



GULF CRISIS

Qatar jobs left in the lurch

PORIMOL PALMA

Lingering diplomatic stand-off between Qatar and several Gulf countries would have an adverse impact on Bangladesh's labour market in Qatar, said experts and businesses.

"They fear the new projects may not start if the crisis continues, which would affect fresh recruitment of workers from Bangladesh and elsewhere, they added.

"The crisis is a red alert for us," said Shameem Ahmed Chowdhury Noman, joint secretary general of Bangladesh Association of International Recruitment Agencies (BAIRA).

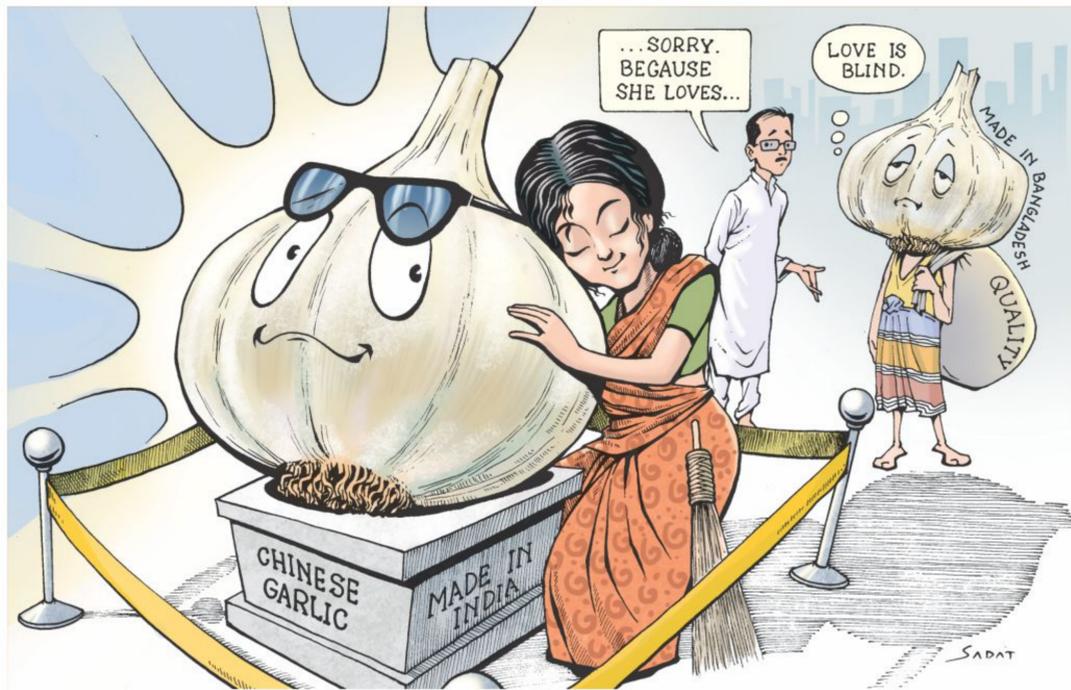
He said the ongoing construction projects, mostly for the FIFA World Cup 2022 in Qatar, might not shut down but the new projects might not take off.

"In that case, Qatar would not recruit new workers," he told this correspondent.

Gas-rich Qatar, home to nearly 4 lakh Bangladeshis, has been recruiting workers from Bangladesh without any interruption in the last several years for its construction projects for the World Cup.

The Guardian newspaper on June 8 reported that the prospect of Qatar hosting the World Cup has been plunged into serious doubt after its neighbours broke off diplomatic ties and blockaded its borders.

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GARLIC gone crazy

REAZ AHMAD

When the price of garlic in China is plummeting with a huge harvest in the country's north, Bangladesh is seeing price hike of imported garlic.

The state-run Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB) recorded a 64.29 percent rise in imported garlic price in the domestic market, from Tk 220 a kg in June last year to Tk 360 on Wednesday.

