

Myanmar vows 'justice' for victims of unrest

AFP, Sittwe

Myanmar yesterday pledged to hunt down those responsible for the deaths of 50 people in communal clashes, as the relief effort was stepped up for tens of thousands displaced by the violence.

More than 30,000 people -- both ethnic Rakhine Buddhists and Muslim Rohingya -- have been displaced after homes were set ablaze during riots and revenge attacks in the western state of Rakhine earlier this month, state media says.

The UN warned of the "immense hardship" faced by thousands of families, just as monsoon rains sweep in. Rice, water and shelter is being delivered to the state capital Sittwe, but there are mounting concerns about more remote areas.

Both sides accuse each other of being responsible for the violence, which has torn apart communities that had lived together for many years and overshadowed recent reforms under the quasi-civilian government.

After visiting the area, a senior Myanmar minister vowed the government "would bring about justice and prosecute offenders without bias", state mouthpiece the New Light of Myanmar reported yesterday.

"Lawlessness is unacceptable," the paper said, quoting Lieutenant-General Thein

Htay, Union Minister for Border Affairs and Myanmar Industrial Development.

"The government will bring offenders to justice and restore stability as soon as possible," he vowed.

The unrest has prompted President Thein Sein to warn of the danger of disrupting the nation's fledgling reform process as Myanmar emerges from decades of military rule.

But in Sittwe more immediate concerns dominate, with the United Nations estimating around 10,000 people are badly in need of temporary shelter and food following several days of violence.

The military has been joined by non-governmental organisations and local donors in providing food, water and shelter, a Rakhine official said, as thousands spent another night in tents after fleeing their burning homes.

Decades of discrimination have left the Muslim Rohingya stateless and viewed by the United Nations as among the most persecuted minorities on the planet. About 800,000 of them live in Myanmar, according to the UN, mostly in Rakhine.

The Myanmar government considers the Rohingya to be foreigners, while many citizens see them as illegal immigrants from Bangladesh and view them with hostility.

Nasheed to run for presidency

AFP, Colombo

Former Maldivian leader Mohamed Nasheed, who claims he was ousted in a military coup earlier this year, secured his party's nomination yesterday to be its presidential candidate, the party said.

Nasheed stood unopposed in Saturday's vote but Maldivian Democratic Party rules required him to get the endorsement of at least 10 percent of the 48,000-strong membership.

The former Maldivian leader had gained more than 22,000 votes with half of them counted yesterday, organiser Ibrahim Waheed told reporters.

The European Union as well as the United States and neighbouring India have called for early elections to end the political turmoil in the Indian Ocean archipelago, which is best known for its tourism.



PHOTO: AFP

Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, takes part in a camp fire with children as she visits the 'Expanding Horizons' Primary school camp at Margaret MacMillan house in Wrotham, Kent yesterday.

RMG industry

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the almost one and only source of protein for low-income group people.

"Four eggs cost Tk 40 now. When my wages were increased [in late 2010] they cost Tk 24," she says as she explains why she cannot afford eggs any more.

With such a price spiral, the inflation graph has swung wildly and remains at a high level. On a 12-month average basis, the inflation rate accelerated to 10.76 percent in May, up from 8.67 percent in the same month a year ago, according to the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS).

Rahima and her fellow workers were shattered by the skyward journey of inflation.

"The workers did not get any benefit of the pay raise as the house owners increased rents four times a year," said a

worker at Ha-Meem Garment at Ashulia on the outskirts of the capital.

Rahima's employer, Arif (again, not his real name), sandwiched between inflation and global financial crisis, also feels helpless.

He found prices of his product -- basic T-shirts -- falling to \$2 now from \$4 a piece two years ago, while his interest rate remained high at 15 percent. In a time of high inflation, one cannot expect banks to charge low.

"Inflation is cutting into workers' purchasing power," says Ahsan H Mansur, executive director of the Policy Research Institute, adding that food and housing are the two major expenditure items for the garment workers.

A garment worker spends 60 percent of his income on food, which is the same as the national average; and

nearly 25 percent on accommodation, which is 7 percentage points higher than the national average of 18 percent in urban areas, he adds.

