

WINDOW INTO A JOURNEY HOME



Clockwise from left, the journey home ahead of Eid always brings smiles. Comfortably seated in a train, the faces of these two boys express how the prospect of meeting near and dear ones feels. A young man and woman quietly wait for the train to start for their destination. However, for the majority of the people, it is not easy to have a comfortable trip. Overcrowding often takes the joy away and leaves them struggling throughout the journey. Adding to this ordeal is the punishing heat. A woman, cradling a child and standing in the space between two seats in a packed train, shows what it takes to be together with family members on the occasion. The photos were taken at Kamalapur railway station yesterday.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

ANIMAL SACRIFICE FOR EID-UL-AZHA 370 designated venues in port city

MOSTAFA YOUSUF, Ctg

Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) has designated 370 venues for slaughtering sacrificial animals in the port city with the aim to efficiently dispose of the waste by afternoon.

The decision was made at a meeting held recently at CCC office.

Shafiqul Mannan Siddiqui, chief conservancy officer of CCC, told The Daily Star that 370 spots in 41 wards have been selected for slaughtering sacrificial animals during Eid-ul-Azha.

The 41 wards have been divided into four zones and each zone will have a committee of four members to oversee the cleaning activities, he said.

CCC will engage at least 5000 workers for waste disposal, he said.

"Apart from this, at least 350

vehicles -- including payloaders and tractor wagons -- will be engaged in the cleaning process. Our work will begin from 9:00am and will end at 4:00pm," Siddiqui said.

The designated venues will have tarpaulin to stave off rain. Sitting arrangements, supply of sufficient water and bleaching powder will be provided at the venues.

CCC has already handed out at least four lakh leaflets, put up 20,000 posters and 76,000 banners in a move to generate awareness among people to keep the environment clean during Eid.

CCC said the disposal of waste will continue for three days.

Soibal Das Suman, CCC councillor and also president of waste management committee of CCC, urged the city dwellers to come forward to support the city corporation's cleaning efforts.

Cattle sales yet to pick up

Buyers complain of high price

DWOHA CHOWDHURY, Sylhet

Though Eid-ul-Azha is just a few days away, sale of sacrificial animals at cattle markets in Sylhet is yet to get momentum.

According to traders, the markets are drawing potential buyers every day, but compared to previous years, sales are not up to expectation.

While visiting several markets -- both permanent and makeshift -- in the city and its surrounding areas yesterday, this correspondent saw that there were insufficient numbers of cattle as well as a handful of buyers present.

One Shafiqur Rahman Chowdhury was seen bargaining with a trader at Kazirbazar cattle market yesterday morning. "Compared to previous years, prices are high... also, there are not many cattle in the market. Hopefully, the prices will drop soon."

Shahadat Hossain Lulon, manager of the market, alleged, "There are quite a few illegal markets on the way to Kazirbazar, which is creating a problem for traders. People behind those markets are forcing traders to sell cattle there."

"For this, buyers get affected too as the prices go up due to a shortage of cattle in the permitted markets," he said.

However, traders are still optimistic that sales would pick up before the Eid day, while buyers hope prices of animals would decrease.

At markets, bulls range from Tk 40,000 to Tk 5 lakh while goats from Tk 5,000 to Tk 50,000.

Though cattle from other countries, particularly India, used to dominate Eid markets before, this year, local cattle are ruling the market, according to traders.

Meanwhile, Abu Nayeem, managing partner of Surma Cattle Farm in Khadimnagar area, told The Daily Star that people are eager to buy cattle from the farm to avoid hassle. "We are selling cows ranging from Tk 50,000 to Tk 3 lakh. We will send the remaining cattle to the markets soon," he said.

According to the Department of Livestock Services in Sylhet, 401,000 cattle were sold in Sylhet division last year. Dr Gias Uddin, deputy director of the department, said, "Around 336,000 cattle have been raised at 36,612 farms in the division. These cattle along with the ones from other parts of the country will enter the Sylhet market to meet the demand."

He said the department has deployed teams at the markets to check animal health since many smuggled Indian cattle, suffering from foot and mouth disease, had entered Sylhet already.

SNAPS & snippets

2 injured as bus hits motorbike

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two persons were injured as a bus hit their motorcycle from behind near Dhaka Cantonment area yesterday afternoon.

The incident took place around 3:30pm near ECB Chattar, said Kazi Shahan Haque, officer-in-charge of Cantonment Police Station.

The injured are Atikul Islam, 28, and his cousin Fatema, 19. Atikul is being treated at a hospital for injuries in the left leg while Fatema took first aid, said police.

Police seized the bus of "Robrob Paribahan" and detained its driver Sazu.

Qulkhwani of M Moniruzzaman today

CITY DESK

Qulkhwani of M Moniruzzaman Khandaker, founder chairman of Midland Bank and tax adviser to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, will take place today after the Asr prayers at Gulshan Azad Mosque in the capital, said a press release.

