

## Oman extends amnesty time for illegal workers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Oman yesterday extended till the end of October an amnesty for illegal foreign workers to leave the country with being fined.

The amnesty, which began on May 3 this year, was to end today.

The amnesty has been extended for three more months for the overstaying workers, reported Times of Oman, quoting its manpower ministry.

"It will help undocumented and stranded expatriate workers to fly back to their home countries without facing any legal action," an official of the ministry told the newspaper.

The amnesty was announced to regulate the labour market in Oman, he added. Gulf News added that more than 60,000 foreigners have taken advantage of the amnesty.

According to Omani media reports, there are around 40,000 undocumented Bangladeshis, 4,000 Pakistanis and 3,000 Indians.



RAJON MURDER

## Three Sylhet cops asked to explain negligence

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Three suspended officers of Sylhet's Jalalabad Police Station have been served show cause notices to explain their negligence in recording a case and arresting the people who allegedly murdered teenager Samiul Alam Rajon early this month.

The police authorities asked Officer-in-Charge (investigation) Alamgir Hossain and Sub-inspectors Aminul Islam and Jakir Hossain to explain their positions in person within seven days, said Rahmat Ullah, additional deputy commissioner (media) of Sylhet Metropolitan Police.

The three officers would be sued, and sending them show cause notices is the first step of the procedure, he told The Daily Star.

Rajon, 13, was branded a thief and tortured to death by five to six people in Kumargaon outside Sylhet city on July 8. One torturer filmed the brutality on his mobile phone.

The boy's father alleged that Jalalabad police initially refused to record a case and let a murder suspect Kamrul Islam flee to Saudi Arabia in exchange for bribes.

The two SIs were suspended on July 24 and OC Alamgir on July 26.

So far 13 people, including Kamrul and prime accused Muhith Alam, were arrested.



The environment and forests ministry and forest department start a march from the capital's Manik Mia Avenue yesterday marking Global Tiger Day.

PHOTO: STAR

## Gazipur man to die for killing wife

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

A Gazipur court yesterday sentenced a man to death for killing his wife in 2011.

Gazipur District and Sessions Judge AKM Enamul Haque also fined the convict, Mohammad Shamim, 28, son of Abdul Majid of Sreepur, Tk 10,000.

According to the verdict Shamim used to torture and abuse his wife Champa Akter, 20, daughter of Dula Mia of Sreepur. On January 5, 2011 he strangled Champa with a towel after she threatened to leave him.

Champa's father filed a murder case in this connection and police filed charges on March 24 of 2011.

Mohammad Shahab Uddin was the lawyer for the accused, while Md Haris Uddin Ahmed was the public prosecutor.

## Arsonists must face legal action: PM

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday reiterated her government's steadfast stand to take legal action against the persons responsible for colossal damage to the people and killing innocent people alive in the name of politics.

"The persons responsible for causing the damage to the people would be brought to justice must. None of them would be escaped," she said while distributing cheques among affected people and their relatives at her office in the capital.

"We have already started taking legal

action against them and it would continue as if they remain unpunished they would do same thing in future," she added.

Yesterday, the prime minister distributed 222 cheques for over Tk 8.37 crore among the relatives of 37 burn victims and owners of 185 damaged transport during the 92-day blockade and shutdown programme enforced by the BNP-Jamaat alliance.

After distribution of the cheques the prime minister said, "We are trying to extend help to you though we know that the damage you have suffered is not recoverable. But we are trying to stand beside you

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PHOTO: BSS

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina pets a grief-stricken woman as she along with many others lost their beloved ones in arson attacks during the BNP-led anti-government movement, while distributing cheques among the victims at her office yesterday.

## 2 SUSPECTS OF SHARIATPUR ICT orders probe report on war crimes by Sept 30

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday directed the prosecution to submit an investigation report into the allegations against two war crimes suspects of Shariatpur by September 30.

The tribunal fixed the date after Prosecutor Hrishikesh Saha submitted a progress report of the investigation and sought more time to complete it.

The suspects are: Suliman Mollah and Idris Ali Sardar of Shariatpur. Of the two, Suliman was arrested hours after the tribunal issued an arrest warrant against the two on June 14, while Idris is still on the run.

Meanwhile, the court granted a prosecution's petition allowing the investigation officer of the case to interrogate Suliman at a safe home for one day.

According to the prosecution, Suliman was a leader of Nezam-e-Islami, an anti-liberation political party, in Shariatpur. As a candidate from the party he contested in the election in 1970, but was defeated.

He was an alleged organiser of Shariatpur Peace Committee and Razakar Bahini, two anti-liberation organisations in 1971, while Idris was an alleged member of Razakar Bahini in the district.

Meanwhile, the prosecution on Wednesday formally informed the tribunal about the death of Abdul Latif Talukdar, an alleged Razakar from Bagerhat, who was facing trial at the tribunal.

The tribunal fixed August 5 for further hearing on the matter.

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## From bad marriage to forced prostitution

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ismat Ara was married off only at 13 to her 18-year-old cousin in Bogra in late 2012. Within the next few months, their marriage ended up in a dispute. A ninth-grader at the time, she wanted a divorce but her parents refused.

"Our relationship got so bitter that I left my husband, and even my parents, and fled to a friend's place in Dhaka," said Ismat [not her real name].

The teenager, who comes from a small farmer's family in the northern district, however, did not have freedom; rather she stepped into a dangerous trap.

It was some time in early 2013. Ismat went out in search of a job and suddenly found a crowd in a mazar (shrine) at Mirpur. As she indifferently looked around, a woman came over and inquired about her.

"She offered me a job in a beauty parlour. I was happy," Ismat said. On the same day the woman travelled with her to Jessore and handed her over to another woman.

After passing a night in Jessore, she crossed into India through Benapole. "At that time, I didn't understand anything. When I asked, I was just told I would get a

good job," the girl said.

Ismat was sharing her experiences at a discussion organised by development partners and NGOs marking World Day against Trafficking in Persons at the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

She was taken to a Mumbai brothel via Kolkata after three days' train journey.

"On the sixth floor of the building, there were many girls. Of some 300, almost 200 were from Bangladesh," she said, adding she learned of the horrible experiences of how the girls were trafficked and forced into prostitution and a life of confinement.

From then on, she was looking for a chance to escape. "On the second evening, amid lax security, I came down and broke a window and fled," she said.

She then sought police help. Mumbai police took her to a shelter and filed a case against her as an "illegal migrant". Learning of her story in a few days, Rescue Foundation, a charity, provided legal support and got her freed as a trafficking survivor.

While keeping her in its shelter home, Rescue Foundation contacted Rights

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