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HEARING ON AIRPORT SERVICES

Passengers vent their grievances

RASHIDUL HASAN

Several passengers at a public hearing yesterday expressed their grievances and dissatisfaction over the poor services at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport (HSIA).

HSIA authorities organised the hearing at the Dhaka airport to improve the quality of their passenger services at the country's largest airport.

Passengers raised a number of complaints, including delay in getting back their luggage, rude behaviour of immigration police and reluctance of airport officials to help the migrant workers who are not educated enough to deal with the airport formalities.

Abdul Malek, a migrant worker who came to Bangladesh from Bahrain after six years on a Gulf Air flight on April 3, said he was yet to get his luggage that went missing on the day he arrived.

"I am not well off. Till now I have come to the Gulf Air office at the airport from Barishal three times, but to no avail. How many more times I need to come," he questioned.

Malek also mentioned that he had brought gifts and other household items for his family members.

In response, Nurul Islam Hawlader, general manager of airport services at Biman Bangladesh Airlines, said the airline is bound to find the passenger's luggage within 21 days of submitting a complaint at the Lost and Found desk

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Women pour water on the head of an infant at a slum in Malibagh yesterday. The child is suffering from fever and has become dehydrated in the heatwave.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN



Cut delays in trial proceedings

Urges Hasina speaking about huge case backlogs

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday directed the authorities concerned to make sure that trial proceedings are not delayed.

"The delay in trial proceedings has to be reduced because there're many people in jail who don't know why they are behind bars. They don't know what their faults are or how to access legal aid services," she said.

Addressing the inaugural programme of the National Legal Aid Day 2019 at

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'Supply water looks like sewage'

Dry taps and stinky water continue to torment people of south-eastern Dhaka

HELEMUL ALAM

Jakir Hossain, a resident of Shahjalalbagh of South Dania, has been worried about his four-and-half-year-old daughter who contracted typhoid several months back.

Jakir claimed she got the infection after using the water supplied by the Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (Wasa).

"The colour of the Wasa water looks like that of sewage water," said Jakir, a resident of 1561, Shahjalalbagh, who now has to fetch water from a nearby mosque every day for use by his family.

He claimed he was losing hair and facing allergies as well due to the filthy water.

Jakir's tale is similar to those of the thousand other residents of Shahjalalbagh of South Dania and parts of East Jurain, both of which have been facing this problem for the last five to six years.

"My daughter went to her office today after suffering from diarrhoea for two days due to the polluted water of Wasa," claimed Beauty Begum, another resident of Shahjalalbagh on Saturday.

Other tenants in her building have been facing



skin diseases and Beauty blamed the sewage like water supplied by Wasa.

"We have to bring water from the nearby mosque giving Tk 2 for a pitcher or a gallon of water and another Tk 10 to the day labourer who carries the water for us," said Sanowar Hossain, another resident of Shahjalalbagh.

He said they complained to Wasa several times but they paid no heed in this regard.

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Jamaat hails offshoot

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In a surprise move, the Jamaat-e-Islami has welcomed the new political platform formed by its breakaway activists although it allegedly barred party activists from joining the platform.

In a statement on Saturday, Jamaat Ameer Maqbul Ahmad also termed the new platform, "Jana Aakankhar Bangladesh" formed by former leaders of the Jamaat and its student body Islami Chhatra Shibir, "an offshoot of the Islamic movement".

He even praised the role of expelled Jamaat leader Mojibur Rahman Monju, a key organiser of the new platform floated on Saturday, when he was with the Jamaat.

In February, Jamaat's policy-making body Majlis-e-Shura member Monju, who had been vocal about bringing the reforms in the party, was expelled from the party for "breaching discipline" and "anti-party activities".

Since then Jamaat has been asking its activists not to have relations with the people who are talking in favour of party reforms and insisting that Jamaat should apologise to the nation for opposing the 1971 Liberation War.

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Universe younger, expanding faster



AP, Washington

The universe is expanding faster than it used to, meaning it's about a billion years younger than we thought, a new study by a Nobel Prize winner says. And that's sending a shudder through the world of physics, making astronomers re-think some of their most basic concepts.

At issue is a number called the Hubble constant, a calculation for how fast the universe is expanding. Some scientists call it the most important number in cosmology, the study of the origin and development of the universe.

Using Nasa's Hubble Space Telescope, Johns Hopkins University astronomer Adam Riess concluded in this week's Astrophysical Journal that the figure is 9% higher than the previous calculation, which was based on studying

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INDIA ELECTIONS 4th phase today in 9 states

AGENCIES

Millions of Indians will vote today in the fourth phase of the mammoth parliamentary elections covering 72 constituencies spread over 9 states.

The stakes are high for the ruling BJP and its allies as it had swept 56 of these seats in 2014, leaving just two for the Congress and the rest for other opposition parties such as the Trinamool Congress and the Biju Janata Dal.

The states that will be voting are Bihar (5 constituencies), Jammu and Kashmir (1 constituency), Jharkhand (3), Madhya Pradesh (6 constituencies), Maharashtra (17 constituencies), Odisha (6 constituencies), Rajasthan (13 constituencies), Uttar Pradesh (13 constituencies) and West Bengal (8

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A large chunk of this bridge in Bijoy Nagar of Brahmanbaria broke and fell into the Kaikkayachora canal beneath. A steel plate was later placed there as a stop-gap solution but with iron rods sticking out, it remains unsafe as before.

Bridge turns death trap

MASUK HRIDOY, Brahmanbaria

The Kaikyachara Bridge that connects Bijoy Nagar and Madhabpur upazilas has remained severely damaged for months now, causing distress to locals and hampering the movement of traffic.

A chunk of concrete, as wide as eight feet, collapsed at the western end of the 12-foot wide bridge in the first week of February, just over two months after authorities repaired a similar collapse at the eastern end, complained locals.

In a temporary fix, authorities laid a steel plate on the damaged part so that vehicles could ply the 30-feet-long and 12-feet wide bridge.

Locals, however, say they are scared to cross it as it poses a risk of accident.

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Torched for dowry

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A housewife was set on fire over dowry allegedly by her in-laws in Kishoreganj's Hossainpur upazila.

The 19-year-old victim, Nadira Akter, who was married around six months ago, is struggling for life at Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH).

A doctor of the hospital said Nadira sustained 13 percent burns to her chest, face and belly. Terming her condition stable, the doctor said the victim would be shifted to the

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PRAYER TIMING APRIL 29

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
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