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## Passport most corrupt sector

### TIB survey findings show 77pc passport seekers fall victims to corruption

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Passport sector has been found to be the most corrupt one, followed by the law enforcement agencies and education in the TIB National Household Survey 2015.

While 77.7 percent households fell victim to corruption while securing services from passport offices, 74.6 percent bribed law enforcement agencies and 60.8 percent bribed educational institutions.

Overall, 67.8 percent households were victim of corruption in 2015. The rate was almost the same (67.3 percent) in 2012 when the TIB conducted its last household survey.

The amount of bribe paid by households last year was Tk 8,821 crore, which is Tk 1,497 crore more than that in 2012.

The survey titled "Corruption in Services Sector: National Household Survey 2015" was done on 15,206 rural and urban households from across the country between November 1 and December 25.

Over 58 percent of the surveyed households paid bribes last year against about 52 percent in 2012.

The home secretary has rejected TIB findings on law enforcement agencies and the passport department. The chief of the Department of Immigration and Passport (DIP) said the survey was done without visiting any passport offices.

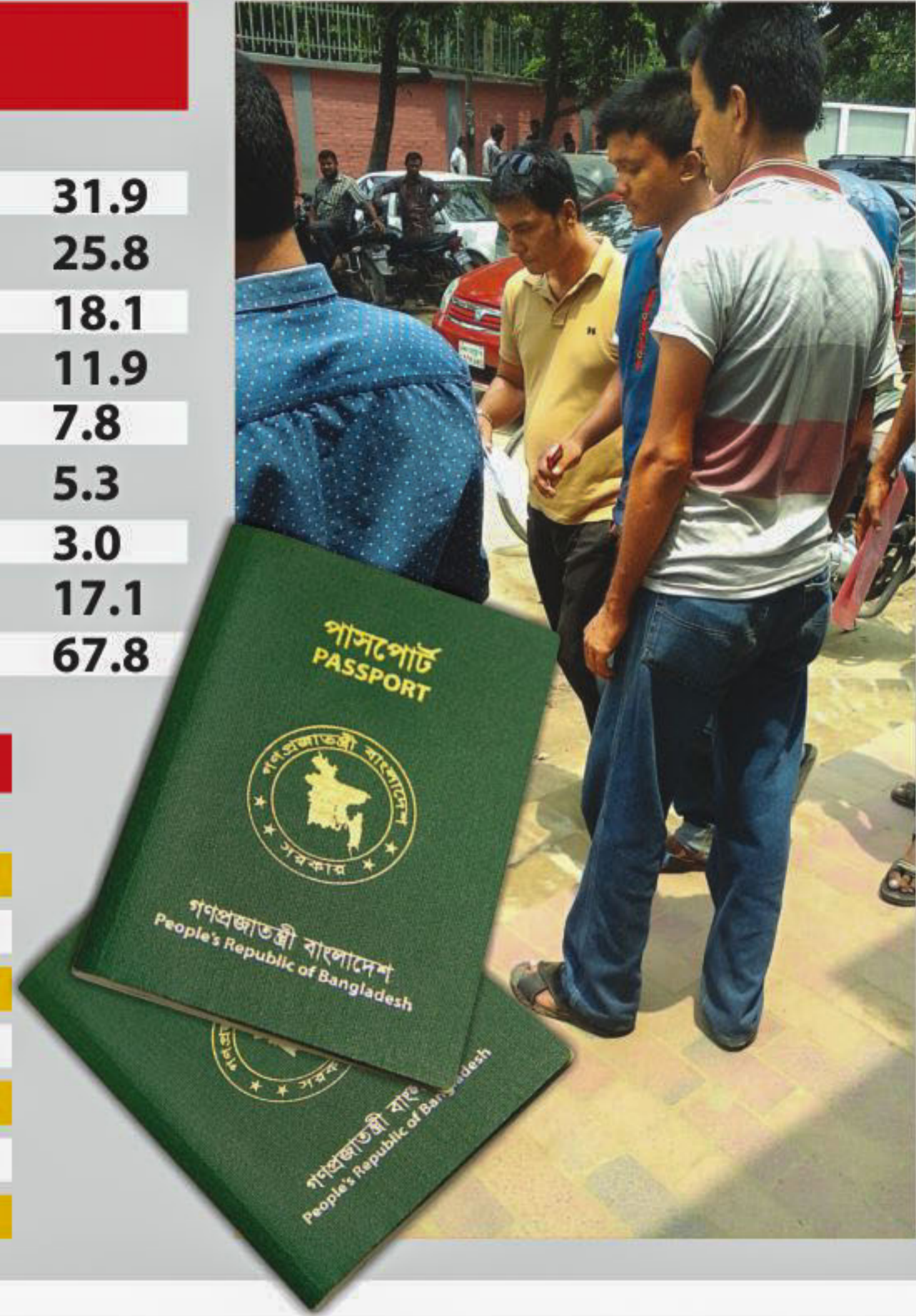
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### CORRUPTION IN DIFFERENT SERVICE SECTORS

Percentage/Households			
Passport	77.7	Electricity	31.9
Law enforcement agencies	74.6	Agriculture	25.8
Education	60.8	Tax and duty	18.1
BRTA	60.1	Gas	11.9
Land administration	53.4	Insurance	7.8
Judicial services	48.2	Banking	5.3
Health	37.5	NGO	3.0
Local government institutions	36.1	Others	17.1
		Overall	67.8

### REASONS BEHIND GIVING BRIBE

Percentage/Households	
No money, no service	70.9
Lack of information	33.3
To avoid harassment and complications	26.5
To get service within stipulated time	16.6
To get service before the stipulated time	12.6
To influence	4.4
Others	4.5



## Brokers active always

BELAL HOSSAIN BIPOLO

The atmosphere of the passport office in the capital's Agargaon was refreshingly different on the day of April 24, when Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina paid a visit there.

