Bangladesh's Hajj quota increased by 5,000

UNB, *Dhaka*

Bangladesh's Hajj quota for 2027 has been increased by 5,000 to 83,500 under a bilateral agreement signed with Saudi Arabia in Jeddah on Monday.

Religious Affairs Minister Kazi Shah Mofazzal Houssain Kaikobad and Saudi Minister of Hajj and Umrah Dr Tawfig bin Fawzan Al-Rabiah signed the agreement on behalf of their respective governments.

After the signing, Kaikobad said the discussions had concluded successfully, adding that the additional allocation was granted following a special request from the Bangladesh government.

A total of 78,500 Bangladeshi pilgrims performed Hajj in the previous season under government and private arrangements.

During the talks, the two ministers also reviewed progress in Hajj management and discussed administrative challenges, including limitations on tent accommodation capacity in Mina.

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A new weekend retreat by the Karnaphuli

SIFAYET ULLAH, *Ctg*

A riverside road along the Karnaphuli is emerging as a popular weekend getaway in Chattogram, drawing city dwellers seeking open space, fresh air and river views.

Behind Kolpolok Residential Area, the under-construction 8.5-kilometre road and dyke have become an informal recreational spot, attracting families, couples and groups of friends, particularly on weekends.

Ashraful Alam, a Forest Department employee, recently visited with his wife and two children.

"I was surprised to see so many people here. There are hardly any facilities for visitors, although a few shops have opened. Still, I enjoyed spending the evening sitting by the river," he said.

The spot's popularity comes as Chattogram has only eight parks and recreational spaces for an estimated population of around 70 lakh, according to the Chattogram City Corporation's annual administrative report for fiscal 2023-24.

"Before, this was an abandoned area. We have seen it turn into a popular destination right before our eyes. People mostly come here because it is quiet and free from the usual city bustle. With proper infrastructure for visitors, this place could become an ideal tourist spot," said Jamal Uddin, a resident of Road No 2 in Kolpolok Residential Area.

The 8.5-kilometre Kalurghat-Chaktai road and dyke project, stretching from the Kalurghat Bridge intersection to Chaktai Canal, was launched in July 2017.

The Chattogram Development Authority (CDA) undertook the Tk 2,779.39-crore project to improve connectivity and ease waterlogging by constructing a four-lane alternative road and an embankment along the Karnaphuli. Around 90 percent of the work has been completed.

The CDA has now proposed developing a one-kilometre stretch behind Kolpolok Residential Area into a tourist zone.

Golam Rabbani, senior architect at the CDA, said it would include seating areas, a children's playground, a food court, washrooms, overbridges, an open-air auditorium, a parking lot and a dedicated cycling lane.

Rajib Das, CDA executive engineer and project director, said the facilities were not part of the original project and would require separate funding.



The riverside road along the Karnaphuli brings in visitors. PHOTO: **STAR**

Tourism in Rangamati hit hard by Sajek unrest

RIKORS CHAKMA, *Rangamati*

The ongoing road blockade and administrative restrictions in Sajek Valley of Rangamati's Baghaichhari upazila have begun taking a toll on tourism in the district.

Despite the onset of the peak tourist season in winter, arrivals in Rangamati town have dropped sharply, leading to fewer room bookings across hotels, motels, and resorts, and a thin presence of visitors even on weekends.

Since October 22, the Sajek Gano Odhikar Rokkha Committee and Sajek Karbari Association have been enforcing an indefinite road blockade on the Rangamati town-Sajek route. In response, the district administration temporarily suspended tourism activities in Sajek on the same day.

Since then, businesses centring tourism in Sajek have come to a virtual standstill, spilling over into similar businesses in Rangamati town, with visitor turnouts falling short of expectations this year.

On Monday afternoon, only a handful of visitors, mostly local residents, were seen at the Hanging Bridge, Rangamati's prime tourist attraction.

Hasan Ahmed Sohel, who manages the ticket counter at the Hanging Bridge, said the situation was completely different this time, even on weekends, with fewer than 100 tickets being sold daily, as tourist arrivals have plummeted due to the blockade in Sajek.

Md Ramjan Ali, vice-president of the Rangamati Tourist Boat Owners' Association, said the ongoing closure of Sajek is having a negative impact on tourism in the district town as well.



PHOTO: **STAR**

Md Yousuf Chowdhury, general secretary of the Rangamati Hotel Owners' Association, said hotels and motels are having very few bookings. While some visitors are arriving, they leave quickly.

Alok Brata Chakma, director of Rangadeep Resort in Rangamati, said a misconception has spread that travel to Rangamati is also impossible due to the blockade in Sajek. In reality, Rangamati town is about 150 kilometres away from Sajek, and the situation there remained completely normal, he added.

Alok Bikash Chakma, manager of Rangamati Parjatan Holiday Complex, said only about 20 percent of their hotel rooms were currently booked, with very few visitors arriving.

