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NEW RECRUITMENT FOR MALAYSIA

Brokers eye shady business again

BELAL HOSSAIN BIPLOB

A section of private recruiters and their brokers have become very active to attract jobseekers with the promise of jobs in Malaysia though the modality of sending workers to the Southeast Asian country is yet to be finalised.

The recruiters started visiting Malaysia so that they could "buy" work visas beforehand and sell those to the workers at a higher price, insiders say.

This began soon after the expatriates' welfare and overseas employment ministry on June 25 stated that Malaysia had agreed to recruit 5,00,000 workers from Bangladesh for different sectors.

A four-member Malaysian delegation led by its immigration department's Director General Datuk Mustafa Ibrahim visited Dhaka and had talks with the expatriates' welfare ministry officials on the finalisation of the modality on August 10 and 11.

Now the recruitment might begin by one or two months, said officials at the Bangladesh High Commission in Kuala Lumpur.

"The Malaysian authorities will give us a report on the modality of the recruitment. Then our government will start processing to send workers," Shahida Sultana, first secretary at the mission, told The Daily Star on August 20 over the phone.

As per agreement between the two countries, there is no scope for buying and selling visas. The recruiters will just provide manpower as per requisition of the Malaysian companies and get service fees for this job, said officials at the expatriates' welfare ministry.

But it seems they can no longer wait for the recruitment modalities to be

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Flooded houses in Khagrachhari. Thousands of families in Marung and Kaba Khali unions of Dighinala upazila, and several areas of the district town were badly affected by the flood, caused by the onrush of rainwater from the hills. *Inset*, people are using boats to go from one place to another.

PHOTO: STAR

Crucial info gleaned from 3 lawyers

Claims Rab

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Law enforcers yesterday claimed to have gleaned "vital information" from the three lawyers, arrested on Tuesday on charges of financing a Chittagong-based militant outfit, during interrogation.

Commanding Officer Lt Col Miftah Uddin Ahmed of Rab-7 said they had come to know the sources of money and names of some people involved in

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7 kidnappers held

Rab busts the gang after their cohorts abducted Bangladeshi businessman in Malaysia, then realised ransom from his family

STAR REPORT

The Rapid Action Battalion has arrested seven members of a transnational gang that abducted a Bangladeshi businessman in Malaysia in July and released him on Tuesday after realising Tk 28 lakh in ransom.

Tk 14 lakh has been recovered from the seven held in Narayanganj, Munshiganj and Brahmanbaria on Wednesday and Thursday. Rab-11 Commanding Officer Lt Col Anwar Latif Khan said at a press conference in the elite force's Narayanganj unit office yesterday.

However, three main accused -- Lokman Hossain, Fakruddin Ali Ahmed Jony and Md Sharif -- were yet to be arrested as they were in Malaysia, said the Rab official.

The arrestees include Lokman's wife Shakila Akter; his sister Alia Begum, her husband Abul Kalam Azad and their son Al Amin Asif; Jony's mother Mahmud Parvin; hundi trader Awlad Hossain; and Alia's associate Abdullah.

Six passports, nine mobile phones, 11 SIM cards, and some credit cards and cheque books were seized from them, the Rab claimed.

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Olama League chief stabbed at national mosque gate

Suspected militant held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ilias Hossain Bin Helali, president of an Awami Olama League faction, was stabbed at the south gate of Baitul Mukarram National Mosque in Dhaka yesterday.

Helali, 56, who suffered three stab wounds on his shoulder and armpit, was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

KM Reaz Morshed, resident surgeon of casualty

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CHILD MARRIAGE ATTEMPT

Tanjila's struggle on to save herself

SOHRAB HOSSAIN with ANDREW EAGLE

For 15-year-old Tanjila of Gourichanna village of Barguna sadar upazila, August 9 would prove to be a fateful day. Her parents Jahangir Khan and Helena Begum chose the date for her marriage to local rickshawpuller Shahin. But Tanjila didn't agree.

