

EID-UL-AZHA

CCC to set up nine
makeshift cattle markets

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Although Chattogram City Corporation sought permission to set up 23 temporary cattle markets in the city ahead of Eid-ul-Azha, the district administration allowed them for nine.

To set up such makeshift markets, a total of 14 conditions have to be followed, said Rakib Hasan, additional district magistrate, Chattogram.

To ensure safety and security and health guidelines, and avoiding public nuisance are among them, said sources.

In addition, cattle would be available at CCC's three permanent cattle markets, meaning that the port city residents would be able to buy sacrificial animals from 12 cattle markets this year.

Contacted, CCC chief revenue officer Mohammad Nazrul Islam said the markets will be leased out in a short time.

"We have already floated tenders in this regard," he said.

The cattle markets usually start 10 days



before Eid, he said. "This year, the market will begin on June 20 and will remain open till the day before Eid day."

The nine makeshift cattle markets are Nur Nagar Housing Estate field in Bakalia, Khejurtola Embankment field at Patenga, TSP field at Patenga's Hossain Ahmed Para, Muslimabad field at Patenga, Wazedia Intersection in Panchlaish, Outer Ring Road CDA soil field, Godown field at Halishahar Barapol, the field adjacent to Saltgola Railway Crossing and the TK Group's vacant field south of Butterfly Park in South Patenga, said Nazrul Islam.

The three permanent cattle markets are Sagarika Bazar, Bibirhat Bazar and Postarpar Goat Haat.

Contacted, Dr Md Alamgir, Chattogram district livestock officer, said a total of 30 veterinary medical teams have been formed to deploy at the cattle markets to confirm the health condition of the sacrificial animals.



All it needed was 11mm rain from noon to 3:00pm that submerged many of the low-lying areas in the port city yesterday. Due to waterlogging, many vehicles got stuck on the road while water entered the ground floors of residents and markets, causing immense sufferings to people. This photo was taken in Sholashahar Gate-2 area.

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Reviving barren

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depending on the variety. Farmers and enthusiasts from various regions are flocking to Ali's garden, purchasing grape seedlings and even utilising courier services to deliver them.

Ruhul Amin said, "Ali's innovative approach and keen understanding of modern farming techniques have contributed to his success."

INSPIRING OTHERS

The success story of farmer Hasem Ali has sparked a wave of motivation among local farmers to venture into grape cultivation.

Noor Islam, a vegetable trader at Nageshwari Bazar, said he had purchased grapes from Ali and received positive feedback from buyers. The quality of Ali's grapes has created a surge in demand, leading Islam to believe that if more farmers take up grape

cultivation, it would be possible to meet the local market's demand with locally grown produce.

Abdul Hamid, a local farmer aged 65, expressed his astonishment at witnessing grapes being grown in his own village. Hamid purchased five grape seedlings from Ali and planted them on his homestead. He aspires to establish a grape orchard.

Biplab Kumar Mohanta, deputy director of the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) in Kurigram, emphasised the pioneering role of Ali as the first commercial grape producer in the region.

While grape orchards require substantial investment, Mohanta acknowledged the presence of enthusiastic farmers eager to venture into grape cultivation, with Ali serving as a source of inspiration.

Traders stare

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"A total of Tk 6,12,19,355 were deposited from various sources in the fund. We are waiting for the prime minister's fund to arrive but we are uncertain about the its time of arrival," he added.

"However, things will get better when we receive the funds," he said.

"We are in talks with prime minister's Private Industries and Investment Adviser Salman F Rahman and DSCC Mayor Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh to receive, allocate and distribute the funds in a proper manner. We plan to stop collecting funds after this month," said Helal Uddin, president of the association.

Of the collected amount, each trader will receive Tk 15,000 if the prime minister's fund is not received – an amount termed "meager" and "insufficient" by multiple affected traders.

On April 4, a massive fire at Bangabazar Shopping Complex resulted in the destruction of around 3,000 shops, primarily filled with clothing items, causing significant economic losses for several thousand traders.

The adjacent Anexco Tower, Banga Islamia Market, and Banga Homeo Market were also affected, while a police barrack near the Police Headquarters was partially destroyed.

Miscreants

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The incidents mostly happened at Mainamoti and Lalmai stations.

