

Malaysia denies entry to 96 Bangladeshis

STAR REPORT

Malaysian authorities have denied entry of 96 Bangladeshis, among 131 foreigners, into the country during a special operation by the Border Control and Protection Agency (AKPS) on Friday.

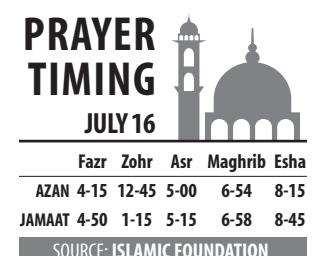
The operation led to the denied entry of 131 foreigners out of over 300 inspected at Terminal One of Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA).

"From that number, 96 Bangladeshi men, 30 Pakistani men, and five Indonesian men and women were found to have not met the set criteria to enter the country," said AKPS in a statement, reports Malaysian daily The Star yesterday.

"Among the issues found were suspicious accommodations, failure to present themselves to the immigration counter and not bringing enough funds.

"Insufficient funds are generally a big clue into the intent of the person seeking entry. For example, there were those who claimed to be visiting for a month but had only brought around RM500 [about Tk 14,000], leading to doubts over their true intentions," the AKPS said.

The AKPS also urged all travellers to ensure that all required criteria are met before entering the country.



Even amid heavy rain, Md Yunus Hawlader, 55, sits on this footpath and sells guavas to earn a livelihood. He sells the fruit for Tk 40 per kilogramme. The photo was taken from Sadar Road in Barishal city yesterday.

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Mud, potholes cripple Jashore-Khulna highway

Vital trade route nearly impassable after monsoon rains

DIPANKAR ROY, Khulna



The Jashore-Khulna highway, a vital artery for the country's southwestern trade routes, is now in a state of disrepair. Serving as the main corridor connecting Benapole along with Noapara river port, Mongla sea port, and Bhomra land port, the highway has become nearly impassable due to recent monsoon rains and unfinished work.

A five-kilometre stretch between Basundia and Chengutia has

become particularly hazardous. Large potholes and mud make it difficult to even recognise this as a highway. Traffic has slowed to a crawl, and the transport of goods

along this crucial route has ground to a near standstill.

According to the Roads and Highways Department (RHD), a total of Tk 321 crore has already been spent on reconstructing the 38-kilometre highway from Palbari intersection in Jashore to Rajghat in Abhaynagar. The project began in 2017 but, despite multiple deadline extensions, was only completed in 2023. An additional Tk 172 crore project is currently underway.

"The stretch from Rupdia to

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Satyajit Ray's ancestral home being demolished

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The same committee is also supervising the demolition, added the official.

"The house had been abandoned for 10 years, and Shishu Academy activities have been running from a rented space," said the official, adding that the new semi-concrete building with several rooms will be built to

resume academy activities. He also claimed that the demolition is being carried out in accordance with proper procedures and necessary approvals.

DC Mofidul Alam could not be reached for comments.

When asked why such a historically significant building, located on a 36-acre plot, was being torn

down, Mehedi said the old building posed safety risks to children gathering at the compound.

Situated just behind Shashi Lodge -- one of the region's most prominent archaeological landmarks -- the house had reportedly fallen into disrepair after years of neglect by the authorities.

According to the Department of Archaeology, the house was built over a century ago by Upendrakishore, a zamindar from Masua in Kishoreganj's Katiadi upazila. After the

partition of 1947, the property came under government ownership and started housing Mymensingh Shishu Academy in 1989.

Locals say the demolition will wipe out the legacy of the Ray dynasty in Mymensingh city.

"The house remained in a sorry state for years, with cracks forming on its roof -- yet the authorities never cared about the rich history these old buildings hold," said poet Shamim Ashraf, adding that locals had repeatedly called for its preservation, but to no avail.

Sabina Yeasmin, field officer of the Department of Archaeology (Dhaka and Mymensingh divisions), said the house had not been officially listed with the department, but according to surveys, it was an archaeological heritage.

She said she had spoken with Shishu Academy and local administration officials, urging them to protect the house, but her request was ignored.

She also informed the department's regional director on this matter, she added.