It would take all of Tanjila's courage and then some, to save herself from becoming yet another victim of child marriage. Yet her struggle is far from over.



A dedicated class 9 student of Gourichanna Nawab Samiullah High School, Tanjila is ambitious. "I don't want to marry now because I want to be a physician," she says.

The school principal Nazmul Faruque has confidence in her. "She is very attentive and regular in attendance. She has a bright future and we should all help her

fulfil her dream," he says.

Unfortunately it is a dream Tanjila's parents do not share.

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Man killed as tiger statue falls on him

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A rickshaw-van puller was killed as a statue of Bengal Tiger collapsed on him at Karwan Bazar intersection in the capital early yesterday.

The dead is Ahmad Ali, 50, of Dakkhin Balia in Chandpur.

The statue, built in 2011, remained neglected for long, alleged locals.

Bhajan Sarkar, duty officer of Fire Service and Civil Defence, said the statue collapsed probably due to the weakness of its foundation.

Ansar Ali Khan, chief executive officer of Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC), said a firm of one

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One of the two tiger statues at the capital's Sonargaon intersection fell on the road early yesterday, killing a man who was sleeping underneath.

PHOTO: STAR

Two Kushtia AL men missing

Family members allege they were picked up by law enforcers; Rab denies

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

The president and the general secretary of Kushtia Swachchhasebak League were allegedly picked up by plainclothes Rapid Action Battalion men from a resort in Gazipur early yesterday.

Sahida Khatun, mother of the general secretary, Sazzad Hossain Sabuj, made the allegation at a press conference at Kushtia Press Club later in the morning.

Rab, however, denied its involvement in the incident. "We don't have any information about it," Mufti Mahmud Khan, director of the elite force's legal and media wing, told The Daily Star last night.

Sahida said Sazzad Sabuj, Akteruzzaman Labu, president of the Swachchhasebak unit, and two activists of the Awami League-affiliated body were staying at Dream Square Resort in Gazipur.

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BNP had no link to Aug 21 attack

Says Nazrul

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Terming the August 21 grenade attack on an Awami League rally "a heinous act", BNP standing committee member Nazrul Islam Khan yesterday claimed that his

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PRAYER TIMING

AUGUST 22					
Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha	
4-30	12-45	4-45	6-33	8-00	
JAMAAT	5-05	1-15	5-00	6-36	8-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

31st Death Anniversary of Habibur Kabir (Nizam)



On occasion of the 31st death anniversary of Habibur Kabir (Nizam) a Milad Mehfil will be held Today, 22-08-2015 after Magrib Prayers at Union Center, 68/1 Gulshan Avenue, Gulshan-1, Dhaka.

Relatives, friends and all well wishers of the deceased are requested to kindly join the Milad Mehfil and pray for the salvation of his departed soul _ Family of Habibur Kabir (Nizam)

The first Saudi women register to vote in Dec

ALJAZEERA ONLINE

Safinaz Abu al-Shamat and Jamal al-Saadi made history last Sunday by becoming the first Saudi women to register to vote.

For the first time in the kingdom's history, women will be able to vote, register as candidates and run for office in the municipal elections to be held on December 12.

These will be the first polls since the 2011 decision by late Saudi King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz al-Saud to grant women the right to vote and run for office.

Voter registration begins today, but started a week earlier in Mecca and Medina, which Shamat and Saadi call home, respectively. Candidates will be able to register beginning on August 30.

The municipal council's limited responsibilities include approving annual budgets, suggesting planning

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World's oldest message in a bottle turns up

INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

The world's oldest message in a bottle to ever be found is believed to have been recovered - after 108 years at sea.

Marianne Winkler, a retired postal worker, was on holiday when she spotted the unusual bottle floating by the German island of Amrum.

She told local paper the Amrum News the clear glass bottle had a note inside bearing only the words: "Break the bottle."

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