

500 Rohingyas 'swim' into Malaysia

One killed

AFP, Kuala Lumpur

About 500 Myanmar nationals swam the last 500 metres to enter Malaysia illegally at the end of a 15-day boat journey at the weekend, leaving one dead, police said yesterday.

Police told AFP they had so far found 482 people, including the captain of the 30-metre vessel, since Sunday and are looking for a "handful" more still hiding out on the northwestern island of Langkawi in the Malacca Straits.

They are believed to be one of the largest groups of Rohingya Muslims to have reached Malaysia this year after fleeing sectarian violence at home.

Police said the immigrants claimed to have paid \$300 each to an agent in troubled Rakhine for the trip, which media reports said left most of them ill with some requiring hospital care.

UN rights chief appeals to end India rape'scourage'

AFP, Geneva

The UN's high commissioner for human rights called Monday for measures to help India rid itself of the "scourge" of rape, but rejected the death penalty for six men facing gang rape and murder charges.

Also yesterday, the Home Minister Sushilkumar Shinde said the six suspects for the gang-rape risked the death penalty if found guilty and the case against them appeared very strong. He also urged all-party consensus on a law to secure rights of woman in India.

Amid vigils and protests over the death of a 23-year-old student in a rape case that has caused international outrage, UN rights chief Navi Pillay said she hoped the incident would mark a turning point.

Realtors want

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Kartripakkha (Rajuk) against illegal housing schemes as a move "without legal basis".

They also termed Rajuk officials' inspection and monitoring against publicity and sale of illegal land plot or apartment by private real estate developers at the fair "illegal activities and interference".

The association that stands for business interests of the private real estate developers requested the Rajuk chairman to stop Rajuk's legal actions against dubious business of a section of real estate developers.

Md Nurul Huda, chairman of Rajuk, told The Daily Star the Rehab letter has no basis and they would run a public notice in this regard in the media today.

"We will as usual carry out inspection and mobile court drives to prevent any illegal private housing schemes on display for sale and publicity at the fair in accordance with the law," he said.

According to documents, three executive magistrates of Rajuk are empowered to conduct mobile court under three different laws within 1,528-square-kilometre Rajuk jurisdiction.

The laws to be enforced by Rajuk mobile courts are the Real Estate Development and Management Act, Building Construction Act, and Wetlands Conservation Act.

Sheikh Abdul Mannan, a member of Rajuk board, said Rehab had written a similar letter earlier against Rajuk officials' monitoring duty and Rajuk responded saying the desire was not legally maintainable.

Taking legal actions against unauthorised private housing schemes is a routine work of Rajuk and it would not be daunted by such unfounded desire, added Mannan.

Anisuzzaman Bhuiyan Rana, Rehab general secretary, who signed the letter, said they had written the letter because Rajuk actions at the fair are disgraceful and discouraging

for people, who now may not come to the promotional event.

"We do not need Rajuk at the fair because Rehab has an information and media cell to prevent illegal schemes," he said, adding, "Moreover, many developers take part in the fair from beyond Rajuk's jurisdiction."

Rajuk turns a blind eye on occasional fairs of unauthorised real estate products arranged by developers, who are not members of Rehab, Rana alleged. "Above all, Rajuk has no moral authority to enforce housing-related laws being a real estate developer itself."

Priya Prangan, an unauthorised private housing scheme in Keraniganj, is one of the sponsors of this year's Rehab fair. Nasrul Hamid Bipu, a ruling party lawmaker and president of Rehab, owns the scheme.

Despite repeated attempts to obtain his version, Bipu did not pick up his phone.

The High Court (HC) in a judgement in June 2011 following a writ petition declared 78 private housing projects in and around Dhaka city illegal. In December the same year the HC banned publishing advertisements of any unauthorised housing projects in the print and electronic media.

The HC also ordered the government to take stern action against publicity and earth filling for such projects.

The HC directions were binding on Rehab, housing ministry, Rajuk, land ministry and the Department of Environment.

