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Act now to protect canals

HC gives 7 days for taking steps

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed deputy commissioners and superintendents of police of all districts to take effective steps within seven days to protect canals from encroachment.

In response to a writ petition, the court issued a rule upon the government to explain within four weeks as to why it should not be directed to save the canals and recover them from encroachment as per records of Revisional Survey and Bangladesh Survey.

It also asked the government to submit a report to the court within

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The bridge over the Atir canal, connecting Ghatat Char with Looter Char, has been standing on dry land as the 10km-long canal was obliterated by a real estate developer and finally by a local lawmaker's company trying to set up a power grid on the bank of the river Buriganga across Basila.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

Teenager killed

Brawl over cricket led to the murder

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A class X student of a Barisal school died early yesterday hours after some locals allegedly including sons of a city leader of Jatiya Party beat him up mercilessly in a row over playing cricket.

The dead Samir Rafi Inan, 16, of Barisal Zilla School, was the only son of Jahangir Hossain Tanu who lives in the city's Banglabazaar area.

The victim's mother, Mamta Begum,



Samir Rafi Inan

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GOVT ROLE IN FOREIGN JOBS

Unhappy Baira stops manpower export

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Protesting the government's role in recruitment in foreign job markets, Bangladesh Association of International Recruiting Agencies (Baira) has decided to suspend its manpower export activities for an indefinite period from today.

Baira President M Shahjalal Mazumder announced the decision at a press conference in the capital yesterday, months after a government move to send workers abroad under state arrangements.

He alleged that the government has made the private sector "inactive" in the name of sending

people abroad through a government-to-government process.

"Due to the process, the expansion of manpower sector has reached an impasse at a time when we have finalised, after discussions with different countries, the process of sending workers abroad," said Mazumder.

The Baira had welcomed the government move, he added, but the government has failed to send workers to Malaysia even almost six months after starting the process.

"We have been working in the manpower

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ILLEGAL WORKERS

KSA extends amnesty by 3 months

AFP, Riyadh

Saudi Arabia has given illegal foreign workers a three-month grace period to legalise their status, after panic over reported mass deportations, an official statement said.

King Abdullah ordered the interior and labour ministries to allow "workers violating the labour and residency system a maximum of three months to rectify their

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ILLEGAL TRIP TO MALAYSIA

21 Rohingyas held in Bay

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Bangladesh Navy personnel yesterday detained 21 Rohingyas near Saint Martin's Island in the Bay of Bengal when they were going to Malaysia illegally in search of jobs.

They also detained three boatmen.

On information, a team of Bangladesh Navy conducted a drive near the island around 11:30am and seized an engine boat with 24 people on board.

The detainees are Rafiq, Rashid, Ismail, Sohel, Jamal, Shamsul, Musa, Shahid, Aiyub, Abdur Rahman, Sirajul Islam, Rafiq, Hamid, Javed, Hashem, Nur Alam, Ziaur, Ibrahim, Dwin Mohammad, Ansarul, Mozammel, Forkan, Tayeb and Siddique. They are aged between 20 and 40.

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India test fires nuke missile

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

India yesterday successfully test fired a medium-range nuclear capable missile with a strike range of more than 2,000 kms.

"The trial of the surface-to-surface missile was conducted from a mobile launcher at the Integrated Test Range at around 10:20 am," defence sources said.

Agni-III Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile has already been inducted into the services.

The test was carried out by the Strategic Forces Command of the Army as part of training exercise with logistic support provided by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), the sources said.

The two-stage missile equipped with advanced, high-accuracy navigation system, guided by a novel state-of-the-art command and control system, was propelled by solid rocket

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PRAYER TIMING April 8		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-40	5-15
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-45	5-00
Maghrib	6-21	6-24
Esha	7-45	8-15
Source: Islamic Foundation		



The online registration of women seeking overseas employment through the government begins in Rangpur yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

