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WORKERS' MIGRATION New law to stop cheats

Govt set to place bill in Sangsad with provision of tougher punishment

BELAL HOSSAIN BIPLOB

The government is set to place a bill in the upcoming parliament session for a law to protect migrant workers' rights and punish the fraudulent manpower exporters.

The draft of the proposed law, Employment and Migrant Workers Act, 2013, got final approval from the cabinet on August 12, said sources at expatriates' welfare and overseas employment ministry.

It proposes a maximum of 10 years imprisonment and a penalty of Tk5 lakh for sending a person abroad through illegal channels; and seven years imprisonment and a fine of Tk3 lakh for collecting fake demand letters or work permits from abroad and trading those at home.

The draft also suggests a minimum jail term of one year and a fine of Tk5 lakh for publishing advertisements on

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The son of a pilgrim writes his father's name and address on the luggage as the father watches. Another pilgrim, inset, makes sure if he has packed everything he needs at the Hajj Camp near Shahjalal International Airport in the capital yesterday. Hajj flights which would take them to Makkah, begin today.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN



Coconut detained

THE GUARDIAN ONLINE

A coconut has been detained by Maldivian police on suspicion of vote-rigging in a key presidential election.

The coconut, described as "young", was found near a

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Do not harm Islam

PM calls for a halt to militancy using religion

STAR REPORT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday expressed hope that those who are tarnishing the image of Islam by unleashing terrorism and militancy should be refrained from such crimes.

"I feel very sorry when I see that the image of Islam, the greatest religion in the world, is being tarnished by creating terrorism and militancy through using Islam," she said.

"I hope that those who are engaged in this crime would be refrained from doing it," she added.

The premier made the remarks while

inaugurating this year's Hajj programmes at Ashkona Hajj Camp in the capital's Uttara, reports BSS.

The first Hajj flight from Bangladesh begins today and it would end on October 8. The return flights from Saudi Arabia will commence on October 19.

A total of 88,911 pilgrims will perform the holy ritual of Hajj this year. Of them, the Biman will carry 45,000 pilgrims, while Saudi Arabian Airlines will ferry the rest.

Of the total intending Hajj pilgrims, 1,548 will perform Hajj under the government management while 87,363 under the

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MURDERED BY TUTOR Sajal's family wants justice

ZYMA ISLAM and SHAHEEN MOLLAH

All Sajal's family members want is his killer to be tried, convicted and hanged. On behalf of Sajal's parents, Swapan Chandra Majumdar, uncle of the eighth grader who was killed by his tutor Sabuj Sutradhar, 25, demanded that he is put to death.

His parents had gone to their village home in Mymensingh for Sajal's funeral when The Daily Star correspondents went to Sajal's South Ibrahimpur home yesterday.

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KILLING OF BARISAL GIRL Accused claims responsibility

Leaves notes before going into hiding

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Before going into hiding, Russell Mia left behind notes claiming responsibility for killing Saoda, a Barisal University student he sought to marry.

He also blamed the girl's parents and relatives for instigating the murder by breaking up "his relationship with Saoda", police said quoting the notes.

Police recovered the notes from Russell's mess on Jordan Road in Barisal city on Thursday night.

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The appalling condition of the road that leads to Airport Railway Station just across Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka. The road has been like this for almost a year, locals claimed.

PHOTO: STAR

Defeating internet privacy of millions

Leaked documents show how US, UK spy agencies did it

THE GUARDIAN ONLINE

US and British intelligence agencies have successfully cracked much of the online encryption relied upon by hundreds of millions of people to protect the privacy of their personal data, online transactions and emails, according to top-secret documents revealed by former contractor Edward Snowden.

The files show that the National Security Agency and its UK counterpart GCHQ have broadly compromised the guarantees that internet companies have given consumers to reassure them that their communications, online banking and medical records would be indecipherable to criminals or governments.

The agencies, the documents reveal, have

adopted a battery of methods in their systematic and ongoing assault on what they see as one of the biggest threats to their ability to access huge swathes of internet traffic – "the use of ubiquitous encryption across the internet".

Those methods include covert measures to ensure NSA control over setting of international encryption standards, the use of supercomputers to break encryption with "brute force", and – the most closely guarded secret of all – collaboration with technology companies and internet service providers themselves.

The agencies insist that the ability to defeat encryption is vital to their core missions of counter-terrorism and foreign intelligence gathering.

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think that the BIWTA authorities would be able to free both sides of the Buriganga second channel from encroachers that include a former lawmaker of the ruling party?

Yes (11%)

No (89%)

TOTAL VOTES: 111

TODAY'S POLL

Do you agree with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina that militancy would come back if the BNP and its allies return to power?

PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE AT www.thedailystar.net

PRAYER TIMING September 7

Azan Jamaat

Fajr 4:35 5:10

Zohr 12:45 1:15

Asr 4:30 4:45

Maghrib 6:20 6:25

Esha 7:45 8:15

Source: Islamic Foundation

US-Russia dispute not over

Putin, Obama fail to reach agreement on Syria military strike

AFP, Saint Petersburg

US President Barack Obama and Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin failed yesterday to end their bitter dispute over US plans for military action in Syria, as half of the G20 called for a "strong" response to a chemical weapons attack blamed on the regime.

The United States signalled that it has given up on securing Moscow's support at the UN on the crisis, as Putin reiterated a warning that it would be "outside the law" to attack without the UN's blessing.

"We spoke sitting down... it was a

constructive, meaningful, cordial conversation," Putin said after his previously unscheduled talks with Obama.

"Each of us kept with our own opinion," he said.

The split among leaders of the world's top emerging and developed countries over the issue was symbolised in a statement supported by 11 states at the G20 calling for a "strong international response" to the chemical attack.

Without specifying military action, it said the response would "send a clear message that this kind of atrocity can

never be repeated".

The signatories included US allies Britain, France and Saudi Arabia.

Obama argued at the end of the G20 summit in Russia that the world cannot "stand idly by" after the chemical weapons attack outside Damascus last month which the US claims was launched by President Bashar al-Assad's regime.

Washington prepared the ground for possible strikes, evacuating non-essential embassy staff from Beirut and urging Americans to avoid all travel to Lebanon as well as southern Turkey.

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IN REMEMBRANCE AND DUA MEHFIL



We are deeply grieved at the sad demise of Sobera Ahmed Rizvi (Rita), Director, Alliance Holdings Limited. She passed away on Saturday, August 3, 2013 in New York, USA after having bravely fought cancer for over three years.

Mrs. Sobera Ahmed Rizvi has been a philanthropist and social activist and an inspiration to many.

Her death is an irreparable loss to the Alliance Family. We extend our heartfelt condolences and pray to Allah (SWT) to grant eternal peace to the departed soul and give solace and courage to the bereaved family to bear this loss with fortitude.

Please join us for a Dua Mehfil at Gulshan Azad Masjid on Saturday, 7th September at 4:30 PM



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