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BANGABANDHU BRIDGE

New Eid, same old
fear of gridlocks

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Home-bound passengers travelling to the north for Eid this year may face the same old issue of heavy traffic jams at both ends of the Bangabandhu Bridge. Despite the concerns raised by transport workers, passengers and other parties concerned, the authorities have failed to provide assurance of a hassle-free journey.

As per sources, at least 18,000 to 20,000 vehicles of 116 routes in 26 districts, including 16 from northern districts, travel through Bangabandhu Bridge east-link road in normal circumstances every day, which increases to 50,000 to 60,000 vehicles before Eid.

The additional number of vehicles often leads to traffic congestion, which is further intensified by road accidents, reckless driving, breakdown of vehicles, and adverse weather conditions.

According to passengers and authorities concerned, vehicles can run on the 55-km new highway from Chandra in Gazipur to Elenga in Tangail quite comfortably.

However, their speed slows down when the vehicles enter the two-lane 13-km Bangabandhu Bridge east-link road, creating gridlocks.

To reduce traffic pressure on the east-link road, vehicles, especially goods-laden trucks, will be bypassed through Bhuapur area, said Shafiqul Islam, officer-in-charge of Bangabandhu Bridge East Police Station.



"Heavy trucks move slowly and this often causes traffic congestion. That's why we came up with this plan," he explained.

Meanwhile, a footbridge at Elenga bus-stop was recently destroyed. As a result, individuals cross the street by gesturing with their hands for vehicles to stop, slowing traffic, according to locals. They are concerned that this may contribute to even worse traffic jams during the approaching Eid journey.

Confirming the development, Elenga Highway Police Outpost In-Charge Jahid Hasan said, the road department

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MAKING THE MOST OF SUMMER... As the scorching heat of summer hits its peak, a group of children have found solace in a nearby pond. The water, although not very deep, is refreshing enough to take a dip and get some respite from the heat. This photo was taken in Keraniganj of Dhaka yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Rebuilding from the ashes

Bangabazar traders brave scorching heat;
lack of customers a downer

HELEMUL ALAM

The Bangabazar traders are struggling to get back on their feet after the devastating fire that burned everything in its path. The second day of reopening through makeshift arrangements has not been easy for them, with sales remaining low.

Yesterday around 12:30 pm, Mohammad Rubel, staffer of a shop housed at the fire-ravaged Bangabazar complex, sat there trying to sell products from their makeshift shop.

Unfortunately, he could only sell one piece of clothing, as the number of customers was extremely low.

The Dhaka South City

Corporation (DSCC) Mayor Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh inaugurated the makeshift stalls, set up on wooden "chowkis" on Wednesday.

Traders are selling their goods under the scorching sun, with a giant umbrella providing shade.

Out of around 2,900 shops at the complex, around 600 to 700 traders have resumed their business on the ground, where the three-story structure once stood.

"We resumed our business through this makeshift stall on Wednesday and could only get Tk 1,000 that day. But usually, we sold products worth an average of Tk 8 lakh every day during Ramadan," said Mohammad Rubel, a staffer of

Seven Star Collection.

He said their owner (mohajan) faced a loss of Tk 1.5 crore due to the fire as three of his shops were affected by the flames.

"We could save some products worth around Tk 3 lakh, which were kept in a godown in a nearby market. Now, we are trying to sell all of those before Eid, but the number of customers is very low while shops are under the open sky," he said.

Rubel also mentioned that around 10 staffers used to work at the three shops of their owner, and all of them are now in serious trouble as they are not getting any salaries or bonuses.

"Around 20,000 staffers were working in the around 3,000 shops

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People of all
religions live
freely in country

Says CHT minister

UNB, Dhaka

Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs Minister Bir Bahadur Ushwe Sing yesterday said people of all religions live freely in Bangladesh.

"The bad people don't belong to any party or religion. Those who are criminals and terrorists in society will no way be spared. The government will in no way tolerate such bad people," he said.

The minister made the remarks while addressing as the chief guest at a puja at the auditorium of the Small Ethnic Group Cultural Institute in Bandarban Sadar, said a PID handout.

Ushwe Sing also took part in a colourful procession there to celebrate Sangrai, one of the main traditional ceremonies of the Marma community. The procession started from Bandarban Rajar ground and ended on the premises of the institute, after parading major roads of Bandarban town.

The minister urged all to work in unison for the country, welcoming the new year (Bangalee year).

