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**WATCH OUT**  
for FOLLOW-UPS

We've published a series of reports on transnational human trafficking -- often termed modern-day slave trade -- over the past few days, causing a huge international outcry with some serious ramifications in the countries involved. The series ends today but stay with The Daily Star for more on this organised crime.

LAST PART  
BENEFICIARIES  
OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

**EMRAN HOSSAIN** and **MOHAMMAD ALI ZINNAT** did an extensive investigation into human trafficking from Bangladesh to Malaysia. For over three months, they did a thorough research, interviewed trafficking victims, brokers and rights groups, and travelled to the southeastern coastal areas before reporting on the clandestine crime that brings to mind the horror of slave trade of the past. The two apart, **PORIMOL PALMA** and **BELAL HOSSAIN BIPLOB** tried to find out the reasons jobseekers are so easily lured into such a dangerous journey and the ways to fight the crime.

## Business just safe for TRAFFICKING KINGPINS

*Penniless people turn millionaires in a few years*

EMRAN HOSSAIN and MOHAMMAD ALI ZINNAT with SUHAS S CHOWDHURY

With people desperate to go abroad in search of a better future, corrupt law enforcers and money mongers with political influence in the coastal areas are in league with the agents of ruthless trafficking gangs.

The Daily Star, in an investigation based on police records, identified 15 godfathers, who rose from rags to riches in less than a decade. Of them, 11 are Bangladeshi, two are from Thailand, and one each from Myanmar and Malaysia.

These godfathers control a countrywide network of at least 230 traffickers and 300 brokers, a police probe has found.

Most of these people are from Cox's Bazar's Teknaf, the southernmost point of the mainland. With easy access to the Bay of Bengal, the place is considered the heart of the business.

Two of these 230 traffickers, along with another associate, were killed in a "gunfight" with police in Teknaf on May 8, after The Daily Star started publishing a series of investigative reports on this modern-day slave trade.

Deceased Jahangir Alam, 30, was the 24th and Dhalu  
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The house of Foyez Ahmed, a trafficking kingpin in police records, in Ukhia upazila headquarters of Cox's Bazar.

PHOTO: STAR

### Can it be stopped?

*Experts suggest ways to create alternatives for fortune seekers*

SAJJADUR RAHMAN and PORIMOL PALMA with SHAMIUL HOSSAIN

Ample opportunity for jobs abroad, development of skilled manpower, appropriate wage hike at home, and implementation of the anti-human trafficking law could have saved thousands of poor Bangladeshis from the clutches of the human traffickers, say experts.  
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INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS ON SLAVE TRADE

are also being run by The Straits Times, Singapore, The Nation,

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## 123 Bangladeshis rescued in Thailand

*Thai police identify 49 suspects involved in trafficking*

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At least 123 Bangladeshi jobseekers and 26 Myanmar nationals were rescued in the last two days from Khao Kaew mountain areas and a jungle in Rattaphum of Thailand's Songkhla province near the Malaysian border.

Of them, 117 migrants -- 91 Bangladeshis and 26 Rohingya Muslims from Myanmar -- were found in Rattaphum on Friday while 32 Bangladeshis were spotted by Thai police yesterday along the edge of a forest in the mountain.

Ekarat Sisen, deputy governor of Songkhla province, said, "We need to figure out if any of these people are trafficking victims or whether they entered the country on their own. If they are victims of human trafficking, we must hand them over to the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security."

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## CAMERON SURPRISE

### Selling stability over fear

REUTERS, London

Prime Minister David Cameron sealed a surprise election win by persuading Britons to choose the security of modestly rising living standards over an implausible pretender many feared could become the puppet of Scottish nationalists.

Blending the promise of "the good life" fuelled by a strong economic recovery with fear of resurgent Scottish separatists calling the shots in a country they want to break up, Cameron steamrolled the opposition Labour Party and won his party's first outright majority in 23 years.

"We've had a positive response to a positive campaign about safeguarding our economy," said Cameron, as if he had always expected to win so emphatically.

The truth was different.

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## WE MOURN



**Mr. M K H Khasru, Managing Director of New Generation Fashion Ltd., Nextgen Style Ltd., Bloomingtex Ltd., Bengal Fine Knitex Ltd. & other sister concerns, passed away at the age of 54 on 7th May, 2015 at 12:50 pm at United Hospital Ltd. (Innalillahe Wa Inna Ilaaihe Rajeun) He left behind his mother, wife, a daughter & son and a host of relatives and well-wishers. He was a successful garments entrepreneur. We pray to the Almighty Allah for salvation of his departed soul.**

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