



HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Rohingyas faced horrific crimes

Traffickers also targeted Bangladeshis

KEY FINDINGS

- ➔ Over **170,000** people trafficked in 2012-2015
- ➔ Physical torture, rape, killings at sea and camps

- ➔ Trade in Rohingya generated **\$50** to **\$100** million a year
- ➔ Officials in Malaysia, Thailand complicit in the crimes

SOURCE: HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION OF MALAYSIA, FORTIFY RIGHTS

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A transnational human-trafficking syndicate committed crimes against humanity in Malaysia and Thailand against the Rohingyas from 2012 to 2015, the Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM) and Fortify Rights, a nongovernment rights body, have found in a six-year investigation.

During 2012-15, more than 170,000 people boarded ships from Myanmar and Bangladesh bound for Malaysia and Thailand, and the trade over Rohingyas is estimated to have generated between \$50 and \$100 million a year.

At sea and in the camps of Thai and Malaysian borders, the trafficking network

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A footbridge over the Dhaka-Aricha highway at the Joy Bangla Gate (Prantik Gate) of Jahangirnagar University is left half done for over a month due to red tape over removing overhead power cables there. Pedestrians, meanwhile, cross the highway dodging vehicles at speed.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN



MARCH 28, 1971

Global help sought thru' Betar Kendra

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

On this day in 1971, the curfew in Dhaka city was eased from 7:00am to 4:00pm.

That night, help was sought from the rest of the world through broadcasts from Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra in Chittagong (now Chattogram).

Meanwhile, Pakistan navy fired shots in different

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UPAZILA ELECTIONS

One-fifth of top posts needed no election

MOHIUDDIN ALAMGIR

One-fifth of the chairman candidates in the last three phases of the upazila parishad elections have been elected unopposed, show Election Commission data.

A total of 69 aspirants in 323 upazilas were elected uncontested in the staggered polls that began on March 10. All of them are from the ruling Awami League, according to the EC.

Another 39 chairman contestants are set to be elected unopposed in the fourth phase of the election in 127 upazilas on

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ABRAR'S DEATH IN ROAD CRASH

Conductor, not driver, was at the wheel

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The bus that ran over and killed university student Abrar Ahmed Chowdhury on March 19 was being driven by its conductor, police said yesterday, in a shift from their earlier statement that the driver was at the wheel.

Earlier that day, passengers caught the driver and handed him over to police after the vehicle had hit and injured a college girl, said Abdul Baten, additional commissioner of Detective Branch (DB) of Police.

Abrar was killed when conductor Yasin Arafat, as instructed by the bus owner, was steering the vehicle, Baten said at a briefing at the DMP media centre,

following the arrest of Yasin and the driver's helper Mohammad Ibrahim.

Police said the bus started from Sadarghat area around 5:45am that day. As it reached near Banshtala area of Shahjadpur, it hit Synthia Islam Mukta, 20, a student of Mirpur Ideal Girls' Laboratory Institute.

Later, the vehicle was parked by a road there. Yasin called Nani Gopal, the owner of the Suprobhat Paribahan bus, and informed him about the detention of the driver, Sirajul Islam, 24.

He also said agitated locals might torch the bus. At this, Nani instructed Yasin to take it to a safer

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ANOTHER 'SHOOTOUT' SPREE

Six killed in a single day

STAR REPORT

Six people, including two alleged Rohingya drug traders, were killed in "shootouts" with law enforcers in Dhaka and two other districts early yesterday.

Of them, the drug traders and two suspected robbers were killed in "gunfights" with Border Guard Bangladesh and Rab in Cox's Bazar.

"Shootouts" with Rab and police left two alleged criminals dead in Dhaka and Gazipur.

The six were declared dead at different medical facilities after they were brought there.

Shariful Islam Jamaddar, acting commanding officer of

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INDO-BANGLA FLIGHTS

Indian carriers to get armed sky marshals

PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE

India wants to deploy "armed sky marshals" on flights of Indian carriers between India and Bangladesh.

In a letter to the foreign ministry on March 10, the Indian High Commission in Dhaka expressed this wish. It also sent a copy of the letter to the Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh seeking approval.

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