

MV Abdullah Won't allow anyone

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about the ransom issue due to a confidentiality agreement with the pirates. According to SR Shipping, the ship would first unload its cargo (coal) at the port and then head directly towards home.

Among the 23 crew, 21 have opted to come back home on the same ship, said Shahriar Jahan Rahat, deputy managing director of KSRM.

The ship's second officer Mojaherul Islam Chowdhury and general steward Mohammad Noor Uddin expressed interest in signing off from the ship at the UAE port and taking a flight home, he added.

Mentioning that they would take steps as per the wishes of the crew, Rahat said the ship would take several more weeks to reach Chattogram.

MV Abdullah was captured at gunpoint on March 12 around 600 nautical miles off the Somali coast, while carrying coal from Maputo in Mozambique to Al Hamriyah in the UAE.

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School in Chittagong's Halishahar Cantonment.

"We want peace. Our country is an independent and sovereign one. We have attained victory through war. We have to retain that independence," she said.

Hasina said nowadays war is also fought through digital means and that's why the country needs to build modern knowledge-based highly trained armed forces.

She also said the Bangladesh Army is now a symbol of confidence to the nation as they always remain beside the people whenever needed.

"The armed forces will discharge their responsibilities with professional skills, dutifulness, practice, training and be imbued with patriotism," she said.

The premier said the Awami League government has been working to achieve sustainable development targets by 2030 and build a developed, prosperous and Smart Bangladesh by 2041.

"For this, every member of

the Bangladesh Army would have to be smart by having knowledge of information technology," she said.

She said Bangladesh's military has been highly praised at home and abroad for its work efficiency and professionalism in the peacekeeping missions of the UN.

On her arrival at the venue, the prime minister was received by Chief of Army Staff General SM Shafiuddin Ahmed.

An audio-visual documentary on Mujib Battery was screened at the event.

Minni seeks

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of the bail petition will be scheduled when it comes up serially before the HC.

On October 16, 2022, a similar petition was filed with the HC but was not heard.

A Barguna court on September 30, 2020, sentenced six people, including Minni, to death in the murder case.

Bangladesh, Malaysia

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Employment Ministry, yesterday said they have already officially communicated with their Malaysian counterparts regarding the JWG meeting.

"We have offered for a meeting by May and it depends on the response from the Malaysian government. However, we are trying to hold it sooner," he told an event called for exchanging post-Eid-ul-Fitr and Bangla New Year greetings with journalists at the capital's Probashi Kalyan Bhaban.

State Minister for Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Shofiqur Rahman Choudhury mentioned that they are making efforts to gather information regarding the concerns expressed by UN experts.

"We will work to resolve problems wherever it happens," he added.

The state minister said one of their prime objectives is to create a skilled workforce and send them abroad for employment through formal channels.

To this end, the technical training centres will be equipped with modern tools and machinery for workers' training, he added. According to a statement of the UN Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner (OHCHR) issued on Friday, the situation of Bangladeshi migrants who have lived in Malaysia for several months or longer is "unsustainable and undignified."

UN experts in the statement noted that many migrants find on arrival in Malaysia that they do not have employment as promised and are often forced into overstaying their visas.

Consequently, these migrants risk arrest,

detention, ill-treatment and deportation. Responding to a query, Secretary Ruhul Amin said latest report suggests there may be around 5,000 Bangladeshi migrant workers in Malaysia who are unemployed, despite going there in response to employer demands.

This could be about one percent of the total workers migrating there in such a process, he said. However, the number of unemployed Bangladeshi workers there could be higher if other means of migration, such as using visit visas, are considered. As per government data, Malaysia has hired more than 4.28 lakh Bangladeshi workers since reopening its labour market for Bangladesh in 2022, lifting a four-year embargo.

In early March this year, Malaysian Home Minister Saifuddin Nasution Ismail said his government would not allow foreign workers into the country under the active quotas starting on June 1, reports New Straits Times.

On March 26, Malaysia's Human Resources Minister Steven Sim Chee Keong said his government currently maintains a freeze on foreign workers' hiring quotas, according to a report in The Star.

60 hurt as RMG people hit by rubber bullets.

At least 7,000 workers are employed at the factory owned by AH Aslam Sunny. Contacted, Sunny told The Daily Star, "We paid the Eid bonus to all workers. But the salary for March remains unpaid. The factory has just opened, and we will pay everyone's salary by next Wednesday."