Prices of firewood also shot up due to higher demand among the workers in Ashulia in the absence of gas burners.

On November 1, 2010, the wage board for garment industries nearly doubled the minimum wages to about Tk 3,000 a month at the entry level. In dollar terms, the minimum wage was \$43, the lowest in the world, at the exchange rate in 2010, which is now \$36.4, as the taka has lost its value against the dollar.

Facing severe protests by workers over the last six days, the owners of more than 300 garment factories in the industrial hub of Ashulia closed down their

units from yesterday for an indefinite period.

The latest spell of labour unrest started with the rumour of the death of Salman, a storekeeper at a unit of Ha-Meem Group, on May 11. Later, Salman was found alive with minor injuries he had suffered in clashes with factory officials.

The Salman issue over, factories in Ashulia resumed production on May 14.

But street violence returned to Ashulia on June 11. This time, the workers made a demand for a pay hike.

During a meeting with Labour and Employment Minister Khandker Mosharraf Hossain at the Ha-Meem factory on June 13, the workers pressed their clear demand for a wage raise.

SLOWING EXPORT

With the country's main export earning garment

sector mired in labour unrest, exporters look to a bleak future as the financial crisis in Europe, the major export destination, cut into export growth.

Export Promotion Bureau data show Bangladesh's export growth to have slipped 7.52 percent below the target in July-May period of the current fiscal year, compared to the same period a year ago.

In the 11 months through May this year, knitwear exports were calculated at \$8.58 billion, which is 11.5 percent below the target. During the same period, woven exports were calculated at \$8.7 billion, which is 1.45 percent more than the target, the data show.

Asked, Shafiul Islam Mohiuddin, president of Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association

(BGMEA), said the organisation had held several meetings with the stakeholders over the last one month, but nobody came forward with any charter of demands.

"I did not get any list of demands from any quarter," Mohiuddin told The Daily Star yesterday. "We are still saying we are the victims of a conspiracy."

"Many owners will go bankrupt because of the closure of the factories as they are losing production every day," he said, adding that the shutdown would hamper export growth.

Referring to the recent vandalism in at least 200 factories at Ashulia, the BGMEA president said, "The government should punish the culprits who are involved in the vandalism."

"The highest loss of the country is that it will lose its image before the buyers."

Govt to reinforce watch

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that more than 80 percent of the Rohingyas who had tried to infiltrate into Bangladesh recently did not come from the region where sectarian violence took place.

Chaired by Foreign Secretary Mijarul Quayes, the meeting was attended by the inspector general of police, director general of BGB, principal staff officer of Armed Forces Division, deputy commissioner and superintendent of police of Cox's Bazar and Bandarban districts and other high officials from the ministries of home and foreign affairs.

The meeting recommended building fences along the border with Myanmar. Foreign ministry officials said a proposal in this regard was made several years ago but the government did not make any decision in this regard.

Myanmar has 10 feet high fence along the border.

The meeting was told that BGB and Coast Guard personnel did not push Rohingyas back by force. The Rohingyas were provided

with food, medicine and fuel and then persuaded to return to their land.

The meeting had a discussion about the baby which was found in a refugee boat and was in a local hospital in good health. It also discussed the Rohingya man who sustained bullet injuries in Myanmar and was arrested in Bangladesh. He was having treatment in a hospital.

"The policeman who arrested the injured Rohingya, has donated his blood to save the life of the man," said an official, who was present at the meeting, adding, "We have facilitated the Rohingyas to go back their home safely."

The meeting observed that a criminal nexus, which had long been working in Myanmar and Bangladesh, was allowing the Rohingyas inside Bangladesh and providing them with passports and sending them to Saudi Arabia and other middle-eastern countries. It observed that this was causing Bangladesh's overseas job market to suffer and

it was damaging the image of Bangladesh abroad.

Officials said the government had taken the right decision not to allow any refugees in our densely populated country.

Meeting sources said there was no state-level persecution in Myanmar this time and it was a religious riot and there was no influx of Rohingyas.

