



Workers' skills, migration on separate tracks

On top of this, CPD says over 70% going abroad unskilled

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More than seven in 10 outbound workers leave Bangladesh without any training, according to a study, and experts say the problem goes beyond the capacity of technical training centres (TTCs).

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They say the recruitment process remains largely disconnected from the training workers receive and the jobs they eventually do abroad.

A worker may be recruited for one job, have a different occupation listed on the visa, and be assigned yet another after reaching the destination, said Shakirul Islam, chairperson of Ovibashi Karmi Unnayan Programme (OKUP).

Such practices discourage workers from acquiring skills and undermine efforts to match trained workers with suitable jobs abroad, he said.

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A date palm sap collector shaves the bark of a tree using a traditional sickle to prepare it for seasonal sap extraction as winter approaches the northern region. Harvesters like him clear the upper layers of the trees at the onset of winter to collect the sweet sap, which is later boiled to produce jaggery. The photo was taken in Durgapur upazila of Rajshahi yesterday.
PHOTO: AZAHAR UDDIN

Leave now or face 'mortal danger'

Russia warns diplomats, foreigners to leave Kyiv as it issues fresh threat

AFP, *Kyiv*



Russia yesterday issued a new call for diplomats and foreigners to leave Kyiv, warning the Ukrainian capital of new "massive" air attacks hours after striking another major bridge in the city.

Moscow has ramped up its pummelling of Kyiv, launching waves of drones at the city, targeting key infrastructure and putting the capital on a near-constant state of alert against attacks.

The strike on the Northern Bridge in the morning wounded two people and damaged the road surface and trolleybus overhead wires, restricting traffic, Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko said.

AFP reporters saw traces of an explosion on a pedestrian walkway and technicians repairing power lines on the bridge.

Hours after the attack, the Russian authorities warned of more strikes, issuing a fresh call for diplomats and foreigners to leave the city and refrain from visiting Ukraine.

"We note with concern that not everyone has heeded these warnings, and that individuals are knowingly exposing themselves to mortal danger," the Russian foreign ministry said in a statement.

The Russian ministry also stated that "responsibility for any potential negative consequences rests entirely with those who ignore this warning."

Moscow issued a similar warning in May, but heads of state and governments from countries backing Ukraine have defied it by travelling to the war-torn country and the capital in a show of support.

On Friday, Klitschko said the city was in a "very dramatic situation" and should now be on a war footing as the enemy was "tearing Kyiv apart" with strikes on bridges and energy infrastructure.

President Volodymyr Zelensky accused his Russian counterpart, Vladimir Putin, of ripping up the rulebook of armed conflict by sanctioning massive attacks on civilian areas, an accusation the Kremlin has rejected.

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Spare parts, equipment shortages leave Biman 'vulnerable'

Claims Boeing in 2025 report, cites high unusual technical issues compared to Boeing's global fleet

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An inspection report by the US aircraft manufacturer Boeing claims that Biman is struggling to maintain its existing fleet.

Chronic shortages of spare parts and tools are forcing Biman to keep flying with components that should have been repaired long ago, while an inadequately trained workforce is contributing to disruptions, says the report of October 2025.

An expert sees no immediate safety concern, but the findings raise questions about Biman's ability to support a much larger fleet.

Its challenge is not just expanding the fleet but keeping aircraft in service reliably.

Biman Bangladesh Airlines has ordered 25 new Boeing aircraft this year.

The "Biman Bangladesh Airlines 777/787 Onsite Enhanced Support Close-Out Report" compares Biman's 777 and 787 fleets with what the manufacturer describes as its global fleet standard. Boeing's on-site maintenance team spent several months at Biman last year at the airline's invitation, according to sources familiar with the exercise.

Of the 19 aircraft in Biman's fleet, four are 777-300ERs, four 787-8s and two 787-9s.

Biman suffers many flight delays due to a high rate of odd technical issues, unlike other carriers' Boeing fleets, and it takes Biman up to three times longer than "standard" to maintain its planes, the report said.

Of the top 10 problems identified in Biman's and the global fleets, Biman's 777s had only two in common with the global fleet -- the backup power system and the air-conditioning system's cooling and temperature controls.

Biman's 787s shared four, faults in a core computing unit known as the general processing

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'Won't accept govt's illegal orders'

Akhtaruzzaman throws away helmet at court, which places him on remand

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A Dhaka court yesterday placed former lawmaker Major (retd) Akhtaruzzaman, who joined Jamaat-e-Islami last year, on a one-day remand in a case filed over assaulting an on-duty security official, obstructing government work, and creating disorder at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka.

Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Alberuni Mir passed the order after police produced him before the court with a five-day remand prayer, said Additional Public Prosecutor Muhammad Shamsud Doha Sumon.

The ex-MP expressed anger over being handcuffed and threw a helmet away as he was taken out of a prison van at the court premises yesterday.

He was also seen pointing his finger at police officers from inside the van.

Inside the prison van, when a cop went to put handcuffs on him and a helmet on his

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A special lorry carrying uranium fuel for the Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant heads towards the plant site in Ishwardi, Pabna, under tight security. The first consignment of the fuel for the plant's unit 2 landed at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport on Friday. The convoy reached the plant around 12:30pm. The photo was taken in Dashuria, Pabna, yesterday.
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IN FOCUS

4 teen gang leaders of Cumilla arrested

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Police on overnight drives in Cumilla and Cox's Bazar arrested four leaders of teen gangs and detained 363 others on suspicion of being involved with juvenile gangs.

The arrestees are Imran Hossain Raton, 19, and Saiful Islam, 20, both of the 'RAW' gang; and Md Sabbir alias, 24, and Rabiul Islam Nabi, 24, of the 'Crime Setup' gang, said police.

All of them are residents of different areas of Cumilla city, said Shamsul Alam Shah, the officer-in-charge of Cumilla District Detective Branch (DB) of police.

Raton and Saiful, both arrested from Cox's Bazar, are accused in nine and 10 criminal cases, respectively, he said, adding that the other two, arrested from Cumilla, are accused in several criminal cases.

Besides, 363 people were detained in the fifth phase of a district-wide drive against teen gangs conducted jointly by police from all 18 stations and the DB.

A total of 2,035 people have been detained in the five phases of the drive since September 23, according to district police.

Of them, 1,409 were released into the custody of their guardians after signing bonds, while the others were sent to jail through courts for their alleged involvement with different criminal activities, including drug and extortion issues.

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Over in Noakhali, police detained 45 individuals during anti-juvenile

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