recent years responsible for such growth in transport of containers.

However, they believe the port still lags behind in terms of infrastructure in providing services as the required infrastructural development could not be achieved considering such growth in container transport.

Chinese port Shanghai with throughput of 37.13 million TEUs in 2016 having 1.6 percent year on year growth clinched the top ranking this year's chart.

According to the Lloyd's List, global container ports' growth maintains moderate incline while China remains the chief driver.

As many as 20 Chinese ports are on the chart which also has three Indian ports - Jawaharlal Nehru Port on

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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Flow of hides to Savar yet to gain pace

REFAYET ULLAH MIRDHA

The newly constructed Savar leather estate, where tanners relocated from their age-old Hazaribagh industrial hub in April, is witnessing for the first time the annual arrival of a steady stream of trucks carrying rawhides of animals sacrificed during Eid-ul-Azha.

Truck arrival numbers are low although four days have passed since Eid, the estate Deputy Manager Moin Uddin told The Daily Star over the phone yesterday, reasoning that tanners were yet to start purchasing rawhides in full swing from merchants.

Transporting rawhides will not be difficult as favourable weather conditions are prevailing he said.

Persistent rains and flood in 31 districts prior to Eid prompted tanners to apprehend that the condition of roads and highways would worsen, disrupting transportation and subsequently leading to a drop in quality of 30 percent of the rawhides.

The road from Hemantray leading to the estate is still in good condition as repairs have been carried out in some spots and as rainwater has drained out, said Moin Uddin.

Bangladesh Tanners Association Chairman Shaheen Ahmed on Monday said they would from next week start buying rawhides cured with salt in warehouses.

Tanners say proper application of salt maintains the quality of untanned leather for as long as two months.

Mohammad Ali, a merchant in the country's largest rawhide market in the capital's Posta, said, "We have already bought rawhides from seasonal traders. We have also

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This road in Soloshahar area of Chittagong city is in a sorry state. Many paved thoroughfares of the port city have turned into gravel roads due to poor maintenance and waterlogging. This photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS