

JAILED IN MALAYSIA

Three Bangladeshi workers released

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Malaysian police released the three Bangladeshi workers who were arrested on March 21 after they lodged a complaint at the Labour Department of Malaysia.

However, the three workers are now concerned about their safety and well-being.

Malaysian Socialist Party (PSM), which has been supporting jobless, unpaid, and indebted Bangladeshi workers in the country, confirmed this to the media yesterday.

Dang Wangi Police Station arrested Jahurul Islam, Maruf Hossen, and Mofiz Sheikh, who were among those who filed complaint to the labour department and police against their employing companies – Suria Harmoni Resources SDN BHD and Beaks Construction SDN BHD.

M Sivaranjani, head of PSM's head of labour bureau, in a statement, said the three workers were released by the police on bail but were asked to appear in court tomorrow [Monday]. PSM lawyers are trying to ascertain the reason why they should be present in court unless that is an attempt to charge them.

"PSM views the arrest as a form of intimidation to create fear among the other workers who, in recent weeks, have lodged numerous police reports against the employer for multiple offences," Sivaranjani said.

EID JOURNEY TO NORTH

Gridlock feared near Bangabandhu Bridge



MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

Transport workers have expressed concern over severe gridlock near Bangabandhu Bridge during Eid journey this year, despite various steps taken to facilitate a hassle-free journey.

According to associations of transport owners and workers, as well as Highway Police personnel, the Dhaka-Tangail highway, known as the gateway to the north, connects 26 districts through 116 land routes.

During normal times, around 15-20 thousand vehicles pass through Bangabandhu Bridge daily. However, the number increases several times before Eid, leading to huge pressure of vehicles on the road, with long tailbacks on both ends of the bridge, and thereby causing much suffering to the homebound passengers.

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till Bangabandhu Bridge toll plaza.

"Along with excessive pressure of vehicles, unfit vehicles and reckless driving are also major problems on the road," said Delwar Hossain, traffic inspector in Tangail.

"If a vehicle breaks down or gets into an accident, it takes at least an hour to remove it with a wrecker. During this time, a long tailback is created," he added.

During a visit to the Eastern Link Road, this correspondent saw work was underway to widen the road to four lanes on four kilometres of the road till Bangabandhu Bridge.

Meanwhile, an inter-department meeting was held at Tangail Police Lines recently to ensure safety of passengers and keep the highway free of traffic congestion during Eid rush.

"Once the link road is widened, it will lessen the traffic congestion. The roads division has assured to complete the work before the Eid journey," said Sarkar Mohammad Kaiser, superintendent of police in Tangail.

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the bridge will be turned one-way, and Dhaka-bound vehicles from north will be bypassed through the old Bhuapur road, the SP added.

But Saiful Islam, a bus driver on the Dhaka-Rangpur route, is not so hopeful. "The Dhaka-bound vehicles were bypassed through Bhuapur road last year too, but it did not make any difference," he said.

Mamun Miah, a bus driver on Dhaka-Pabna route, said, "The vehicles could not return to Dhaka on time due to severe gridlocks formed on the extremely narrow Bhuapur road, causing disruption to the schedule, and sufferings to the passengers."

Kaiserul Islam, deputy commissioner of Tangail, said, "Different measures including increasing the number of toll booths at Bangabandhu Bridge, and setting up separate toll booths for motorcycles are on the card."

Officials of the district administration along with executive magistrates will be on duty on the road to ensure smooth journey for the people, he added.

'No syndicate in Biman'

Says its MD on allegations of ticket hoarding

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Biman yesterday refuted allegations of the presence of a ticket syndicate or ticket blocking while selling to travel agencies.

"There is no question of ticket blocking. We don't sell tickets for any routes to an agent without names of passengers. This is beyond our policy," Biman Managing Director and CEO Shaiful Azim said at a press conference at Biman's headquarters in the capital's Kurmitola.

He made the remarks while addressing allegations of the presence of a ticket syndicate, alongside the blocking of tickets of the national flag carrier.

"We don't spare anyone who is involved in any irregularities or corruption. Biman takes the highest action against its officials if someone is found involved in any irregularities," said the Biman MD.

As part of good management and success, Biman has incurred operations profit in the last

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N'GANJ, MUNSHIGANJ FIRES

100 shops, plyboard factory gutted

STAR REPORT

Over 100 shops and a plyboard factory were gutted in separate incidents of fire in Narayanganj and Munshiganj respectively yesterday.