Mahbub Uddin relieved

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According to the letter, Mahbub Uddin, also a BNP leader, was relieved from the post for taking responsibility as SCBA president ignoring the forum's prohibition and violating its discipline.

The letter also mentioned that although the entire BJAF panel was certain of victory in the SCBA election held on March 6 and 7, only Mahbub Uddin was declared as SCBA president while Fatima Akhtar, Md Shafiqul Islam and Syed Fazle Elahi Abhi were shown as winners in member posts to validate that there was no vote rigging in the election.

In this situation, a joint meeting of BJAF's senior leaders and advisers, and former SCBA presidents and secretaries was held on March 24.

The meeting decided that Mahbub Uddin along with the three other BJAF members would refrain

from taking responsibility of the SCBA for the term of 2024-2025 and a letter was given to them on March 27 to this end.

Responding to the forum's call, the three winners of member posts refrained from taking up the duties. However, Mahbub Uddin took charge as SCBA president on April 4, ignoring the forum's decision.

Contacted, Mahbub Uddin yesterday said he will express his reaction to the media later on.

In the SCBA election, pro-Awami League lawyers' panel Bangabandhu Awami Ainjibi Parishad got 10 executive posts of the association.

Investigate

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of wealth held in the names of his family members including himself. Therefore, it is reasonable to assume that he acquired this wealth through means of influence during his tenure.

"In this situation, I request necessary legal action to be taken to investigate the wealth of Benazir Ahmed and his family members," he added.

Meanwhile, in a post from his verified Facebook profile on Saturday, Benazir denied the information in the report about his wealth acquisition published in the national daily, terming it false.

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Hasan Mahmud

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During the meeting, both sides emphasised that cooperation can be expanded in trade and commerce, agricultural cooperation, and people-to-people contact.

They also agreed to work together at the UN and other international organisations for promoting common interest.

Asked about Indian Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra's postponement of visit, which was scheduled for April 20, Mahmud said, "Indian elections are underway. Thus, the visit was postponed because of various internal factors."

He said it has not been conveyed to Dhaka yet when the visit will take place.

According to sources, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's visit to India has been planned for early July,

and Kwatra was scheduled to visit Dhaka to discuss the preparations for the visit.

DHAKA ENGAGING WITH KL ON MIGRANTS' SUFFERINGS

Acknowledging Bangladesh migrant workers' plight in Malaysia, Mahmud said the government is in constant touch with the Malaysian authorities to solve the issue.

"It is true that Bangladeshi workers are suffering there. At various times, we have raised this issue with the Malaysian authorities. We also discussed the issue when the Malaysian high commissioner called on me," he told reporters at the foreign ministry.

His reply came as The Daily Star asked him about the actions the government has taken to solve the issue.

AL calls for rally

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This marks the second occasion since the January 7 national elections where the ruling party is organising a rally to counter that of the BNP.

On January 30, the BNP held black flag processions, calling for the termination of the 12th parliament. On the same day, the AL organised a nationwide rally protesting the "undemocratic activities" of BNP and its ally Jamaat-

e-Islami. Although the ruling party never dubbed its programme as counter to BNP, but since December last year the ruling camp has been holding its "peace rallies" to counter BNP's agitation.

At Friday's AL rally, party general secretary Obaidul Quader will be the chief guest while BNP secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir will be the chief guest at their programme.

Quazi Ziaul Islam no more

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Freedom fighter Quazi Ziaul Islam (Mahbub) passed away on Saturday evening. He was 72.

He breathed his last around 6:30pm at his Niketan home, his family said.

He had been battling respiratory and neurological issues for some time.

Ziaul left behind his wife, two sons, a grandson and a host of well-wishers to mourn his death.

His namaz-e-janaza will be held after Zohr prayers today at Gulbagh Jame Masjid, next to Kazi Bhaban, 39 New Elephant Road.

He will be buried at Muktijoddha Graveyard in Rayerbazar.

He was a freedom fighter of Sector 2, based in Brahmanbaria, during the Liberation War.

One of the highlights of his time during the war was rescuing the pilot of a downed Indian fighter plane, and helping him cross the border.

Ziaul was a businessman, and in his later years was involved in taking care of business at his family's Kazi Bhaban premises.

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