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Bangladeshis still captive in Thai jungle, families getting ransom calls



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BANGLADESH UNDER SPOTLIGHT

An estimated 25,000 migrants from Bangladesh and Myanmar boarded smugglers' boats in the Bay of Bengal in the first three months of 2015, according to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, almost double the number from the same period last year.

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PORIMOL PALMA

Several hundred Bangladeshis and Rohingyas are still held hostage in Thai jungles despite reported crackdowns on human trafficking after discovery of mass graves and skeletons along the borders of Thailand and Malaysia.

Ransom calls from Thailand to the families of at least

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The swelling Kirtankhola devouring its banks at Charkauakheya Ghat of Barisal yesterday. The river has already swallowed some 25 small houses and shops there and is threatening to take in more.

PHOTO: ARIFUR RAHMAN

Abed honoured with World Food Prize

STAR REPORT



They must take responsibility

SC says those who enforced hartal, blockade responsible for violence during the agitation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man who created a non-profit organisation credited with helping more than 150 million people out of poverty has been named the winner of the 2015 World Food Prize.

Sir Fazle Hasan Abed created Brac, the organisation originally known as Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee, as a temporary relief organisation to help the

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TOP QUOTE

"They [arrested militants] had a plan to carry out bomb attacks across the country after Eid to send a message to the inactive members of militant outfits about their existence."

RAB DIRECTOR (LEGAL AND MEDIA)
MUFTI MAHMUD KHAN
AT A PRESS BRIEFING IN DHAKA

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NEWS ANALYSIS

Getting ready to become a middle income country

INAM AHMED

Becoming a lower middle income country is certainly something to cheer about. It makes us firmly believe that we will soon be elevated to the status of a middle income country. It makes us feel good. It gives us confidence while it makes others turn around and glance at us with respect. We become a target for investment.

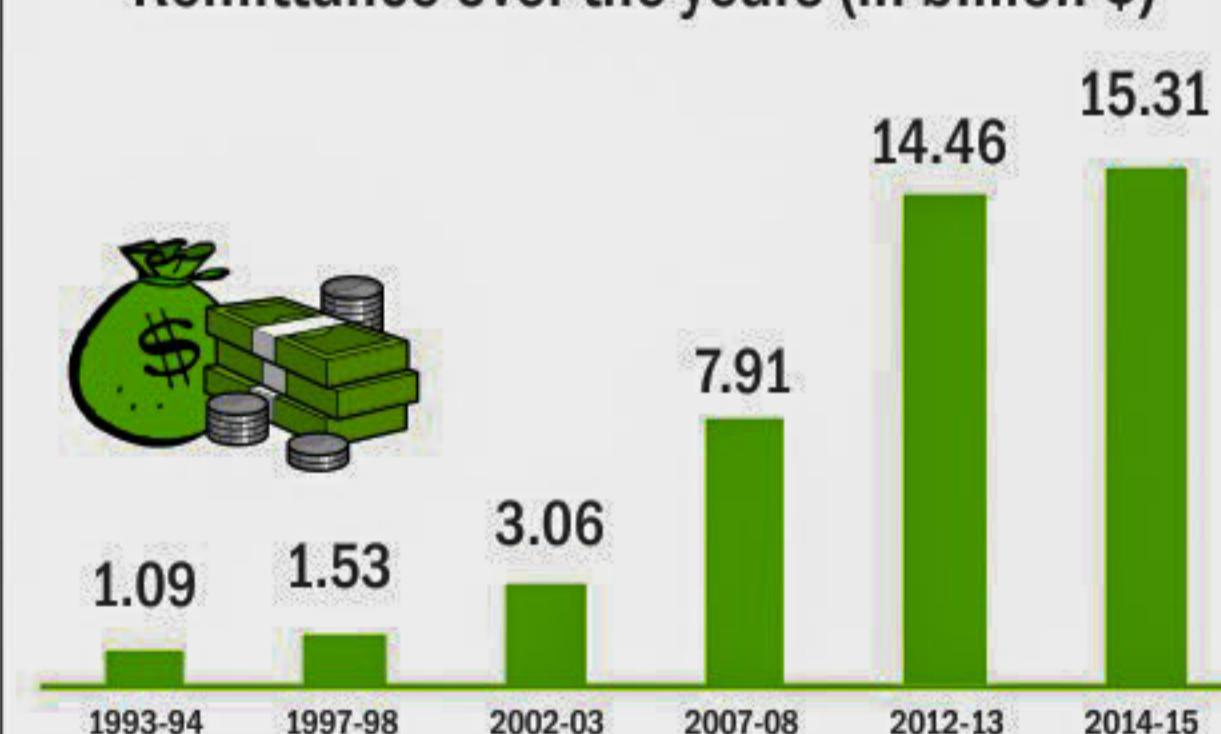
But it also cautions us about some pitfalls. It also cautions us to know the challenges and get prepared to brace ourselves for the crosswinds. It also alerts us about the so-called middle-income trap that may embrace a country when it is elevated to middle income category.

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Remittance in Bangladesh

Remittance over the years (in billion \$)



Remittance hits record \$15.31b

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In the just concluded fiscal year, migrant workers sent home \$15.31 billion in remittance, the highest in the country's history.

The remittance in 2014-15 also rose 7.6 percent from \$14.23 billion in the previous fiscal year, according to Bangladesh Bank (BB) statistics released yesterday.

A huge increase in manpower export, backed by the central bank's proactive measures to facilitate the inflow through formal channel, is believed to have driven the remittance growth.

"The higher inflow of remittance is the outcome of our continuous effort of the last couple of years," BB Governor Atiur Rahman said in a statement.