Officials said there has been no report of violence and persecution in Rakhine state and the situation was now stable. "But we are apprehending that Rohingyas may again attempt to come as soon as the army there is withdrawn," said a senior official of the foreign ministry.

The meeting was informed that BGB had strengthened its guard along 200km of border but it laid importance on further reinforcement.

Coast Guard officials said they did not have big ships to guard the Naf. They said the number of Coast Guard personnel had been increased there but additional troops would be deployed to guard

CID asked to complete

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Anwar and Hares were demoted on April 1 this year, according to the report, which was prepared as per an earlier HC directive.

The CID also submitted another report to the HC on the progress of the investigation, saying three accused -- Abdul Malek, Abdul Hamid and Rana -- had made confessional statements before a court.

The six students were beaten to death by several hundred villagers at Keblar Char in Aminbazar near the capital on July 18 last year when they went there to enjoy the night of Holy Shab-e-Barat.

The slain students were Tipu Sultan of Tejgaon College; Towhidur Rahman

Palash, Kamruzzaman Kanto and Ibrahim Khalil of Mirpur Bangla College; Shams Rahim Shamam of Maple Leaf International School; and Sitaf Jabi Munif of Bangladesh University of Business and Technology.

The SP of Dhaka submitted his report through Deputy Attorney General Motaaher Hossain Saju before the HC bench of Justice Farid Ahmed and Justice Zafar Ahmed during hearing of a rule earlier issued by the court.

Following a writ petition, the court on July 20 last year issued the rule upon the government to explain why it should not be directed to punish the people, including law enforcers liable for the


loss of life of the six students.

During yesterday's hearing, Sirajul Haque, additional special superintendent of police (CID), submitted the report to the HC on the progress of the investigation.

One Abdul Malek and SI Anwar Hossain filed two separate cases with Savar Model Police Station on July 18 last year after the incident.

The HC bench yesterday scheduled August 11 for further orders on the matter.

Advocate Tajul Islam appeared for National Forum for Protection of Human Rights, which filed the writ petition, seeking necessary directives from the HC against the persons liable for the death of the six students.



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পাবলিক পরীক্ষায় ব্যবহারের জন্য বিভিন্ন প্রকার ফরম ও খাম মুদ্রণ ও সরবরাহের নিমিত্তে পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট বিধিমালা-২০০৮ মোতাবেক প্রকৃত টিকাদার/সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে সীলমোহরকৃত খামে নিম্নবর্ণিত শর্তসাপেক্ষে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

১	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়।
২	এজেন্সী	মাধ্যমিক ও উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক শিক্ষা বোর্ড, সিলেট।
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৪	সম্বন্ধকারী সত্তার জেলা	সিলেট।
৫	দরপত্র আহ্বানের উদ্দেশ্য	লিট-১, বিভিন্ন প্রকার ফরম, খাম মুদ্রণ ও সরবরাহ। লিট-২, ক্রফট কাগজে কাগড় পেস্টিসিডে বিভিন্ন প্রকার খাম সরবরাহ।
৬	দরপত্র আহ্বানের সূত্র ও তারিখ	স্মারক নং সিবিবো/প্রশা-৬(টেকডার)/৯১৩, তারিখ- ১২/০৬/২০১২খ্রিঃ।
৭	সম্বন্ধ পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (OTM)।
৮	বাঞ্চেট এবং অর্ডার উদ্দেশ্য	নিজস্ব তহবিল।
৯	দরপত্র প্রকাশের তারিখ	১২/০৬/২০১২খ্রিঃ।
১০	সিডিউল বিজ্ঞপ্তির শেষ তারিখ	২৬/০৬/২০১২।
১১	দরপত্র জমাধানের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	২৮/০৬/২০১২ তারিখ দুপুর ১২.০০টা।
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01. Name of work : Supply of CCR, Directional Sign Board, Control Panel etc. for Airfield Ground Lighting System at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport (SH: Supply, installation, testing & commissioning of complete mobile AGL photometric calibration and vehicle mounted AGL cleaning equipment at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport).
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Tender closing date & time : 16/07/2012 at 1200 hrs instead of 14/06/2012 at 1200 hrs.
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