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FOREIGN WORKER RECRUITMENT Malaysia hints at reviewing restriction

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Malaysian government again plans to review a decision on foreign workers' intake after suspending recruitment from all countries including Bangladesh in February this year.

"I am very concerned about the issue of foreign workers, and I am aware that many sectors are affected. Employers are urging the government to open our doors to more foreign workers again," said Malaysian Deputy Prime Minister Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi at a programme in Kuala Lumpur on Thursday.

"The government is listening, and there will be an important announcement on this matter in due course," he added.

The government gave due consideration to the complaints and proposals by various stakeholders of Malaysia, reports Malaysian English daily The Star.

Hailing the Malaysian government's move, Shahidul Islam, Bangladesh high commissioner at Kuala Lumpur, yesterday said they have information recruitment would resume in a month or two.

"We are very much hopeful of the progress in recruitment of our people," he told The Daily Star over phone from Malaysia.

However, the envoy did not clarify if they had held discussion with the Malaysian authorities on retaking Bangladeshis under an agreement signed by the two countries in February.

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Flirting with injury and death, a huge rush of pedestrians push through the oncoming buses and cars at the busy intersection near the Airport Railway Station around 3:00pm yesterday. Traffic officers say it's a daylong struggle to keep cars moving. A soon to come foot over bridge might improve the scene. However, people hardly change their habit of crossing the streets willy-nilly, officials say. PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Biswal due next week

US, India working to counter extremism in Bangladesh, says US official

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

In the wake of the murder of a US embassy staff, the US is sending one of its important assistant secretaries to Bangladesh to discuss cooperation on counterterrorism.

US Secretary of State John Kerry, who talked with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina by telephone on Thursday over the barbaric murder of Xulhaz Mannan, asked Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs Nisha Desai Biswal to visit Bangladesh to further bolster cooperation with Bangladesh on countering violent extremism and terrorism, diplomatic sources said.

Biswal is expected to come on a two-day visit on May 4 when she will hold meetings with high officials of the Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Home and Foreign Affairs, political figures and other stakeholders to discuss how best

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PM to visit 3 countries next month

REZAUL KARIM

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will likely begin tours to the UK, Bulgaria and Japan from mid-May to visit her relatives and join two international events.

Diplomatic sources said the PM will attend the Unesco-sponsored Global Women Leaders' Forum on May 18-20 in Sofia, Bulgaria.

In Japan, she will take part in an outreach meeting during the G7 Summit on May



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3 Garo men missing for over 2 weeks

A CORRESPONDENT, Sherpur

Three Garo men, who were picked up from Sherpur and Mymensingh more than two weeks ago, are still missing.

Their family members, concerned about their safety, are passing extremely hard days. They alleged that the three men were abducted by the Rapid Action Battalion -- an allegation rejected by the elite force.

The victims, Provat Marak, 60, and Bibhas Sangma, 25, son of Sukhindra Marak of Gajni village in Sherpur's Jhenaigati upazila, and Rajesh Marak, 22, son of Sumit Sangma of the same village, are relatives.

Provat and Bibhas were picked up from Jhenaigati and Rajesh from Mymensingh's Bhaluka upazila on the same day on April 14, said their families.

Bibhas is a second-year student at Teen Ani Adarsha Degree College in Jhenaigati while Provat is a labourer. Rajesh, who stays in his sister's house in Bhaluka town, studies at a private university in the capital.

Bibhas' mother, 60-year-old Birla Sangma, filed a general diary with Jhenaigati Police Station on April 16, two days after her son was "abducted".

This correspondent recently visited the family members of the three Garo men in Gajni village, around 50 kilometres off the district town.

The family members and locals said a group of 10 to 12 people, some of them in black uniform, identified themselves as law enforcement agency members and picked up Bibhas and Provat from their houses.

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Two AL men shot, hacked to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

Unidentified criminals hacked and shot two Awami League activists dead in Raipur upazila of Laxmipur early yesterday.

Ismail Hossain Manik, 35, son of late Sekendar Hossain of Rajibpur village, and Kamrul Islam, 28, son of Shamsul Karim of the same village, were active activists of the party, said Belayet Hossain, president of Bangakha union AL.

Quoting the victim families, police said Ismail and Kamrul received phone calls and went outside their homes around 11:30pm Friday. They had been missing since then.

Their bodies were found in a field in Rajibpur village yesterday morning.

On information, police recovered the bodies and sent them to Laxmipur Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsies.

Jenny, daughter of victim Manik, alleged that her father

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Decision on bus fare cut Monday

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader yesterday said a decision on cutting transport fares will be made in a meeting in the capital on Monday.

"The government has slashed the fuel prices. Accordingly, the transport fares will also be reduced," he told journalists during a visit to the construction site of an underpass beneath Nabinnagar-Chandra road in Gazipur.

A fare re-fixing committee composed of government officials, transport owners, workers and other stakeholders will discuss the issue in the meeting before making the decision.

The government on April 24 cut the prices of octane

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গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার
কর কমিশনারের কার্যালয়
কর অঞ্চল-৬, ঢাকা
৭১/২, পাইলটনিয়ার রোড, কাকরাইল, ঢাকা
নথি নং-২ বি-৩০ (অংশ-২)/২০১৫-২০১৬/৪০৫৯ তারিখঃ ২৭.০৪.২০১৬ইং

