

EID-UL-AZHA

19 cattle markets to be allowed in Dhaka

BSS, Dhaka

Authorities yesterday said they are set to allow 19 makeshift cattle markets within the purviews of Dhaka north and south city corporations on the occasion of the upcoming Eid-ul-Azha.

According to officials concerned, 10 of the cattle trading stations would be set up within the purview of Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) and nine others under the range of Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC).

The DNCC and DSCC officials said they have floated open tenders to allocate the space for the cattle markets under lease agreements for five days.

They said the city corporations will not allow any makeshift cattle market outside the designated places.

"We have [so far] received bidders' responses for setting up seven makeshift cattle markets under our jurisdiction," said DSCC Chief Executive Officer Dr M Zillur Rahman.

The officials said due to a court directive, the popular markets at Aftabnagar and Meradia would not be allowed this year.



A group of youths jumps off an anchored cargo ship and dives into the Kirtankhola River. Amid rising temperatures, swimming in natural water bodies like rivers and ponds is the only way for many to beat the heat. The photo was taken in the Band Road area of Barishal city yesterday.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

Touchstone statue recovered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Rab recovered a Vishnu idol made of touchstone at a house at Dandapal Matiapara village in Panchagarh's Debiganj upazila on Thursday.

In this connection, Rab arrested a man named Abu Bakar Siddique, 29, of Pamuli Madareriher village under the upazila.

According to a Rab press release, the idol is 32 inches tall, 13.5 inches wide, weighs 13.5kg, and is valued around Tk 1.5 crore.

A case was filed with Debiganj Police Station against Abu Bakar, said Inspector (Investigation) Probrir Sarker.

Rain, labour

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Extension, said Boro paddy was cultivated on 185,460 hectares in the district this season, and around 90 percent of it has already been harvested.

"The rest could have been harvested quickly, but due to rain and lightning, there has been some delay," he said.

He said out of 1,004 harvester machines in the district, 734 are currently operational. However, with fewer crops left in

the fields, many machines have moved to nearby upland areas. As a result, farmers are having to rely on labourers, who are now demanding higher wages.

Netrokona has set a paddy production target of 1.262 million tonnes this season, with an estimated market value of over Tk 4,543 crore. However, due to natural disasters and a shortage of machinery, around 15 percent of the district's farmers may face financial losses.

Take steps to stop

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ensured for people involved in cattle trading, along with measures to facilitate their safe movement.

Farida also criticised the imposition of commercial electricity tariffs on the fisheries and livestock sectors. Unlike agriculture, these sectors do not benefit from equivalent subsidies, causing hardship for small-scale farmers. She said she had already sent a demi-official (DO) letter to the Ministry of Finance urging

redress.

Additionally, she announced plans to introduce development projects specifically targeting women who rear livestock, aiming to promote inclusive economic growth.

Dhaka North City Corporation Administrator Mohammad Azaz and Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB) Director General Faruk Wasif were among those present at the meeting.

Incorporate the youth in policymaking

Speakers tell event

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Youths should be included in the state's policymaking process to ensure sustainable development across all sectors, said speakers at a seminar in Khulna yesterday.

They noted that the July uprising was led by youths, whose talents, knowledge, and spirit have yet to be fully utilised.

The seminar, titled "The Future Thoughts of Youths, The Future Bangladesh," was organised by Jubo Dal, Swachhasebak Dal, and Chhatra Dal at the Khulna Press Club.

Speaking as the chief guest, BNP Standing Committee Member Salahuddin Ahmed called for a "need-based education policy" to improve the skills and knowledge of young people.

He also said the implementation of BNP's 31-point state reform proposal is essential for the country's overall progress.

Barrister Andaleeb Rahman Partha, chairman of Bangladesh Jatiya Party (BJP), said the responsibility of upholding citizens' fundamental

rights lies with politicians.

"If we have good people as politicians, we will enjoy those rights — just like you can have good food if you have a good cook," he said.

Fahim Mashroor, founder of BDJobs, said third language education should be made compulsory at the college level to prepare students for the international job market.

"Along with Bengali and English, students should learn an additional language of their choice," he added.

Dr Sayem Mohammad, senior consultant at AMZ Hospital; Dr Azizul Haque, associate professor at the Medical University of South Carolina, USA; Dr Maruf Mallik, political analyst and lecturer at DW Akademie, Germany; Rezaul Karim Rony, editor of Jaban; Dr Shamima Sultana, professor at Jahangirnagar University; and Dr Toufiq Jowardar, associate professor at the National University of Singapore, also spoke.

