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## 15 lakh to get job in 3 years

Govt okays 'G2G plus' system to send workers to Malaysia, involving private recruiters

HASAN JAHID TUSHER

The cabinet yesterday approved a draft deal to allow Bangladeshi private recruiting agents to send workers to Malaysia following the failure of the government-to-government (G2G) labour recruitment system.

Through the new "G2G Plus" system, a worker can get a job in the Southeast Asian nation, and the migration cost would be a maximum of Tk 37,000, Cabinet Secretary M Shafiqul Alam told reporters after a meeting at the Secretariat.

The government hopes to send around 15 lakh workers to Malaysia in the next three years under a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to be signed with Malaysia in a month, he said.

The G2G Plus also has a provision for recruitment of Bangladeshi female workers in Malaysia, said the cabinet secretary.

Under the deal, Malaysia will recognise Bangladesh as a "source country" from where workers can be recruited in

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Parents take two terrified schoolgirls out of a building that houses a school. The two kids, who were taking classes inside the building, got frightened by a Rajuk eviction drive that demolished illegal parts of the structure, inset, in the capital's Kalabagan area yesterday. Story on page 3.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN



## GRISLY 7-MURDER IN NARAYANGANJ

# 35 accused indicted

Nur Hossain, 3 ex-Rab officials, others face trial on Feb 25

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

A Narayanganj court yesterday framed charges against 35 people, including Nur Hossain and three fired Rab officials, in two cases filed in connection with the sensational seven-murder.

The District and Sessions Judges court fixed February 25 for starting trial through the recording of witnesses' testimonies, said court sources.

Alongside being the prime accused in the sensational seven-murder case, Nur is also accused in six cases related to the possession of illegal firearms, narcotics, and extortion.

The court granted Nur bail in three cases while another Narayanganj court denied him bail in three other cases.

Seven people, including Narayanganj city corporation panel mayor Nazrul Islam and senior lawyer Chandan Sarkar, were abducted from the Dhaka-Narayanganj Link



Road on April 27, 2014. Their bodies were found floating in the Shitalakkhya a few days later.

Nazrul's father-in-law Shahidul Islam alleged that Rab personnel abducted and killed Nazrul after taking Tk 6 crore from ward councillor Nur Hossain for the contract killing.

Nazrul's widow Selina Hossain, also plaintiff of the murder case, expressed fear that witnesses of the case and victims' families lacked security.

She alleged that Nur's men were showing off their muscle power at Shiddhirganj area holding rallies and demanding his release. Nur's men also threatened some of the victims' families and they were seen on the court premises, she said.

"We want security for the victims' family members and the witnesses to ensure smooth trial of the cases," she said.

Selina had filed a no-confidence petition with a Narayanganj court against the charge sheet, saying it was

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## Editors are partners of conspiracy

Says AL leader Hanif; BCL holds rally against Star editor

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Editors sometimes work as partners of conspiracy against the country's interest, Mahbubul Alam Hanif, Awami League joint general secretary, claimed yesterday.

He was referring to a comment by The Daily Star Editor Mahfuz Anam about publishing some reports during the 2007-08 caretaker government.

At a talk show on February 3, Anam made an introspective comment about a

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## KERANIGANJ SCHOOLBOY MURDER

# Suspect killed in Rab 'shootout'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The prime suspect of schoolboy Abdullah murder in Keraniganj was killed in a "gunfight" with Rapid Action Battalion early yesterday.

The deceased, Motahar Hossain, a relative of the 11-year-old boy, allegedly masterminded the abduction and killing of Abdullah before dumping his body in a plastic barrel at his own house at Mugarchar in the upazila about a week ago, according to police and Rab officials.

Motahar, aged around 50, and his wife went into hiding following the recovery of the minor's body on February 2. Police arrested the couple's son and daughter in connection with the killing the same day.

According to a Rab press note, a patrol team of Crime Prevention Company-2 of Rab-10 asked four men on two motorcycles to stop at Chitakhola in Dakkhin Keraniganj around 4:15am yesterday.

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Abdullah



Rubia Akter and Jahirul Islam taking care of physically challenged children in Daulatpur upazila of Manikganj.

PHOTO: STAR

## 'We too can'

Volunteers in Manikganj working to help the physically challenged

ZAHANGIR SHAH, Manikganj

Physically challenged Sujon, 13, cannot move without support from others. He cannot speak either. His father Sayedur remarried and got settled in Tangail. To find better work, his poor mother has gone abroad, leaving him to his elderly grandmother at a government shelter center at Mandarta under Daulatpur upazila in Manikganj.

Sujon was passing his days there in abject misery.

But when this correspondent went there to pay him a visit on a Friday recently, he was seen with a college student named Jahirul

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## Refund extra fees or face legal action

Education minister warns schools

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid yesterday reaffirmed that legal action would be taken against the education institutions failing to return additional fees within the deadline.

"We are showing tolerance, but that does not mean we will not be strict," he said at a press briefing after a meeting with the representatives of educationists and eminent citizens at his Secretariat office.

Nahid on February 3 issued a seven-day deadline to the private schools and colleges to refund the extra fees collected from stu-

dents and asked all the boards to make lists of institutions failing to comply with.

The deadline ends on Thursday. "We'll take stern actions against those institutions which fail to refund the extra fees within the deadline. I've urged the managing committees of the errant education institutions to comply with the deadline and the High Court order. Otherwise, none will be spared," Nahid said.

There was a High Court order that says the school managing committees will be dissolved if they failed to comply with the government's directives, he added.

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**TOP QUOTE**

"We all love our own right to free speech, but many of us change our minds about how free speech should be when those with whom we disagree begin to talk."

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