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UN chief António Guterres on ending Ukraine war

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MALAYSIA JOB MARKET

Bangladeshis may be given preference

Says Asif Nazrul; KL wants
Dhaka to drop trafficking,
laundering allegations

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Malaysia will initially take nearly 8,000 Bangladeshi workers from among the 17,000 who missed a deadline for joining due to a flight shortage.

Asif Nazrul, adviser to the law and expatriates' welfare ministries, said this after meetings with Malaysian Human Resources Minister Steven Sim and Home Minister Saifuddin Nasution Ismail in Putrajaya yesterday.

He said the Malaysian side told him that a list of 7,926 workers has been finalised and their recruitment is being processed.

"Malaysia has decided to process soon the recruitment

**Dhaka asks Kuala Lumpur to ensure
all registered recruiting agencies,
not just selected ones, have the
scope to send workers to Malaysia.**

of 7,964 stranded workers in the first batch and as proposed by Bangladesh, the recruitment process of those workers will be handled by Bangladesh Overseas Employment Services Limited (BOESL)," the Bangladesh high commission in Malaysia said in a statement.

During Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim's Bangladesh visit in October last year, Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus called for the recruitment of the 17,000 workers who had visas and made payments but could not make it by May 31, 2024, the deadline set by the Southeast Asian country, because of a flight shortage amid the rush.

Nazrul, in a video posted on Facebook, also said Malaysia will hire 1-1.5 lakh foreign workers, and that he requested Human Resources Minister Sim to prioritise recruitment from Bangladesh. The Malaysian minister said he would consider the matter.

Sim also reaffirmed Malaysia's commitment to remain an ethical employment destination by ensuring that foreign workers have access to social protection, welfare, and skills training, in line with the principles of compassion, justice, and well-being under the Malaysia Madani framework.

Lutfey Siddiqi, the special envoy of the chief adviser on international affairs, accompanied Nazrul in the meetings.

Currently, as per Malaysian data, about nine lakh Bangladeshis are working in Malaysia. They include nearly 500,000 who travelled to the Southeast Asian country through 101 agencies selected by the Malaysian government for recruiting Bangladeshi workers since late 2022.

On March 12, Bangladesh's Anti-Corruption Commission sued the owners of 12 of these agencies, along with former finance minister AHM Mustafa Kamal, on charges of embezzling and laundering Tk 1,128 crore through a syndicate that overcharged workers bound for Malaysia.

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Rohingyas
cast into sea
by Indian navy
'alarming'

UN expert launches
inquiry into report

DIPLOMATIC
CORRESPONDENT

Alarmed by "credible reports" of Rohingya refugees being forced off an Indian navy vessel into the Andaman Sea last week, a UN expert has begun an inquiry into such "unconscionable, unacceptable acts".

UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar, Tom Andrews, also urged the Indian government to refrain from inhumane and life threatening treatment of Rohingya refugees, including their repatriation into perilous conditions in Myanmar.

The idea that Rohingya refugees have been cast into the sea from naval vessels is nothing short of outrageous. I am seeking further information and testimony regarding these

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A vendor desperately clutches onto his cart as a DSCC staffer tries to pull him away. As part of the city corporation's eviction drive at Suhrawardy Udyan yesterday, numerous illegal makeshift shops were demolished and removed from the area. With permission from the DSCC executive magistrate, this vendor was able to remove his cart before it got destroyed. Story on page 3.

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PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Hundreds of Jagannath University students gather at the capital's Kakrail intersection for the second consecutive day yesterday to press home their demands, including housing allowance, increased budget allocation and improved academic facilities. They have vowed to continue the demonstration until the government issues an official response.

KUET SHUTDOWN No classes in almost 3 months

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Students of Khulna University of Engineering and Technology yesterday demonstrated demanding resumption of academic activities.

They staged a sit-in near the entrance of the administrative building in the afternoon.

"No classes have been held in almost three months. This is a major setback to our student life. It may even affect our career," said civil engineering student Rahatul Islam.

The impasse began on February 18 when several students were assaulted on campus allegedly by a group of outsiders. No classes have been held since then.

Amid demonstrations, the government relieved the VC of his duties last month. And Kuet syndicate members decided that academic activities would resume on May 4. But on May 5, the Kuet Teachers' Association told a press briefing that they would not return to classrooms unless "those who disrespect teachers" are punished.

The university authorities last week

Academic stalemate at 4 public univs

Kuet, Barishal University remain
closed; DU, JnU face fresh protests

MOHIUDDIN
ALAMGIR

Four public universities have been experiencing severe disruption to their academic activities due to ongoing demonstrations by students and teachers, putting the future of nearly 70,000 students in jeopardy.

The protests brought classes and examinations to a standstill, sparking serious concerns over prolonged session delays and disruption of the academic calendar.

The four universities are Jagannath University (JnU), Dhaka University, Khulna University of Engineering and Technology (Kuet), and Barishal University (BU).

Students and faculty members fear that it will not be possible

to complete the syllabi in time due to the prolonged disruption, especially at Kuet and BU, which have remained closed for nearly three months and one month, respectively.

"It's been nearly three months since our campus shut down. This is hurting our education and our future—we

just want to return to class," said a second-year Kuet student.

Mohammad Zahid Hossain, a BU student, added, "Finishing this semester's syllabus now feels nearly impossible."

Several teachers echoed the concern, saying the unrest made it impossible to run full academic sessions, inevitably harming students' progress.

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SHAMMO MURDER Students enforce day-long strike Demand resignation of DU VC, proctor

DU CORRESPONDENT

Protests continued at Dhaka University for a second consecutive day yesterday, as students enforced a day-long strike, demanding justice for the murder of their fellow Shahriar Alam Shammo and the resignation of vice chancellor and proctor.

No classes or examinations were held as the demonstrators locked the gates of several faculties and the registrar's building, rejecting DU authorities' announcement of a half-day suspension of classes and exams to mourn the death of Shammo.

The students accused the university administration of failing to ensure students' safety.

The protests began after Shammo's killing on Tuesday night.

Shammo, 25, was the literature and publication affairs secretary of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal's Sir AF Rahman Hall unit and a student of the 2018-19 session at the Institute of Education and Research.

Three suspects, who have been arrested over the murder, have no links with the DU, said police.

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JULY VICTIMS, FAMILIES Govt moves to ensure support Approves ordinance to that end

BAHARAM KHAN

The government yesterday approved an ordinance to ensure employment, training, housing, medical care, and low-interest loans for those injured in the July uprising and families of those who were killed.

The advisory council cleared the "July Mass Uprising Martyrs' Families and Injured Students-Citizens Welfare and Rehabilitation Ordinance, 2025" at a meeting chaired by Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus.

A gazette on the ordinance will be published soon, officials said.

Drafted by the Ministry of Liberation War Affairs, it includes a provision to revise the financial benefits for the families of the people killed by law enforcement agencies or political organisations affiliated with the then government.

According to the draft, "The amount of one-time or monthly financial assistance may be increased or decreased based on the socio-economic condition, age, and number of dependents of the martyred person."

The ordinance refers to the martyred and injured individuals as "July Martyrs" and "July Warriors", respectively.

Of the injured, individuals who have lost at least one eye, hand, or leg; those who are completely blind; persons fully mentally impaired; or those entirely incapable of independent living or working are under category A.

Category B includes individuals who are partially blind, have suffered serious brain injuries, or have sustained

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