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# KL to reopen labour market

The decision comes at minister-level meeting with Dhaka

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka and Kuala Lumpur yesterday agreed to reopen the Malaysian labour market soon, which was suspended by the Mahathir-led government over a year ago on allegations of monopoly by a manpower syndicate.

The two countries will hold a joint working group meeting on November 24 and 25 in Dhaka, and the market is expected to be opened then.

The decisions were made at a meeting between Bangladesh's Expatriates' Welfare Minister Imran Ahmad and Malaysia's Human Resources Minister M Kulasegaran at the Malaysian parliament in Kuala Lumpur.

"Labour recruitment in Malaysia will not be confined to the previous 10 agents this time," an official, who was at the meeting, told The Daily Star by phone.

According to a statement issued by the expatriates' welfare and overseas employment ministry, the two ministers elaborately discussed minimum recruitment costs, increasing the number of recruiting agencies, medical tests of migrants, social and financial protection, and data sharing.

The ministers have emphasised the necessity for improving the process of recruitment, employment and repatriation of Bangladeshi workers. Moreover, they said they were also on the same page to eradicate recruitment malpractices and abuses.

"Especially, the two sides agreed on recruitment of workers at minimum costs and on conducting medical tests of workers once before migration," the statement said.

Talking to this correspondent yesterday, a recruiting

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With the government moving to implement the new Road and Transport Act, motorists in large numbers throng Bangladesh Road Transport Authority office in the capital's Mirpur to get their licences and registration to avoid stricter penalties. Officials said the premises had been swamped by service-seekers over the last few days.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

# ROAD TRANSPORT ACT Mad rush for updating docs at BRTA office

RAFIUL ISLAM

As the new Road Transport Act imposes tougher penalties on traffic rule violators, a huge number of people are thronging the Mirpur office of Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) every day to have the documents of their vehicles renewed and keep those up to date.

Many people are visiting the office to get new driving licences and renew the old ones. Others are going there to get fitness or registration certificates of their vehicles.

BRTA officials said the number of service seekers increased significantly since Sunday, two days after the new law came into force. At some sections of the office, the number has almost doubled than the usual number of visitors in a single day.

This rise in the number of service seekers has put the BRTA officials under pressure. A similar situation was seen during the student movement for safe road in

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# Editors of Daily Star, Prothom Alo highest taxpayers



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Daily Star Editor Mahfuz Anam and Bangla daily Prothom Alo Editor Matiur Rahman have once again made it to the list of the highest taxpayers in the journalist category.

A National Board of Revenue notification issued yesterday revealed the names of the top taxpayers in the journalist category. This year, five journalists have been named as the top taxpayers in the print and electronic media category, among whom Mahfuz Anam was in the top position.

MA Malek, editor of the Dainik Azadi of Chattogram is in the second position, while Prothom Alo Editor Matiur Rahman is third. Shykh Seraj, director and head of news of Channel 1, and Monjurul Ahsan Bulbul, chief editor of Ekushey Television, were the others in the top 5.

Tax cards will be handed over to all of the recipients through a programme in the capital on November 14.

The Daily Star and Prothom Alo

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# Climate deal 'irreversible'

Xi, Macron unite after US withdraws from Paris pact

AFP, Beijing

Chinese leader Xi Jinping and French President Emmanuel Macron yesterday declared that the Paris climate pact was "irreversible", showing a united front after Washington formally withdrew from the accord this week.

The joint declaration came at the end of Macron's second visit to China, which started on Monday in Shanghai and included talks on trade and the Iranian nuclear issue.

The French leader also said he told Xi there was a need for dialogue to resolve months of unrest in Hong Kong -- ignoring Beijing's prior warning that such sensitive topics should not be on the agenda.

But Xi and Macron found common ground on climate change.

Major powers expressed regret and concern after President Donald Trump went ahead with the pullout from the Paris accord despite mounting evidence of the reality and impact of climate change.

Washington presented its withdrawal letter to the United Nations on Monday, the first possible date under the accord negotiated by Trump's predecessor Barack Obama, making the world's largest economy the sole major outlier from the agreement.

In a joint written statement, Xi and Macron reaffirmed "their firm support for the Paris accord which they consider as an irreversible process and a compass for strong action on climate".

Without directly naming the US, Macron said he "deplores the choices made by others" as he sat next to Xi following the talks at the imposing Great Hall of the People in the Chinese capital.

"But I want to look at them as marginal choices," Macron said. With the European Union, China and Russia backing the pact, he added, "the isolated choice of one or another is not enough to change the course of the world. It only leads to marginalisation."

In his remarks, Xi took a veiled swipe at the United States, which launched a trade war with China last year and has angered Beijing on various diplomatic issues.

"We advocate for mutual respect and equal treatment, and are opposed to the law of the jungle and acts of intimidation," Xi said.

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# A company of fraudsters

Police bust racket that swindled people out of Tk 70-80 lakh a month

SHARIFUL ISLAM and MOHAMMAD JAMIL KHAN

Mahbuba Akter Suma from Dhaka's Bashundhara area became a friend of one Andrea Fabian, who claimed to be a Turkish national living in the UK, on Instagram last month.

