

## President, PM to greet countrymen on Eid day

BSS, Dhaka

President M Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will exchange greetings with people from all walks of life at Bangabhaban and Gono Bhaban on the day of holy Eid-ul-Azha (August 12), the second biggest religious festival of the Muslims.

"The programme will begin at 10:30 am at Bangabhaban. The President will also deliver a short speech on the occasion," President's press secretary Mohammad Joyнал Abedin told BSS yesterday.

The head of the state is also scheduled to exchange Eid greetings with people of all walks of society.

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**A man pulls a bull, after purchasing it for Tk 1.05 lakh at Kamalapur cattle market yesterday. With Eid-ul-Azha just a day away, traders from across the country are bringing sacrificial animals to the capital hoping to make good profits. The photo of this livestock carrier on the Buriganga, inset, was taken from Postogola bridge in Jurain.**

## Fraudsters arrested with equipment, fake stamps worth Tk 1cr

*DB nabs members of mugging gang*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detective Branch (DB) of police in a special drive yesterday arrested two people from the capital's Paltan area, allegedly for selling fake revenue stamps.

The arrestees were identified as Rasel Ahmed Shanto and Md Nayem Islam.

A team of DB (series crime investigation department) also recovered fake revenue stamps, plates and others equipment worth Tk 1.02 crore from their possession, said Abdul Baten, additional commissioner (DB) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

In primary interrogation, the arrestees admitted that they used to prepare fake stamps and used to sell those at different districts of the country, said Baten, while addressing a press briefing at DMP media centre.

At the same press where these used to be printed, supporters of Hizb-ut Tahrir also used to print their posters, leaflets and books.

The DB team also recovered huge stash of leaflets and books.

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## KILLING AEDES MOSQUITOES

## City corporations start using new insecticide

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Both city corporations of Dhaka have started using newly tested insecticides to kill Aedes mosquitoes, responsible for the recent outbreak of dengue.

Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) is using deltamethrin insecticide while Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) is using malathion. DSCC began spraying the insecticide yesterday and DNCC since Thursday, according to official sources of the city corporations.

In July, a meeting was held in Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission organised by the two city corporations, where four new insecticides were recommended for killing Aedes mosquitoes.

Based on the decision, the samples of insecticides were brought from abroad. Three different tests were conducted on insecticides -- field test using fogging machine directly on

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## DENGUE OUTBREAK

## Hospitals ready to deal with patients during Eid: Maleque

BSS, Dhaka

Hospitals across the country are prepared to serve patients with dengue fever during the Eid holidays, Health Minister Zahid Maleque has said.

"We have trained 2,000 doctors. Our medicine specialists helped us with that. We have prepared a protocol, which has been distributed everywhere, including at private hospitals. Trained doctors have been sent to districts and upazilas," he told the news agency on Thursday in an interview at his Secretariat office.

The minister said they have already allocated Tk 10 lakh for each district hospital and Tk 2 lakh for each upazila hospital to buy anything they need in order to locally manage

patients.

"We hope there will be no problem. Even then, any problem they (district and upazila hospitals) face, they will be able to directly contact us. We'll always be in office, even on Eid day," he said.

The mosquito-borne viral disease could spread in districts and upazilas with people leaving Dhaka to celebrate Eid-ul-Azha with their dear and near ones.

"We have ordered upazila hospital authorities to make a separate dengue corner. I have visited some district hospitals and found that about 90 percent patients in those hospitals travelled back from Dhaka," the health minister said.

"We have also prepared four

hospitals in Dhaka for any sudden spike: Sheikh Hasina Burn and Plastic Surgery Institute, Sheikh Russell Digestive Unit, new expanded site of Nitor (National Institute of Traumatology and Orthopedic Rehabilitation) and Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College and Hospital," he said.

"The burn unit opens on Friday, while the other three will be functional from Saturday. I hope those will not be needed but still we are prepared."

"We have also opened a hotline -- 16263," the minister added.

This year, mosquitoes are breeding 12 times more than before, Zahid Maleque claimed.

"Our mandate is to ensure medical

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## Homebound passengers being overcharged

*Says Jatri Kalyan Samity, makes 12-point recommendation*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Jatri Kalyan Samity yesterday alleged that additional fares are being charged from Eid holidaymakers bound for different districts by road, water and airways.

Fares are illegally being charged two or three times higher than usual, in routes including Feni, Cumilla, Noakhali and in northern parts of the country, claimed the passengers' welfare platform.

