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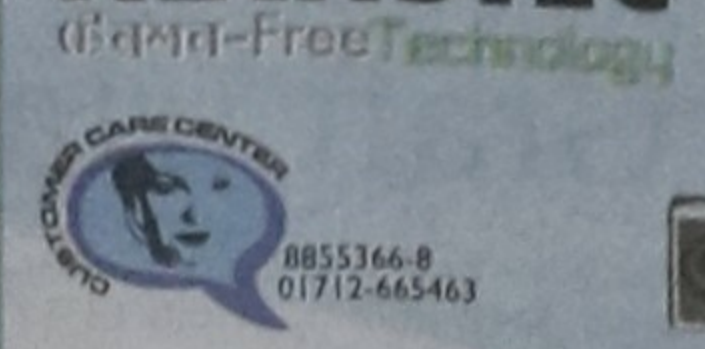
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Fake visas fail to wake up authorities

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Dubai-bound Bangladeshi jobseekers are being scammed with fake visas more than ever, but the authorities are yet to take any effective measure to remedy the situation.

This ill practice came to the forefront again on Monday when a staggering 87 Bangladeshi jobseekers were deported from Dubai Airport as the immigration authorities found their visas to be fake.

"This sort of case is not new. Some workers are deported every week from Dubai for similar reasons," said an immigration police

officer at Zia International Airport in Dhaka. Only when a large number of workers are deported, it catches the attention of the media, he added.

Abdul Malek, director general of Bureau of Manpower Employment and Training (BMET), said the United Arab Emirates (UAE) issues "photocopy visas" and the BMET does not have any way to verify the authenticity of the visas.

When a country, such as the UAE, issues photocopy visas to foreign workers, the workers will not have the original visa attached to their passports when they reach the port of entry of that particular country. Instead, they will receive

photocopies or faxed copies of the original visas to present before the immigration authorities of that country.

When the workers arrive in Dubai and go through immigration process, their employers or their representatives come to the airport to receive the workers with their original visas.

"Our mission [Bangladesh Embassy] in Dubai cannot attest all the visas issued for our workers. Besides, the small number of officials cannot attest all of the approximately 30,000 visas issued a month," said Abdul Malek.

Fraudsters are highly active to

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Pro-BNP white panel sweeps DU deans polls

DU CORRESPONDENT

The white panel backed by pro-BNP-Jamaat teachers swept the deans' election at Dhaka University (DU) yesterday, bagging eight of the ten posts.

The panel secured the arts, science, business studies, law, biology, pharmacy, earth and

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BDR-BSF talks begin today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) will bring up the issue of killings of Bangladeshis by Indian Border Security Force (BSF) at the director general (DG)-level talks with BSF beginning in Dhaka tomorrow.

BDR will also raise the issue of the killings of its three members by BSF on Chapainawabganj border and urge its counterpart to refrain from such activities at the four-day-long talks, previously sched-

uled to begin today, at the BDR Headquarters, said BDR sources.

"Whenever we raise the issue of firings and killings by BSF, they (BSF) assure us of looking into the matter. But practically nothing is done," said a BDR official preferring anonymity.

"The issues of intrusion of Indian nationals and border guards into Bangladesh territory will also be discussed at the meeting," added the BDR official.

BDR will discuss with the Indian

border guards violation of border rules, detention of Bangladeshis in India and combating cross-border drugsmuggling.

BDR will also put forward the issue of BSF's intervention in the development activities of BDR inside Bangladesh territory and push-in of Bangla-speaking Indian nationals into Bangladesh.

Home ministry officials said at the conference, Dhaka would ask New Delhi not to give shelter to

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RU students, shopkeepers clash, 10 hurt

RU CORRESPONDENT

Hundreds of Rajshahi University (RU) students clashed with shopkeepers at a market adjacent to the campus last night, leaving some 10 people injured and three shops torched.

The locals manhandled RU Proctor Enamul Haque during the melee.

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43 killed in attack on Algeria police school

AFP, Algiers

A suicide attack on an Algerian police school at Issers, 60km east of Algiers killed 43 people and injured 38, the interior ministry said yesterday.