He passed away at Apollo Hospitals on Friday. Family, friends and well-wishers are requested to attend the ceremony and pray for salvation of the departed soul.

'Mugger' held with firearm, ammo

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

An alleged mugger was arrested with a firearm and ammunition in Chittagong city's Bakalia area early yesterday.

A pistol, four bullets and a magazine were seized from Joni, 29, while he was preparing to mug people, said Pranab Chowdhury, officer-in-charge of Bakalia Police Station.

Son of Abul Hossain from Kalpalok Residential Area, Joni is an accused of four cases filed with Bakalia Police Station over possessing arms, mugging and robbery, said the OC.



Apollo Hospitals Dhaka inaugurated its Chemo Day Care Unit on August 16, 2018. It is a specialised unit for giving chemotherapy to cancer patients. Senior Oncologists Prof Dr Raju Titus Chacko, Dr Abu Jafar Mohammed Saleh, Dr Ferdous Shahriar Sayed along with Apollo Hospitals management dedicated the unit for taking care of cancer patients.

Government of the Peoples' Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Inspector General
Bangladesh Police
Police Headquarters, Dhaka.

Invitation for International Tender

Memo No-44.01.0000.058.03.023.18/ 4259 Date: 19/08/2018.

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the Manufacturers/suppliers/Local agents in their official pad for supply of Ammunition as required by Bangladesh Police in FY 2018-2019.

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Home Affairs.				
2. Agency	Bangladesh Police.				
3. Procuring Entity Name	AIG (Arms & Ammunition), Bangladesh Police.				
4. Invitation for	To Purchase Ammunition for Bangladesh Police.				
5. Invitation Ref. No.	44.01.0000.058.03.023.18/09(2018-2019)				
6. Date	19/08/2018				
Key Information					
7. Procurement Method	One Stage Two Envelope (International)				
Funding Information					
8. Budget and source of funds	Revenue Budget (GOB)				
Particular Information					
9. Tender Publication date	20 August 2018				
10. Tender last selling date	08 October 2018				
11. Tender closing date and time	09 October 2018 at 14:00 hrs				
12. Tender opening date and time (Technical offer only)	09 October 2018 at 14:30 hrs				
Name & address of the office					
13. Name & address of the office	Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, 6 Phoenix Road, Fulbaria, Dhaka.				
Selling tender document	AIG (Arms & Ammunition), Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, Dhaka.				
Receiving tender document	AIG (Arms & Ammunition), Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, Dhaka.				
Opening tender document	NCCOM Building (5 th Floor), Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, Dhaka.				
14. Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	06 September 2018, at 14:00 hrs. NCCOM Building (5 th Floor) Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, Dhaka.				
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER					
15. Eligibility of Tenderer	1) Up to date trade license 2) Current income tax certificate, 3) VAT registration and 4) other requirements described in the standard tender document (PG-4).				
Brief description of goods.					
Sl. No.	Description of Good	Quantity	Price of tender document (Non refundable)	Tender security in (USD)	Completion time
1.	Hand Held Tear Gas Spray (Canister)	10,000 Pcs	2,000/-	23,000.00 USD	120 days from the date of opening of L/C
2.	Illumination Flare Pistol Cartridge	5,000 Pcs	2,000/-	2,000.00 USD	120 days from the date of opening of L/C
Procuring Entity Details					
17. Name of official inviting tender	M. A. Jalil				
18. Designation of the official inviting tender	Assistant Inspector General (Arms & Ammunition).				
19. Address of official inviting tender	Assistant Inspector General (Arms & Ammunition), Room No-508 (4th Floor) 6 Phoenix Road, Police Headquarters, Dhaka.				
20. Contact details of official inviting the tender	Phone: 02-47120270 FAX: 02-9585304. E-mail: aiga_a@police.gov.bd				
21. The tenderers shall submit their Technical and Financial offer in separate sealed envelope. Furthermore both envelopes shall be covered by an outer envelope which is sealed.					
Special Instructions					
22. a) No tender will be received after the deadline of submission time & date.					
b) The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender process without assigning any reason.					
c) The Procuring entity also reserves the right to omit, increase and/or decrease the quantity of any item(s) from the tender.					
d) If not possible to receive/open the tender on the scheduled date for any unavoidable circumstance, the same will be received/opened on the next working date at the same time & same venue.					
e) Evaluation will be on item by item basis.					
f) Date of financial offer opening will be duly informed to the Technically Responsive Tenderers and their local agents.					
g) The Tenderer must comply with all requirements as per the tender data sheet provided with the tender schedule.					
h) The Tender Security shall be in the form of an irrevocable bank guarantee issued by an internationally reputable bank and shall require to be endorsed by its any correspondent bank located in Bangladesh.					
i) The Procurement will be performed according to the Public Procurement Act-2006 and Public Procurement Regulation 2008.					