Leaders of the small ethnic communities and officials of the district administration were present.

Khuki no more

STAR REPORT



Dil Afroze Khuki passed away while undergoing treatment at Mother Teresa Homes in the city yesterday afternoon. She was 63.

She was a newspaper hawker and was known for her struggles for self-reliance, living a dignified life and charitable activities.

She passed away at 1:20pm, Shamsul Islam, an assistant commissioner of Rajshahi district administration, confirmed.

"Sister Adhelika from the homes informed me of her death," Islam said.

Rajshahi Deputy Commissioner Shamim Ahmed said he would visit the Mother Teresa Homes shortly and the district administration will arrange her proper burial.

Giving away her hard-earned income to the destitute, Khuki had chosen a life of constant battles. She was a newspaper hawker in the northern city for 30 years.

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e-Tender Notice (OTM)

Memo No. 54.01.1500.265.05.035.2022-2023-13 Date: 10.04.2023

SI No.	Tender ID No.	Tender Ref No.	Name of the works	Tender closing date & time	Tender opening date & time
1.	809145	54.01.1500.265.05.035.2022-2023-13	Firefighting equipment for CGMY sick line.	26-April- 2023 & 15:30	26-April-2023 & 15:30

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Seven sent to jail
for snatching
away accused

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

A Thakurgaon court yesterday sent seven people -- who were held over snatching an accused of a drug trading case in the district's Haripur upazila on Wednesday evening -- to jail.

Judicial Magistrate Md Ariful Islam passed the order when the arrestees -- Md Sohag, 28; Dulal Hossain, 26; Fazil Uddin, 52; Rubel Islam, 28; Moklesur Rahman; Dulal Hossain, 26; and Hamidur Rahman of Dilgaon village -- were produced before the court.

Citing the case, Haripur Police Station Officer-in-Charge Tajul Islam said after apprehending Mainuddin, when two police officers wanted to put handcuffs on him, he started shouting for help from his relatives.

Responding to his call, his relatives and neighbours rushed to the spot and attacked police with sticks and injured them. They also snatched Mainuddin from them.

On information, a police team went to the spot, rescued them and admitted the officers to Haripur Upazila Health Complex.

Later on Wednesday night, SI Rashedul Islam, one of the officers, filed a case, accusing 75, including 25 named persons in this connection.

Police arrested the seven during overnight drives at the village and adjoining areas, OC said.

One dead,
three hurt in
road crash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A worker was killed and three were injured when a speedy brick-laden truck hit a three-wheeler at Pakuria Haat area in Pabna's Ishwardi upazila yesterday morning.

The deceased -- Golam Hossain, 45, of Rajshahi's Bagha upazila -- was a farm worker and was working in a Banana orchard in the upazila's Lokhmikunda shoal area.

Arbinda Sarkar, OC of Ishwardi police station, said a group of banana-orchard workers from Rajshahi were going to their farms in a three-wheeler.

When they reached Pakuria haat around 7:30am yesterday, the truck hit the vehicle carrying Golam Hossain. He died on the spot.

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Memo No. 35.01.7200.455.00.000.23-534 Dated: 13-04-2023

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Sl. No.	Tender ID, Package No. & date of publishing	Name of work	Date & time
01.	Tender ID: 809972 Package No. e-GP/Rev/49/ NRD/2022-23 & APP ID 186306; Scheduled Tender/ Proposal publication date and time; 10-Apr-2023 10:30	Bridge Painting work at Different Km. of Netrokona-Madan-Khaliajuri Road (Z-3701) under Road Division, Netrokona during the year 2022-2023	Tender/Proposal document last selling/ downloading date and time: 24-Apr-2023 16:00 Last date and time for Tender/ Proposal security: 25-Apr-2023 11:30 Tender/Proposal closing & opening date and time: 25-Apr-2023 12:00

The interested persons/firms may visit the website www.eprocure.gov.bd to get the details of the tender.

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1	815812	OTM	Upgrading of networking system	10-Apr-2023 15:30	26-Apr-2023 16:00

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Ref: 30.34.2600.63.e-GP Tender.44.2023 Date: 13-04-2023

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798318	30.34.0000.063.18.007.23 Date: 24-01-2023 e-GP Tender No. 45/2022-23 dated 02-03-2023	Procurement of Meat & Fish (08 Line items).	16-04-2023 at 19:00 hrs	25-05-2023 at 11:00 hrs	25-05-2023 at 12:00 hrs

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