FOREIGN JOBS

1,800 women registered on first day

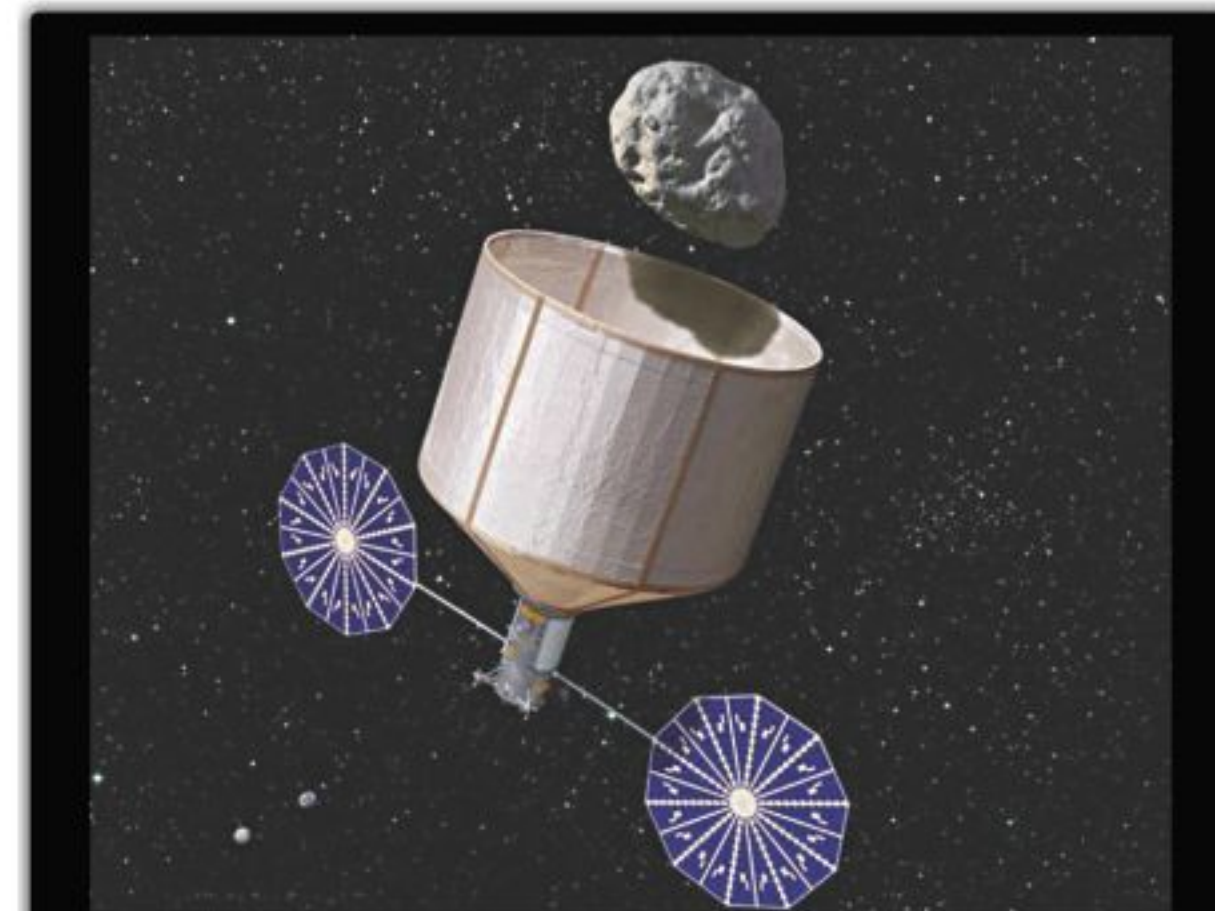
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday started preparing a database of qualified female workers for foreign jobs through online registration process.

On the first day, around 1,800 females got their names registered through local union parishad and ward level information service centres in three of the seven divisions in the country, said Begum Shamsun Nahar, director general of the Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training (BMET).

"I think the figure of

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Nasa plans to catch asteroid

MAIL ONLINE

Nasa is planning for a robotic spaceship to lasso a small asteroid and park it near the moon for astronauts to explore, a top US senator revealed Friday.

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MOJAHEED'S WAR CRIMES TRIAL

IO cross-examined

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The defence of Jamaat-e-Islami Secretary General Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed yesterday started cross-examining Abdur Razzaque, investigation officer of the case filed for their client's alleged crimes against humanity committed during the Liberation War.

Mojaheed's counsel Syed Mizanur Rahman cross-examined Razzaque, also the last and 17th prosecution witness in the case, mainly on initiation of the investigation procedure.

The three-member International

Crimes Tribunal-2 led by Justice Obaidul Hassan with members Justice Md Mozibur Rahman Miah and Judge M Shahinur Islam adjourned the proceedings until tomorrow after Razzaque fell ill around 12:30pm during the cross-examination.

On March 28, Razzaque testified that he had found that Mojaheed as "the Al-Badr commander had directly taken part" in murders, genocide and other crimes against humanity during the war in 1971.

The tribunal yesterday rejected two

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ONLINE POLL

Do you agree with Islamic scholars that Hefajat-e Islam is carrying out the agenda of BNP and Jamaat-e Islami?

☒ Yes (42.3%)

☐ No (57.7%)

TOTAL VOTES: 456

TODAY'S POLL

Do you agree with Dr Kamal Hossain that an anti-hartal law will not be required if laws on preventing destructive activities like killing and arson are properly enforced?

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