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No more refugees

Dhaka says it is already overburdened but UNHCR insists

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka has decided not to allow any refugee from Myanmar and directed the administration and law enforcement agencies to beef up vigilance and resist intrusion.

On the other hand, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in a briefing yesterday urged the Bangladesh government to allow the people seeking refuge in the country from sectarian clashes in the Rakhine state of Myanmar.

"We have had discussions with various government officials over the last few days on allowing refugees in the country," UNHCR country representative Craig Sanders told The Daily Star.

But the foreign ministry categorically said it had not received any formal or informal request from the UNHCR regarding the issue.

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This Rohingya family, fleeing the sectarian violence in Myanmar, entered Shah Pori Island on a boat early yesterday after spending five days at sea. Inset, otherwise busy Teknaf Land Port remains idle yesterday as the trade between Bangladesh and Myanmar through it has been suspended since Saturday.

Panic-stricken Rohingyas test border watch

One succumbs to injury at Ctg medical

DWAIPAYAN BARUA, From Teknaf

Despite heightened vigilance along the Myanmar border, a Rohingya family too stubborn to give up managed to enter the Bangladesh territory early yesterday.

The family of nine are here to find refuge from the ongoing sectarian turmoil in the Rakhine state of Myanmar.

Talking to The Daily Star at a house on Shah Pori Island yesterday evening, a 70-year-old member of the family said they left their home in Akiyab on Friday night after miscreants had attacked their village and set houses on fire.

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An honourable act by the Speaker

Parliamentary privileges are to protect public interest

MAHFUZ ANAM

COMMENTARY was undesirable and urged members of the House to desist from doing so in the future.

For our parliament to extend a collective apology to a citizen was unthinkable till Speaker Abdul Hamid showed the way. In what must be the very first act of its kind, he expressed regret on behalf of parliament for the unfounded and unkind remarks made by uninformed MPs about Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed, one of our most outstanding scholars, writers and original thinkers. He expunged the offending remarks and said such criticism

Though the question remains in the public mind whether similar courtesy would have been extended if the victim of the tirade was just any ordinary citizen and not the highly respected founder of Biswa Sahitya Kendra (World Literature Centre), yet we accept the Speaker's gesture as a public acknowledgement of

BSF at it, again

Rights body HRW asks India to prosecute border culprits

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Indian authorities should investigate allegations of human rights violations by its Border Security Force (BSF) along the Bangladesh border and prosecute those responsible, New York based Human Rights Watch said yesterday.

Documents published by Indian and Bangladeshi non-governmental organisations (NGOs) suggest that BSF is once again committing abuses, including extrajudicial killings, torture, and ill-treatment of both Indian and Bangladeshi border residents.

"The Border Security Force has reverted to its previous tactics of unilaterally punishing suspects, defying orders

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Two wow-men toast of nation

QUAZI ZULQUARNAIN ISLAM

Nishat Majumdar is your everyday Bangladeshi girl. Small, slight, petite and initially shy in conversation, it would almost be impossible to tell her apart in a crowd.

Bangladesh's first women ascender of Mount Everest is not outwardly recognizable yet; no one in the shopping mall where we meet stops to say



Nishat Majumdar



Wasfia Nazreen

hello, and the only outward indication of her pioneering achievement is a mobile phone that keeps ringing off the hook. She looks flustered every time it rings and politely asks permission to answer -- this is clearly someone not yet used to her recently acquired celebrity status.

Neither, it seems, is Wasfia Nazreen, the second Bangladeshi woman to



The people wounded in a shootout at Sarak Bhaban in the capital yesterday afternoon are being treated at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

PHOTO: STAR

Shootout at roads office

Two groups of League men fight to control tender business

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least five people were bullet-hit and one was stabbed when a group loyal to the ruling Awami League attacked another in a turf war at Sarak Bhaban in the city yesterday.

Of those with gunshot wounds, Shamim Shahriar, 45, Masiur Rahman Rajesh, 35, Ripon, 32, and Towhidul Islam, 35, are involved with Swechhasebak League and listed as contractors with the Roads and Highways Department

(RHD). The other bullet-hit, Zakir Hossain, 40, is a driver of the RHD, said sources.

The one who was stabbed is Kazi Masum, 32, a contractor.

Sources said the attack resulted from rivalry between Shamim

Shahriar, publication secretary of Swechhasebak League central committee, and Kamal Uddin Khandaker, an office assistant of RHD and general secretary of pro-AL Sramik Karmachari Union.

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No billboard HC bans it in 8 areas

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the authorities not to install billboards in eight areas in Dhaka city including Gulshan, Banani, Kakoli, Baridhara, and Notun Bazar till further order.

The court also issued a rule upon Dhaka City

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As the festival of Eid approaches

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