Ahmed Ali, senior sub-assistant engineer of signal at Cumilla Railway Station, said, "As the motors were stolen from 25 automatic signal points, the track changing systems are not functioning."

"Now it is being maintained manually which takes extra time and labour. These motors were imported. So, it is not easy get those," the railway official added.

Masud Alam, officer-in-charge of Laksham Railway Police Station, said, "We have received an official complaint [in connection with the theft] and are investigating it."

Dengue spike rings alarm

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dengue outbreak slowly."

HIGHER DEATH SPECULATED

According to the researchers, dengue fever is caused by the dengue virus, which belongs to the Flaviviridae family. There are four distinct serotypes of the dengue virus: DEN-1, DEN-2, DEN-3, and DEN-4.

These serotypes are closely related but differ slightly in their genetic makeup, leading to variations in their antigenic properties.

When a person is infected with one serotype of the dengue virus, they develop immunity to that specific serotype. However, this immunity does not provide protection against the other serotypes, according to researchers.

Saifullah Munshi, professor of virology at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University, told The Daily Star yesterday, "In fact, subsequent infections with a different serotype can potentially lead to more severe forms of dengue, such as dengue hemorrhagic fever or dengue shock syndrome."

Recently, researchers have reported Den-4 in Chattogram, according to Munshi.

"We already have the outbreak caused by the three previous serotypes. If the Den-4 has started circulating, then it is concerning," Munshi said.

Echoing Prof Bashar, he also said, "If there are many cases this year, we will witness a higher death

rate too. Because, many people will get a second-time infection due to the massive outbreak last year."

To stay safe, he urged people to contact a physician if they exhibit dengue symptoms including high fever (40°C/104°F), severe headache, joint and muscle pain, rash, and mild bleeding.

"If fever persists for 4-5 days, people should get a dengue test as per the advice from a physician," he added.

He also urged people not to be worried.

"Dengue treatment is possible by staying at home as per the suggestion from the physician. Also, drinking adequate liquid food – fruit juice, water, and saline – is a must," he added.

Khaleda returns

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Khaleda, 78, has long been suffering from various ailments, including liver cirrhosis, arthritis, diabetes, kidney, lung, heart and eye problems.

Since her conditional release in 2020, the BNP chief has been receiving treatment at the hospital under a medical board

headed by cardiologist Prof Shahabuddin Talukder.

Amid the coronavirus outbreak, the government temporarily freed Khaleda Zia from jail through an executive order suspending her sentence on March 25, 2020, with conditions that she will stay in her Gulshan house and will not leave the country.

The candidates

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27 percent of the candidates have criminal cases against them, down from 31 percent in 2018.

At least 44 out of 162 candidates in the RCC polls have criminal cases against them. It is worth noting that only Liton, among the four mayoral candidates, had criminal cases in the past, which were subsequently withdrawn by the state.

The analysis also

touched upon the educational qualifications of candidates. While the number of highly educated candidates slightly increased, there is still a significant number of candidates with SSC and below qualifications (85 out of 162). The number of candidates who did not complete secondary school stands at 56, while 48 candidates hold bachelor's and master's degrees.

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Ahsan Bulbul urged the owners of the organisations, for those Nadim used to work, to stand by the side of the bereaved family.

Jatiyatabadi Shikkhak Forum, a platform of pro-BNP teachers of Jahangirnagar University, issued a statement protesting the killing.

"Question has arrived whether justice will be served in the killing of Nadim as justice was not ensured in many sensational murders including the killings of journalist couple Sagar-Runi," reads their statement.

Bakshiganj upazila Press Club also formed a human chain from which local journalists threatened to call for a tougher movement if the killers of Nadim did not get capital punishment.

From another human

chain in port city, Chattogram Union of Journalists said the murder of Nadim has pointed fingers to the growing insecurity faced by journalists across the country.

In protest, Munshiganj Press Club organised a human chain from which they demanded formulation of a law to ensure safety of journalists.

Covering their faces with black clothes, Electronic Media Journalists Association, a platform of television journalists of Sylhet, observed a sit-in programme.

Leaders of the forum said since journalists report against all wrongdoers, oppressors or corrupt people for the sake of welfare of the state and society, it becomes a threat for them.

