



Rohingyas detained by Border Guard Bangladesh at Bhalukhali Check Post in Ukhia, Cox's Bazar, yesterday. They were later sent back to Myanmar through Tumbru border point in Naikhangchhari. PHOTO: STAR

Rohingyas keep trying to get in

FROM PAGE 1 with horrific tales of troops killing people and burning villages.

Md Salam, from Khariapara of Myanmar, said he crossed the river along with 300 others and reached Hausher Dweep on Monday morning.

Abdul Monaf and Nurjahan Begum from Naisaprang said they were planning to go first to unregistered camps in Leda, a village housing a settlement of about 25,000 undocumented Rohingyas, and then to a Kutupalong slum.

But BGB stopped them, they said, adding they would try to go to the mainland whenever they get a chance.

The island is 500 metres off the shore and under Hoyaikong union in Teknaf upazila of Cox's Bazar.

BGB was providing the Rohingyas with cooked food, as many came with young children. Some people from different villages of Hoyaikong were also helping the Myanmar people in distress.

Around 6:00pm yesterday, 294 of those Rohingyas were sent back, said Md Ibrahim, company commander of

Hoyaikong BOP under BGB Battalion-2.

They were given humanitarian assistance before being sent back, added the border force official.

In another development, BGB held 125 Rohingyas after searching vehicles on Cox's Bazar-Teknaf highway from Monday night till yesterday afternoon.

They were pushed back through Ghumdhum and Tombru points of Bandarban, according to Lt Col Imran Ullah of BGB Battalion-34 in Cox's Bazar.

Meanwhile, Teknaf police said they have recovered the body of a Rohingya floating in the Naf. On Sunday night, a boat sank with Myanmar people trying to cross the river.

Mohammed Ali, local union parishad member, said the boat capsized in Zadimura area of Hnila.

"The boat was carrying 15 Rohingyas trying to cross the river with the help of a local broker," he said, adding that the brokers rescued a few Rohingyas and they were given treatment at local clinics.

Some eight people are still missing,

he added.

Colonel Abu Zar Al Zahid, commander of Battalion-2 of BGB in Teknaf, told journalists yesterday that around 20 to 25 boats full of Rohingyas attempted to get into Bangladesh territory in the morning. But the border guards sent them back.

A top official from the Cox's Bazar deputy commissioner's office, citing an "intelligence report", said thousands of Rohingyas were waiting on the Myanmar side just to enter Bangladesh.

'HORRIFIC STORIES'

Myanmar troops have poured into a strip of land that is home to the stateless Rohingya minority since a series of attacks on police border posts last month, AFP reports.

State media reports in Myanmar say security forces have killed almost 70 people and arrested some 400 since the lockdown began six weeks ago, but activists say the number could be far higher.

Witnesses and activists have reported troops killing Rohingyas, raping women, and looting and

burning their houses.

"We're hearing horrific stories from them," said an international rights worker visiting the area, speaking to AFP on condition of anonymity.

Zohra Khatun, 25, sneaked into Bangladesh late Monday with her seven children after their village back home was burned to the ground, and has been helped by a relative already living in a refugee camp.

"I waited two days before I had the chance to cross the river to come here," Khatun told AFP by phone.

Mohammad Amin, 17, said he and 15 others fled their homes in Rakhine five days ago and reached Bangladesh by swimming across the Naf river that divides the two countries.

"The [Myanmar] army killed my father and elder brother. I hid on a hill and then walked and swam across the river, and took refuge at a mosque [in Bangladesh]," he told AFP by phone from Cox's Bazar near the border.

"Where I looked I saw only burnt houses. I don't know what happened to my mother and sister."

[With inputs from AFP]

Hasina raps Osmans

FROM PAGE 1 an extended meeting picked three leaders for recommending their names to AL high-ups.

The three leaders -- city unit President Anwar Hossain, Siddhirganj upazila unit President Mojibur Rahman and Bandar upazila unit President MA Rashid -- were present at yesterday's meeting.



Shakhawat Hossain Khan

According to meeting sources, Anwar wanted to resign from the party as he was denied party's ticket. Shamim also wanted to quit the party.

As Shamim alleged that Ivy spoke against the PM on many previous occasions, Hasina said she did not want to hear anything against Ivy.

At one stage, Ivy told Hasina to nominate Shamim as the mayoral candidate.

Hasina then asked the AL leaders to focus on the city polls, forgetting all differences. She directed them to work for "boat" and assured them of resolving all problems.

The PM blasted Osman family for its role after the murder of Tanvir Mohammad Toki, son of Narayanganj Gonojagoron Mancha Convenor Rafiur Rabbi.

The 17-year-old bright student was found dead in March 2013 two days after he had gone missing. Rabbi repeatedly blamed Osman family for his son's killing.

upon the EC to ensure equal opportunity for all candidates.