Mahdi Amin, adviser to BNP acting chairperson Tarique Rahman, moderated the event.

Two killed in lightning strikes in two districts

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Two persons were killed in lightning strikes in Lalmonirhat and Kurigram yesterday morning.

The deceased are Safiar Rahman, 58, a betel trader of Patgram upazila; and Chameli Rani, 42, a farmer of Ulipur upazila.

Police Station's Officer-in-charge Swapan Kumar Sarkar said Safiar was struck by the lightning while he was on way to his shop from his house. He died on the spot.

Meanwhile, Ulipur Police Station's OC Zillur Rahman said Chameli went to bring her cows from the field as it was raining in the morning.

But she died when lightning hit the area at that time.

Those opposing polls Verdict in Magura

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Election Commission has already said it can be ready by June — so what is the obstacle?"

He added that a phase of the one-point movement, launched in August last year, had already succeeded with the fall of what he termed "fascism".

"Now people await the fulfilment of the rest of their demands. Many young voters have never had the chance to cast their first vote. Voting is their highest political right," he said.

Nazrul also reiterated BNP's support for political reform. "There are two ways to bring change — revolution and reform. While revolution is sudden, reform is a consensual, step-by-step process."

He proposed the creation of a reform charter by June, with all political parties agreeing and signing it. Immediate reforms could be implemented through legislation or ordinances, while those requiring constitutional changes could be addressed by the next elected parliament.

"Even if not by June, this process can be completed by July," he said, again questioning the reason behind any delay in holding polls.

"No system is better than an elected government. It may be slow or flawed, but democracy remains our only path forward," Nazrul added.

On March 13, she died at the CMH after suffering three cardiac arrests.

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Prices of rice

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wholesale, said Sabuz Sheikh, a trader at Karwan Bazar.

Potato prices, however, edged up slightly to Tk 20-22 per kg, compared to Tk 18-20 last week.

Traders expect the trend in falling prices of some essentials to continue if supply remains stable in the coming weeks.

6 killed, 40 injured

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Banani Police Station Sub-inspector Md Sohel said the incident occurred around 2:30am in front of the Naval Headquarters.

The woman suffered critical injuries and was found lying on the road.

On information, police rescued her and took her to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) around 4:00am, where doctors declared her dead.

The body was kept at the hospital morgue for an autopsy, confirmed DMCH police camp in-charge Inspector Md Faruk.

Police said efforts are underway to identify the deceased. The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) has been informed, and fingerprint analysis is being conducted to help confirm her identity.

Authorities are also reviewing CCTV footage from the area to trace the vehicle responsible for the accident, said SI Sohel.

In Gopalganj, two people were killed and at least 20 injured in a road accident on the Dhaka-Khulna highway in Kashiani upazila on Thursday night.

The identity of the deceased could not be

confirmed immediately.

Following the crash around 9:00pm, vehicular movement on both sides of the busy highway came to a halt until 10:45pm. Traffic resumed afterwards.

Quoting local, Kashiani Police Station OC Khondokar Hafizur Rahman said the accident took place when a Dhaka-bound truck collided head-on with a New Baleshwar Paribahan bus coming from Khulna.

Police and firefighters sent the injured to Kashiani Upazila Health Complex and Gopalganj 250-bed General Hospital, he added.

In Cumilla, two motorcycle riders were killed as an unidentified vehicle hit their bike on the Dhaka-Chattoagram highway in Sadar Dakshin upazila of Cumilla on Thursday night.

The deceased were identified as Shakil Hossain, 22, son of Md Salam from Mohammadpur in Dhaka; and Sahed Shimul, 24, son of Peyar Ahmed from Chhagalnaiya upazila in Feni. Both riders died on the spot, said Mainamati Crossing Highway Police Station OC Iqbal Bahar.

The incident took place in Jor Kanon area around 10:15pm, he said.

Govt sincere

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today with the theme "Gender Equality in Digital Transformation", an official release said.

"I am delighted to learn that World Telecommunication and Information Society Day is going to be celebrated on May 17 in Bangladesh like elsewhere in the world," he added.

The chief adviser said, "Equal participation of men

and women in all the sectors of digital transformation and utilisation of telecommunication service and IT, is a prerequisite for building a discrimination-free and modern society."

Yunus said the interim government is committed to ensure equal opportunities and rights for men and women in all the segments of digital transformation by upholding the spirit of July mass uprising.

