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BANGLADESHI WORKERS IN MALAYSIA Move to speed up recruitment

BELAL HOSSAIN BIPLOB

The officials of Bangladesh government will hold talks with the Malaysian authorities on Monday in Malaysia to speed up the recruitment of Bangladeshi workers under the government-to-government (G2G) system to the Southeast Asian nation.

The officials at the expatriates' welfare and overseas employment ministry said the two-day meeting will focus on the acceleration of the recruitment of male workers and the employment of female workers under state arrangements.

"As only a few people now get job opportunities under the G2G process, we will emphasise the issue in the meeting and urge the Malaysian authorities to hire our people for all sectors," Expatriates' Welfare Secretary Khondaker Showkat Hossain told The Daily Star yesterday.

Currently, Malaysian employers are hiring Bangladeshi male workers only for the plantation sector under state arrangements.

Over 8,000 workers went to Malaysia so far under this process initiated by the two countries in April last year, according to Bangladesh High Commission in Kuala Lumpur.

Malaysia, however, needs more workers for construction, manufacturing and service sectors, the secretary added.

"As the Malaysian human resources minister during his visit to Dhaka assured us of employing our people in some other sectors, we will discuss the matter," Showkat said.

The Malaysian Human Resources Minister Richard Riot Anak Jaem visited Dhaka last August to discuss the recruitment of workers from Bangladesh under government arrangements.

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PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN
An arable piece of land in Paity near Demra turns orange and red as dyeing factories nearby continue to dump their waste there.

For AL, war trials' political usefulness diminishing Says The Economist

STAR REPORT

The war crimes trials' political usefulness for the ruling Awami League is diminishing, said The Economist.

Now Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina might prefer to advance her credentials as a wise, legitimate and

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Biman flies to London 4 times a week

Drops Frankfurt in effort to better use its 777s

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dropping the loss-making Frankfurt from its destination list, Biman yesterday added a fourth weekly flight to London.

The move was also part of Biman Bangladesh Airlines' initiative to better utilise its six extended range aircraft -- four Boeing 777-300 and two leased Boeing 777-200.

The fourth weekly flight to London came five days after Biman suspended the Dhaka-Rome-Frankfurt route, which received poor passenger response since its reopening on

April 1. However, Dhaka-Rome flights would continue.

Biman had been flying twice a week to Frankfurt via Rome with the 419-seater 777s. On an average day, it carried only 25 to 30 passengers between Frankfurt and Rome, Biman officials said.

The last flight to Frankfurt left Dhaka on October 27 with around 200 people on board. But only 21 -- four business class and 17 economy class -- passengers actually went to Frankfurt. The rest got off in Rome.

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FLIGHT MH370 DISASTER Malaysian family sues airlines

AFP, Kuala Lumpur

A Malaysian family yesterday sued the government and beleaguered national carrier for negligence in the mysterious disappearance of flight MH370, in what is believed to be the first lawsuit filed over the disaster.

The suit was filed by lawyers on behalf of the two underage sons of Jee Jing Hang, who was on board the ill-fated Malaysia Airlines flight.

Gary Chong, a lawyer for Jee's relatives, said the suit was filed in a Malaysian court on Friday.

The family is suing Malaysia Airlines for breach of contract, saying the deeply troubled carrier failed in its contractual responsibility to deliver Jee to his destination.

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Man 'murdered' in rehab centre

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A man was allegedly beaten to death in a rehabilitation centre in Halishahar of Chittagong city yesterday.

The dead -- Nezam Uddin Munna, 28 -- was the son of Omar Faruk of South Halishahar Bandartila area.

Munna's brother Mohiuddin Roni said his brother was a drug addict and was admitted to Chhayaneer Drug-Addict Rehabilitation Centre on October 23.

"Since then, they had been torturing my brother. They did not provide him with proper treatment even when he fell sick."

"The centre authority informed us in the

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PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

Relatives cry after a woman and her daughter were killed in a Naryanganj road crash yesterday. Inset, Shirin and her daughter Joyita.

Truck takes lives of kid, her mother

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

A woman and her six-year-old daughter were killed and another daughter was critically injured as a truck rammed into their rickshaw at Missionpara in Narayanganj city yesterday morning.

The dead are Piyari Akhter Shirin, 32, wife of businessman Golam Sarwar in the city, and her daughter Jannatul Ferdous Joyita. The injured is Arpita, 14, a ninth-grader.

The accident happened on Nawab Salimullah road when a wheat-laden truck ran over the rickshaw from behind around 10:45am. Shirin and Joyita died on the spot and Arpita was

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Mind reading possible?

Scientists invent device

THE TELEGRAPH ONLINE

It might seem the stuff of science fiction, but a mind-reading device is being developed by scientists which can eavesdrop on your inner-voice.

Researchers at the University of California, Berkeley, have developed a machine and computer programme which converts brain activity into sounds and words.

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The Daily Star

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Source: Islamic Foundation

Ghost wedding!

Woman's body exhumed in China to sell as corpse bride; 11 arrested

INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

Eleven men have been arrested in connection with the macabre practice of ghost weddings after they were discovered to have exhumed a woman's body in rural China and sold it to a middleman for tens of thousands of yuan.

The dead woman was dug up from a village grave in Shangdong province in March, three months after she died, and eventually sold to the family of a dead bachelor for 38,000 yuan, according to the South China Morning Post.

Identified only by the surname Wang, the lead suspect explained the fresher the bodies the better price they commanded.

"Years-old carcasses are not worth a damn, while the

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