

Form united front to protect rights of migrant workers

Experts tell South Asian countries

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Labour experts and civil society members yesterday called on the governments of South Asian countries to form a united front to protect the rights of migrant workers from this region who are working in various parts of the world, particularly in the Gulf countries.

Practices for Overseas Employment in South Asia. The Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU) of Dhaka University in collaboration with Development Research Centre organised the workshop at Brac Centre Inn in the capital.

Participants of the workshop recommended that recruiting agencies should verify the current status of the overseas companies before sending workers and ensure that the workers are provided with all information about workplace, facilities and laws of the destination countries.

They also suggested formulating a common code of conduct for the recruiting agencies in the South Asian countries and introducing a rating system for them so that good ones are rewarded and bad ones are penalised.



Former adviser to a caretaker government Rokia Afzal Rahman speaks at a regional workshop at Brac Centre Inn in the city yesterday. On her right is Abdul Malek and on her left is Prof CR Abrar.

Valuables worth Tk 7 lakh looted in Srinagar

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A gang of masked robbers yesterday looted away valuables worth around Tk 7 lakh from a house at Sabujhat village under Srinagar upazila on gunpoint. The robbers also stabbed housemaster Korean expatriate Mohammad Salauddin, 43, and his wife Farida Akter, 32. The critically injured couple were sent to Dhaka for treatment.

3 of a family die of unknown disease in Joypurhat

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Three people of a family died of an unknown disease within last five days at Molamgarihat village in Kalai, Joypurhat, while another villager has been suffering from the same disease, according to police sources.

ment at Joypurhat Sadar Hospital. Family sources said Ashique died at Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital on July 5 and his uncle Shyam Lal died at Joypurhat Sadar Hospital on July 7.



Members of the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) seize huge quantity of liquor and arrest four persons in this connection from New DHOS area in the city on Tuesday night.

NAASP ministerial confce begins in Jakarta July 14

METRO DESK

Two-day New Asian African Strategic Partnership (NAASP) ministerial conference on capacity building for Palestine will begin at Shangri-La Hotel in Jakarta, Indonesia on July 14, says a press release.

WEATHER TODAY. Light rain likely. UNB, Dhaka

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Death anniversary

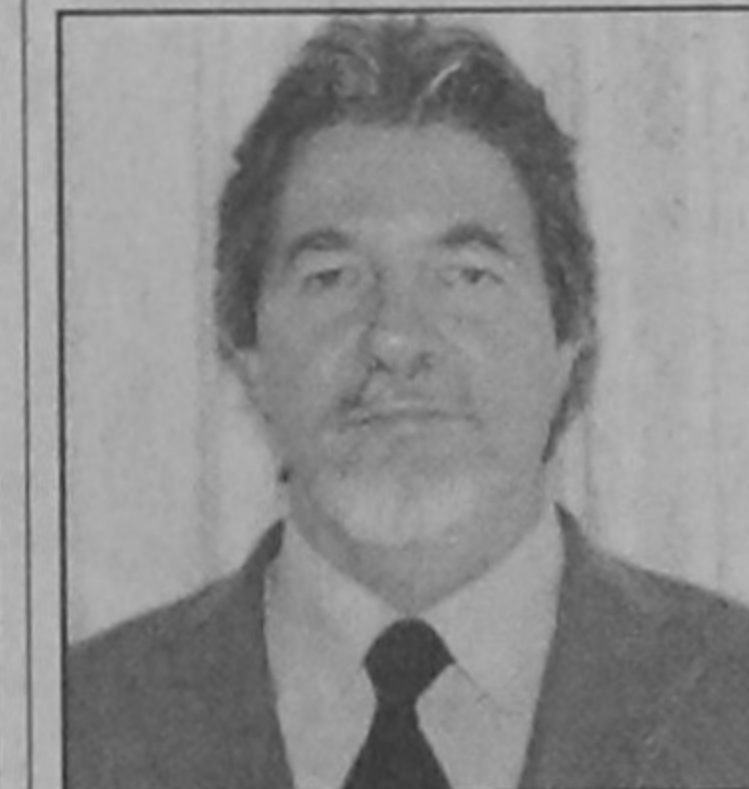
DU CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 17th death anniversary of Advocate Shamsuddin Mollah, one of the organisers of the Liberation War and a childhood friend of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, says a press release.