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'DEROGATORY REMARK' ON PM Traffic inspector summoned

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chittagong court yesterday summoned a traffic inspector of Chittagong Metropolitan Police in a case filed for allegedly sharing a "derogatory remark" on Facebook about the prime minister.

The court of Chittagong Metropolitan Magistrate Al Imran issued the summon in connection with the case filed yesterday with the court by Sheikh Ahmed, assistant office secretary of Jubo League's ward 37 unit in port city.

According to the case statement, allegations were brought against the accused -- Abul Kashem, traffic inspector (admin) of Bandar Traffic Division -- under sections 500, 501 and 505 of the Penal Code.

Nirmalendu Bikash Chawakrabarty, additional deputy commissioner (prosecution) of CMP, said, "The court took the complaint into cognisance and asked the traffic inspector to appear before it on September 9 for providing his explanation."

The Jubo League leader alleged that on August 4, in a report run by a local newspaper, he took notice that Abul Kashem had shared a Facebook post, uploaded by one Habib Bin Islam on July 5 in 2012, containing derogatory remarks about the PM and her family.

JS goes into session Sept 9

UNB, Dhaka

The Jatiya Sangsad will go into its 22nd session on September 9, after a 58-day recess.

President Abdul Hamid convened the session exercising his power bestowed upon him by article 72 (1) of the Constitution, said a handout yesterday.

It said the session will begin at 5:00pm on the day.

Prior to the start of the session, the business advisory committee of parliament will meet with Speaker Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury in the chair to fix the duration and businesses of the coming session.

Earlier, the 21st session of current Parliament, which was also the budget session, was prorogued on July 12.

DHAKA-BARISAL RIVER ROUTE 30km detour causing longer travel time

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Travelling on the river route between the southern region and Dhaka or Chandpur is becoming time consuming and costlier as poor navigability at Miar Char channel in Mehendiganj upazila of Barisal is forcing river vessels to take a 30-kilometre detour.

As a diverted route, the vessels are now using the Kaliganga channel after Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) imposed a restriction on using the Miar Char channel from August 6.

Saidur Rahman Rintu, vice president of Bangladesh Launch Owners' Association, said the extended route is causing the vessels to consume more fuel and take a longer time to reach a destination.

"For the sake of passenger safety ahead of the upcoming Eid festival, we have no other option but to bear the extra cost," he added.

Kalam, a crew member of Sundarban-7, said the situation will bring down the usual number of trips they make during Eid holidays.

Ajmal Huda Mithu, deputy director of marine safety and traffic management at Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority, said they imposed the restriction on the Miar Char channel after two cargo vessels, known as bulkheads, capsized there in the last one year.

Dredging the channel to improve its navigability would not be sustainable as it is prone to heavy siltation and mud deposits, he added.

COMPENSATION FOR ACCIDENTS Local NGOs demand launch of mechanism

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Workers of local NGOs yesterday called for launching a mechanism that will ensure due compensation for victims of accidents, while working in partnership projects of UN agencies and international NGOs (INGOs).

They made the call during a press conference at the capital's Jatiya Press Club, says a press release.

Speakers said a similar mechanism is already in place between the UN agencies and INGOs.

Bangladeshi NGOs for World Humanitarian Summit, Cox's Bazar CSO NGO Forum, and COAST Trust with support of Oxfam arranged the press conference in observance of World Humanitarian Day.

They referred to an incident in which Rezina Akhter, worker of local NGO Mukti, died in a road accident on July 15 this year. She was going for work at a Rohingya refugee camp in Teknaf of Cox's Bazar.

Presenting a four-point demand, Shawkat Ali Tutul of COAST Trust said UN agencies and INGOs should declare a roadmap that will allow leadership to local NGOs.

They should also take long-term institutional development plan to support local NGOs developing organisational accountability, he said.

Rezaul Karim Chowdhury, executive director of COAST Trust; Emranul Haque Chowdhury, chairman of Credit and Development Forum (CDF); and Rafiqul Islam, director of Federation of NGOs in Bangladesh (FNB), spoke at the press conference, among others.

AIRPORT ROAD ACCIDENT Jabal-e-Noor driver denied bail

UNB, Dhaka

A Dhaka court yesterday rejected the bail petition of a bus driver of Jabal-e-Noor Paribahan in a case over the death of two college students in a road accident on Airport Road on July 29.

The accused driver is Mohammad Zubayer.

Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Md Mazharul Haque passed the order when Zubayer's lawyer Md Raiyan Islam submitted a bail petition.

Earlier on July 30, members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested two drivers and two helpers of the bus service from different parts of the capital in connection with the accident.

Diya Khanam Mim and Abdul Karim Rajib, college