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Rise of youth

UNFPA asks Bangladesh, other developing nations to invest heavily on young people to build a better future

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

It is time for the youth in Bangladesh and beyond. The young population across the globe has reached a remarkable 1.8 billion out of 7.3 billion, and most of them live in developing countries like Bangladesh.

The developing nations with large youth populations have been urged to invest heavily on them for their quality education and health services for economic and social gains.

"If they are equipped with necessary skills, good health and effective choices, they present an enormous opportunity to transform the future," said UNFPA Bangladesh Representative Argentina Matavel.

Like elsewhere, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) launched the State of World Population Report 2014: "The power of 1.8 billion: adolescents, youth and the transformation of the future" in Bangladesh yesterday.

Some 47.6 million or 30 percent of the total 158.5 million people in Bangladesh are young (10-24 years), and it will be between 10 and 19 percent by 2050, according to it.

"This means that Bangladesh needs to invest right now in the human capital of its young people if it wants to reap the benefits of a large demographic dividend," said the report presented at the Jatiya Press Club.

Matavel said Bangladesh has done well in terms of primary school enrolment, reducing birth rate and maternal and child mortality rates, but child

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The Bangladeshi and Myanmar fortune-seekers, who were rescued by Bangladesh Navy from a trawler in the Bay on Monday while going to Malaysia illegally, being drifted to Patenga in Chittagong last night.

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Lured into risky sea trip

Traffickers promised them lucrative jobs in Malaysia

DWAIPAYAN BARUA and ARUN BIKASH DEY, Ctg

Most of them were enticed by traffickers of landing lucrative jobs in Malaysia, while a few were kidnapped by thugs. They endured an ordeal for over a week before being rescued by Navy men.

The 576 fortune seekers from Bangladesh and Myanmar were rescued on Monday from a cargo vessel near the Saint Martin's island of the Bay of Bengal while being trafficked to the Southeast Asian country.

They along with five traffickers and 11 crew members of the vessel were taken to the Navy's Ready Response Berth at Patenga last evening. Among the rescued are 510 male, 33 female and 33 children.

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Bangladesh at high terror risk

Ranked 23rd among 162 countries

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Though not in conflict, Bangladesh is at risk of higher levels of terrorism, according to the Global Terrorism Index report.

The Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP), a Sydney-based non-profit research organisation, published the report yesterday, calculating various political, social and violence factors to determine the risk.

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No licence without written test

BRTA rules out demand from drivers' unions

PANKAJ KARMAKAR

They want to take up driving as a profession, but they won't take the written test to get the driving licence.

Road transport workers are pressing the government to issue driving licences without any written test. Bangladesh

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Dhaka hands over list of 51 criminals

NIA names 11 suspects in Burdwan blast

M RAHMAN

Bangladesh yesterday handed over to the visiting team of Indian National Investigation Agency (NIA) a list of 51 -- 10 militants and 41 top criminals -- who are believed to be hiding in India.

The NIA team, on the other hand, gave the intelligence agencies in Dhaka a list of 11 suspected militants thought to be behind the October 2 Burdwan blast in India.

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Category	Value	Target
Young population in Bangladesh	47.6 million	THEY WANT
Average marriage age for female is	15.8 years	Quality education
Unplanned pregnancy	28%	Better health services
		Opportunities for jobs or self-employment
		Nutritious food
		Honest and responsive government

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