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MORSHED ALI KHAN from Choucha, Libya-Tunisia border

ON TUNISIA-LIBYA BORDER



MORSHED ALI KHAN writes from the spot where thousands of Bangladeshi workers have taken shelter after fleeing the Libyan upheaval

Repatriation of thousands of stranded migrant workers, including Bangladeshis, may be suspended temporarily from Saturday for shortage of funds, high-ups of International Organisation for Migration (IOM) in Geneva and in Tunisia said yesterday.

If the repatriation halts, nearly 7,000 Bangladeshis will be left in uncertainty at Choucha camp, according to aid workers.

The IOM has been overseeing repatriation of stranded Bangladeshis

community about our rapidly diminishing funds and asked for more money for the operation," said Jean Philippe Chauzy, chief spokesperson of IOM in Geneva.

"There has not been any response from anyone so far. We really do not want to stop this momentum of repatriation, but we are forced to,"

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Bangladeshis, who fled the turmoil in Libya and took refuge in Tunisia, wait at the Djerba International Airport early yesterday for a plane that would fly them home.



PHOTO: MORSHED ALI KHAN

# Japan steps up efforts to avert meltdown

Reactor design raises question

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Japan says it is stepping up efforts to cool overheating fuel at the tsunami-hit Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant yesterday.

Water cannon and six fire engines and were sent in the evening to spray the plant's No 3 reactor. But afterwards radiation emissions rose from 3,700

microsieverts per hour to 4,000 per hour, the Kyodo news agency quoted Tokyo Electric Power (Tepco) as saying.

An earlier attempt in which military helicopters dropped thousands of litres of water on the plant also appeared to have failed, reports the Guardian.

The confirmed death toll from Friday's 9.0 magnitude quake, which triggered the

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A Japanese helicopter holding a large bucket of water collected from the sea to dump onto the Fukushima nuclear power plant in a bid to douse radioactive fuel rods.

# Operation Searchlight got Yahya's approval

SYED BADRUL AHSAN

It was later to transpire that following the meeting between Bangabandhu and Yahya Khan and then between their advisers on the



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# Mahmudur freed on bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mahmudur Rahman, acting editor of daily Amar Desh, was released from prison yesterday, nine months after his arrest.

He was greeted by a number of leaders and activists of the main opposition BNP, along with his friends and family outside the jail of Gazipur district at about 11:30am.

On August 19, last year the Supreme Court (SC) sentenced him to six months' imprisonment and fined him Tk 1 lakh for committing contempt of court.

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# England win thriller

Bangladesh now must win against SA

AFP, Chennai

Off-spinners James Tredwell and Graeme Swann took seven wickets between them as England kept their World Cup quarterfinal hopes alive with an 18-run win over the West Indies yesterday.

West Indies, chasing 244 for victory, were 222 for six after a stand of 72 between Ramnaresh Sarwan (31) and all-rounder



Andre Russell (49) rescued them from the depths of 150 for six.

But they lost their final four wickets for three runs to finish on 225 all out, with Sulieman Benn the last man dismissed when he was run out by Jonathan Trott's throw to wicketkeeper Matt Prior with more than five overs left.

England now need Bangladesh to lose

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# Delwar's body arrives

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The body of BNP secretary general Khandaker Delwar Hossain arrived in Dhaka yesterday afternoon from Singapore.

A flight of Biman Bangladesh Airlines carrying the body landed at 4:25pm at Shahjalal International Airport

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