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It used to be the entry level Mercedes but there is nothing entry level about it
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FINAL PART

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.

INVEST ABROAD to migrate

Firms offer help in getting Malaysian business visa; money transferred through unauthorised channels

BUSINESS VISA EASY AND FLEXIBLE

BUSINESS VISA
2-year multiple entry business visa
Allows doing multiple businesses
Requires Tk 5 lakh, business plan
Visa approval in 60 days
No tax for directors till 2020
Can open company bank account
Renewal requires compliance, tax filing

SECOND HOME VISA
10-year multiple entry social visa
Strict: only for investors
Requires Tk 1.22 crore
Visa approval in 90-120 days
Up to 26% personal tax
Cannot operate company bank account
Renewal requires showing monthly income, bank balance

SAJJADUR RAHMAN
Many Bangladeshis are rushing to get Malaysian business visas with hopes for a secure future for themselves and their families, as this type of visa is less costly and easier to get than the one under the Malaysia My Second Home (MM2H) programme. The number of Bangladeshi beneficiaries of this facility has already crossed that of Bangladeshi nationals who availed themselves of the MM2H programme launched in 2002, according to consultants and businesspeople. Malaysian business visa named
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A posh house in Putrajaya, Malaysia. Many Bangladeshis have bought such properties in the federal administrative centre of the country by investing their questionable wealth. PHOTO: COURTESY



Bangladesh captain Mashrafe Bin Mortaza (R) and coach Chandika Hathurusingha (L), along with the toast of the country Mustafizur Rahman, finalise their game plans during a training session in Mirpur yesterday, ahead of the third and final ODI against India at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium. PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

Banglawash on cards

Injured Taskin may miss today's final ODI against India

BISHWAJIT ROY

With heavy clouds hovering in the sky, some players had been kicking a football around indolently. The atmosphere suddenly became vibrant as captain Mashrafe Bin Mortaza entered the fray. He shouted and made fun in every possible way. This scene was how Bangladesh's practice began yesterday at Mirpur ahead of the third and final ODI against India today.

seeing the man from Narail inspire his team once more to create yet another piece of history at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium, by inflicting a 3-0 whitewash on their mighty next-door neighbours.

Under pressure India skipper MS Dhoni, along with his teammates, came for practice at the same time as Bangladesh. As Dhoni walked by the Tigers, he had a brief encounter with Sabbir Rahman and Mahmudullah Riyad, who is out with an injury. Though they exchanged pleasantries and smiles, when the match begins today, there will be
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Nobody can destroy AL

Says Hasina on party's founding anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday told parliament there were countless attempts to eliminate decades-old political party Awami League, but no one has ever been successful and would ever be. The premier said it was not possible to annihilate the party because of the way it has developed its
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Hope for Razzak's return as Myanmar agrees flag meet

STAR REPORT

A week after the abduction of BGB Nayek Abdur Razzak, the Myanmar border force has agreed to hold a flag meeting in a couple of days over his handover to Bangladesh.



A delegation of five to six officials headed by Lt Col Abu Jar al Zahid, commanding officer of 42 BGB Battalion in Teknaf, would attend the meet to be held at Maungdaw, a border town of Myanmar.

Myanmar's Border Guard Police (BGP) also asked for a list of the BGB delegation that would attend the meeting, the chief of Border Guard Bangladesh said last night.

"Half an hour before Ifar [yesterday evening], our local battalion in Teknaf received a letter from Myanmar's Border Guard Police asking for the names of a delegation for a flag meeting to return Razzak," BGB Director General Maj Gen Aziz Ahmed told The Daily Star over the phone.

The names would be sent by this morning, the DG added.

Referring to the letter, a highly placed BGB source said the flag meet would take place tomorrow. But the date was not being officially announced as it might change for unexpected factors, added the source.

Since Myanmar's border troops abducted Razzak on June 17 from Bangladesh waters, the BGB has been requesting a flag meeting for his return. But the Myanmar authorities kept dillydallying and claimed his return is being delayed due to some official formalities.

TOP QUOTE
"If there is no counter, then what can we do? Can we kidnap him?"
RAVICHANDRAN ASHWIN
INDIA'S STAR OFF-SPINNER SAID JOKINGLY AFTER HE WAS ASKED IF INDIA HAD ANY PLANS AGAINST BANGLADESH PACER MUSTAFIZUR RAHMAN

NEWS ANALYSIS

Rise of a parallel judiciary?

SHAKHAWAT LITON

Running mobile courts through the executive magistrates has become an effective tool for the administration officials to gradually regain their lost judicial powers.

Since the enactment of a law a few years ago to run the mobile court they had regained some judicial powers. Now the proposed changes in the Mobile Court Act 2009 to empower the executive magistrates to punish an alleged wrongdoer even after he denies the offence and to use photographs and audio-video clips as evidences will add new muscles to their judicial clouts.

The existing provision of the 2009 act empowers executive magistrates to punish an alleged offender only after he admits of any wrongdoing.

Once the proposed changes approved by the cabinet on
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17 cobras seized

Man jailed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mobile court of Rapid Action Battalion yesterday seized 17 cobras in Keraniganj, on the outskirts of the capital.

The court sentenced a man, Babul Mia, 28, to one year's imprisonment for "preserving" the snakes at his rented house in
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Are we still in dark age?

Children of cobblers treated like dirt in Magura school

PINAKI ROY

Ten-year-olds are made to clean their school toilets by the teachers. The elders in their families cannot have tea at local stalls or a haircut at the barber's, and they are not invited to any social event.

All these because they are from a caste considered low in the local Hindu community.

"Sir often asks us to clean the school toilet," said Partha (not his real name), a student of Hazrahati Government Primary School in Shalikhapuzila of Magura.

"He often scolds me and puts me down in class saying 'you are the son of a cobbler, what's the problem if you pour some water in the toilet'," Partha added.

"He beats us up if we don't comply. Other students laugh at us if we do," he said.

Four others -- of other classes in the school -- had the same story to tell. One of them mentioned the name of another teacher who forced them to clean the toilet.

Schoolchildren from the Rishi families in Hazrahati are always subjected to such discriminations and that could only be described as forced child labour.

Partha's mother said, "Sometimes my
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A woman from the Rishi community weaving a chicken cage at Hazrahati village in Shalikhapuzila of Magura. People from the low caste Hindu community face social discriminations in the upazila since there is hardly any legal protection against such religious bias. Inset, children from Rishi families are also subjected to discriminations in a local school. The photos were taken last week. PHOTO: PINAKI ROY

Remembrance



Anindya Majumder (Bappu)
24 June 1975 - 16 January 2007

On his 40th Birth Anniversary, we honour and cherish the memory of **Anindya Majumder (Bappu)**, a loving son, a doting brother, a devoted friend, and a dedicated professional. He had been a founding director of Jamuna Bank Ltd. and a director at New Generation Construction Co. Ltd.

We miss him dearly everyday,
Family, Friends and Colleagues