They also demanded bringing of the case under special tribunal for swift

completion of trial.

Noakhali journalists also held a human chain on Noakhali Press Club premises. Also, journalists of Chapainawabganj formed a human chain in front of the district press club.

Besides, journalist organisations in Gazipur, Tangail, Jashore, Brahmanbaria, Bogura, Sirajganj, Pabna, Cumilla, Bhola, Barishal, Rajshahi, Narsingdi, Rangpur, Gopalganj and Chandpur also protested the murder.

Golam Rabbani Nadim, 42, a Jamalpur-based journalist, was attacked by unidentified miscreants in Bakshiganj Bazar area while he was returning home around 10:00pm on Wednesday.

His family members alleged that followers of Mahmudul Alam Babu, chairman of Sadhurpara Union Parishad, carried out the attack.

Green, clean and smart Sylhet

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job opportunities for the residents. Efforts to tackle traffic congestion and provide efficient transportation systems are also among his priorities.

The manifesto underscores the need for a participatory and well-governed city, highlighting the importance of citizen engagement and transparent governance.

WILL HE DELIVER ?

Though Anwaruzzaman's manifesto is full of promises, most of these were previously made by present Mayor Ariful Haque Chowdhury and

former mayor Badar Uddin Ahmed Kamran in the 2013 and 2018 elections.

As a mayor, Kamran served the city from 2002 to 2013 and Ariful since 2013.

Sylhet has been suffering from an increased waterlogging problem for over two decades, and the 2022 flood almost disabled the urban life for weeks. With rainfall from Wednesday morning, many parts of the city are inundated and the issue is being discussed among people.

For the last 10 years, the government spent more than Tk 1,000 crore to prevent waterlogging but

the result is disappointing. Ariful is widely being criticised as he made the promise to solve the waterlogging woes in the 2013 and 2018 elections, and failed in this regard.

Anwaruzzaman in his manifesto similarly promised to solve waterlogging, recover nine natural canals of the city and construct a dyke by the Surma river to prevent flooding. Meanwhile, his promise of a green, clean and environment-friendly city is being praised by the residents as he is pledging to plant more trees and save waterbodies and hillocks.

Fair polls not possible

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allowing them to enter the polling centres.

"We are still in the election. Because we had promised that we will participate in all the elections till the national polls. Through the city corporation elections, we will be able to evaluate

our strength. On the other hand, country's people can see how the election system really is," he said.

The JP chief said the country needs an accountable government, which can only be ensured through fair elections. There is no sustainable and people-oriented

development without an accountable government.

"Without an accountable government, it is not possible to stop corruption, looting and money laundering. Therefore, we are doing politics to establish an accountable government through free and fair elections," GM Quader added.

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thought had been given to the project before its commencement."

During the briefing, the minister mentioned that the construction work on the elevated expressway up to Tejgaon would be finished before the upcoming national elections.

Furthermore, he said metro rail services from Agargaon to Motijheel are expected to complete in September or October this year.

Meanwhile, following the opening of the flyover, commuters expressed their joy and relief. Previously, the congested road often caused significant delays, but with the new flyover, they hope the travel time will

decrease significantly.

Didaar Hossain, a private car driver, said, "Previously, it would take me up to 2 hours to cover a 4.5 kilometre road due to congestion. I have never crossed this road without any gridlock. Now, by using the flyover, I can comfortably travel within 7-8 minutes..."

Echoing him, Samir Ahmed, a Dhaka-bound commuter, said, "I remember the days when crossing this 4.5-kilometre road seemed like an endless struggle."

"As a regular commuter, I can't emphasise enough how smoother and faster my journeys have become. The convenience and time savings are incredible," said Sneha Khan, a private job holder.


Will join polls

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Nazrul said most political parties in Bangladesh now believe that a fair and acceptable election is not possible under the Awami League government.

He also said how the national election will be fair under the Awami League government when it cannot hold the local body polls in a fair and credible manner. "So, the next national election must be held under a non-partisan government."

Nazrul said the AL government has indulged in so many misdeeds, torture, persecution, corruption and plundering that it is now afraid to quit power. "They now fear that they won't be able to avoid public wrath after losing power as people won't forgive them."

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