200 held in joint

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stolen mobile phones and passports, smuggled sugar and spices, unauthorised medicines, and cash were recovered during the operations.

They were handed over to local police stations for

interrogation and legal proceedings. The army has also been conducting regular patrols across the country to ensure public safety. In industrial areas, its presence has played a key role in calming worker unrest, the ISPR said.

2 years on, no justice

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Mahbub, who is now elevated to the Appellate Division, and Justice Muhammad Mahbub Ul Islam issued a rule.

The court asked the authorities concerned to explain why Jasmine's detention without any prior case should not be declared illegal.

The HC also asked them to show causes as to why they should not be directed to take action against the Rab members who had detained her. It also directed the cabinet secretary to form a high-powered probe committee.

Rab's then director general MKhushid Hossain told the parliamentary standing committee on April 5, 2023, that Jasmine's "murder" had "tarnished the image of the country, Rab, and the government," acknowledging the involvement of the local Rab camp.

The government's probe body submitted its report on August 17, 2023, to the HC led by Justice Farah Mahbub. The same bench on October 15 found

the report vague and unsatisfactory.

The court scheduled a hearing on the rule for November 29, 2023.

However, as jurisdiction of the bench has been reconstituted by the then chief justice Obaiddul Hassan as a "routine work", and the HC is yet to hold a hearing and deliver its verdict, said petitioner Manoj.

"I mentioned the rule before two other High Court benches, but they declined to hear it, saying they are junior to Justice Mahbub," said Manoj. He said he plans to bring the matter before another bench.

Contacted, Md Nazmul Haque Mantu, maternal uncle of Jasmine, said over the phone that no one was held accountable and put on trial over Jasmine's death in Rab's custody.

He said Jasmine had no charges against her before she was picked up.

"I didn't file any case over her custodial death because the High Court had already issued a rule," he said.

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COMPANY MATTER NO. 646 OF 2025
IN THE MATTER OF:
An application under Section 81(2) read with Section 85(3) & Section 396 of the Companies Act, 1994.

IN THE MATTER OF:
Md. Shawkat Hossain, son of Late Mohabbat Ali, Shareholder and Managing Director of Maple Leaf Hotel & Resorts Ltd., registered address at Plot-01, Rad-01, Uttara-01, Dhaka. -----Petitioner
-VERSUS-
The Registrar, Joint Stock Companies and Firms, TCB Bhawan (6th Floor), Kawan Bazar, Dhaka-1215 and another. -----Respondents

Notice is hereby given that an application under Section 81(2) read with Section 85(3) and Section 396 of the Companies Act, 1994 was filed before the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh by the petitioner for permission of the said Hon'ble Court to hold Annual General Meeting for the year 2021, 2022, 2023 & 2024 of Maple Leaf Hotel & Resorts Ltd., registered address at Plot-01, Rad-01, Uttara-01, Dhaka, incorporated on 04/08/2013, upon condonation of delay. The said application has been moved before the Court of Mr. Justice Ahmed Sohel, the Hon'ble Judge of the Company Court, High Court Division, Bangladesh Supreme Court, was pleased to pass an order on 27/04/2025 admitting said application. Any person interested in the said application may appear before the said Hon'ble Court. Copy of the said application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of charges.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION
COMPANY MATTER NO. 712/2025
An application under Sections 81(2) read with Section 85(3) of the Companies Act, 1994.

IN THE MATTER OF:
Mr. Mohammad Faruk Hossain, Managing Director of SINGAPORE BANGLADESH SERVICES LIMITED, C-111441 Address: Berum (Soytala), Jamgara, Ashulia, Dhaka. -----Petitioner
-VERSUS-
The Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms, 1, Kawan Bazar, 6th Floor, TCB Bhawan, Dhaka-1215. -----Respondent.

Notice is hereby given in the effect that an application under Sections 81(2) read with Section 85(3) of the Companies Act, 1994, was moved in the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh by the petitioner for condone the delay of holding the Annual General Meeting of the company name and style as "SINGAPORE BANGLADESH SERVICES LIMITED" The Hon'ble company Judge, MR. JUSTICE AHMED SOHEL has admitted the said application on 4th May 2025 and fixed for compliance on 22nd June 2025 Any person interested in the said application may appear before the Hon'ble court. A copy of the said application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of charges.
Ripon Chandra Bhowas, Advocate
Supreme Court of Bangladesh Hall Room no. 01 (Main) Supreme Court Bar Building, Dhaka. Mobile No. 01712-0512513

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