

## A weekly endeavour!

7 held over mugging of 2 Indian students in Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detectives have arrested seven alleged robbers on charge of mugging two Indian students a week ago.

They were arrested in separate drives from the capital and Keraniganj on Friday, Mahbub Alam, joint commissioner (DB-south) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, told a press briefing at DMP media centre yesterday.

The arrestees are ringleader Abdullah Al Yousuf Ahmed Ashique, Fakrul Islam Faku, Almas, Suman, Shaheen, Babu and Shafiqul Islam.

Yousuf, the mastermind of the gang, has eight cases filed against him with different police stations, the DB official said.

During primary interrogations, detectives found that the gang goes out to rob people once a week, carrying out at least four to five muggings at a stretch. They hide the number plates of the vehicles they use to make it hard to trace them.

They strike early in the morning, when the roads are empty. They catch their targets at places without police patrol, the official said.

During Friday's drives, police recovered a looted

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A frequent visitor of the capital's Lalbagh area, this eagle suddenly found itself trapped by this device set up by locals yesterday. Even though the bird managed to squiggle out after a while, it hurt its feet in the process and was stuck on this branch for some time. Sensing weakness, a crow flew in to peck and bully it, until the eagle limped to the edge and flew off into the horizon.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

## 'It's relevant to this day'

Gyantapas Abdur Razzaq's PhD thesis 'Political Parties in India' launched as a book

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

"It didn't read like a thesis. It read like a book," reminisced Prof Rounaq Jahan while speaking of Gyantapas Abdur Razzaq's PhD thesis "Political Parties in India".

She said this while talking at the thesis' launch, as a book, at the capital's Bengal Shilpalay yesterday. Marking the launch, Gyantapas Abdur Razzaq Foundation and University Press Limited (UPL) also held a discussion on the book.

**Professor Razzaq has not shown a single unnecessary statistic in his book.**

Professor Salimullah Khan



A student of Prof Razzaq at Dhaka University, Prof Rounaq was the one who first discovered the thesis, prepared in 1950.

"Publishing this book is a matter of great pride for us," UPL managing director Mahrukh Mohiuddin said in her opening remarks. "It will be of interest not only to political scientists, but also to historians and experts of our political and academic sphere."

In her foreword to the UPL edition -- edited by Ahrar Ahmed, professor emeritus at Black Hills State University, US and director general of Gyantapas Abdur Razzaq Foundation -- Prof Jahan offers a synopsis of the basic arguments presented in the thesis.

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# Left behind, left uncared for

Woes of migrant workers' families mostly unaddressed

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Since her husband migrated to Saudi Arabia as a worker in 2018, Kulsum Begum (not her real name) has been looking after their family back home in Tangail.

Apart from arranging food and healthcare, the 30-year-old needs to take care of the education of her ninth-grader daughter and fifth-grader son with the money her husband sends home, albeit irregularly.

"It's no easy job. I have to remain stressed all the time," said Kulsum.

What makes the mother more worried is the money -- Tk 3 lakh -- her husband borrowed from a local lender before his migration. She could not pay any instalment yet because the money she gets from her husband is not enough to run her family, let alone paying off the debt.

"Sometimes I seek support from my parents who live nearby," she said.

Like Kulsum, many left-behind family members, especially females, are facing such problems in absence of their male members, but this issue remains largely unaddressed in the government policy.

There has not been much research on the social cost of migration in Bangladesh, but a research book published in 2020 by Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU) shed some light on the issue.

Titled "Social Cost of Migration: Left-behind Children, Husbands and Wives in Bangladesh", the book said although economic gains of migration are enjoyed by the nation at large as well as by the migrant households as a unit, the "social costs of migration" are mostly borne by the individual household members.

As perceived social cost of migration, about 70 percent of left-behind wives expressed their agony of staying without husbands, while 67 percent are overburdened with additional responsibilities, said

### SOCIAL COSTS OF MIGRATION

- Family members overburdened with responsibilities
- Facing psychological, physical, sexual issues
- Becoming victim of social scrutiny, perception
- Children deprived of developing emotional attachment

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Counselling facilities for families
- Awareness campaign on social attitude
- Special attention to children at schools
- Effective measures from government

the book.

Thirty-five percent go through psychological stress and regularly encounter social perception that they are "leading a comfortable life by spending their husbands' hard-earned money", it said.