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e-Tender Notice

e-Tenders is invited through e-GP Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) by University Engineer, Bangladesh Open University, Gazipur-1705 for the procurement of work, which will be available at e-GP website from 16.07.2025, on 10.00am.

SI No.	Tender ID, Ref. No. & Package No.	Name of work	Last selling date & time	Tender closing date & time
1	Tender ID: 1131010 Ref. No. BOU/VIP/Guest House/AC/07/2025-2026. Package No. 07	Supply, installation, testing & commissioning of Split Type Air-Cooler System for remaining rooms, VIP Guest House at BOU Campus, Gazipur-1705.	Date: 30/07/2025 Time: up to 14.00pm	Date: 31/07/2025 Time: at 14.00pm

This is an online tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, please register on e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>).

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Govt to review power plant deals of AL regime Says Finance Adviser Salehuddin Ahmed

UNB, Dhaka

The government yesterday decided to review all the agreements on the Independent Power Plants (IPP) signed during the Awami League regime, as there were widespread allegations of inconsistencies in those agreements.

Finance Adviser Salehuddin Ahmed said this while briefing reporters after a meeting of the Advisers Council Committee on Economic Affairs at the Cabinet Division of the Secretariat.

Besides, there was a directive from the Supreme Court (apex court) in this regard, he said.

In line with the court's directive, the government has approved a proposal to seek legal support and hold necessary discussions regarding the agreements, Salehuddin said.

The High Court declared unconstitutional two sections of the long-debated "Indemnity Act" of the power sector that protected the decisions of the government from legal challenges and gave it sole authority to approve all sorts of plans for the sector.

The HC, however, condoned the actions already taken in good faith under the two sections of the act to avoid legal complexities.

It also directed the government authorities concerned to immediately take necessary steps to make all the state-owned power plants fully operational in the national interest.

Request for Concept Notes - 2025

The Climate Bridge Fund (CBF) is a trust established by BRAC with support from Government of Germany through KfW. It is an innovative direct climate finance mechanism which supports NGOs, registered under NGO Affairs Bureau, working in Bangladesh. CBF Secretariat invites project concept notes from NGOs, targeted to increase the resilience of people living in selected urban areas who are either displaced or are at risk of being displaced due to the impacts of climate change. The fund currently supports vulnerable communities in Rajshahi, Khulna, and Barishal city corporations as well as Sathkhira and Sirajganj municipalities. Project areas proposed in the submitted concept notes must be confined within these locations. Duration of the proposed projects may vary between three to five years and estimated budget should be within BDT 50 lakhs to 3 crores.

International NGOs registered with NGOBA are eligible to apply under the condition that the proposed projects include a strong collaboration with local/national NGOs and their involvement is limited to technical and fiduciary support.

For detailed instructions on how to apply, please visit our website: <http://www.brac.net/cbf>

Interested NGOs are required to fill out the prescribed project concept note template completely in English and submit to: cbf.info@brac.net with the subject "CBF/CCW/NGOs/2025/01".

Deadline for submission: Monday, 01 September 2025, 23.59 BST

*Any form of persuasion shall result in disqualification



Tender Notice

ActionAid Bangladesh invites sealed quotations from qualified vendors/suppliers for the purchase of construction materials for the Natural Resource Management Project. These materials will be distributed in various Rohingya camps located in Cox's Bazar. The details are as follows:

SL#	Name of Items	Quantity
1	Construction Materials	4 Job

The Tender Schedule will be available for collect at ActionAid Cox's Bazar Office (House No-752, Ward-11, Jhawtola, Masjid Road, Cox's Bazar-4700) between 9:00 am to 5:00 pm during office hours of 16-21 July 2025 (Working Day). Alternatively, interested suppliers/vendors can obtain the schedule from the following website:

Website: <https://actionaidbd.org/tender-notice>

The Quotation must be submitted in a sealed envelope on or before 22nd July 2025 by 11:00 AM at the above-mentioned locations.

ActionAid Bangladesh may propose entering into long-term agreements (LTAs) with selected individual vendors/suppliers for the specified categories of items to facilitate future procurement for a duration of one year.

The authority of ActionAid Bangladesh reserves the right to accept or reject any or all quotations without assigning any reason whatsoever.