In Narayanganj, a fire broke out at Gausia kitchen market in Rupganj upazila, gutting over a hundred shops.

Saleh Uddin, deputy director of Narayanganj Fire Service and Civil Defence, said, "The fire started around 3:15am. Ten fire engines brought the blaze under control by 5:45am."

Petroleum and plastic hardware products fueled the flames, he added.

However, no casualty was reported in the incident. Meanwhile, in Munshiganj, a fire erupted at a plyboard factory in Gazaria upazila.

According to witnesses, the fire started at 1:00pm. Fire service officials deployed twelve fire engines, but the blaze persisted till night, said Rifat Mallik, station officer of Gazaria fire service.

Fire fighters were not able to douse the fire till 1:00am today, he said.

Hiran Miah, 32, a worker of the factory, sustained burn injuries and was taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

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MEGHNA TRAWLER CAPSIZE

Death toll rises to 6 as 3 more bodies recovered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

The death toll from Friday's trawler-bulk carrier collision on Meghna rose to six as three more bodies were recovered from the sunken trawler yesterday.

Three people remain missing following the incident that took place between Kishoreganj's Bhairab and Brahmanbaria's Ashuganj, said Superintendent of River Police (Kishoreganj) Abdullah Al Mamun.

The three deceased are Mahmuda Sultana Iva, 7, daughter of Bhairab Highway Police Station's constable Sohel Rana; Rupa Dey, 30, of Bhairab; and Anika Akter, 18, a college student in Narsingdi.

The three missing are constable Sohel Rana, 34, his five-year-old son Raisul and Belon Dey, 45, of Katiadi upazila in Kishoreganj.

The three bodies were found inside the sunken trawler around 3:00pm, hours after the trawler was recovered yesterday noon.

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PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

Fakir Ali carefully drags his fishing net as he walks towards the bank of the Shiba river in Khulna's Paikgachha upazila yesterday morning. The 85-year-old sets off to catch fish during high tides every day, trying to catch small local fish varieties, keeping some for his family while selling off the rest for Tk 350-500 at local bazars.

Two killed in Ctg road crash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Two people were killed after a pickup van hit a truck from behind on Dhaka-Chattogram highway in Nizampur area under Chattogram's Mirsarai upazila yesterday morning.

The deceased were identified as Masum Billah, 40, driver of the pickup van, and Abdur Rahim, 42.

"The Chattogram bound pickup van hit the truck from behind around 7:15am, leaving two dead on the spot," said Abdul Hakim Azad, officer-in-charge of Kumira Highway Police Station.

"The bodies were sent to CMCH for autopsy," the OC said.

"We seized the pickup van, but the truck and its driver managed to flee the scene," he added.



Police have been asked to remain alert so that the teenage boys cannot get involved in any crimes forming 'teen gang'.

ATIQUIL ISLAM, Additional Inspector General of Police



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This is to notify all concern that the following Tender ID-952065, 962361, 964316 has been published through e-GP Portal. The interested persons/firms may visit the website www.eprocure.gov.bd.

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Vacancy Announcement for the post of Chief Financial Officer
(In the rank of General Manager) on Contractual Basis.

Agrani Bank PLC a state-owned Commercial Bank invites proposals for providing services as Chief Financial Officer (in the rank of General Manager) on Contractual Basis with full executive power, responsibility and accountability of the Central Accounts Division of the Bank from eligible Bangladeshi candidates who must have qualifications and experiences mentioned below:

Education: The candidate must be Chartered Accountant (CA) or Cost Management Accountant (CMA) or Certified Financial Analyst (CFA) or same professional Degree or Master of Business Administration (MBA), Master of Bank Management (MBM), Post Graduate Degree on Economics, Finance, Accounting or Banking from recognize University.

Experience: The candidate must have at least 10 (ten) years experience in Bank or Financial Institution including at least 3 (three) years experience on Accounts of Bank or Taxation.

Age Limit: Maximum age as on 25-04-2024 should not over 60 Years.

Employment Status: Contractual and Full-time.

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Remuneration: Negotiable.

Job Description:

- To build up a powerful and effective financial discipline and strengthen the accounting capacity of the Bank.
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Additional Experience:

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Employed Candidates in Government, Semi-Government and Autonomous Institutions must apply through Proper authority. Bank reserves the right to accept or reject any application or annul the process without assigning any reason.

The recruitment circular published earlier on 14-04-2022 and 16-04-2022 regarding the appointment of Chief Financial Officer has been cancelled.

General Manager
Agrani Bank PLC.

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