Importers and traders in the city's wholesale market, Shyambazar, and Chittagong's Khatunganj told The Daily Star that the last shipments of imported

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Tigers into semifinals

England do Shakib-Mahmudullah on Australia



AL-AMIN from Cardiff

The fall of every Australian wicket and each boundary or six by the English batsmen was cheered on by the Tigers and millions of their fans. Finally, their dream came true as England knocked out Australia with a 40-run (D/L method) win in Birmingham to ensure Bangladesh's semifinal berth in the ICC Champions Trophy yesterday.

"It's a big thing for our cricket. It is an opportunity for us but I want to request everybody not to think we will go all the way to win the title," Bangladesh captain Mashrafe Bin Mortaza told reporters at the team hotel in Cardiff last night.

The most successful Bangladesh captain also said that Champions Trophy is more challenging than the World Cup.

"It's a tournament of the top eight teams. It is more challenging than the World Cup. So, to be in the semifinal in

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England's Ben Stokes (R) and Eoin Morgan put on a 159-run partnership against Australia yesterday. PHOTO: AFP



A newfound belief for Tigers

AL-AMIN from Cardiff

When Mahmudullah and Shakib Al Hassan appeared in the mixed zone for the presser sporting big smiles on their faces after fashioning an incredible five-wicket victory over New Zealand on Friday, they made a very interesting observation.

"This victory will give us the confidence that we can win a game from any situation," said Shakib, who does not celebrate the way others do after a personal or collective achievement. He hardly celebrated after scoring his century; he did not even talk too much when he was batting.

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Rampal fallout will be severe

Says study by researchers from US, Australian universities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Massive dredging of the rivers in and around the Sundarbans and transportation of coal for Rampal power plant would seriously affect the fish, wildlife and other aquatic resources in that region, scientists said in a new report.

"Dredging and sediment disposal in estuarine and coastal waters such as the Sundarbans reserve forest and the Bay of Bengal will increase turbidity and sedimentation, affecting light availability for marine organisms," it said.

It would affect the growth and survival of organisms living at deep under water and

dolphins, fish and water birds, said the report titled "Critical Review of Shipping and Dredging Plans to Facilitate Coal Transport for the Coal-fired Power Plant at Rampal".

Every week, eight to 16 ships would transport coal through the Sundarbans, and

the coal would be loaded and unloaded at Akram Point.

"Excessive sound and lighting will affect the aquatic life. As a result, they would move away," said agriculture and environment

expert Prof Anwar Hossain of Bangladesh Agricultural University, while presenting the report yesterday.

The National Committee for Saving the

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Namaz e Janaza and Dua Mahfil of Syed Kaiser Ally



Syed Kaiser Ally

We deeply mourn the sad demise of Syed Kaiser Ally. He breathed his last on 10th June at 8:15 am at his residence in Dhaka. He was 83. He is survived by his two daughters and one son.

His Namaz e Janaza will be held on 11th June, Sunday after zuhr prayers at 1 pm at Gulshan Society Jame Masjid.

A Dua Mahfil will be held on Tuesday, 13th June, after Asr prayers at 5.30 pm at Gulshan Society Jame Masjid.

We request all to pray for the salvation of his departed soul.

Shama, Chanda & Javed

Grandchildren, daughter-in-law and sons-in-law

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Congratulations

On behalf of the family of Colonel Maleque, all leaders & Workers of Awami League & Manikganj dwellers we convey heartiest felicitations to our Hon'ble Prime Minister, the great leader **Sheikh Hasina** to fulfill our long cherished desire to name Manikganj Medical College as **'Colonel Maleque Medical College, Manikganj'**.

A new era in the treatment of the peoples of Manikganj is started through the establishment of **'Colonel Maleque Medical College, Manikganj'**.

We all wish good health and long life of the Hon'ble Prime Minister **Sheikh Hasina** the daughter of the father of our nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

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