The central bank along with the commercial banks has worked hard round the year aiming to increase the flow of inward remittance from across the world, he said.

Stable exchange rate of the Bangladeshi taka against the US dollar has also helped achieve the steady growth in remittance inflow, Atiur Rahman explained.

"Delivery channel of inward remittances to the beneficiary has improved significantly because of the bank-led effective mobile banking under the leadership of BB," the governor added.

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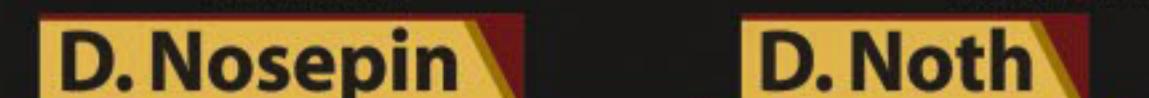
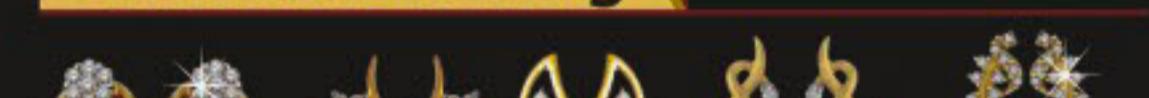
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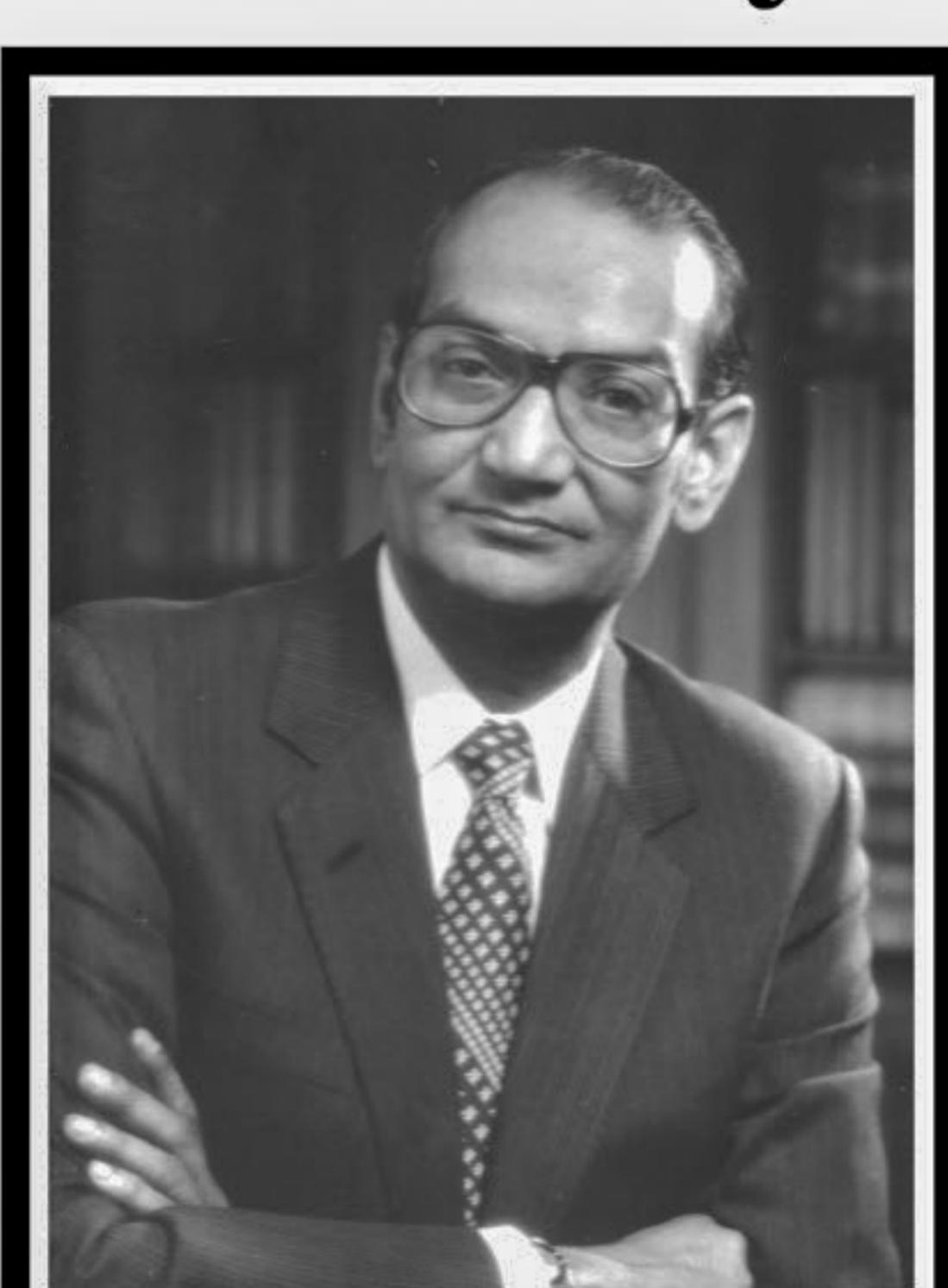
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Obituary

Mr. Rezaur Rahman FCA
(24 July 1929 - 1 July 2015)

We announce with profound sadness the demise of Mr. Rezaur Rahman, founder partner of Rahman Rahman Huq, Chartered Accountants.

Mr. Rezaur Rahman breathed his last in London in the evening of Wednesday, 1 July 2015. May Allah grant eternal peace to his departed soul.

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