However, scores of illegal housing projects were displayed and sold at Rehab fair in December 2011 in violation of the HC order. The same occurred in the Rehab fair in mid-June last year.

Unauthorised housing projects have been undertaken by filling rivers, canals, flood plains, retention ponds, lakes and low-lying lands, according to documents of the writ petitioners.

Poor show in projects

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There is little doubt about the railway sector's development. A huge amount of money has been infused for development of railway that had lost its tracks, stations, wagons, locomotives and trains owing to lack of initiatives and fund in the past few decades.

As many as 42 projects worth about Tk 15,000 crore have been taken for expansion of the railway network, buying locomotives, coaches and wagons, constructing new tracks, and reopening the closed stations.

However, corruption and mismanagement in railway's manpower recruitment has largely affected the sector's development.

The scenario of the road and bridge sectors is, however, quite the opposite.

The communications ministry in Syed Abul Hossain's three-year tenure planned a plethora of ambitious projects and likewise demonstrated a dismal performance.

The Roads and Highways Division took up 122 projects worth Tk 12,400 crore. Only a few of them kicked off, but their progress is not satisfactory,

while fate of the other projects is uncertain.

Status of 17 projects undertaken by the ministry's Bangladesh Bridge Authority (BBA) is also very disappointing. The estimated cost of the projects is about Tk 34,000 crore.

Upgrading the Dhaka-Chittagong and Dhaka-Mymensingh highways is not satisfactory as both were supposed to be completed by 2012.

The future of projects like the Padma bridge, elevated expressway, BRT, Dhaka-Ashulia elevated expressway and an underground tunnel from Jahangir Gate to Agargaon Rokeya Sarani is still uncertain.

Although the \$2.7 billion metro rail project and BRT from airport to Joydevpur is making some headway, there is little hope that construction of \$2.97 billion Padma bridge and \$1.1 billion elevated expressway would start in near future.

The elevated expressway has been uncertain thanks to inefficiency and indecision which put the project's fate at stake. In May this year the government reduced its length by four kilometres to avoid a conflict with Gulistan-

Jatrabari flyover.

The Italian-Thai Development Public Company Ltd is supposed to construct the four-lane expressway under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) project.

Earlier on March 31, 2011, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated construction of the elevated expressway with a target to complete it in three and a half years. The guaranteed traffic on the expressway is 13,500 vehicles per day.

On the other side, BRT or faster bus service from airport to Sadarghat with nearly \$277 million is very much in the primary stage and no-one could say when its construction would start. Its final design is expected in a year.

The BRT can carry an estimated 20,000 passengers per hour in one direction.

Construction of metro rail, also known as Mass Rapid Transit (MRT), was delayed by two years due to modification of its route twice. It is crucial because it will transport around 60,000 passengers in an hour during peak hours from one corner of the capital to the other, says a Jica study.

Failure to implement

mass transport projects like metro rail, BRT and elevated expressway would result deterioration in the capital's traffic condition in the coming days.

Some small projects like Gulistan-Jatrabari, Kuril and airport road-Mirpur flyovers are expected to be completed next year, but experts say those would hardly ease the deteriorating traffic condition.

Little headway is seen in construction of a tunnel under the Karnaphuli river. The China Communication Construction Company (CCCC) has recently placed a feasibility study for a multi-lane road tunnel, proposing cost of \$700 million to build the 3.5-kilometre-long tunnel at least 33 metres below the riverbed.

Once constructed, it will have a huge positive impact on communications between both sides of the river.

The government has also left out several projects, including Bangabandhu Corridor on the Azimpur-Gabtol road and underpasses from Shahbagh to Sonargaon Hotel, due to fund crunch.

After Obaidul Quader

replaced Abul Hossain in December 2011, he decided not to take up new projects and promised to implement at least some of the ongoing projects with the Padma bridge given the top priority.

Quader, who travelled across the country in the last one year to see conditions of the roads and bridges and ordered for their repair, has failed to show any magic so far.

