

Trafficking rides on Rohingya crisis

Dhaka to press for permanent solution at special Bangkok conference to end Southeast Asian migrant problem

STAR REPORT

Dhaka will call for comprehensive efforts to permanently resolve the problems of Rohingyas in today's special regional meeting hosted by Thailand in the wake of escalating Southeast Asian migrant crisis.

A five-member Bangladesh delegation led by Foreign Secretary Md Shahidul Haque is already in Bangkok to attend the "Special Meeting on Irregular Migration in the Indian Ocean."

Dhaka will also assure that it take back any migrant, if identified as Bangladeshi, from any other the Southeast Asian countries.

For the meet, Thailand has invited representatives from 17 countries directly and indirectly affected by "irregular migration in the Indian Ocean - Australia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Vietnam, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iran.

Representatives from the US, Japan and Switzerland will participate as observers along with officials from international organizations including the UN refugee agency, the UN Office on Drugs and Crime and the International Organisation for Migration (IOM).

In the past month, more than 3,000 desperate, hungry people have

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In tears, the parents of Sabbir Hassan yesterday look at a photo of a trafficking victim rescued in Indonesia recently. They believe it is a photo of their son gone missing from St Martin's Island around 14 months ago.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN



He's our son!

Parents spot him among trafficked victims in Indonesia

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A university student, who went missing in the sea off the St Martin's Island over a year ago, is believed by parents to be among the boatpeople recently rescued in Indonesia.

"That's our son, we are sure about it," Hasanur Rahman, father of missing Sabbir Hasan, said pointing at a youth in a photograph of the migrants rescued in

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Mamata may come with Modi

REZAUL KARIM and PALLAB BHATTACHARYA



Chief Minister of West Bengal Mamata Banerjee would be accompanying Narendra Modi to Dhaka on June 6-7, raising hope that the two countries would seal the much-awaited Teesta water-sharing deal.

"The chief minister will go along with Prime Minister Narendra Modi to

Partha Chatterjee said in Kolkata yesterday. His words ended all the speculations on Mamata's visit to Dhaka.

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VIOLENCE AGAINST ROHINGYAS Indonesia Buddhists slam persecution

THE JAKARTA POST

A prominent Buddhist in Madura, East Java, Kosala Mahinda has condemned violence against Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar, emphasising that such treatment was against the true teachings of Buddhism.

"The Rohingya crisis should not have happened as Buddhism teaches us to love all people," Mahinda, chairman of the Avalokitesvara Temple Foundation in Pamekasan, Madura, said yesterday as

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A trip down the path of horror

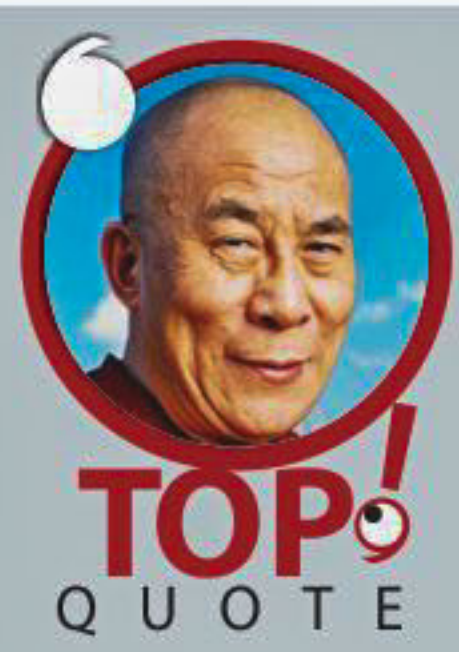
SHAMIM ASHRAF from Bangkok

The four were in a hurry, had little time to bargain for the cricket bat's price. Most excited among them, Nur Alam pulled out his moneybag hurriedly, paid Tk 300 and almost snatched the bat from the salesman.

Stepping out of the shop, he impatiently focused his eyes on Teknaf Police Station building lest uncle Mizan left in the three-wheeler without them to catch the Malaysia-bound ship.

Before buying the cricket bat and ball, Nur Alam, Lokman, Amir and Khalil, also bought a football because Mizan uncle had said there is a big

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"It's very sad. ... I hope Aung San Suu Kyi, as a Nobel laureate, can do something."

THE DALAI LAMA TALKING ABOUT ROHINGYA AND MIGRATION CRISIS

COMMENTARY

FROM POVERTY ALLEVIATION TO MAKING A NEW WORLD

The theory of 'Three Zeros'

MAHFUZ ANAM

We are all familiar with the mathematical formulation that 0+0+0=0. Well, not so, says Prof Yunus.

He says 0+0+0= 100, 1000, 100,000, 1 million, take your pick.

Has our venerable professor of economics, the famous founder of the one of its kind Grameen Bank, the recipient of Nobel Peace Prize, the initiator of Social Business movement that is now knocking at the door of most of the Fortune 500 companies suddenly turned into a mathematician?

Not really. He spoke of his "Three Zeros" formulation yesterday to a packed house of 1,600 guests with 250 delegates from 30 countries, on the occasion of the 6th Social Business Day at the BICC.

He elaborated how a "Three Zeros" action plan will save the world for our future generation. His ideas, as always, are

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EASY FARMING SOLUTION

Software now goes global



REAZ AHMAD

A home-grown software solution to agro-input management has gone global.

Developed by a social business venture in Bangladesh, mrittika -- software for soil nutrient analysis -- is now being made popular among farmers in Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Cambodia and Macedonia.

Dhaka-based Grameen Intel Social Business Ltd SEE PAGE 17 COL 5

LUX presents
A mesmerising fragrant evening
with Deepika
in Dhaka
on 30th May 2015

Lux lovers from Bangladesh have showered their love for Deepika Padukone with their beautiful messages. Now the Lux Brand Ambassador is coming to Dhaka to meet the winners of the 'Get a Chance to Meet Deepika' campaign.

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