The attacker drove a car packed with explosives at the main entrance to the school as candidates for an entry exam were waiting outside, witnesses told AFP.

Civilians as well as police officers were among the victims and a major security operation was underway there, they added.

The casualty figures were still provisional, the ministry said in a statement.

But it is already the deadliest attack in the country in several months, worse than the December 2007 attack in Algiers against government and United Nations

buildings, which killed 41 people and injured many others.

Tuesday's attack comes as Algeria's newspapers reported an attack on Sunday in which Islamist extremists killed 11 members of the security forces and a civilian in an ambush in the east of the country.

That attack, in Skikda, was one of the deadliest in the recent weeks and also left about a dozen security officers wounded, the newspapers Quotidien d'Oran and Liberte said.

The papers also reported that four Islamist militants were killed in the attack. No group has yet claimed responsibility for the ambush.

One bomb exploded as security forces in a convoy of three vehicles were on patrol in a mountainous area of the Skikda region.

A second bomb targeted soldiers who had come to back up the

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412 juvenile crime suspects still in jail

Laws ignored

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 412 juvenile crime suspects are being detained in different prisons across the country for years -- a clear violation of Child Law 1974 and Child Regulations 1976.

According to the law, juvenile criminals or crime suspects, aged below 16, are to be sent to juvenile correctional facilities named Juvenile Development Centres or Safe Homes under Directorate of Social Welfare.

However, failure to properly execute the law is landing these juveniles in prisons where they run the risk of being sexually abused by other hardcore inmates. Moreover, the inmates might get these vulnerable juveniles hooked on drugs and

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Argentina thrash Brazil, set up final with Nigeria

AGENCIES, Beijing



While China's gymnasts completed one of the most dominant Olympic performances ever with more gold Tuesday, defending football champions Argentina thrashed Brazil 3-

0 in one of the biggest mismatches between the two South American rivals.

Striker Sergio Aguero led the rout with two second-half goals while Juan Riquelme added the third from the penalty spot to take Argentina into their second successive final.

They will face Nigeria in Saturday's final, after the Africans similarly thrashed Belgium 4-1 in the day's first semifinal.

There was heartbreak at the Bird's Nest as well, when American favourite Lolo Jones stumbled in the penultimate hurdle to finish a dismal seventh in the women's 100m hurdles which was won by her compatriot Dawn Harper.

Also, making the headlines was Christine Ohuruogu of Great Britain who produced a stunning race to add the 400 metres Olympic gold to the world and Commonwealth crowns she already owns, winning in a time of 49.62 seconds.

The 24-year-old, who served a

Overall Medal				
	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
CHN	43	14	19	76
USA	26	26	27	79
GBR	16	9	8	33
AUS	11	12	12	35

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QUL-KHWANI



Mrs Faizi Chowdhury, founder Principal of Tiny Tots School, daughter of Late Khan Bahadur Waliul Islam of Pyarakandi, Nabinagar, Brahmanbaria, and wife of Late Arshadullah Chowdhury, Chairman Railway Board, passed away on August 17, 2008 (Innalllahi Raziun).

Her Qul-khwani will be held today August 20, 2008 after Asr Prayers, at 8/6 Aurangzeb Road, Mohammadpur, Dhaka.

All relatives, friends and well wishers are requested to attend the Qul-khwani and pray for her departed soul.

... Sons, daughters and grand children.

Ex- BNP MP Anne sent to jail

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court sent former BNP lawmaker Shahid Uddin Chowdhury Anne to jail yesterday after he surrendered before it and sought bail in a case filed against him for extorting Tk 25 lakh from a construction firm.

Anne along with his lawyers appeared before the court as per a High Court (HC) directive and sought bail, but the court rejected his bail petition and sent him to Dhaka Central Jail.

The court asked the jail authorities to provide Anne first class division and to take necessary steps for his treatment in jail custody.

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Prayer Timing

August 20

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-25	5-00
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-45	5-00
Maghrib	6-38	6-41
Esha	8-00	8-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

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