However, his efforts to bring discipline in the transport sector and check corruption in his ministry are being hailed.

"If a ministry stands out for its poor performance, the communications ministry is up there on the chart," observed a senior official of the ministry requesting anonymity.

Inefficiency of the communications ministry and its officials, bureaucratic infighting and lack of funds are widely blamed for the dismal performance of the ministry.

As a result, the country's communications system is on course to deteriorate further, which in turn would greatly hamper the transportation of people and goods and disrupt development activities.

Witness

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Kamaruzzaman's defence.

According to prosecution documents, Al-Badr, an anti-liberation force, collaborated with the Pakistani army in committing genocide, killings and other atrocities during the war, and Mymensingh District Council Rest House was an Al-Badr camp with several torture cells.

Dabir, in his testimony on December 12 last year, said Kamaruzzaman used to pick out detainees of the camp for death; and during his 26-27-day detention at the camp, at least four people disappeared after Kamaruzzaman had selected them.

The three-member tribunal headed by Justice Obaidul Hassan with members Justice Md Mozibur Rahman Miah and Judge M Shahnur Islam completed recording the cross-examination before adjourning the case proceeding until tomorrow.

Defence counsel Kafil Uddin Chowdhury cross-examined Dabir of Mymensingh for over two and a half hours.

Replying to a question, Dabir said he did not know which post of Islami Chhatra Sangha Kamaruzzaman held in 1970-1971, "But, he, [Kamaruzzaman] was a big leader [of Chhatra Sangha]."

In his testimony, Dabir said Pakistani brigadier Kader Khan had directed Kamaruzzaman to release him when he and two other detainees were produced before him at the camp in the second half of August, 1971.

"How many people were kept in detention [at the camp] when Kader Khan went there?" asked Kafil.

Four or five persons including Dabir and Hamidul Haque, the first prosecution witness in the case, were in a room, said Dabir.

"Whether Kader Khan went to your room or you were produced before him?" asked Kafil.

"Kader Khan was present at Kamaruzzaman's room at the rest house. Al-Badr men produce Hamid, me and another person of our room [before Kader]," replied Dabir.

"There was no room of Kamaruzzaman in the rest house," suggested Kafil.

Dabir rejected the defence's claim, saying, "It's not true."

Replying to two other questions, Dabir said he does not know the names of the president and general secretary of the Mymensingh Peace Committee, Razakar, Al-Shams and Islami Chhatra Sangha, the then student wing of Jamaat.

Peace Committee, Razakar and Al-Shams were three other anti-liberation forces during the war, according to prosecution documents.

"Who was the Al-Badr commander of Mymensingh district and town?" asked Kafil.

"I don't know. But Kamaruzzaman Saheb was a leader of Al-Badr," replied Dabir.

Kafil asked whether Kamaruzzaman bore any sign or nameplate identifying himself as Al-Badr commander or other post-bearer, when Dabir had seen him at the camp?

Dabir replied in the negative.

"Have you seen arms in his [Kamaruzzaman] hand?" asked Kafil.

"Then [on the first day at the camp], I didn't see any arms in his hand. Later, I have seen him [Kamaruzzaman] carrying arms on his shoulder," replied Dabir.

"Kamaruzzaman was not in Mymensingh during the Liberation War and he was neither an anti-liberation activist nor an Al-Badr leader," suggested Kafil.

"It's not true," replied Dabir.

"Getting benefit from the Awami League and being directed, you have given false testimony in the false case [against Kamaruzzaman]," Kafil gave his final suggestion.

"It's not true," replied Dabir.

Al one point of cross-examination, the tribunal cautioned Kafil when he made a comment over Mujibnagar government, Bangladesh's first government in exile.

Kafil regretted for his comment.

On June 4, the tribunal indicted Kamaruzzaman on seven charges of murder and torture of unarmed civilians and complicity in other crimes against humanity during the nine-month-long War.



