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## ALL THINGS RAMADAN

**Beef at Tk 595 per kg**  
Shahjahanpur trader slashes price again  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Meat trader Khalil Ahmed yesterday announced to sell beef at the cheaper price of Tk 595 per kilogramme during the month of Ramadan.

This is the second instance in recent times that Khalil has sold the luxury item at lower than the market price, which is now around Tk 750-800 per kg.

"I had a plan to sell at Tk 500 but it is not possible due to cattle price hike... I will sell at Tk 595 per kg till 25th Ramadan," Khalil said at his shop Khalil Gosto Bitan in the capital's Shahjahanpur area.

A buyer will be able to buy a maximum of 5 kg of meat at the discounted price.

AHM Shafiqzaman, director general of Directorate of National Consumers' Right Protection, visited Khalil's shop and inaugurated the

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People buy iftar items at the capital's Bailey Road, where numerous shops were selling an array of traditional and non-traditional items yesterday, the first day of Ramadan. Although not as old as the one in Chawkbazar, the iftar market on Bailey Road is no less popular, offering a wide range of food items.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

## Four killed as truck overturns on Dhaka-Ctg highway

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cumilla

Four people were killed and three others injured as a truck overturned after hitting another parked on Dhaka-Chatogram highway in Chandina upazila of Cumilla yesterday morning.

The deceased were identified as Monir Hossain, 28, Habibur Rahman, 32, Akter Hossain, 35, and Rafiqul Islam, 23, said Monjurul Alam, in-charge of Eliotganj Highway Police Outpost.

A Dhaka-bound fish-laden truck from Noakhali overturned in Belaswar area after hitting a parked truck around 5:30am, he said.

Four people, who were travelling on the truck, died on the spot, Monjurul said, adding that three injured were rushed to Chandina Upazila Health Complex. They were later transferred to Dhaka.

Police seized the truck and recovered the bodies from the spot, said the police officer.



PHOTO: COLLECTED

## A century-old tradition

Hundreds head to Chawkbazar iftar market on first day

HELEMUL ALAM

Towara, a resident of Narayanganj, came to Chawkbazar yesterday on the first day of Ramadan to try out its well-known iftar for the first time in her life.

Accompanied by her brother Biplob Khan, the two were inspired to come here by all the coverage regarding Chawkbazar's much talked about iftar items on traditional and social media.

"We have purchased boro baper polay khay and will take some other items from here to have iftar with our parents," said Towara.

She said they heard about these traditional items over the years but finally got the opportunity to come here this Ramadan.

Several hundred years old, the Chawkbazar iftar market -- the largest iftar market in the capital -- attracts hundreds of people from all over the country.

Every Ramadan, people gather at the market to buy varieties of items. Several hundred makeshift shops sell items prepared from meat, vegetables, sweets, milk and other ingredients.

Some iftar items can be traced back to the Mughal era.

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## Daily essentials still out of reach

SHAHEEN MOLLAH and MD ABBAS

Idris Miah, a roadside makeshift iftar seller, went to Karwan Bazar Kitchen Market to buy kheshari dal (grass peas), an essential ingredient for piyaju, a popular item for iftar.

"I searched for kheshari dal in at least 20 shops at Karwan Bazar Kitchen Market, but found it only in two shops where the prices were unusually high, forcing me to leave the market without purchasing kheshari dal," he told this newspaper.

To verify his claim, these correspondents visited at least 30 grocery shops at Karwan Bazar and found that kheshari dal was only available at two shops, where it was being sold for Tk 140 to Tk 150 per kg.

Wishing anonymity, a kheshari dal wholesale trader told the newspaper that the product was scarce on the market and hoped it

would be supplied within the next few days.

Visiting Karwan Bazar, Kochukhet, Ibrahimpur, and Mirpur-14 kitchen markets, these correspondents found that the prices of broiler chicken, mutton, fish, and some fruits -- including watermelons, bananas, pineapples, guavas, and strawberries -- have increased by Tk 20-100.