Fabian then added Suma on WhatsApp messenger using a British number and started communicating with her more frequently.

As their friendship deepened after days of conversation, Fabian told Suma that she wanted to visit Bangladesh and that she wanted to send her some gifts.

A day after, Fabian told Suma that she had already sent a parcel in Suma's name through a courier service and gave her the address of a website with a tracking code.

The self-proclaimed Turkish national told Suma that she had also sent \$55,000, along with the other gifts.

After a few days, Suma received a WhatsApp call from an Indian number

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# Voyager 2 charts interstellar space



AFP, Paris

A probe launched by Nasa four days after Elvis died has delivered a treasure trove of data from beyond the "solar bubble" that envelops Earth and our neighbouring planets, scientists reported.

But for every mystery Voyager 2 has solved about the solar winds, magnetic fields and cosmic rays that buffet the boundary between interstellar space and the Sun's sphere of influence, a new one has cropped up.

Voyager 2 left Earth's orbit in 1977 a month before its twin Voyager 1, but took seven years longer to reach the heliosphere's outer limit some 18 billion kilometres (more than 11 billion miles) away.

Shaped something like a windsock in a stiff breeze, the heliosphere is formed by the Sun's magnetic field and solar winds that can reach speeds of three million kilometres per hour.

It can be compared to a cosmic supertanker ploughing through space, said Edward Stone, a professor at the California Institute of Technology and lead author of one of five articles published in Nature Astronomy.

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# ACC sues 2 DNCC ward councillors

They illegally amassed Tk 56.32cr wealth

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ward Councillor Tarequzaman Rajib, an accused in land grabbing and extortion cases, grabbed 6-katha land in the capital's Mohammadpur to set up a badminton court there, an enquiry by the Anti-Corruption Commission has found.

He spent about Tk 4 crore for developing the court, revealed the graft watchdog.

Yesterday, ACC Assistant Director Mamunur Rashid Chowdhury filed a case against the councillor on charges of amassing Tk26.16 crore wealth beyond his known source

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# PRAYER TIMING NOVEMBER 7

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha  
AZAN 5:00 12:45 3:45 5:25 7:00  
JAMAAT 5:35 1:15 4:00 5:30 7:30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

## সন্ত্রাসবাদকে 'না' বলুন

**প্রকৃত ধর্ম প্রচারক ও উগ্রবাদী রিক্রুটর এর মধ্যে পার্থক্য**

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১. ধর্ম প্রচারের সকল কার্যক্রম প্রকাশ্যে করে।	১. ঘাপটি মেয়ে থাকে ও গোপনে প্রচারণা চালায়।
২. ব্যক্তির অসহায়ত্ব ও দুর্বলতা লাভবে ধর্মের শিক্ষা দেয়।	২. ব্যক্তির অসহায়ত্ব ও দুর্বলতার সুযোগে তার প্রতি অতি-সহমর্মিতা প্রকাশ করে নিজ উদ্দেশ্য বাস্তবায়ন করে।
৩. ধর্মের মৌলিক ও প্রায়োগিক শিক্ষাদানের উপর গুরুত্ব আরোপ করে।	৩. ধর্মের রাজনৈতিক ব্যবহারের উপর গুরুত্ব আরোপ করে।
৪. ধর্ম চর্চার উত্থু করে সুনাগরিক হওয়ার উপদেশ দেয়।	৪. শট্কাট উপায়ে পারসোনালিক প্রাক্টর পোড দেখায়।
৫. ধর্মের প্রকৃত ব্যাখ্যা সম্বন্ধিত বই, অডিও-ভিডিও বা আদর্শ মানুষের সম্মান দেয়।	৫. উগ্রবাদে জড়িত ব্যক্তি বা গোষ্ঠীর অতি-ভিত্তি বা বই এর সম্মান দেয়। সাধারণত এদের লোক সফট কপি বা লিংক শেয়ার করে।
৬. দেশীয় বা বৈশ্বিক সন্ত্রাসী গোষ্ঠি এবং তাদের কর্মকাণ্ডকে ধর্ম বিরোধী বলে এগুলো থেকে দূরে থাকার উপদেশ দেয়।	৬. সন্ত্রাসী কর্মকাণ্ডকে অবশ্য কর্তব্য বলে প্রচার করে এবং তাদের অনুসরণ ও সমমনা দলে যোগ দিতে উপসাহ প্রদান করে।

বিঃ দ্রঃ উগ্রবাদের কোন একক কিংবা সুনির্দিষ্ট লক্ষণ নেই। উল্লেখিত লক্ষণ সমূহের কেবল একটি বা দুটি লক্ষণ বিদ্যমান থাকলেই তা উগ্রবাদের সুনির্দিষ্ট প্রমাণ বহন করে না। তবে কারো মধ্যে বেশিরভাগ লক্ষণ বিদ্যমান থাকলে তিনি উগ্রবাদী বিশ্বাস দ্বারা প্রভাবিত বলে ধারণা করা যায়।

**উগ্রবাদে জড়িত হওয়ার নির্দেশকসমূহ (Indicators)**

**সহিংস উগ্রবাদে জড়িত হওয়ার নির্দেশকসমূহ (Indicators)**

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