The book is based on research conducted in 2014, 2017 and 2018. The study included 831 left-behind wives and 1,784 children in different migration-prone districts.

At least 45 percent wives dealt with psychological, physical or sexual issues, while 30 percent of them, being single mothers, are overburdened with problems of raising their children.

About 40 percent wives complained about "social scrutiny" as they are often "judged" by their

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## Most migrants on boat were Bangladeshis

### Says Bangladesh embassy in Rome following rescue operation in Mediterranean

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Some 273 out of 287 migrants recently found on a boat in the Mediterranean have primarily been identified as Bangladeshis, according to the Bangladesh embassy in Rome.

The migrants were heading to Italy.

However, the embassy was yet to ascertain identities of seven individuals, reportedly Bangladeshis, who died of hypothermia while crossing the sea from Libya.

Arfanul Haque, labour welfare counsellor at the embassy, yesterday said their priority is to find out details of the deceased and send the bodies home.

Following their rescue, the Bangladeshis were taken into custody of Italian authorities at different centres, Arfanul said over phone, adding that Bangladeshi authorities already talked with some of the survivors.

Decisions regarding their fate will be as per Italian laws, he said. There might be some minors but no female migrants were among those rescued, he further said. The boat also carried Egyptians, according to the embassy.

On getting information on January 25, the embassy has been in constant contact with relevant Italian authorities, reads a press release issued by the embassy on Friday.

PRAYER TIMING JAN 30



	Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
Azan	5:35	12:45	4:15	5:46	7:15
Jamaat	6:10	1:15	4:30	5:50	7:45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



Eminent citizens at the launch of Gyantapas Abdur Razzaq's thesis "Political Parties in India", in the form of a book, at Bengal Shilpalay yesterday. During a discussion, attendees reflected on the significance and present relevance of the thesis. Discovered by Prof Rounaq Jahan, who was a student of Prof Razzaq, the PhD thesis, prepared in 1950, delves into how political parties of India operated at that time.

PHOTO: STAR

## Trucker stabbed to death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A truck driver was stabbed to death in Dhaka's Demra early yesterday.

The deceased is Saiful Islam (30) of Mendipur Uttarpara.

Unknown persons stabbed him when he was transporting sand from Sarulia to Kamarbhog area around 3:00am. A truck driver found him lying in a pool of blood beside the road and informed police, said Nayeem Molla, another trucker.

Saiful was declared dead at Dhaka Medical College Hospital around 6:00am.

Deceased's uncle Mostaq Ahmed said they suspected that Saiful was stabbed by muggers as mugging takes place in the area often.

Hares Mia, a sub-inspector of Demra Police Station, said they are investigating the murder.

The body was sent for autopsy.



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Social Cost of Migration 2020 RMMRU

লেখার পাইলস, ফিস্টুলা অপারেশন, কোষ্ঠকাঠিন্য, পলিপ, কোলোনস্কপি, কোলন, রেকটাম ক্যান্সার ও ল্যাপারোস্কপি

পেটের খাদ্যনালী ও মলদ্বারের (Colon, Rectum and Anus) বিভিন্ন সমস্যা যেনো মলত্যাগের পর রক্ত যাওয়া, মলদ্বারের বিভিন্ন সমস্যা, ফিস্টুলা, এনালফিসার, রক্ত আমাশয় (Ulcerative Colitis), লেজার পাইলস অপারেশন, সর্বাধুনিক ল্যাপারোস্কপি পদ্ধতিতে পাইলস অপারেশন, মলদ্বারের বারো বারো অপারেশন ব্যর্থ হওয়ার কারণ, বাধামুক্ত মল ত্যাগের জন্য (Obstructed Defecation) STARR অপারেশন, পেটের ভেতর খাদ্যনালীর ক্যান্সার (Colon Cancer), Colonoscopy, পায়ুপথ ক্যান্সার (Rectum Cancer) মলদ্বার না কেটে অত্যাধুনিক স্ট্যাপলিং পদ্ধতিতে পেটে ব্যাগ না লাগিয়ে অপারেশন, ল্যাপারোস্কপিক পদ্ধতিতে পেট না কেটে কোলন ক্যান্সার অপারেশন, শিশুদের পায়খানার সাথে রক্ত যাওয়া ইত্যাদির অত্যাধুনিক ও বিশ্বমানের চিকিৎসা সম্পর্কে জানতে হলে বইটি পড়ুন।

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