



Bamboos are being used besides steel rods to extend the two-storey academic building of Bandarban Government Women College. It will result in a weak and risky structure, experts say. The photo was taken yesterday.

Bamboo for iron rod!

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Bandarban

Bamboos instead of iron rods have been used in constructing a wall of Bandarban Government Women College's academic building extension work.

Talking to this correspondent the spot yesterday evening, Ali Hossain, a construction worker, said, "We are using the bamboos as iron rods" from contractors -- Ujjal Das and Tamsh Das.

Contacted, Ujjal Das, a contractor of the project and also a leader of ruling Awami League, denied the allegation and claimed that they never told the workers to use bamboo.

Ujjal, however, apologised for the incident.

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Ground-breaking medical success

AFP, Washington

The first child in the world to undergo a double hand transplant is now able to write, feed and dress himself, doctors said Tuesday, declaring the ground-breaking

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TRAFFICKING OF ROHINGYAS, BANGLADESHIS

Thai general found guilty

AFP, Bangkok

A Thai general was found guilty of human trafficking yesterday as a Bangkok court convicted scores of people in a mass trial exposing the lynchpin role of corrupt officials in the grim, lucrative trade in Rohingya and Bangladeshi migrants.

Thailand's junta launched a crackdown in May 2015 on a network funneling desperate migrants through southern Thailand and onto Malaysia, holding some for ransom in jungle camps.

It unspooled a crisis across Southeast Asia as gangmasters abandoned their human cargo in the



Gen Kongpan

camps where hundreds died from starvation and malaria, and at sea in overcrowded boats which were then "ping ponged" between Thai, Malaysian and Indonesian waters.

After a day delivering verdicts for many of the 102 defendants, Bangkok Criminal Court found Lieutenant-General Mana Kongpan guilty of multiple human trafficking charges.

A judge said he was also guilty of complicity in a "transnational organised crime" network and "worked with others to facilitate human trafficking".

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Migrants' woes

Survey shows human traffickers deceived over 1,000 families in one Tangail union

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

More than a thousand families in Pekoria union of Tangail faced deception at different stages when they did send or tried to send at least one of their family members abroad, according to a survey by Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit.

The survey was conducted on 5,407 households in nine villages of Pekoria and 11 wards of Elenga. About 40 percent of the households were found to have attempted to send their family members abroad.

Members of 19 percent families failed to go abroad despite making partial or full payments for the migration process. And 32 percent families faced degrading treatment like jail, detention, extortion, blackmail, police harassment, physical and mental torture in the destination countries, according to the survey.

The findings of the survey done with the help of Prokash, a British Council project, were disclosed yesterday at an event "Consultation on Fraudulence in Processing Migration" at Dhaka University.

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SHAZNEEN MURDER CASE
Death row convict seeks presidential clemency

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Shahidul Islam, the death row convict in Shaheen Tsimi Begum's rape and murder case, has sought presidential clemency seeking any other punishment other than death penalty.

He sent the mercy petition to the home ministry.

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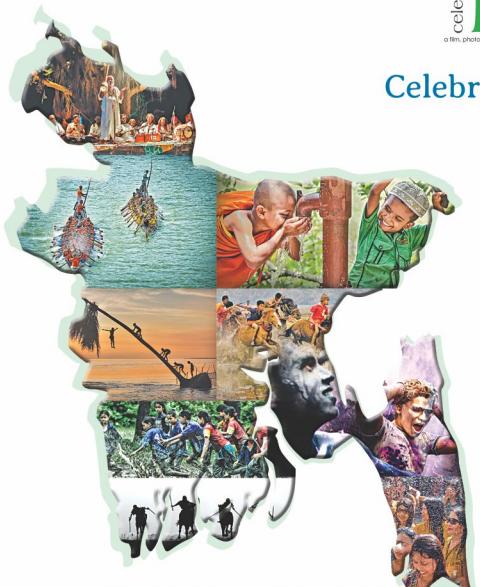
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