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Hounded out of Saudi Arabia

18 more female migrant workers return with tales of horror

BISHAKHA DEVNATH

Kabirun Nahar sat on a luggage trolley as she got out of Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka yesterday. She had nothing with her bearing signs of her life overseas.

However, her right leg was bandaged from above the ankle to her toes, the doing of her Saudi employer.

"I don't know how will I take care of my family now," she said as she broke down in tears. Her husband has been bedridden after a heart attack.

Seventeen more women migrant workers returned with the 38-year-old in the same flight from the Middle Eastern country.

They had a few things in common: they were tortured by employers forcing them to run away; they were rescued by Saudi police from the streets; they had to stay in a safe home for months before the Bangladesh embassy in Riyadh made arrangements for their return home.

Kabirun's husband was once a farmer. "He cannot even speak now," she said, adding that she was the only earner in her family of four; an 11-year-old son and a 17-year-old daughter.

She thought working as a house help in Saudi Arabia for around Tk 20,000 a month would help her get rid of hardship.

Hoping to be able to meet the needs of the family in Moulvibazar "I flew to Saudi Arabia exactly seven months and 13 days ago," she said.

But months went by without her employer paying her a single penny.

When she eventually asked for the money so that she could send it home, her employer was "enraged by her audacity", Kabirun said.

Her employer pushed her off the second floor stair case and Kabirun pulled up her hijab to show this correspondent the cuts she got in the fall in her forehead. She also showed a six-inch-long stitched wound on her left knee.

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Leaning on the shoulder of another woman, Kabirun Nahar takes small steps at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport yesterday morning. Tortured by their employers in Saudi Arabia, 18 women, including the two, had just returned in a flight. Inset, Kabirun with her bandaged leg sits inside a CNG-run auto-rickshaw outside the airport on her way home in Sylhet.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS



Bangladesh saw massive development in last 10 yrs

Says PM in parliament

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Awami League government is not doing anything that even remotely resembles the repression and torture the BNP-Jamaat had unleashed, said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in parliament yesterday.

The government is rather busy building the nation, she said.

"We, like those now in the opposition [Jatiya Party], were subjected to repression by the BNP and Jamaat. We're doing nothing to them in comparison to that," she said.

She made the remarks

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BB caves in to Beximco again

Accepts the group's demand for rescheduling Tk 430cr loan

AKM ZAMIR UDDIN

Beximco Ltd got its way, yet again. The central bank went out of its way to accept Beximco's request for rescheduling demand loan of Tk 430.05 crore, and in so doing, created a moral hazard for the banking sector.

A beneficiary of the Bangladesh Bank's earlier large loan restructuring policy in 2015, Beximco Ltd was not supposed to get another chance to reschedule its loans.

When the BB had offered the restructuring facility in 2015, one of the conditions was that the borrowers would be marked as defaulters if they fail to pay two consecutive instalments; their benefits would be withdrawn and they would be barred from any rescheduling facility in future.

But half way into the rescheduled loan tenure, Beximco Ltd was stuttering again to pay back its instalments.

Anticipating it would be marked as a defaulter, it requested Sonali Bank to reschedule its loans again to give it a longer horizon to pay back the loan, which the state bank got on board with.

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RAPIST-VICTIM MARRIAGE OC withdrawn, SI suspended

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

The officer-in-charge and a sub-inspector of Pabna Sadar Police Station were withdrawn and suspended over allegations of arranging a marriage between a gang-raped woman and one of the rapists.

OC Obaidul Haque was closed to the police lines and SI Ekramul Haque was suspended after it became evident in primary investigation that the former arranged the marriage at the police station while the latter brought a marriage registrar and forced him to do the job, said Rafikul Islam, superintendent of police in the district.

They were also negligent in recording a rape case, he said.

The district administration formed a probe committee to look into the allegations. Another committee formed

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Caught in the web of con artists

Unsuspecting youths pay hefty sums for jobs in Chattogram Customs only to find they've been scammed

MOHAMMAD SUMAN, Ctg

It was a dream come true for Milon Chakraborty, a resident of Lalmonirhat district. For the last one year and a half, he had been pursuing a lifelong dream of having a job at Chattogram Customs.

Appointment letter in hand, the enthusiastic youth made his way to his first day at work on Sunday. But his happiest day soon turned into the stuff of nightmares.

Additional Commissioner of Customs Akbar Hossain told them the documents they produced were all fake. Even his own signature on the appointment letter was forged.

It all began when he met Anwar Hossain through a friend last year, who apparently


worked at customs. He handed out a paper cutting of a national daily dated December 21, 2017, which was a recruitment notice for several posts at "his workplace".

"I promptly gave my resume to Anwar to apply for the post of office assistant," said Milon, son of Krishna Chakraborty from the East Bejgram area of Hatibandha Upazila.

He soon received an admit card for a written exam. Diligently following each step, he appeared for the exam and viva, along with 15 or so other aspiring candidates, at Agrabad Colony High School in Chattogram on June 22 last year.

In May, a "sub-inspector" from Lalmonirhat Police Station visited his home for verification; a week later, a health

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THE MULLAH'S WISDOM

'Everyone is right' and 'everything is alright' -- how Bangladesh Cricket Board president Nazmul Hassan has taken a leaf out of Mullah Nasruddin's book in the wake of the Afghanistan debacle.

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Tigers seek turnaround

T20 tri-series opener against Zim today

SPORTS REPORTER

After a dismal one-off Test against Afghanistan, Bangladesh will attempt to turn their fortunes around when they take on Zimbabwe in the opening game of the T20 tri-series, which also includes Afghanistan, at the Sher-Bangla-National Stadium in Mirpur today.

The match is set to start at 6:30pm, but rain could be a big factor in whether it starts in time or whether a full game is possible.

It has not been easy sailing for the Tigers since their eighth-placed finish in the recently concluded World Cup in England in July. Bangladesh had toured Sri Lanka later in the same month, only to be

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A pedestrian goes through a gap in the railings of a median strip at the ramp of Moghbazar-Mouchak flyover in the capital's Shantinagar area. Every day, hundreds of people cross this place this way to save time, putting their lives at risk. Although the authorities sealed the gap with grilles, those were removed every time.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

EQUIPMENT FOR RANGPUR MEDICAL It took just 10 days to pocket Tk 4.49 crore

ACC sues college principal, 5 others

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

There was no approval from the health directorate for the purchase and the tender process was flawed and lightning quick. The work order was issued only two days after the bidder was picked and the bill worth Tk 4.49 crore was collected in just 10 days.

They were that organised and that fast to misappropriate the money in the name of purchasing heavy medical equipment for Rangpur Medical College in June last year.

After a three-month investigation, the Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday filed a case against six people, including college Principal Dr Nur Islam and Assistant Professor Dr Sarawat Hossain.

Of the rest four, three come from the same family -- Abdus Sattar Sarkar, proprietor of Mercantile Trade International, his son Jaher Uddin Sarkar, proprietor of Bengal Scientific and Surgical, and his grandson Ahsan Habib.

The other accused is Asadur Rahman, proprietor of Universal Trade Corporation, and also brother-in-law of Jaher, who eventually got the contract.

"Normally, it takes several months to complete a tender process. But in this case, they worked at the speed of lightning to embezzle the money," said ACC Deputy Assistant Director Ferdous Rahman, also the investigating officer of the case.

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