

## LABOUR MIGRATION

# Deadly desperation

### Youth main preys of manpower touts; families end up getting poorer, losing dear ones

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Jumman Hawlader had turned 19 when his family began to expect some contribution from him. And a year later, he got lost in the Mediterranean on way to Europe.

With all dreams shattered, they have now plunged into a cycle of poverty.

"I just want back my son," said his father Harun Hawlader, 48, as he lamented the drowning of Jumman along with some 70 others, including 40 Bangladeshis, in the sea on May 9.

Lured by manpower brokers, Harun of Naria in Shariatpur sold 66 decimals of cropland to arrange Tk 4.5 lakh for Jumman's trip to Libya on June 5 last year.

He knew little of Bangladesh's ban on sending workers there because of the civil war in the North African country.

The family sold another 15 decimals after seven months as Jumman now wanted to go to Italy from Libya.

"We have lost both my brother and money," said Sonia Akter, Jumman's elder

sister, explaining the financial crisis of the family that now has only its 24-decimal homestead.

Jumman had dropped out of school as he failed in class IX in 2017.

Now his younger brother Ayon Hawlader, 14, has to leave study and he might start selling labour along with his father to eke out a living.

#### THE MIGRATION CYCLE

Death of Bangladeshi youths in such tragic incidents is nothing new. In a major boat accident in the sea, 24 Bangladeshis died in August 2015.

According to the UN Migration Agency, as many as 443 migrants either died or went missing in the Mediterranean while trying to reach Europe as of May 8 this year. The figure was 2,299 in 2018 and 3,139 in 2017.

Apart from human trafficking that leads loss of young lives, trafficking gangs, fraudulence and exploitations continue to plague the labour migration sector.

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Australia opener Aaron Finch (R) embraces teammate Steve Smith after scoring a century in their ICC World Cup match against England at Lord's in London yesterday. Finch's 116-ball 100 helped the Aussies defeat England by 64 runs and put his team into the semifinals.

PHOTO: REUTERS

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## Detergent, anti-biotics in milk

Find DU tests on top brands; BSTI finds nothing harmful in separate tests

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University researchers have found detergent and antibiotics for humans in packaged milk available in kitchen markets and grocery shops, raising serious health concerns.

The antibiotics include levofloxacin, ciprofloxacin and azithromycin that are used mainly to treat bacterial infections in humans.

The DU Pharmacy Faculty and Biomedical Research Centre came to the conclusion after testing seven samples of widely-sold pasteurised milk and three samples of unpasteurised milk.

The study also found that nine other food items manufactured and marketed by some of the top brands in the country do not meet the BSTI standards. These items -- ghee, fruit drinks, turmeric powder, dry chilli powder, palm oil, mustard oil and soybean oil -- also contain ingredients harmful to human health.

The sample turmeric powders and fruit drinks, for example, contain substances that can cause cancer.

The Daily Star is not naming the companies because their comments were not immediately available, but all

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## Tigers on 5-day breather before the final push

SAKEB SUBHAN from Southampton

Having done the needful in their World Cup campaign so far, the Bangladesh team will now enjoy a five-day break before they attempt to take their World Cup campaign to the next level in the match against India on July 2.

10 members of the squad made the journey yesterday from Southampton to England's second-largest city, Birmingham, where they will play the hitherto unbeaten India to keep their World Cup hopes alive. Their highest run-scorer and wicket-taker Shakib Al Hasan, opener

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# Australia demolish England

Become first team to reach semifinals

AFP, London

Australia captain Aaron Finch hit a hundred before left-arm quicks Jason Behrendorff and Mitchell Starc shared nine wickets as the reigning champions thumped England by 64 runs at Lord's on Tuesday to book their place in the semi-finals of the World Cup.

Finch made exactly 100 in a total of 285-7 before England slumped to 221 all out with 32 balls left.

The recalled Behrendorff took 5-44 -- his first five-wicket haul in a one-day international -- while Starc became the leading bowler at the tournament with 19 scalps thanks to a haul of 4-43.

For England, who entered the showpiece event as the top-ranked side in ODI cricket, this was a second straight defeat after their shock 20-run loss to Sri Lanka.

The host nation, bidding to win a first World Cup title, can still qualify for the semi-finals but they are likely to need to beat at least one of

India and New Zealand in their remaining two group games.

"There are teams that you have confidence playing against but I have had plenty of low scores against England as well," said man-of-the-match Finch.

"It was nipping around first thing. We were as tight as we could be and then took advantage of any width."

England's reply saw them lose a wicket off just the second ball of their chase, with the struggling James Vince -- only playing because Jason Roy was out with a hamstring injury -- bowled by a Behrendorff inswinger.

Starc then took two wickets in nine balls.

Test skipper Joe Root was plumb lbw to an inswinger for eight before England captain Eoin Morgan (four) fell into a hooking trap when a top-edge was held safely by Pat Cummins at fine leg.

Australia, who had lost 10 of their previous 11 ODIs against England, were in complete charge with the hosts now 26-3.

England have surged to the top of the ODI rankings on the back of aggressive run-scoring but the worry for Morgan's men is that too many of their top-order appear to know only one way to bat.

Jonny Bairstow, for example, fell next to a careless hook off Behrendorff before Stokes and Jos Buttler (25) repaired some of the damage with a fifth-wicket stand of 71.

Buttler was well caught by Usman Khawaja, running round and staying just inside the deep square leg boundary off Marcus Stoinis.

