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Around 40,000 Bangladeshis living in the conflict-ridden country feel insecure; no proper way to send remittance

PORIMOL PALMA

The Bangladeshis in Libya are living in extreme uncertainty amid persisting violence in the war-torn country. Fearing for their life, many are returning home while some are embarking on risky boat journeys to Europe across the Mediterranean.

Those who are still stuck there often lose all their savings to robbers or armed groups or even civilians who take advantage of the absolute chaos that followed the ouster of Muammar Gaddafi in 2011.

Their trouble deepened after money transfer agencies shut their services in the North African country over a year ago, rendering the migrant workers unable to send money home through legal and trusted channels.

The plights of the expatriate workers came to the fore when a boat carrying around 500 migrants capsized in the Mediterranean Sea en route to Europe on August 24. At least 78 Bangladeshis were on the boat. Of them, 24 died and 54 were rescued.

The rescued later told Bangladesh Embassy officials that security concerns in Libya forced them to take the risky journey.

Since Gaddafi's fall, the oil-rich country has been torn apart by various region- and tribe-centric armed militias fighting each other for greater control in the absence of a central government.

Under these circumstances, Libya halted recruiting from Bangladesh in May this year and Bangladesh Embassy in Tripoli was relocated to Tunisia a month later.

According to foreign ministry officials, though nearly 37,000 migrants were repatriated from Libya since 2011, an estimated 40,000 Bangladeshis

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A human hauler heading for Gulistan from Keraniganj perilously carries at least 10 extra passengers on the roof rack and the footboard. The photo was taken from the capital's Second Buriganga Bridge yesterday. Vehicles in the city are seen illegally carrying extra passengers in this way, which often results in people getting hurt, but traffic police play the role of bystanders.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

TOP QUOTE

"Everything I was dreaming of is gone. I want to bury my children and sit beside them until I die."

ABDULLAH KURDI
FATHER OF SYRIAN BOY AYLAN, WHO ALONG WITH HIS BROTHER AND MOTHER DROWNED IN SEA EN ROUTE TO EUROPE

Pir, aide killed in Ctg shrine

Assailant flees exploding bomb after gruesome murder; motive still unknown

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Ctg

A *pir* (a revered religious instructor) along with an attendant was brutally murdered by an unknown assailant inside his shrine in Bangla Bazar area of Chittagong city yesterday afternoon.

Deceased Rahamat Ullah, 60, was popularly known as Lyangta Fakir for being in the nude most of the time, and his assistant was Khadem Abdul Kader, 30.

Locals saw a young man entering the shrine around 1:45pm. Later, they found the *pir* and his attendant dead with their throats slit.

The criminal exploded a homemade bomb to escape the crime scene, which injured three people, police said.

He first slit the throat of Rahamat when people of the area had gone to offer their juma prayers, said Pradip Kumar Das, officer-in-charge of Bayezid Police Station.

The man killed Kader when Kader had arrived at the scene with food for Rahamat, locals said.

Local Monir, 23, chased the tall young man when he was fleeing the scene. But the man exploded the bomb targeting Monir, which injured three people, including a boy.

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2 outlaws killed in 'gunfight'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Two leaders of an outlawed party were killed in a "gunfight" with police in Rajbari's Pangsha upazila early yesterday.

The dead are Kamal Hossain, 45, and Omar Kha, 35, of Shantikhola and Borochobaria villages of the upazila.

Kamal was the prime accused in a case filed in connection with the murder of Mizanur Rahman, a former officer-in-charge of Pangsha Police Station. Omar, one of Kamal's accomplices, was also the ringleader of an inter-district robber gang, claimed police.

Police also said the duo were top leaders of outlawed Biplobi Communist Party and were close to the party's Rajbari regional leader SM Shajahan alias Sagar alias Bhulu, who had recently been released from Rajbari jail on bail.

On Thursday afternoon, police arrested Kamal who was hiding in a place at Langalbandh of Jhenidah's Shailkupa upazila.

Based on his information, the law enforcers nabbed Omar from Goalondo

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Suicide or murder?

SUST student's death triggers questions

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Shahriar, a SUST student found hanging at a student mess on Thursday night, had received repeated death threats, the last known one being early this year.

"This is our last warning!" read a note sent with a burial cloth in the name of Nastik Murtad Protirodh Andolan in 2013. "Nobody can save you [the next time]," it said.

Shahriar was an activist of Gonojagoron Mancha, a youth platform that initiated never-seen-before Shahbagh Movement demanding maximum punishment for war criminals.

"During the tumultuous days of the movement, the note came as a shock," Shahriar said in the caption of the scanned image of the note posted on Facebook.

"However, those of us who received such notes never retreated," said his post on February 27, 2013.



Shahriar

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Live wire gets in contact with vehicle

10 passengers hurt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 10 passengers of a human hauler were injured after the vehicle accidentally got in contact with a live wire hanging a few feet above a street at Mohammadpur in the capital yesterday.

Of the victims, Wahed Hossain was admitted to the burn unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital with 10 percent burns.

The accident happened on a street near Krishi Market around 11:00am when the human hauler was heading towards Farmgate, said Jamal Uddin Mir, officer-in-charge of Mohammadpur Police Station.

Those inside the human hauler came in contact with

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JATKA NETTING ON

Despite a ban, jatka (hilsa less than 10-inch long) being sold wholesale by fishermen in a market in Chittagong yesterday. The catch of large hilsa, *bottom right*, has been very poor in the sea over the past week. But demand for the national fish, also the country's most favourite, remains unabated. This comes as an opportunity for a string of fishermen to net and sell jatka in large quantities, which is illegal. The catching of jatka harms the hilsa population and eventually raises prices.



PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

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