MTB-Daily Star Debate Contest begins today in Ctg

CU CORRESPONDENT

The Mutual Trust Bank - The Daily Star Debate Contest 2008 begins in the port city today. Drishty Chittagong, an educational and cultural organisation, is organising the contest at Theatre Institute, Chittagong (TIC) auditorium in association with the Chittagong Development Authority (CDA).



New Unicef representative presents credentials

METRO DESK

The newly appointed Unicef Country Representative Carl de Rooy yesterday presented his credentials to Foreign Adviser Iftikhar Ahmed Chowdhury in the city.



Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed meets Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Bin Ahmad Badawi, left, and Pakistani Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gilani, right, separately at Hilton Hotel in Kuala Lumpur on Tuesday.

Commodore Riaz takes office as CPA chairman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Commodore Riaz Uddin Ahmed took office as the new chairman of Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) yesterday. He took over the charge from outgoing chairman Commodore M Farooq formally at the CPA office in the morning.

D-8 SUMMIT CA's participation boosts Dhaka's int'l profile

Says foreign adviser

UNB, Dhaka

Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed's active participation in the D-8 Summit in Kuala Lumpur boosted Bangladesh's international profile as a 'thought leader'.



Members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested three robbers while making away with looted old ornaments and other valuables in the port city's Patenga area yesterday morning.

3 robbers held while making away with booties

CU CORRESPONDENT

The arrestees were identified as Kazi Shahriar, 23, son of Shahjahan of Noakhali, Sunny Uddin Apu, 20, son of Mohammad Ali of Ibrahima in the port city, and Syed Hasan, 18, son of Shahjahan Mian of Faridpur.

CA for regional move to fight poverty

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also by the developed nations in this regard," the CA said, putting emphasis on sharing best experiences on poverty alleviation among the regional body.

He also recalled Bimstec's objectives of intra-regional support in the form of training, research and development as well as beneficial cooperation in the areas of agriculture, industry, expansion of trade and investment, improving in communications and transport, and cooperation with other international organisations for the purposes of improving the living standard of people.

ways of alleviating poverty. Foreign Adviser Iftikhar Ahmed Chowdhury also spoke at the opening function. Planning Secretary Zafar Ahmed Chowdhury also addressed, welcoming the ministers and delegates.

Work together to overcome crisis

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more rather we should work to overcome the crisis." Asked about her possible cooperation with the government, the detained BNP chief said, "We want elections and want to cooperate with the government for that. And for that to materialise there is no alternative to discussions."

hearing for two weeks saying, they had filed a writ petition seeking a stay on the proceedings of the case, which will be heard soon.

Other accused in the case including former LGRD minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, former health minister Khandaker Mosharrar Hossain, former agriculture minister MK Anwar, former land minister M Shamsul Islam, former industries minister Motiur Rahman Nizami, and former state minister for energy AKM Mosharrar Hossain were also produced before the court.

Obituary

SMA Salam, a freedom fighter and chairman of Homeless Freedom Fighters Association, passed away on July 3, says a press release.

Firoza Khatun

Firoza Khatun, mother of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) Vice Chancellor Dr AMM Safiullah, passed away at her residence in Mymensingh on July 6 at the age of 89.

Chehlum

Chehlum of Md Abdur Rashid, father of Md Humayun Kabir, a newspaper agent in Khulna, will be held tomorrow at his residence (Appayan Community Centre) at Khalispur in Khulna city, says a press release.