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Capital flight has become a serious concern for Bangladesh's struggling economy. Silently but enormously, money is being laundered to safe destinations worldwide. Latest data shows Bangladeshis' deposits with Swiss banks rose by 36pc last year. In a three-part series, The Daily Star will try to reinforce why people and money are flying away from home.

SAFETY AWAY from home

Ill-gotten wealth of unscrupulous politicians flies abroad to secure future of families

SAJJADUR RAHMAN

Be it shutdown or blockade, their fortune is safe. A section of politicians, young or old, who have made easy fortunes, are increasingly investing their questionable wealth abroad to ensure a secure future for their families.

A number of leaders of both the Awami League and the BNP -- from the central level to associate student bodies of the two parties -- are learned to have secured their future overseas, by winning citizenship for their families through investment visas or

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TOP QUOTE

"He is still very young. We have to be careful. He has taken 11 wickets but we can't expect him to take five wickets every time."

BANGLADESH BOWLING COACH
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TALKING ABOUT
MUSTAFAZUR RAHMAN

TRIAL BY MOBILE COURTS

More powers for magistrates

HASAN JAHD TUSHER

The cabinet yesterday approved proposals for amending the mobile courts law in a bid to empower the executive magistrates to punish wrongdoers even when they deny their offence.

Under the existing Mobile Court Act-2009, punishment to the wrongdoers cannot be meted out if they deny their offence.

The government brought the amendments in response to the longstanding demand of the executive magistrates.

Briefing reporters at the Secretariat about the outcome of the meeting, Cabinet Secretary M Musharraf Hossain Bhuiyan said that three new clauses have been added to the act.

As per the Mobile Court (Amendments) Act-2015, an executive magistrate leading a mobile court can punish or fine an offender based on evidence collected from the surrounding and statement of witnesses even if the wrongdoers do not admit their offence, he said.

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Teenage cricket sensation Mustafizur Rahman, the hero of Bangladesh's landmark series win against India, poses for a photo yesterday with staff of Sonargaon Hotel where the Tigers and the Indian team are staying. PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

These Tigers are brilliant

NAIMUL KARIM

"Can you give me Taskin Ahmed?" an Indian journalist had politely asked Rabeed Imam, BCB's media manager, during Bangladesh's training at Mirpur prior to the second ODI. By that of course the gentleman was requesting for an exclusive interview with the young pacer.

A seasoned negotiator, Imam let out a smile and assured the journalist that he would try his best to fix an appointment. It was a statement that he had had to use a number of times the last week, for the growing popularity of Bangladesh's players readily increased the number of interview requests.

And this time around the demand hasn't just been for the traditional

heroes. The requests weren't just limited to the Shakibs, Tamims and Mushfiquis but were more focussed on Bangladesh's younger brigade. Mustafizur's off-cutters, Sabbir Rahman's power and Soumya Sarkar's silky drives had taken India by surprise and it was time to know more about them.

"Now that's one player who could do well in the IPL," an Indian TV journalist was telling his cameraperson while Sabbir was busy launching baseball-like hits against Dhawal Kulkarni in the second ODI.

And towards the end of the match -- not for the first time this week -- a discussion ensued among the veteran journalists regarding how it was time for the BCCI to invite their neighbours for a full tour. While Bangladesh are

scheduled to go to India next year, they will just be playing one Test.

Such has been the impact of Bangladesh's victories in this series that questions regarding Bangladesh being India's next big rivals, replacing Pakistan, were thrown in during press conferences. One of those questions was received by Bangladesh coach Chandika Hathurusingha, and the Sri Lankan, in the most modest of fashions, stated that he was pleased that the Tigers were being recognised as a force to reckon with.

Considering Bangladesh as a viable commercial replacement for Pakistan might have been a bit farfetched, for there lies plenty of history between India and Pakistan. But as far as Bangladesh's current ODI team is

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5 killed as train hits haulier

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least five people were killed and eight others injured as a train hit a human haulier in Pagla Rasulpur rail gate area in Narayanganj last night.

The identity of the dead, including a woman, could not be known immediately, but witnesses said most of the dead and injured were pedestrians.

The accident took place around 10:30pm when the Narayanganj-bound passenger train from Dhaka rammed the human haulier that broke in the middle of an unmanned level crossing at Pagla Rasulpur, said Abdul Mazid, officer-in-charge of Dhaka Railway Police Station.

On impact of the hit, the vehicle was flung onto nearby shops, killing one person instantly, Mazid added.

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Fog over release of BGB man

BGB official at Teknaf: Myanmar says Razzak to be freed if Bangladesh takes 550 rescued boatpeople; BGB chief: Myanmar agreed on unconditional release

SHARIFUL ISLAM and MOHAMMAD ALI ZINNAT

Myanmar's border force yesterday said it will release BGB Nayek Abdur Razzak if Bangladesh takes in 550 boat people found adrift at sea, according to the chief of BGB battalion responsible for Teknaf border.

"Myanmar BGP [Border Guard Police] told us today that they will return Razzak if we take in the 550 migrants," Lt Col Abu Jar al Zahid, commanding officer of 42 Rifles Battalion told The Daily Star yesterday afternoon.

The 550 are among the 770 migrants rescued by Myanmar navy on May 29. Dhaka has been trying to verify whether any of them is a Bangladeshi citizen.

In another development last night, the public relations department of Border Guard Bangladesh released a statement from BGB Director General Maj Gen Aziz Ahmed that the



Myanmar authorities have said Razzak will be returned "honourably" and "unconditionally".

Now on a China visit, the DG said, "I had a talk with our Defence Attaché (DA) in Myanmar Brig Gen Mahbub around 19:00pm today [7:00pm yesterday], who informed me that he had a meeting with Myanmar home ministry today [yesterday]. Myanmar home ministry has

informed [him] that BGB Naik Razzak will be returned honourably with his personal weapon, ammunition etc unconditionally."

The Daily Star received the statement around 10:30pm.

Earlier in the day, Lt Col Zahid communicated thrice with Myanmar's BGP No 1 battalion's commanding officer Kyaw Teyza for holding a flag meeting on handover of Razzak, a BGB member of Domdomi Border Outpost in Teknaf.

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AL turns 66 today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Awami League celebrates its 66th founding anniversary today.

Born in 1949 as a challenger to the then Muslim League, the AL emerged as a secular and democratic force.

For more than six years since its inception the party had carried the name Awami Muslim League. In 1955, the party shed Muslim from its name to transform it into a non-communal political organisation.

The party had successfully led the language movement in 1952, a landslide victory of the Jukta Front against Muslim League in 1954 elections and formation of the government.

It had also led movements against the

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