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# RECRUITMENT IN MALAYSIA

## Probe role of 10 agencies

HC asks govt to form ministerial body amid allegations of monopoly

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the government to form an inter-ministerial committee to investigate the monopoly of 10 recruiting agencies, which had been engaged in labour recruitment from Bangladesh to Malaysia, and submit the probe report in six months.

The HC bench of Justice Moyeenul Islam Chowdhury and Justice Md Ashraf Kamal also issued a rule, asking four ministries and other bodies concerned to explain why they failed to prevent formation and operation of the recruitment agencies' monopoly.

The court also asked the authorities concerned why they should not be ordered to take action against the proprietors and the managing partners of the syndicate of 10 recruitment agencies and compensate the 10 petitioners.

The court came up with the order and rule following a writ petition filed by 10 recruitment agencies, which contested the arbitrary selection of the syndicate of 10 agencies that the petitioners claimed have deprived over a thousand competent government-approved agencies of their fundamental right to run a lawful trade guaranteed under article 40 of the constitution.

Barrister Akhtar Imam and barrister Rashna Imam appeared for the petitioners -- Abdul Alim of SA Trading, Akbar Hossain Monju of Akbar Enterprise, Tariqul Islam of Gold Hunt International, Delwar Hossain Bhuiyan of

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With ink on their faces, a group of Dhaka University students forms a human chain near TSC on the campus yesterday. They were protesting the death of a seven-day-old baby in an ambulance held by striking transport workers in Moulvibazar on Sunday and harassment of people, including smearing of their faces and clothes with burnt engine oil, by pickets.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

## BB approves Community Bank

Seeks docs from three other proposed banks

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Bangladesh Bank yesterday gave its final nod to a commercial bank and asked three others to produce documents required to obtain licences.

Community Bank Bangladesh, proposed to be set up by Bangladesh Police Welfare Trust, got the nod.

The central bank's board in a meeting presided over by BB Governor Fazle Kabir decided that Bengal Bank, People's Bank and Citizen Bank would be approved after they provided proper documents to the BB.

Central bank spokesperson Serajul Islam said, "The [three] proposed banks will get licences when they submit the required documents."

Noting that there are ongoing tax-related lawsuits against three directors of Bengal Bank, he said court clearance would be needed for its approval.

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# 189 feared dead in Indonesia jet crash

Lion Air flight lost contact with ground before crashing into Java Sea; human remains, wreckage found; search ops on

AFP, Jakarta

All 189 passengers and crew aboard a crashed Indonesian Lion Air jet were likely killed in the accident, rescue officials said yesterday, as they announced they had found human remains and would continue the grim search through the night.

The Boeing-737 MAX, which went into service just months ago, vanished from radar 13 minutes after taking off from Jakarta, plunging into the Java Sea moments after it had asked to return to the Indonesian capital.

Websites that display flight data showed the plane speeding up as it suddenly lost altitude in the minutes before it disappeared, with authorities saying witnesses saw the jet plunge into the water.

"My prediction is that nobody survived because the victims that we found, their bodies were no longer intact and it's been hours so it is likely 189 people have died," search and rescue agency operational director Bambang Suryo Aji told reporters.

Some 40 divers are part of about 150 personnel at the

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# EVM use in JS polls gets nod

Cabinet okays changes in RPO relaxing rules to allow loan defaulters to contest election

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The cabinet yesterday approved major changes to the Representation of the People Order, paving the way for the use of Electronic Voting Machines in polls and relaxing the rules on loan defaulters contesting the polls.

The Election Commission would decide whether the EVM would be used in the next election and in how many constituencies, Cabinet Secretary Shafiqul Alam told reporters at the secretariat.

The amended RPO will take effect once an ordinance is issued by the government, he said.

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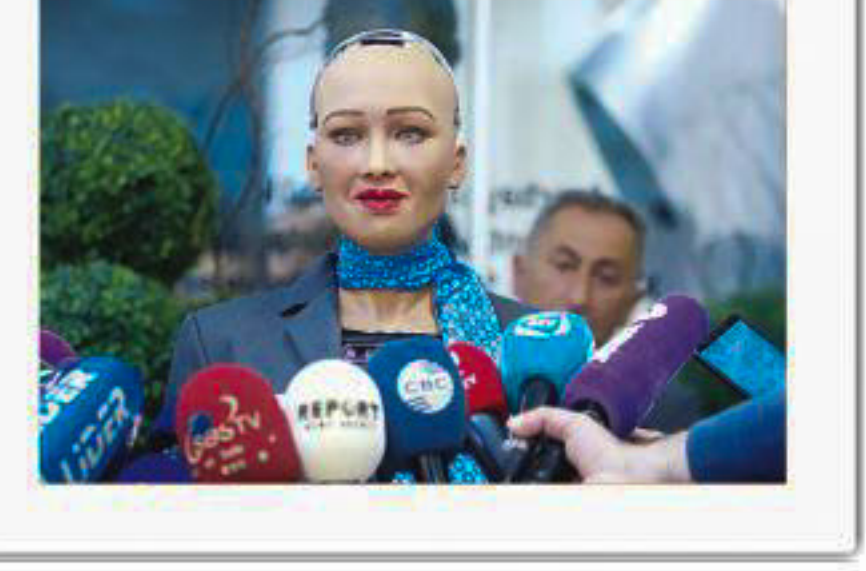
## First ever robot visa for Sophia

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The AI humanoid Sophia has been granted the world's first robot visa as she embarks on a world tour on behalf of her Hong Kongese creators.

She was issued the electronic visa

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Family members of passengers on the crashed Indonesian Lion Air JT-610 break down in tears at Pangkal Pinang airport in Bangka Belitung province yesterday. Inset, rescue personnel prepare to dive in the sea where the plane went down.

PHOTO: AFP, REUTERS

# ROHINGYA REPATRIATION

## Dhaka, Naypyidaw to hold talks today

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh and Myanmar will hold their third Joint Working Group (JWG) meeting on the repatriation of Rohingyas today.

The foreign secretary-level meeting, to be held in the city, would discuss the repatriation issue in detail as "intensive efforts" were being made to start the process as soon as possible, officials said.

The meeting will be co-chaired by Bangladesh Foreign Secretary Shahidul Haque and Permanent Secretary of Myanmar foreign ministry Myint Thu.

A joint press briefing will be held after the meeting at State Guest House Meghna, an official said.

Foreign ministry officials said Bangladesh's representatives in the JWG on

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## 'Drug smuggler' killed in 'gunfight' with BGB

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

An alleged drug smuggler was killed in a "gunfight" with Border Guard Bangladesh along Jamalpur border in Kushtia's Daulatpur upazila early yesterday.

The victim is Haidul Farazi, 26, of Jamalpur village in the upazila.

Lt Col Rashed Khan, commander of 47 BGB Battalion,

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স্মার্ট জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্রের ব্যবহার চাই, ইন্টারনেট বিহীন ইভিএম হ্যাক করার সুযোগ নাই

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