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**News Brief**

## A meeting of the National Moon Sighting Committee will be held tomorrow to fix the date of Eid-ul-Fitr. The meeting will be held at the Islamic Foundation at Baitul Mukarram National Mosque at 7:15 pm with Religious Affairs Minister Principal Matiur Rahman in the chair.

With about three days left to Eid-ul-Fitr, the city dwellers started leaving capital to enjoy Eid holidays with their family members and near and dear ones. The vigilance and monitoring teams to ensure smooth Eid journey remain active at all stations and terminals.

Road Transport Minister Obaidul Quader has said, travelling during Eid holidays this year has been more comfortable than any other time. He said this to the media after visiting the Gabtoli Bus Terminal yesterday.

## Railway Minister Mujibul Haque visited the rail station yesterday and talked to the home-bound passengers. The Minister informed media, the government has taken all necessary steps so that homebound people can return to their respective cities after celebrating Eid-ul-Fitr with their families and friends smoothly. The government cancelled the leave of railway staff to make homebound passengers' Eid journey smoother, he added.

## Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed distributed clothes on the occasion of the Eid-ul-Fitr among helpless women in Bhola yesterday. He exchanged eid pleasantries with the people.

A total of 33,334 families have been awarded the ‘Prime Minister’s gift’ marking Eid-ul-Fitr this year in Cox’s Bazar. Disaster Management and Relief Minister Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya distributed the gift on behalf of the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at Teknaf and Ukhia upazilas on Tuesday. In the Tk10 crore-scheme, each recipient family got Tk 2,000 in cash, along with two packets of aromatic rice, 500 gm milk, one liter oil, one kg sugar, one packet of vermicelli, a Saree and a lungi.

IGP Dr Mohammad Javed Patwary has said, coordinated initiatives have been taken to make journeys of Eid holidaymakers hassle-free. IGP said this while talking to the media after the inauguration of Police Control Room in Chandona Chowrasta area of Gazipur yesterday.

## State Minister for Foreign Affairs M Shahriar Alam has said, no VAT or tax is imposed on remittance. He urged the Bangladeshis living abroad not to pay heed to any rumour. He said, there is a planned effort to spread confusion among the expatriates over the issue. The Minister in his Facebook status laid emphasis on disseminating correct information among the expatriates instead of creating any confusion with false news.

 The Election Commission announced the mayoral polls schedules for the cities of Rajshahi, Sylhet and Barisal yesterday. The EC earlier declared that the mayoral polls in the three cities would be held on July 30.

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