Party insiders said although Shakhawat was not a prominent leader, he had an advantage over the other mayoral hopefuls due to his "heroic image" during the movement.

Shakhawat does not hold any post in the BNP's central and district committees.

According to his bio-data, the lawyer was a former general secretary of Dhaka Zila Lawyers Association and an assistant law secretary of Narayanganj BNP.

The BNP nominee urged the district administration to work neutrally so that all candidates can get a congenial atmosphere to conduct electioneering.

He also called for arresting local terrorists and recovering illegal arms from the city. "The people of Narayanganj are very enthusiastic about the election. They want a congenial atmosphere so that they can exercise their franchise without fear and intimidation," he added.

He further demanded the EC replace the "partisan administration officials with neutral ones".

Earlier in the day, BNP Senior Joint Secretary General Rizvi Ahmed at a press conference at the party's Nayapaltna central office announced Shakhwat's name as the mayoral nominee.

On Monday night, BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia had a meeting at her Gulshan office with the mayoral hopefuls and grassroots leaders of Narayanganj to pick party candidate.

Meeting sources said most of the leaders suggested nominating Taimur Alam Khandaker or former MP Abul Kalam Azad. But the two expressed unwillingness to run the election.

Meanwhile, addressing a discussion in the capital, BNP leader Rizvi Ahmed yesterday demanded the government assist the EC in deploying army in Narayanganj so that voters can exercise their franchise freely.

BNP PICKS SHAKHWAT

The BNP yesterday picked Shakhawat Hossain Khan, a lawyer of the plaintiffs in the sensational seven-murder case, for mayor of Narayanganj.

He was in the limelight when he led the lawyers' movement for ensuring trial for the murder of seven people, including local lawyer Chandan Kumar Sarkar, in April 2014.

Hours after finalising Shakhawat's name, the BNP demanded the Election Commission deploy army in Narayanganj to ensure free and fair polls.

Talking to The Daily Star yesterday, Shakhawat said there was no "level playing field" in the district. He called

Headmaster beaten up

FROM PAGE 16 Jahangir added.

The driver then took him to Patwari General Hospital in the area with severe injuries on the head, legs and arms.

The victim was referred to Pongu Hospital (National Institute of Traumatology and Orthopaedic Rehabilitation) in Dhaka for intensive treatment as he had serious injury on the head and bones on his legs and arms had multiple ruptures, said Siddiqur Rahman Patwari of Patwari General Hospital.

Prior to getting admission at the NITOR, Mizan has been initially admitted to LabAid Specialized Hospital in Dhaka, said victim's son Arif Kallol.

Jahan Ara Parvin, elder sister of the victim, demanded immediate and exemplary punishment to the perpetrators, saying that Bachchu and 10 to 12 of his men attacked her brother over a dispute in forming a managing committee of the school.

In his bid to contest the election of the managing committee of the school, Bachchu and his followers pressurised him to falsely attest that Bachchu is a guardian of a student at the school, Mizan said, adding that they attacked Mizan as he refused to entertain their undue demand.

"I lost consciousness during their vicious attack and I don't recall what happened afterwards. I've never experienced such physical assault in my 30 years' career as a teacher. I haven't committed any crime, nor have I been involved in any corruption. I am innocent, but Bachchu has crippled my arms and legs.

I request the prime minister's intervention and the locals' help," said a weeping Mizan.

Bachchu is a listed criminal and he is accused in several cases with arrest warrants issued against him, said Nilufa Yasmin Dalu, chairman of Natagar UP.

Siddiqur Rahman Patwari of

Patwari General Hospital, who is also a leader of Natore district unit Awami League, said, "We demand immediate and exemplary punishment of Bachchu. In April last year Bachchu assaulted another teacher named Abul Kalam Azad of Chandai High School."

"The brutal attack left Azad paralyzed. The attack on Mizan could've been averted if Bachchu were punished after he attacked Azad," he added.

No case was filed in this connection until the filing of this report at 6:00pm.

Shariar Khan, officer-in-charge of Boraigram Police Station, said, "We'll take action after receiving complaints."

Keeping their language alive

FROM PAGE 16 the fear of not being able to read out stories or write in her own alphabets left her at a loss for words, literally.

Our brain decodes and comprehends texts as we read along. Children living in CHT can understand Bangla text while reading, but fail to fully interpret its meaning. Over time the alphabets cease to exist, and many languages die. There have even been cases of early dropouts in schools -- and now dark clouds of illiteracy loom over their heads. "Project Ree Fu Zang" was born out of an intense desire to address this issue.

