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ADVANCE TICKETS FOR EID

Poor sales for fear of delays on highways

ABDULLAH AL NAYEEM

The first day of the sale of advance bus tickets for Eid holidays went rather quiet yesterday with many apparently opting for rail, waterways, and air, fearing traffic would be terrible on the highways.

Karimul Islam has been celebrating Eid with his family in Naogaon for the last 12 years and each time he had a tough battle to get bus tickets -- waiting in long queues, haggling with bus operators -- and then there was the long arduous journey home.

But the resident of the capital's Badda found a different situation yesterday whilst getting tickets for this Eid. There was no crowd when he went to buy the tickets around 11:00am in Gabtoli.

Advance bus tickets for June 8-16 were on sale yesterday.

"In the past 12-13 years, I have never seen the counters with so few people queuing on the opening day of the advance ticket sale," said Karimul.

"I think people are not willing to travel by bus this year due to the poor condition of roads which causes traffic jams and huge delays," he said.

"Two months ago, I travelled to my hometown in Nazipur of Naogaon. The journey took around 14 hours instead of the usual seven-eight hours due to the poor road condition," said Karimul.

Perhaps this was why holidaymakers were leaning towards rail, waterways and air this Eid, he added.

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People willing to leave the capital during the Eid holidays at Gabtoli terminal as transport companies begin selling advance bus tickets. The picture was taken around 8:00am. The crowd dissipated within an hour.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Kushtia BCL leader killed in sleep

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

The vice-president of Kushtia Chhatra League was shot to death inside his bedroom yesterday.

Nazmul Islam, 32, got married only three days ago.

His wife Urmee Khatun said they went to sleep around 1:30am. "I was woken up by this terribly loud bang very close to me and discovered my husband on the floor in a pool of blood," she said.

Hearing the gunshot around 2:30am, family members rushed to his room and took him to Kushtia General Hospital where doctors declared him dead around 3:45am.

Doctor Tapos Kumar at the hospital said a single shot had pierced Nazmul's head.

Urmee said the criminals must have shot Nazmul through the window that they had intentionally left open at night because of the hot weather.

Nazmul's father Altaf

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Indian media houses open to 'paid content'

Reveals sting ops

THE INDIAN EXPRESS ONLINE

Weeks after its first set of sting videos on 17 media groups, web portal Cobrapost on Friday released 49 videos of senior officials of 27 media organisations purportedly talking to an undercover reporter regarding a proposal to promote "Hindutva" politics and content criticising leaders of political parties including the Congress, BSP, SP and the JD(S) in return for money.

The videos purportedly feature executives of Network18, Star India, Zee News,

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Myanmar continues ethnic cleansing

Says US religious freedom report; slams attacks on religious minorities in Bangladesh

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Myanmar continues an ethnic cleansing campaign against Rohingyas despite growing condemnation from the international community, the US has said.

"I don't think we've seen progress there [Rakhine State] in that country," said Sam Brownback, ambassador-at-large for international religious freedom while releasing the State Department's annual report-2017 on international religious freedom on Tuesday night.

Meanwhile, it also mentioned that there were attacks on religious minorities, particularly Buddhists and Hindus, in Bangladesh last year.

The report estimates that about 680,000 people fled Myanmar to neighbouring Bangladesh to escape the violence since August 25 last year. The US envoy said the violence was continuing.

Rather than changing course, Brownback

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Man earns high school diploma after 74 years

INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

A man who dropped out of high school more than 70 years ago to fight in the Second World War was just awarded his diploma.

Robert Lockhard left Circleville High School in Ohio before his expected 1944 graduation in order to serve in the US Army Air Corps 354th Infantry 89th Division to fight in Central Europe, northern France,

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BLOCK PRINTERS' BUSY DAYS

Block printers are busy at work in the capital's New Market as they prepare for the breakneck sales ahead of the Eid. Apparel stores have already begun enjoying brisk trade. The pictures were taken on Saturday.



Fitra fixed at Tk 70

UNB, Dhaka

This year's minimum fitra has been fixed at Tk 70 per head.

Islamic Foundation yesterday fixed the amount in a meeting chaired by Maulana Mohammad Mizanur Rahman, senior Pesh Imam of Baitul Mukarram National Mosque and president of the National Fitra Fixing Committee.

The maximum fitra has

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Expert Advice on Durability of Concrete (Part I)

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Concrete is a widely used construction material all over the world. The use of concrete in our life is so widespread that we cannot separate it from a single moment of our daily life. We sleep on a concrete floor, we take our breakfast sitting on a concrete floor, we run to work over a road of concrete, and we work in an office made of concrete. Concrete makes our life comfortable, diverse, entertaining, fashionable, etc. The annual worldwide consumption of concrete is estimated at 21 billion tons, i.e., every person in the world is consuming 3 tons of concrete every year. Concrete is the second most widely used material by humankind after water. For making concrete, we are using a huge amount of natural resources. A huge amount of limestone (3 billion tons/year) is used for producing 4 billion tons of cement every year in the world. For making 21 billion tons of concrete, mountains are cut to get 10 billion tons of coarse aggregate; rivers are dredged to collect 6 billion tons of sand every year. If we continue the extraction of natural resources in this way, our future generations will face difficulties to get natural ingredients for concrete. Moreover, it will significantly influence our environment. Therefore, for sustainability of construction materials, we need to ensure efficient use of these materials.

The cost of civil construction of a project covers the major part of the budget. Also, the investment for making a home is the largest investment of a person in his lifetime. During design of these structures, durability of the structures is rarely considered. These structures may be safe against imposed loads but may be damaged significantly after a few years of construction. We can see many abandoned structures due to deterioration. We also demolish many structures because of the concern of safety due to deterioration. Most of the cyclone shelters constructed in Bangladesh in and around 1991 deteriorated severely soon after construction. Detailed investigations on early deterioration of our structures are important. The lessons learned from these investigations are to be recorded and incorporated in the durability design guidelines of our structures. By following the design guidelines of the durability of concrete, it is possible to ensure a service life of 100+ years. As a result, the rate of consumption of construction materials will be reduced and eventually it will help in the step toward sustainability of construction materials.

Note: The second part of this article will be published on 07 June, 2018 which will cover the points related to durable design of concrete structures.

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