There were hardly any brokers inside or outside the Department of Immigration and Passports (DIP) building at that time. The office was less chaotic and the officials were found to be doing their jobs with utmost sincerity.

The absence of brokers and the flurry of activity of officials lasted just a day.

The next day, it was business as usual: brokers returned to fleece service seekers.

"Even before getting down from a rickshaw in front of the gate, some brokers rushed towards me and offered to provide different

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## It's IS attack: Turkey

### Death toll in suicide bombings 41; Erdogan calls for int'l 'joint fight' against terror; Western allies, including US, condemn carnage



AFP, Istanbul

Turkey pointed the finger of blame at Islamic State jihadists yesterday after suicide bombers armed with automatic rifles attacked Istanbul's main international airport, killing 41 people, including foreigners.

Witnesses described scenes of terror and panic on Tuesday evening as the attackers began shooting indiscriminately and then blew themselves up at

the entrance to Ataturk airport, one of Europe's busiest hubs.

The assault, at the start of Turkey's crucial summer tourist season, was the latest in a wave of attacks in Istanbul and the capital Ankara over the past year, putting the country on high alert.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility but Prime Minister Binali Yildirim said "the evidence points to Daesh", using another name for the jihadist group.

**A mother of victims killed the day before in a suicide bombing and gun attack at Istanbul's airport, cries yesterday. A triple suicide bombing and gun attack on Istanbul's Ataturk airport has killed at least 41 people.**

PHOTO: AFP

The city's governor said 41 people were killed, including 13 foreigners, and 239 wounded.

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan called for an international "joint fight" against terror, as Western allies including the United States condemned the "heinous" attack.

Turkey declared a day of national mourning over the deadly attack. The government has ordered flags at half-staff.

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## PM blames BNP-Jamaat for killings

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Accusing the BNP-Jamaat alliance of carrying out the recent secret killings, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the government must take actions against those responsible for the murders, no matter who they are.

"The man [Golam Faizullah Fahim] who had attacked a Madaripur college teacher was caught red-handed by local people. My question is why Khaleida Zia is crying crocodile tears for him," the PM told parliament while taking part in the budget discussion.

This proves that the BNP-Jamaat has a link with the secret killings, she claimed.

Fahim, 18, was killed in a "shootout" between law enforcers and criminals in Miarchar area of Madaripur on July 18, sparking widespread questions, condemnation and criticism, four days into his capture.

Speaking at different iftar mahfils in the capital,

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## SP Babul signed resignation letter under pressure

### Alleges family; 'arms supplier' held much earlier than claimed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

SP Babul Akter signed his resignation letter when he was kept in police custody for 15 hours, said police and his family sources.

He had to sign it as he was left with two options -- either to face trial for his alleged link with his wife Mahmuda Khanam Mitu's murder or resign.

The resignation letter, however, is yet to be submitted to the police headquarters, said the sources.

Babul was picked up from his father-in-law's home at Meradia in the capital on Friday night and was interrogated for 15 hours at the Detective Branch office on Minto Road.

The sources said three DIG-ranked officials told him that they had evidence of his link to the murder and gave him the options.

"Although Babul did not admit his involvement, he opted to sign the resignation letter considering the future of his two children," said a family source, wishing anonymity.

Babul was pressurised to pick one of the two choices, said the sources.

On June 5, three assailants stabbed and shot dead Mitu after she left her OR Nizam Road house on foot around 6:35am to put her son on a school bus at GEC Intersection in the port city.



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## Fun, love, care are what make a dream school

Say primary school students

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

What would your dream school look like?

Spontaneous were the answers when a large group of primary school students was asked the question at a national conference yesterday.

Some said their dream school would be neat and clean with big playgrounds, while others wanted teachers to give them lessons with love and care.

Most of them wished to have more time for play as their school hours are lengthy.

Some fancied big libraries, multimedia classrooms, adequate sitting arrangement and classes on music, dance and painting.

Primary and mass education ministry organised the daylong conference on "Quality Primary Education" at a city hotel with the participation of more than 250 students, teachers, guardians and education officials from all 64 districts.

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## Poor man with a heart of gold

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

He could study only up to class-III as his parents were very hard up.

A rice mill worker, he works from 8:00am till sunset to make only Tk 250 a day.

Like any other day labourer, he is not well off but that didn't stop him from donating 33 decimal of land to set up a primary school at Paschim Baruya village, some six kilometres off Lalmonirhat town, in 2006. The piece of land is part of the 53 decimal he had inherited from his father.

Sanatan Chandra Roy's generosity has

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CHANGE MAKERS



Sanatan, left, works in a rice mill for just Tk 250 a day but that could not deter his generous heart. Sanatan, who was able to study only up to class-III, donated a piece of land he inherited for a school, top. The photos were taken at Paschim Barua in Lalmonirhat recently.

PHOTO: STAR

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