Customers were seen buying imported fruits despite the high prices.

Broiler chicken is being sold at Tk 220-230 per kg, up from Tk 200-210 last week. Mutton is now priced at Tk 1,050-1,200, compared to Tk 1,000-1,150 last week.

"Being the main source of meat for low-income people, the demand for broiler chicken is high. But the supply is not adequate, leading to the price increase," traders claimed.

Sukkur Ali, a fish trader at Karwan Bazar, claimed the demand

for high-quality fish has increased, leading to higher prices.

"Prices of hilsa, rupchada, shol, koral, and deshi koi have increased by Tk 200-300 per kg, and we have some fixed customers who buy these regardless of the prices," he claimed.

Additionally, prices of dates, sugar, lentils, ginger, garlic, potatoes, chickpeas, and flour have remained high for the past month.

Meanwhile, the commerce ministry fixed the price of dates, one of the key items for iftar, in a notice on Monday, setting the price of low-grade dates at Tk 150 to Tk 165 per kg.

However, when these correspondents visited the capital's kitchen markets, they found that there were no dates available for below Tk 200, while several traders told The Daily Star that they were unable to procure dates at the

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## Protests continue at JU demanding safe campus

JU CORRESPONDENT

A section of teachers and students padlocked new administrative building of Jahangirnagar University for the second consecutive day yesterday to press home their five-point demands, including maximum punishment for those involved in raping a woman on the campus in February.

Around 20 teachers and students under the banner of "Nipiron Birodhi Moncho" padlocked the building around 9:00am.

Following the incident, the JU vice chancellor, pro vice-chancellors and other administrative officials could not enter the building.

Their five-point demands also include removal of former students from halls, ensuring accommodation of regular students, and identifying and prosecuting those involved in ragging culture; actions against the accused of various crimes on the campus; and investigation into the negligence of the university's proctor and provost of Mir Mosharraf Hossain Hall over the rape incident; and legal actions against the drug syndicates on campus.

Parvin Jolly, a professor of the history

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## Conduct drives at restaurants as per law: HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a rule asking the authorities concerned why harassment in the name of an operation or raid would not be declared illegal.

The HC also directed to conduct raids at restaurants as per the law.

The court also asked them to show causes why they should not be ordered not to demolish any structure of restaurants.

The bench of Justice Mustafa Zaman Islam and Justice Md Atabullah issued the rule following a writ petition filed by Bangladesh Restaurant Owners Association seeking necessary directives to this effect.

Writ petitioner's lawyer Ahsanul Karim told reporters that since the fire incident on the capital's Bailey Road on February 29, some agencies have been conducting drives even against the restaurants running legally, and the agencies have illegally and haphazardly been taking actions without issuing any show cause notice.

Therefore, owners and staff members of restaurants are getting panicked and their businesses are being hampered, he said.

Advocate Ahsanul said there have been many fire incidents in the country's residential buildings, but those don't justify vacating or dismantling all residential buildings, he said.

Deputy Attorney General Tushar Kanti Roy represented the state during the hearing.



Abdur Rahman selling balloons to children outside schools in Khulna's Shibbari area yesterday afternoon. Purchasing each balloon for Tk 40, he retails them for Tk 50, selling 80-100 pieces everyday.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

## Woman dies after being hit by bus in Shahbagh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A woman was killed after being hit by a bus in Dhaka's Shahbagh area yesterday morning.

The identity of the woman, aged around 45, could not be known immediately.

A bus of Savar Paribahan hit the woman when she was crossing the road near Aziz Super Market around 8:45am, leaving her critically injured, said Md Selim, a sub-inspector of Shahbagh Police Station.

Pedestrians took her to the emergency department of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University where doctors declared her dead, the SI said.

Police seized the bus and detained its driver Esa Mia from the spot, the police officer said.

The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College morgue for autopsy.