From a press conference at Dhaka Reporters' Unity, the platform also made a 12-point recommendation to ensure safe journey for passengers for Eid-ul-Azha, to be observed tomorrow.

In a written statement there, the platform's secretary General Mozammel Hoque alleged that homegoers are paying extra fares on one hand, and remaining stuck for hours in jam on highways, as well as at rail stations due to schedule collapse.

Quieting statistics of the Roads and Highways Department, he said 4,247km of roads and highways and 300km of railways in the country are in poor condition due to un-repaired roads and risky bridges.

Waterways have become extremely risky due to unfavorable weather and the burden of carrying about three to four times extra passengers beyond capacity, he said.

Mozammel demanded that the government repair highways affected by flood, and introduce long-term measures to deal with the crisis of public transport.

Mozammel recommended imposing a ban on vehicles without fitness like "nosimon-korimon" (locally-produced three-wheelers), easy-bikes, auto-rickshaws, battery and pedal-run rickshaws, and restricting motorcycles on major highways.

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## 'An atrocious act of extortion'

*TIB says about higher fare of domestic flights*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) has expressed shock and disappointment over the three to four-time hike in fare by domestic airlines, taking advantage of the higher demand on Eid holidays.

In a statement yesterday, the anti-graft watchdog termed the hike an "atrocious act of extortion" and demanded justice and accountability in public interest and for corporate integrity.

Dr Iftekharuzzaman, executive director of TIB, said, "We are deeply shocked and disappointed to see in media reports that some airlines of Bangladesh have brazenly involved themselves in an unprecedented atrocious act of extortion through taking advantage of the higher demand for travels during the Eid holidays".

This, he said, is a shameful example of non-compliance of national and international standards, which is unthinkable for

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## PHOTO OF THE DAY

SK ENAMUL HAQ



**DON'T WORRY LITTLE ONE, YOU'LL BE BETTER SOON... three-year-old Subarna lies next to her mother at Mugdha Medical College Hospital yesterday. She was admitted to the hospital with dengue fever on Wednesday.**

## An unshakeable duo

*Father, son operate Biman flight together*

RASHIDUL HASAN

From the day Eric Reja Khondker took his first flying lessons, was a dream for him: to fly an aircraft sitting next to his father.

That dream came true for him on Thursday, as chance brought the duo together in the same cockpit -- of a Biman Bangladesh Airlines flight.

Captain Khondker Nazmul Islam and his son, first officer Eric together flew a Boeing 737-800 aircraft to Bangkok and back, said Tasnim Akhtar, public relations manager of Biman.

"A lifelong wish fulfilled, a day I'll never forget!" Eric said in a Facebook post, terming the experience "unreal".

Tasnim said though they fly for different airlines -- Nazmul for Regent Airways and Eric for Biman -- the opportunity presented itself when Biman leased cockpit crews from Regent.

"This must have been a proud moment and a career highlight for both of them,



and Biman would like to congratulate them on this epic flight," Tasnim said.

"This marks the second time in Bangladesh a father and son were in the same cockpit crew," Tasnim added, quoting a senior pilot of the national flag carrier.

The first such incident was in 2016, when Capt Sarker Kamal Sayeed and his son Wazid Sayeed flew an airplane on the London-Sylhet and Dhaka route.

## Five-tier security for nat'l mosque, eidgah

*Says DMP chief on Eid preparations*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) has taken five-tier security arrangements for National Eidgah ground and national mosque Baitul Mukarram ahead of Eid-ul-Azha prayers.

DMP commissioner Asaduzzaman Mia disclosed the arrangements yesterday after inspecting security measures at the national Eidgah.

The arrangements include in-uniform and plainclothed law enforcers, SWAT and bomb disposal unit, watch tower, metal detector archways and real-time CCTV monitoring.

People coming to National Eidgah ground for Eid prayers can only bring prayer mats and umbrellas with them, said the DMP boss.

Everyone will have to undergo three-tier screening before entering the venue, he said, adding that similar security arrangement is in place for National Mosque.

"Devotees will be allowed to enter after being screened through archways and metal detectors," said Asaduzzaman.

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### হামদর্দ বাংলাদেশ-এর অর্জনসমূহ

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- হামদর্দ পাবলিক কলেজ  
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দলপাড়া, লক্ষ্মীপুর
- হাকীম সাঈদ ইস্টার্ন মেডিকেল কলেজ ও হাসপাতাল  
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