Stokes defiantly hit Glenn Maxwell for two sixes in three balls but, shortly before completing his fifty, the all-rounder pulled up with a calf injury.

Starc was brought back to take a key wicket and duly obliged with a thunderbolt yorker, his 18th wicket of the tournament that ended Stokes's 115-ball innings of 89, including eight fours and two sixes.

Stokes's dismissal left England 177-6 in the

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Two young men collect discarded plastic bottles, cans and pieces of glass from the pitch black water of the Zia Sharani Canal in the capital's Shanir Akhra area. Despite the risk of developing skin diseases, many from poverty-stricken families get involved in such hazardous work for a living by selling those discarded items. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

## Suspended at last

Action against DIG Mizan follows president's approval

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The home ministry has finally suspended Deputy Inspector General of police Mizanur Rahman after getting the president's approval.

"It needs the president's approval to suspend a DIG-ranked official. We got the approval from the president today [yesterday] and suspended him," Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan told The Daily Star last night.

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## ILLEGAL EXTENSION OF BANANI FR TOWER

# 23 accused in ACC cases

Ex-chairmen of Rajuk, building owners, developers among accused

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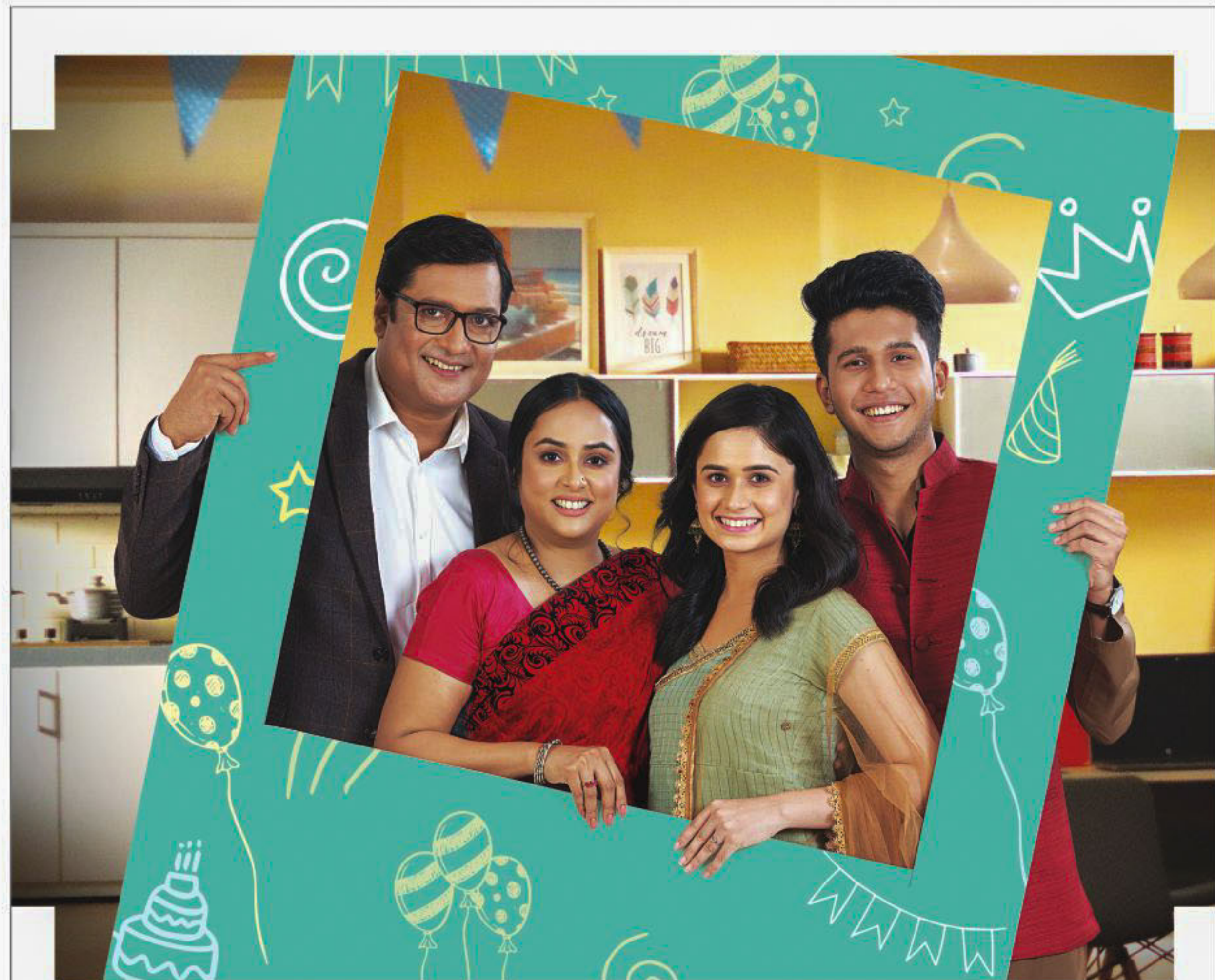
The Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday filed two cases against 23 people for their alleged involvement in illegally extending Banani's FR Tower that caught fire in March.

The accused in the cases include a former chairman of Rajuk, chairman of Rupayan Housing Estate Ltd, and several government officials.

On March 27, FR Tower in the capital's Banani caught fire that left 25 people killed and 73 others injured.

In an ACC enquiry, it was discovered that the 23-storey FR Tower had no fire alarm, narrow exit points and staircases, blocked fire exits and other issues. Besides, although the authorities

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