উৎসে আয়কর কর্তন সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি

কর অঞ্চল-৬, ঢাকা এর অধিক্ষেত্রাধীন সকল করদাতার অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাইতেছে যে, জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড, ঢাকার নথি নং ০৮.০১.০০০০.০২৭.০৯.০০১.১২/৩৪৯, তারিখঃ ২৯.০৭.২০১২খ্রিঃ এবং নথি নং ০৮.০১.০০০০.০২৭.০৯.০০১.১২/২০০, তারিখঃ ২০.০৮.২০১৫খ্রিঃ অনুযায়ী এই কর অঞ্চলের অধিক্ষেত্রাধীন সকল করদাতা কর্তৃক আয়কর অধ্যাদেশ, ১৯৮৪ এর নিম্নবর্ণিত ২টি ধারায় উৎসে কর্তনকৃত আয়কর জমা প্রদানের অধিক্ষেত্র কর অঞ্চল-৬, ঢাকায় ন্যস্ত করা হইয়াছে, যাহা নিম্নরূপঃ

ক্রমিক নং	উৎসে কর কর্তনের খাত ও ধারা	কর কর্তন/সংগ্রহকারী কর্তৃপক্ষের এলাকা	কর কর্তন/সংগ্রহকারী কর্তৃপক্ষ	কর কর্তনের হার
১।	Collection of tax from freight forward agency commission 52(M)	ঢাকা জেলা	আয়কর অধ্যাদেশ, ১৯৮৪ এর ধারা ২(৪৬) অনুযায়ী যে কোন ব্যক্তি/প্রতিষ্ঠান	১৫%
২।	Deduction of tax from commission or remuneration paid to agent of foreign buyer 53 (EE)	সমগ্র বাংলাদেশ	বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক এর তফসিলভুক্ত যে কোন ব্যাংক	১০%

২। জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ডের উল্লিখিত ২টি আদেশ অনুযায়ী উপর্যুক্ত ২টি ধারাসমূহের আওতায় সকল খাত হইতে কর্তনকৃত আয়কর কেবল কর অঞ্চল-৬, ঢাকা এর অনুকূলে (কোম্পানী করদাতার নিকট হইতে উৎসে কর্তিত কর ১-১১৪১-০০২৫-০১০১ কোডে এবং ব্যক্তি করদাতার নিকট হইতে উৎসে কর্তিত কর ১-১১৪১-০০২৫-০১১১ কোডে) জমা প্রদান করিতে হইবে। নির্ধারিত হারে এবং পদ্ধতিতে উৎসে কর কর্তন করা না হইলে অথবা নির্দিষ্ট সময়ের মধ্যে হিসাব কোডে কর্তনকৃত উৎসে কর জমা প্রদান করিতে ব্যর্থ হইলে আয়কর অধ্যাদেশ, ১৯৮৪ এর ৫৭ ধারা অনুযায়ী জরিমানা আরোপিত হইবে।

৩। এতদ্বিষয়ে কোন তথ্যের প্রয়োজন হইলে এই কর অঞ্চলের অতিরিক্ত কর কমিশনার জনাব আবু হান্নান দেলওয়ার হোসেন (ফোনঃ ৯৩৫৯০৩৫, মোবাইলঃ ০১৫৫২৩০৭৪৯৯), জনাব মোহাম্মদ মোস্তফা (ফোনঃ ৯৩৫০৩২২, মোবাইলঃ ০১৭১৫৫৬৫১২২), যুগ্ম কর কমিশনার জনাব শেখ মোঃ মনিরুজ্জামান (ফোনঃ ৯৩৩১৮৩০, মোবাইলঃ ০১৭১১৪৩২৬৪৩) এবং বেগম সেলিনা সুলতানা (ফোনঃ ৮৩৯১৮৮৩, মোবাইলঃ ০১৫৫২৩২৬২৯৭) এর সহিত যোগাযোগ করা যাইতে পারে।

মোঃ নুরুল আলম
কর কমিশনার
কর অঞ্চল-৬, ঢাকা

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Retirement really could kill you

MAIL ONLINE

Most people count down the days to retirement, but a recent study has found it could actually send you to an early grave.

New findings suggest that working past age 65 could actually add more years onto your life. It was found to lead to an 11 percent lower risk of death from all causes.

The study found that

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Shelling on Syrian mosque kills 8

Air strike hits another clinic in Aleppo; UN condemns 'monstrous disregard' for lives

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Deadly fighting has resumed in Syria's divided second city of Aleppo, after a brief lull overnight. State media say rebels shelled a mosque in the government-held district of Bab al-Faraj yesterday, killing eight people.

Rescue workers report that a clinic in rebel-held Marja was targeted in an air strike, the second medical facility to be hit in a week.

The military meanwhile has announced a "regime of calm" will take effect elsewhere in Syria early today. It will last, it says, for 24 hours in Damascus and the Eastern Ghouta region outside the capital, and for 72 hours in the northern countryside of Latakia province.

The "regime of calm" is not explained

nor is there any mention of Aleppo, where seven days of escalating violence has left more than 200 civilians dead.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a UK-based monitoring group, says one person was killed in yesterday's air strikes on rebel-held Aleppo, while the Local Co-ordination Committees (LCC), an opposition activist network, puts the death toll at three.

The Syrian Civil Defence, whose volunteer emergency response workers are known as the "White Helmets", say that among the sites targeted by government warplanes was a clinic in Marja that had provided dental

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Obituary



We inform with profound sadness that A F G Mohiuddin (71), former Additional Secretary to the Government of Bangladesh, and a reputed columnist, died of a massive brain stroke at LabAid Hospital in Dhaka on Sunday, 24 April 2016. He hailed from

Mongolhata village under Lohagora upazila of Narail district. He left behind his wife, one son, two daughters, two grandsons, and numerous relatives, friends, colleagues and well-wishers to mourn his death. He was buried at Karbala Graveyard in Jessore. A Doa Mahfil will be held at Baitul Aman Mosque, Road No. 7, Dhanmondi, Dhaka, after Maghrib prayers on Sunday, 01 May 2016 for the salvation of his departed soul. All (male and female) are requested to kindly join the Doa Mahfil.

Members of the bereaved family of the deceased