He expressed hope that tourist arrivals would increase once the situation normalises.

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Five more die with measles symptoms

UNB, *Dhaka*

Five patients died with measles-like symptoms in the 24 hours ending at 8:00am yesterday, bringing the country's combined tally of confirmed and suspected measles-related deaths to 1,289 this year.

The Directorate General of Health Services has classified the latest fatalities as suspected measles deaths.

With these, this year the total number of suspected measles deaths has reached 1,184, while confirmed deaths from measles have remained the same at 105.

Teen sent to jail over stabbing schoolgirl

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Kushtia*

A Kushtia court yesterday sent a 16-year-old boy, who is accused of stabbing a schoolgirl, to jail.

Zahirul Islam, inspector of the court police, said the teenager, who allegedly used to stalk the victim, would be kept under the supervision of a probation officer since he is a minor.

Police arrested the accused in a raid in Patikabari area of Kushtia Sadar upazila on the night of the incident and took him to Kushtia Model Police Station.

Faisal Mahmud, additional superintendent of police (Crime and Operations) and spokesperson for Kushtia District Police, said a case had been filed over the incident. He added that the teenager could be taken on remand if necessary.

The schoolgirl was stabbed in front of her home in Thanapara area of Kushtia town around 1:00pm on Monday. She was hospitalised and is currently out of danger.

Police identified the accused by reviewing CCTV footage following the incident.

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Memo No. 27.32.0000.000.005.07.0003.25.0932; Date: 08-11-2026

IFB Amendment Notice (1st)

All Concerns are hereby requested to follow the amendments made for the IFB Notice of "**Procurement and Delivery of Imported Coal at Plant Jetty (CDP) for Matarbari 2x600 MW Ultra Super Critical Coal Fired Power Plant**" invited vide **Ref No. 27.32.0000.000.005.07.0003.25.0864; Date: 04-10-2026** as per following status. All other instructions of the notice shall be remained unchanged:

Description	Existing	Amended As
Bid Document Last Selling Date	18 November 2026 16:00 BST	**09 December 2026 16:00 BST**
Bid Closing Date & Time	19 November 2026 12:00 BST	**10 December 2026 12:00 BST**
Bid Opening Date & Time	19 November 2026 12:30 BST	**10 December 2026 12:30 BST**

**Amendment(s) of Bidding Document (if any) will be available at CPGCBL's website.

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Item Description	Price of the Tender document	Sale start date	Sale end date	Date and time for Tender Submission
Item 1: RFQ for Supply, Installation, Implementation & Configuration of Server, Desktop PC, Laptop, SAN Switches & Transceiver- Fiber Module of NCC Bank PLC.	Tk. 3,000/- (Taka Three Thousand) only (for each item) in the form of Payment Order (non-refundable) favoring National Credit and Commerce Bank PLC. by any scheduled bank of Bangladesh	November 11, 2026	November 24, 2026	November 25, 2026 Time: on/before 02:00 PM
Item 2: RFQ for Supply, Installation, Implementation & Configuration of Oracle Database Enterprise License, Virtualization Solutions Software, Operating Systems (OS) & Web Server (RedHat JBoss) of NCC Bank PLC.		November 11, 2026	November 24, 2026	November 25, 2026 Time: on/before 02:00 PM
Item 3: RFQ for Supply, Installation, Implementation & Configuration of Payment Hardware Security Module (HSM) of NCC Bank PLC.		November 11, 2026	November 24, 2026	November 25, 2026 Time: on/before 02:00 PM
Item 4: RFQ (Re-Tender) for Supplying, Installing & Up-gradating Active Directory Domain Services (ADDS) and Microsoft Exchange Hybrid Environment (including support & services) of NCC Bank PLC.		November 11, 2026	November 23, 2026	November 24, 2026 Time: on/before 02:00 PM

The schedule containing detailed Terms & Conditions may be collected from the Common Services Division, Level-5, NCC Bank PLC. Head Office, Dhaka and submit the same under sealed envelope to the Tender Box placed at Common Services Division (CSD). Manipulation or any kind of unusual approach or failure to submit offer within the stipulated time frame will be treated as "Disqualified" for the bidding. The Bank authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposal without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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Memo No.: 46.207.007.17.02.2026-202 Date: 10-Nov-2026

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SL. No.	Method of tender & Tender ID, Ref. No.	Procurement Item Descriptions.	Publishing Date & Time	Last Selling Date & Time	Closing & Opening Date & Time
1.	OTM (NCT) Tender ID. 1370239 Ref. 46.207.007.17.01. 2026-33	Supply of Pesticide Adulticide (Malathion 5% w/w), Ready for Use for Controlling Mosquito 2026-27	10-Nov-2026 15:30	08-Dec-2026 15:30	09-Dec-2026 14:00

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