

Nine get investigative journalism award

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Nine journalists yesterday received "Investigative Journalism Awards-2016" of Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) for their in-depth reporting on corruption.

Of them, four are reporters, three camerapersons, one joint news editor and one deputy editor of different print and electronic media at both local and national level.

The function was held at TIB's office in the capital.

In the national print media category, Shahed Shafiq, staff reporter of jagonews24.com, got the award for his series report "Kemon Aco Upakul" (how are you coast).

In local print media category, Rezaul Karim, joint news editor in the Daily "Ilsheypar" of Chandpur, got the award for his 29-part series on corruption in education sector in Chandpur.

Shafiq Shahin and Badruddoza Babu, special correspondents of private television channels NTV and Maasranga Television, received the award jointly in the electronic media (report) category.

Alauddin Ahmed and GM Faysal Alam, deputy editor and senior staff reporter respectively of Jamuna Television, jointly received the award in the electronic media (documentary) category.

Three camerapersons: Mohsin Mukul, Kazi Mohammed Ismail and Golam Kibria of Jamuna Television were awarded jointly for their work in two documentaries.

The reporters, joint news editor and deputy editor got the prize money of Tk 1 lakh each, while the camerapersons got Tk 33,000 each.

Jose Carlos Sanchez-Moreno, chair of international board of directors of Transparency International, Iftekharuzzaman, TIB executive director, and Sultana Kamal, trustee board's chairperson, were present.

TIB has been giving the investigative journalism award since 1999.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina meets Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi for a bilateral talk in Goa of India yesterday.

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Five men of Patuakhali charged with war crimes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The prosecution have pressed two charges against five Patuakhali men for allegedly committing crimes against humanity during the Liberation War in 1971.

Prosecutors Zead Al Malum and Rezia Sultana Chaman submitted the charges, statements of witnesses and others documents to the International Crimes Tribunal-1 through the tribunal's registrar officer on Thursday.

The accused are: Esahaq Shikder, 83, Abdul Goni Hawlader, 72, Md Awal alias Awal Moula, 69, Abdus Sattar Pyada, 65, and Solaiman Mridha, 86, of Patuakhali Sadar upazila. All are in jail now.

According to the charges, on May 4, 1971, the five along with a group of Pakistani army men killed 17 people of Itbaria village, torched and

33pc migrate thru illegal routes

Shows Manusher Jonno Foundation survey in six districts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Around 33 percent of Bangladeshi migrants have resorted to illegal channels, says a survey conducted in Sirajganj, Narsingdi, Cox's Bazar, Comilla, Tangail and Narayanganj districts this year.

Of the 4,321 respondents, 1,434 were found to be irregular migrants, the highest number of which were from Sirajganj (49 percent) while the lowest Narayanganj, show the survey's findings.

At least 23 migrants died on the way over sea routes in the last three years while at least 39 others went missing, the findings added.

Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF) conducted the survey and revealed the findings at a seminar on "Irregular Labour Migration in Bangladesh: Crises and Ways Forward" in the capital's Cirdap auditorium yesterday.

Salim Ahmed Purvez and Sarawat Bintu Islam from MJF revealed the

findings.

Mainly youths (71 percent) between the ages 18 and 31 years were victims of irregular migration while the rest above 31. These migrants used the sea route considering it to be cheap compared to legal channels.

Irregular migration usually takes place due to the high cost of legal ones, for unemployment and in search of better jobs.

In irregular channels, the migrants faced physical and sexual abuse, severe torture for ransom etc at the hands of human traffickers and smugglers.

During interviews, around 78 percent of respondents alleged that they had to face troubles before, during and after irregular migration, while only 17 percent claimed that they faced no problem.

In destination countries, they are exposed to various forms of exploitation and ill-treatment including mobility restrictions, job uncertainty, bribe demands by law enforcers, irreg-

ular or denial of wages, assault, confinement and poor working and living conditions.

The survey's report observed that irregular migration was the outcome of governance failures of governments in both sending and receiving countries.

Addressing the programme as chief guest, State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md Shahriar Alam said many jobseekers using illegal channels become victims of fraudulence.

"We have come to know that some Bangladeshi criminals confine Bangladeshi workers and torture them to realise ransom in Malaysia and Saudi Arabia. We have taken action against some of them," he added.

The government is barring migration to Libya irrespective of visa attainment due to security reasons, said Shahriar, adding that the government wants to ensure safety for migrants abroad.

Chairing the programme, MJF Executive Director Shaheen Anam said

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Court dismisses extortion case against OC

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday dismissed an extortion case hours after a lawyer filed it against five people including the officer-in-charge (OC) of Mohammadpur Police Station.

Metropolitan Magistrate Mohammad Khurshid Alam of the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court of Dhaka did not find any grounds for taking the charge into cognisance.

Kutub Uddin Ahmed, a member of Dhaka Bar Association, said he would appeal before the higher court challenging the order's legality.

The case statement says Kutub has been residing with his family on his land at 339/A, Jafrabad in Sangkar

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Tanners must relocate to Savar by Dec

Says Industries Minister Amu

A CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Hazaribagh tanners must relocate to Savar by December 30, otherwise all sorts of utility services, including gas and electricity supplies, will be cut off from their establishments, says Industries Minister Amir Hossain Amu.

He came up with the warning after visiting Tannery Industrial Park in Savar yesterday morning.

Those who have not started the relocation process will have their contracts terminated and face legal actions, including eviction drive, after the deadline, the minister said at a press briefing at the tannery park.

He also warned that plots allotted to the factories at Savar would be cancelled if there was any lack of preparedness on their owners' part.

On January 10, the minister said polluting factories in the capital's Hazaribagh would be shut down if they failed to relocate to the designated industrial park in Savar

within 72 hours.

Warning of the minister went in vain as several deadlines for relocation were missed earlier. On June 16, the High Court ordered all the Hazaribagh tanners to pay compensation of Tk 50,000 daily for damaging the environment following a petition filed by Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh.

On July 18, the Supreme Court reset the compensation amount and ordered the owners of 154 tanneries to pay Tk 10,000 daily for damaging the environment in Hazaribagh area.

Bangladesh Tanners Association and Bangladesh Finished Leather, Leather Goods and Footwear Exporters Association jointly moved the appeal, seeking a stay on the HC order.

In 2003, the government had assigned Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation to develop a tannery park at Savar with a modern central effluent treatment plant (CETP), the most essential component of the project, to reduce pollution.

STUDY SHARING ON

IRREGULAR LABOUR MIGRATION FROM BANGLADESH: CRISES AND WAYS FORWARD

16 October 2016, CIRDAP Auditorium, Dhaka

From left, Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF) Director Rina Roy, Founder Chair of Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU) Prof Tasneem Siddique, State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md Shahriar Alam, MJF Executive Director Shaheen Anam, and Senior Secretary to the Home Ministry Mozammel Haque Khan at a seminar where MJF shared the findings of a survey report on "Irregular Labour Migration in Bangladesh: Crises and Ways Forward," in the capital's Cirdap auditorium yesterday.

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