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Marking the 79th founding anniversary of the World Federation of Trade Unions, the Bangladesh chapter of the organisation held a human chain in front of Jatiyo Press Club in the capital yesterday. Observing the day as International Action Day, the organisation demanded fair wages and workplace security for workers. They also sought justice for the killing of an RMG worker in Ashulia recently. PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

GRAMEEN KALYAN Verdict over reassessment of income tax withdrawn STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A High Court bench has withdrawn its verdict rejecting two petitions that challenged the National Board of Revenue's order reassessing the income tax owed by Grameen Kalyan for different tax years to be Tk 600 crore.

Grameen Kalyan is a nonprofitable and charitable organisation founded by Muhammad Yunus, who is now the chief adviser of the interim government.

The HC bench of Justice Muhammad Khurshid Alam Sarkar and Justice SM Maniruzzaman, which judgement delivered on August 4, sent the documents to the chief justice on September 8.

Grameen Kalyan's lawyer Sarder Jinnat Ali said the HC bench recalled the verdict as SM Maniruzzaman felt embarrassed to write the judgement.



Goat rearing makes Selina solvent



SIFAYET ULLAH, Ctg

Selina Akter, 35, and her husband Khorshed Alam, 45, from Sreemangal upazila in Moulvibazar, moved to Chattogram's Bayezid Bostami area in 2008 and opened a roadside tea stall. Khorshed later began working at a local factory, while Selina continued

running the stall. However, the pandemic forced them into financial hardship. Selina had to close her shop in 2020 due to

the lockdown, and her husband faced unemployment as the factory shut down. The couple struggled to make ends

meet, often unable to provide more than two meals a day for their daughter. hit by vehicles. One goat, injured by an During this difficult period, Selina began rearing goats on the roadside near Tara Gate. This venture gradually brought them out of poverty. When visited recently, Selina was found feeding her goats, while Khorshed cleaned their shed, built on roadside Khas land.

bought with Tk 9,000 saved from her tea stall earnings.

Six months later, it gave birth to two kids. She then took a Tk 2 lakh loan from a neighbour to purchase more goats, including Totapuri and Haryana breeds.

Now, after repaying the loan, they have 22 goats worth Tk 11 lakh. The couple works together to care for the animals, earning enough to cover their expenses and send their daughter to school.

Rearing goats in the city has not been easy. The couple travels to neighbouring upazilas to collect feed, as grass and leaves are scarce in the city. There is also the risk of the goats being auto-rickshaw, cost them Tk 6,000 to

Call on Malaysia

FROM PAGE 3 were processed by a webbased system named Foreign Workers Centralised Management System (FWCMS).

"FWCMS is used for the manipulation. Unless this system is replaced, the syndicate cannot be broken," a diplomatic source in Malaysia told this correspondent.

Policymakers in Malaysia too want the syndicate to be dismantled because labour exploitation has already brought a bad name for Malaysia, he said.

As per the MoU between Bangladesh and Malaysia, the recruitment cost has been agreed to be Tk 78,990. On March 28, four UN experts wrote a letter to the Bangladesh and Malaysia governments detailing labour exploitation in Malavsia. They mentioned each migrant spent between US \$4,500 and \$6,000.

According to rough estimate, over US \$1 billion has been laundered out of Bangladesh to Malaysia between August 2022 and May 2024. The experts said criminal networks operate in the recruitment process and deceive the workers into paying exorbitant recruitment fees.

The process reportedly begins with bribery within Malaysia's human resources and home affairs ministries to obtain "fake quotas for bogus employers."

"Subsequently, bribery extends to Bangladeshi High Commission in Malaysia a reality," he added.

Plastic toys FROM PAGE 3

and Bangladeshi syndicated highlighted the dangers agents to facilitate of using recycled plastics recruitment approval," the in children's toys, saying, "These materials should letter said.

In response, Bangladesh's mission to the UN in Geneva on May 29 said Dhaka wanted to allow all its 1,520 licensed recruitment agencies to send workers to Malaysia, but Kuala Lumpur

labelling, and launching selected only 101 agents. Meanwhile, members of educational campaigns to Bangladesh Association of raise awareness. International Recruiting Agencies (Baira) held a press deputy executive director conference in the capital of BAN Toxics, and Thony Dizon, a toxic campaigner, yesterday, urging the leaders of the two countries to were also involved in the dismantle the recruiting study. syndicate and bring the the Bangladesh Standards

culprits to book. "If the syndicate is dismantled, recruitment costs can be reduced to Tk 1.5 lakh. This will also ensure migrants' welfare, list. prevent money laundering, and increase remittance," said Baira Joint Secretary Fakhrul Islam.

BRAC Migration will address it," he said. Programme head Shariful Islam said the Malaysian Egypt invites labour market has always FROM PAGE 3 been mired with syndication or manipulation.

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trade strong stance to stop any increasing participation syndication. He has always in international decisionstood for migrant rights, making, and improving and we want him to make it living standards in member countries.

BGB not solely responsible

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in India is confirmed, the interim government could pursue his extradition, as an extradition treaty exists between Bangladesh and India.

He denied any BGB involvement of personnel in helping individuals escape.

Addressing questions on border security, he emphasised that BGB alone should not be held responsible for anyone escaping the country, adding that the matter would be thoroughly investigated.

Since August 6, BGB

such escapes.

Referring to the arrest of Bodi, who was believed to have fled to Myanmar, Maj Gen Siddiqui said Bodi was eventually arrested in Sitakunda.

The BGB chief reported that three members, including two on deputation to Rab, were killed, and 103 others were injured during the recent movement. Some were injured by police firing pellets, and several vehicles were torched.

Only a small number August 5 and some criminals of BGB personnel, around in Bangladesh were feeding

public assistance through members, were deployed television scrolls to prevent during the protests, he added.

The BGB did not act drug lord Abdur Rahman like police to control the situation and tried to avoid casualties, he claimed. A lieutenant colonel, who was also a battalion

commander, was removed and punished for aiming to fire on protesters, he said. A major has also punished over been "unprofessionalism", added.

The BGB chief said India's Border Security Force has increased monitoring after

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Travel ban issued on Durjoy, wife

GRAFT ALLEGATIONS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT Dhaka А

c o u r t vesterday issued a travel ban on former captain of

Bangladesh cricket team and ex-Awami League lawmaker from Manikganj-1, AM Naimur Rahman Durjoy, and his wife, Farhana Rahman, amid corruption allegations.

The order was issued Judge Ash-Shams bv Joglul Hossain of Dhaka Metropolitan Senior Special Judge's Court following an ACC

application. According to ACC's application, Durjoy facing allegations laundering, of money irregularities, project and amassing substantial wealth domestically and abroad through illicit means. An investigation is currently underway looking into these charges.

ACC said a travel ban as necessary to prevent

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