

ILLEGAL MIGRATION  
Ordeal of 300  
Bangladeshi  
youths at  
Spanish island

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Around 300 Bangladeshi youths who went abroad illegally are leading an inhuman life at a refugee camp in Ceuta island of Spain.

Those Bangladeshis cannot get permission to stay in Spain legally while refugees from other countries are getting legal status there, relatives of those unfortunate people said at a press conference at the Crime Reporters Association auditorium yesterday.

They held lack of proper initiatives on the part of the Bangladeshi councillor in Spain responsible for the situation and urged the prime minister to see if anything could be done so the youths could stay there legally.

"Now the Spain government is trying to send them back to Bangladesh. We spent our last pennies to send them abroad. If they have to come back around 200 families will suffer," said

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# Ex-army chief sworn in as Thai premier

## Junta unveils new constitution, ensures its control over PM



Gen Surayud Chulanont

AFP, Bangkok

Thailand's junta yesterday appointed a former army chief to become prime minister as they imposed a constitution that gives the military a tight grip over the new government.

Shortly after taking office, General Surayud Chulanont insisted that he would "act on my own conscience" and work to heal political divisions after the months of turmoil that led to the September 19 ouster of Thaksin Shinawatra.

The junta says that Surayud will only lead the country for one year, until elections promised for October 2007.

But under the constitution unveiled earlier Sunday, the junta will be able to sack him and to play a powerful role in reshaping Thai politics.

Asked why he had decided to accept the premiership, Surayud told reporters he had to take the job "because of the necessity to address the country's problems."

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This photo of Dainik Bangla intersection shows political activists gather on the street blocking vehicular movement yesterday. The streets in Paltan, Jatiya Press Club and Bijoy Nagar areas were closed for the rallies of BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami.



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# Sircar rejects all 162 opposition notices

## Hopes govt to address power crisis, essentials' prices

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speaker of Parliament Jamiruddin Sircar yesterday rejected all notices from opposition lawmakers demanding discussions in the House on various issues ranging from much talked about electoral reforms to acute shortage of power supply and skyrocketing prices of essentials.

The notices were submitted throughout the current session of parliament.

Awami League (AL) and Jatiya Party lawmakers submitted as many as 162 notices demanding discussions on different issues adjourning the scheduled business of the House.

In their notices the opposition lawmakers also demanded discussions on unbridled corruption, government's failure to deliver according to its promises, rise of Islamic militancy, Phulbaria killings, August 21 grenade attack on

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# 1 killed during cops' drive against gamblers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

At least one man was killed and 10 others including a policeman were injured in separate incidents at Boalkhali under Dighinala upazila and Pancha Maile under the Sadar upazila in the district on September 30 night.

A group of youths arranged gambling in collaboration with the local puja committee, police said, adding that police raided there at midnight in an attempt to drive out the gamblers.

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# Israel completes Lebanon pullout

REUTERS, Zarit

Israel's army pulled out of south Lebanon early yesterday to complete a handover to the Lebanese army and UN peacekeepers under a ceasefire deal that ended a war with Hezbollah guerrillas.

Returning soldiers padlocked the border gate at Zarit, close to where Iranian-supported Hezbollah fighters seized two Israeli soldiers on July 12 before the conflict with US ally Israel erupted sending shockwaves across the Middle

East.

Israel sent 10,000 troops into south Lebanon before a truce took hold on August 14. A few dozen remained by the weekend and Israel wanted them out before Yom Kippur, the holiest day in the Jewish calendar, which starts at dusk on Sunday.

A Lebanese official said the government was waiting for United Nations peacekeepers to verify the withdrawal before commenting.

A Lebanese military source said

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ILLEGAL MANPOWER EXPORT

# Malaysia hunting down Bangladeshi agents

AFP, Kuala Lumpur

Malaysia has launched a crackdown on Bangladeshi labour agents who are illegally bringing workers from the Indian subcontinent into the country.

"We have information that there are about 200 of them hanging around and we are using every way possible to track them down," enforcement director of the immigration department Ishak

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Sehri, Iftar timing			
Ramadan	Oct	Sehri	Iftar
8	2		5-48
9	3	4-31	5-47
10	4	4-32	5-46

Prayer Timing		
October 2		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fair	4-31	4-42
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-30	4-45
Maghrib	5-48	6-05
Esha	7-30	8-00

Source: Islamic Foundation