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JOBS IN BAHRAIN

Migration cost only Tk 20,000

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladeshi workers will soon be able to migrate to Bahrain under state arrangements and by spending only around Tk 20,000, Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain said yesterday.

"Since the employers in Bahrain will bear the expense for the workers' return tickets, the migration cost will come down drastically," he told reporters at his office after a discussion with a three-member delegation from Bahrain.

Presently, a Bangladeshi worker spends Tk 2 to 3 lakh to go to Bahrain because of the involvement of middlemen.

"So, to reduce the cost, we have decided to send workers under government-to-government (G-to-G) system," Mosharraf continued, "If the workers go to Bahrain through this process, we will be able to keep track and ensure their overall safety."

The minister said the government would allow the private sector to send workers abroad when the situation in the manpower sector regained normalcy and the malpractices reduced.

Both the countries have agreed to follow the G-to-G process for recruitment of Bangladeshi workers in a regular basis. However, there was no information about

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The burned books at the Amar Ekushey Boi Mela. A fire gutted 37 book stalls of the fair in the wee hours of yesterday. The annual month-long fair celebrates our heritage and language. More on page 5.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

FIRE AT BOOK FAIR

3 probe bodies formed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The authorities concerned yesterday formed three probe committees to investigate Sunday night's fire incident at Amar Ekushey Boi Mela on Bangla Academy premises in the capital.

The fire, quite unprecedented for the fair, gutted

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Mobarak charged with war crimes

The ex-AL leader of B'baria accused of mass killing, abduction, torture

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The prosecution yesterday submitted formal war crimes charges against Mobarak Hossain, who was the organising secretary of a union unit of Awami League in Akhaura for 16 years.

Prosecutor Sahidur Rahman told the International Crimes Tribunal-1 that Mobarak was involved in mass killing, murder, abduction, torture and confinement of people in Brahmanbaria and Akhaura during the Liberation War.

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Counsels for Alim absent

Case proceedings adjourned again

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

For the second consecutive day, the International Crimes Tribunal-2 had to adjourn a war crimes case as the conducting defence counsels were absent.

On Sunday, two conducting defence counsels of BNP leader Abdul Alim did not show up before court citing "unavoidable

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Ghulam Azam termed Razakars 'peace-loving'

Sought arms for them from Pak authorities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

War crimes accused Ghulam Azam had called upon the Pakistani authorities to provide arms to "peace-loving" auxiliary forces to restore order by "uprooting" the freedom fighters during the Liberation War.

Prosecutor Sultan Mahmud Simon while placing closing arguments in the case against Azam before the International Crimes Tribunal-1 said the accused used to dub members of the auxiliary forces --

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Peace Committee, Razakar, Al-Badr and Al-shams -- as "peace-loving" citizens.

The prosecutor said Azam was the chief of the then East Pakistan Jamaat-e-Islami. His appreciation and urge to provide arms prove his complicity in the war crimes committed during the war in 1971, Simon argued.

Azam at a meeting of Jamaat-e-Islami in Lahore on June 21, 1971 hailed the role of the Pakistan army for "destroying the

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Traffic grinds to almost a standstill on the streets near Gulshan-1 as Dhaka Wasa digs up the roads to install sewage pipes that have been left in the middle of the road.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

Criminals kill police source

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A group of miscreants hacked to death a police source at East Shewrapara in the capital yesterday.

The miscreants thought his tip-offs to the police had led to the arrests of some of them.

Jamaluddin, 32, also worked as a private car driver.

A gang of four to five unidentified criminals

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Birds taught man how to speak

DAILYMAIL ONLINE

"The sounds uttered by birds offer in several respects the nearest analogy to language," Charles Darwin wrote in The Descent of Man, while

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PRAYER TIMING February 26

Azan Jamaat
Fajr 5-20 5-55
Zohr 12-45 1-15
Asr 4-30 4-45
Maghrib 6-03 6-07
Esha 7-30 8-00

Source: Islamic Foundation

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"Award Ceremony of the Environmental Compliance"

Mr. A.S.M Rafiqul Islam (Noman) - Managing Director of Zaber & Zubair Fabrics Ltd. (A concern of Noman Group) is receiving "Environmental Compliance Award" from Mr. Ghulam Muhammed Quader, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Commerce in a ceremony at The Westin Hotel, Dhaka on 19 Feb 2013. The award was jointly organized by BGMEA, IFC, UKaid & Norad.

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Preparations on for 2nd round

MOYUKH MAHTAB

With the divisional round fast approaching, the school activation round of The Daily Star Spelling Bee is nearing its end. Champs21 teams are now visiting schools outside Dhaka as the country prepares for the second round of the spelling contest.

On Saturday was visited Mymensingh Cadet College, from where four spellers made it through to the next round. They are Khalida Anika Tabassum (Class 10),

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