

Govt to count illegal Rohingyas

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is going to conduct a survey on Rohingyas who have taken refuge illegally in Cox's Bazar, posing security threats and causing various difficulties in the country.

The Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics with the help from local government and union paraisads will conduct the survey very soon, BBC Bangla reported on Friday, quoting Foreign Secretary Shahidul Haque.

Shahidul said around 30,000 Rohingyas were living in two refuge camps in Cox's Bazar and many more outside of these, but the government did not know the real number of illegal Rohingyas. Five lakh illegal Rohingyas are believed to be staying in Cox's Bazar, he said, adding the government had adopted a national strategy about Rohingyas whom Myanmar stopped taking back in 2005.

Deputy Commissioner Ruhul Amin of Cox's Bazar told the BBC that Rohingyas across the district were involved in various crimes like smuggling, snatching.

Mathematics festival ends

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the mathematical festival this year. Of them, a total of 1,055 students were selected for the two events at St Joseph Higher Secondary School through 22 regional festivals.

Jamilur Reza Choudhury, president of Bangladesh Mathematical Olympiad Committee; Abdul Quayum, associate editor of Prothom Alo; and Sayedul Hasan, deputy managing director, among others, spoke.



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reflected in a constitution amendment bill placed in Rajya Sabha, upper House of parliament.

Chaudhury said Jaitley, whose party opposed the constitution amendment bill relating to operationalisation of LBA, acknowledged there was a need to settle the land boundary issue with Bangladesh and said "it can be managed".

The Speaker said she tried to impress on Indian leaders that what was more important in exchange of enclaves was the humanitarian issue than losing or gaining of land by either side.

Reconstitute JU

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election of a panel of VC candidates within the period. Prof Nasim Akhtar Hossain, Prof Muzubur Rahman, Prof KM Mohiuddin, Prof Sazed Ashraf Karim, and Assistant Prof Rezwana Karim Snigdha also spoke on the occasion.

Fires gut

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Export Processing Zone yesterday.

Fire fighters managed the fire, which presumably started from an over-heated exhaust fan, after an hour long effort, said fire service officials.

However, the damage could not be estimated immediately.

Bureaucracy corroded by

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but a newer and far more strategic concern is its increasingly entrenched nexus with political graft.

The report explains three key forms of corruption -- bribes for contracts, recruitment in public jobs and granting preferential possessions of scarce urban land and other services and resources.

This not only undermines administrative efficacy but also results in awarding of inefficient government contracts, worsening red tapism, capital flight of bribes, fall in public trust and slow economic growth, it says.

Hossain said Bangladesh's bureaucracy has now retreated from meritocracy due to politicisation and some irrational use of quota. A variety of quota now constitute 55 percent of all intakes in government jobs.

The report says there was an annual average of 15,965 crimes over property; 3,766 murders; 14,461 cases of violence against women; 765 children repression incidents; 15,909 drug related crimes; 323

economic crimes; 21,617 street agitations and 331 assaults on police.

It says the annual disposal and conviction rates at magistrate courts were 19.3 and 23.35 percent respectively while the disposal figures in appellate and high court divisions were 25.5 and 10.7 percent respectively.

Addressing as chief guest, economist Prof Rehman Sobhan suggested finding causal relationships among different governance factors for a better understanding and taking remedial steps.

Dr Iftekharuzzaman, executive director of Transparency International Bangladesh, said it was a growing concern that people's political opinions were becoming more polarised and that they were gradually coming to accept bad governance. "We must come out of it," he said.

Chairing the ceremony, economist Dr Akbar Ali Khan said, "If basic human rights are not established, economic development will not solve our problems."

CU students lock up teachers'

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would not be right to publish reports on the issue...the students did it in the spur of the moment and later apologised."

Shakirul Hoque Toru, CU correspondent of the daily Inqilab, said Partho Pratim Dashgupta of the third year, claiming to be the department unit BCL president, had

initially told him not to publish the report and then threatened him.

There is no such unit of BCL and Toru said he had filed a complaint with the proctor's office.

When The Daily Star contacted Partho over his cellphone, he hung up saying, "I do not talk to such people."

Two Bangladeshi painters

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Bolivia, Benin, Bulgaria, Canada, Peru and Russia also have been selected for the exhibition.

The selection will constitute a symbolic representation of Bangladesh's

achievement in meeting MDGs in respect of women empowerment and girls' education, said Ambassador Shahidul Islam, Bangladesh Permanent Representative to the Unesco.

Bangla Academy DG fears

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Bangladesh's oldest private libraries situated in Comilla, was founded in 1912 by Mahesh Chandra Bhattacharya and is currently run by Mahesh Chandra Trust.

The core team comprises local and foreign researchers -- Saymon, Fleming from the University of Pennsylvania, Prof Thibaut d'Hubert from the University of Chicago and Prof Ayesha Irani from the University of Toronto.

The project is being sponsored by the British Library's Endangered Archive Programme, with additional support from the University of Pennsylvania's Department of Religious Studies and the Schoenberg Center for Manuscript Studies

Talking to The Daily Star, Saymon said, "I am involved in this project personally on a small scale. However, I am ready to answer any queries of the academy."

Fleming, in his write-up, had allayed fears of the manuscripts being removed from the library.

Saymon said they were making a list of the manuscripts, which were mostly from the early modern period (roughly 1500-1900 AD) with written permission of the trust's Chairman Barrister Nikhilesh Dutta attained on January 16.

"The inauguration was also attended by the district commissioner and additional DC of Comilla," he said.

However, the team was verbally asked to stop the work on January 24 because Cultural Affairs Secretary Ranjit Kumar Biswas wanted to visit the library, he said.

"After the visit, the secretary told us that though the library is a private concern, the government can interfere if it deems the work important," he said, adding that they had applied in writing for permission from the government to continue.

Ranjit told The Daily Star that they were verifying the project as per the antiquities act to see if it was detrimental to the country's interests.

Cancer can deceive patients

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down in tears while narrating her son's eye cancer.

"I am just so confused. I am only a day labourer. Different doctors have been telling me different things. One of them said my son's eyes need to be uprooted," she said.

On the other hand, eleven-year-old Mohammad Ali with throat cancer has been going to school diligently despite his condition, but is worried about whether he would be able to sit for Primary School Certificate exams next year.

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Project name	BRAC Health, Nutrition and Population Programme (HNPP)
Tender package no.	BPD-HNPP/02-14
Reference no. and date	IFT/BRAC/BPD-HNPP/14-03 February 02, 2014
Tender name	Medical Equipments.
Time of delivery	As per tender documents.
Price of the tender documents	Tk.1000.00 (One thousand) only
Tender security	2.0% of Total tender value.
Tender documents available	Accounts Department (8th floor), BRAC Center, 75 Mohakhali, Dhaka 1212.
Date & time of Selling Documents	February 18, 2014 to March 05, 2014 Between 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.
Tender dropping place, date & time	Procurement Department (Gr. floor), BRAC Center, 75 Mohakhali, Dhaka 1212. March 06, 2014 Between 9:00 am to 2:30 pm.
Tender opening place, date & time	4 th Floor BRAC Canteen, BRAC Center, March 06, 2014 at 3:00pm.

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