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INVITATION FOR TENDER (INTERNATIONAL)

1	Ministry / Division	Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources.
2	Agency	Electricity Generation Company of Bangladesh Ltd.
3	Procuring Entity name	Siddhirganj 2x120 MW Peaking Power Plant
4	Procuring Entity Code	N/A
5	Procuring Entity District	Narayanganj
6	Invitation for	Procurement of Goods (Single Lot)
7	Invitation Ref. No.	A-1866 -EGCB/2012
8	Date	31/12/2012
KEY INFORMATION		
9	Procurement Method	ICT (Open Tendering Method.)
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10	Budget and Source of Funds	Revenue Budget (Own fund of EGCB Ltd.)
11	Development Partners (if applicable)	N/A
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
12	Project/ Programme Code (if applicable)	N/A
13	Project/ Programme Name (if applicable)	N/A
14	Tender Package No	N/A
15	Tender Package Name	Procurement of Gas Turbine High Efficiency Air Intake Filters (Primary and Secondary) for Siddhirganj 2x120 MW Peaking Power Plant, EGCB, Narayanganj, Bangladesh.
16	Tender Publication Date	01/01/2013
17	Tender Last Selling Date	13/02/2013 up to 15:00 Hr (BST)
18	Tender Submission Date & Time	14/02/2013 up to 12:00 Hr (BST)
19	Tender Opening Date & Time	14/02/2013 on 12:30 Hrs (BST) (Tenderers or their authorized representatives, if any, are allowed to attend).
20	Name and Address of the office(s) - Selling Tender Document	Manager (Procurement), Corporate Office, EGCB Ltd., BTMC Bhaban (Level-8), 7-9 Kawn Bazar, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
	- Receiving Tender Document	Manager (Procurement), Corporate Office, EGCB Ltd., BTMC Bhaban (Level-8), 7-9 Kawn Bazar, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
	- Opening Tender Document	Manager (Procurement), Corporate Office, EGCB Ltd., BTMC Bhaban (Level-8), 7-9 Kawn Bazar, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
21	Place/Date/Time of Pre Tender Meeting	N/A.
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
22	Eligibility of Tenderer	(a) The maximum three (3) numbers of arbitration against the Tenderer over a period of last five (5) years. (b) The Tenderer shall have a minimum of five (5) years of overall experience in the supply of goods and related services. (c) The satisfactory completion of supply of similar goods of minimum BDT ten (10) million under a single contract in the last five (5) years. (d) The minimum amount of liquid asset or working capital or credit facility is BDT twenty (20) Million.
23	Brief Description of Goods	Procurement of Gas Turbine High Efficiency Air Intake Filters (2340 nos. of Primary filters and 2340 nos. Secondary filters) for Siddhirganj 2x120 MW Peaking Power Plant, EGCB, Narayanganj, Bangladesh.
24	Brief Description of Related services	N/A
25	Price of Tender Document	TK 2,300/= (Two thousand three hundred) or USD 30/= (Thirty) to be paid in the form of Bank Draft / Pay order in favor of Electricity Generation Company of Bangladesh Ltd.
26	Lot No.	Identification of Lot
	01.	Procurement of Gas Turbine High Efficiency Air Intake Filters (2340 nos. of Primary filters and 2340 nos. Secondary filters) for Siddhirganj 2x120 MW Peaking Power Plant, EGCB, Narayanganj, Bangladesh.
		Location
		Tender Security Amount
		Completion Time
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
27	Name of Official Inviting the Tender	A. K. M. Mostafizur Rahman
28	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Manager (Procurement)
29	Address of Official Inviting the Tender	Corporate Office, EGCB Ltd., BTMC Bhaban (Level-8), 7-9 Kawn Bazar, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
30	Contact details of Official Inviting the Tender:	Tel: +88-02-8124197, 9134029, 9134032 Ext. 116, Fax: +88-02-9118345, E-mail: m.proc@egcb.com.bd
31	The Procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders.	

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