The concept of "Project Ree Fu Zang" is to use stories to sustain fading

languages. Through this idea, stories that have been passed down generations will be collected, recorded and shared by students themselves. The stories, in their own languages, will provide a sense of belonging. These age-old stories and their shared values will revive the beautiful relationship between children and their elders.

Moreover, it will present an opportunity for children to acknowledge and accept other stories from different communities and cultures. Such an attribute is vital, Myat Moe believes, for



Myat Moe Khaing

a world that harbours no prejudice and wants to create global citizens.

Using the stories her family and she had heard from their elders, Myat Moe intends to contribute to the shaping of a just world for the ethnic communities and give them the confidence to believe in their individualities. She wants to implement this idea in future and would wholeheartedly welcome any assistance.

A more detailed feature on "Project Ree Fu Zang" will come out in the November 24, 2016 issue of SHOUT.

19 killed in renewed Yemen clashes

AFP, Aden

Renewed clashes between Yemeni government forces and rebels killed 19 people on Tuesday, military officials said a day after a fragile 48-hour ceasefire expired without halting the violence.

Forces loyal to President Abdrabbo Mansour Hadi repelled an attack by Shiite Huthi rebels and their allies on the outskirts of Ta'ez city in the southwest, the officials said.

The attack that began late on Monday targeted the Al-Dhabab area, which provides pro-Hadi forces with their only access to the flashpoint city that is surrounded by insurgents.

283 irregular

FROM PAGE 2 been asked to maintain a vigil and find such migrants in their respective jurisdictional areas, he was quoted by PTI as saying.

A total of 283 irregular Bangladeshis are in the state, they include 16 in Mandya, one in Dakshina Kannada, three in KGF, 11 in Ramanagara, 13 in Mysuru district, one in Chikkamagaluru, 14 in Bengaluru district, 25 in Mysuru urban, 197 in Bengaluru urban and two in Shivamogga.

Rejecting these numbers, Sunil said it looked like the government was trying to protect the irregular migrants.

Asking the government to consider this issue as a matter of internal security as most of them were involved in "anti-social activities", he said it should take action against them.

Parameshwara said there were about 25 cases under which these Bangladeshi nationals were punished for involvement in some kind of offence.

He said 52 of them had been deported and there are also some cases that are in courts and under investigation.

Another BJP leader Jagadish Shettar questioned why those identified as irregular migrants were not being deported and claimed they were thousands in numbers in the state.

Stalkers roam free

FROM PAGE 16 Jhenidah court on October 18 as Kaliganj police refused to record it there.

According to the case statement, prime accused Kamal and his associates -- Billal Hossain, Jahid Hossain, Imdadul Haque, Tuku Mia, Hasan Ali and Motaleb Hossain -- waylaid and attacked Shahanur.

Shahanur's brother Shamaul Islam lodged another case for attempted murder with Kaliganj Police Station on November 9.

Seeking anonymity, some locals of Nalbhanga said Kamal was a drug dealer. He was arrested with phensidyl bottles and an illegal motorcycle in 2014. He was also arrested with arms before his arrest in 2014.

FAMILY FEARS WORSE

Under treatment at the National Institute of Traumatology and Orthopaedic Rehabilitation (Nitor) in the capital, Shahanur expressed fear of losing his home.

"I'm terrified, thinking that they [stalkers] will attack my younger daughter any moment," he said while talking to The Daily Star.

He added that his brother Shamaul had already received a threat on his life.

Shahanur's eldest daughter, who was at the hospital, said she was a first-year student of Jessore Mohila College but quit studying a couple of years ago due to "excessive" stalking on her way to the college, located some 20km from her home.

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26 female workers

FROM PAGE 16 outpost, told The Daily Star.

Five of the victims were admitted to Enam Medical College Hospital (EMCH) in Savar, said, Mohsinul Qadir, officer-in-charge (OC) of Ashulia Police Station.

The fire victims mostly sustained injuries in their faces and the respiratory systems, Partha Shankar Paul, resident surgeon at the Burn Unit of DMCH said. "Condition of the fire victims at the DMCH is very critical. They are suffering from 12 to 70 percent burn injuries."

Among them, seven were already shifted to Intensive Care Unit (ICU), Partha added.

"The injured here at the EMCH are

out of danger," said Suman Rahman, an assistant professor (surgery) at EMCH.

Bilkis, quoting her two sisters who were injured in the factory fire, said, the fire engulfed the tin roofed factory building after an explosion.

Her one sister, Lovely, 17, suffered 30 percent burns and another sister, Fatema, 15, 20 percent burns. Both of them joined work last month.

Their condition was stated to be critical.

Sonia Aktar, 20, another victim, said around 27 female workers were at work in the corridor where the fire originated.

"All of a sudden, a whirling flame

engulfed the entire corridor and the wave of fire struck us," she said.

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