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SLAVE TRADE

How many more mass graves need to be unearthed to stop it?

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'SHINY AS GOLD'

Jayalalitha says after an Indian appeals court clears her of corruption charges

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Migrants, believed to be from Bangladesh and Myanmar, wait at the police headquarters in Langkawi yesterday after landing up on the Malaysian shores earlier in the day. One of them, Md Shafiqul, shows his Bangladeshi national identification card. Another group of migrants is temporarily housed at a government sports auditorium yesterday after Indonesian rescuers found their boat stranded in waters off north Aceh province.

PHOTO: AFP

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

1,400 victims rescued

4 boats with Bangladesh, Myanmar nationals left abandoned off the coasts of Indonesia, Malaysia; 8,000 others stranded at sea: IOM

AGENCIES

Four boats carrying some 1,400 migrants were rescued off the coasts of Indonesia and Malaysia yesterday, officials said, a day after nearly 600 others arrived in a wooden vessel off Indonesia's Aceh.

The spate of arrivals comes as Thailand, a key stop on a Southeast Asian people-smuggling route, cracks down following the discovery of mass graves that has laid bare the extent of the thriving trade.

Thousands of impoverished Muslim Rohingya -- a minority unwanted by Myanmar's government -- and Bangladeshis

brave a perilous sea and land trafficking route through Thailand and into Malaysia, Indonesia and beyond every year.

Malaysian police said people-smugglers had dumped at least 1,018 hungry migrants in shallow waters off the coast of the resort island of Langkawi since Sunday.

Langkawi police said the 1,018 people found there included 555 Bangladeshi men. There were 463 Rohingya, including 101 women and 52 children.

One boat was still stuck on a breakwater offshore but the others are believed to have fled to sea.

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ROHINGYA AND BANGLADESH BOAT PEOPLE Hundreds of migrants from Myanmar and Bangladesh rescued in Indonesia and Malaysia

100 camps, 10,000 held captive

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There could be 10,000 boat people detained near the Thai-Malaysian border in more than 100 detention camps, held in custody by guards who are both locals and Rohingya, according to a top official in a humanitarian mission of the Chularachamontree, Thailand's Muslim spiritual leader.

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PM for smooth transfer of enclaves

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday directed the police, border guards and Awami League leaders to make sure that people of the enclaves don't face any trouble or harassment during the execution of the Land Boundary Agreement.

She was holding a videoconference with the district administrations and local representatives of Panchagarh and Tangail at the conference room of the Cabinet Division.

Referring to the passage of the constitution amendment bill on the LBA by Indian parliament, the premier said had her



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ATTACK ON COPS, VANDALISM

Fakhrul, Moudud, 24 others charged

COURT CORRESPONDENT

BNP's acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, standing committee member Moudud Ahmed and 24 other party men were charged with hurling crude bombs at policemen and damaging vehicles in 2013.

Mohammad Enamul Haque, an inspector of Detective Branch of police and also the investigation officer in the case, submitted two charge sheets to the Court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Dhaka yesterday.

Charges were pressed against Goyeshwar Chandra Roy, Mirza Abbas, Abdullah Al Noman, Amanullah Aman, Moazzem Hossain Alal, Shahiduddin Chowdhury Annee, Habibunnabi Khan Sohel, Barkatullah Bulu and Sultan Salauddin Tuku, among others.

All the accused, including Fakhrul and Moudud, have got bail from different courts on different dates.



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DMP to probe 'attack on cops'

Statement describes Sunday's action as lawful; police HQ to investigate excesses; constable suspended

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Amid widespread criticism over Sunday's police brutality on Chhatra Union activists, Dhaka Metropolitan Police yesterday formed a committee to investigate how protesters made it to Minto Road from Dhaka University crossing several barricades and "attacked" on-duty cops.

According to a DMP press release, the three-member committee, headed by a joint commissioner (logistic, finance and procurement), will also assess the context of "adverse media reports" on the police action and look into

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NEWS ANALYSIS

A Mother's Day gift from police!

INAM AHMED

Terror was written all over her face.

She looked like a doe trying to run away from the tiger's paws. And then the brutes came thundering down, kicking and beating her, knocking her down on the pavement. That is what our police force did to this girl who was there to protest the sexual assault near TSC on Pahela Baishakh, the Bangla New Year.

What a gift from the police on the Mother's Day! And what was her "crime"? She threw an earthen pot on an armoured personnel carrier after police swooped on

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MORTAR ATTACK 2 Bangladeshi expatriates killed in KSA

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two Bangladeshi nationals were killed in Saudi Arabia's border city of Najran in mortar shell attacks launched by Yemen's Houthi rebels from across the border on May 5 and 6.

The deceased were identified as Mizan, son of Mafiz, of Barura upazila in Comilla and Abdul Jalil, son of Abdul Aziz, of

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TOP! QUOTE "To stand against crime has now become a crime." TANZIMUDDIN KHAN A DHAKA UNIVERSITY TEACHER AT A RALLY PROTESTING POLICE ATTACK ON CHHATRA UNION'S DEMONSTRATION AGAINST PAHELA BAISHAKH SEXUAL ASSAULTS

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