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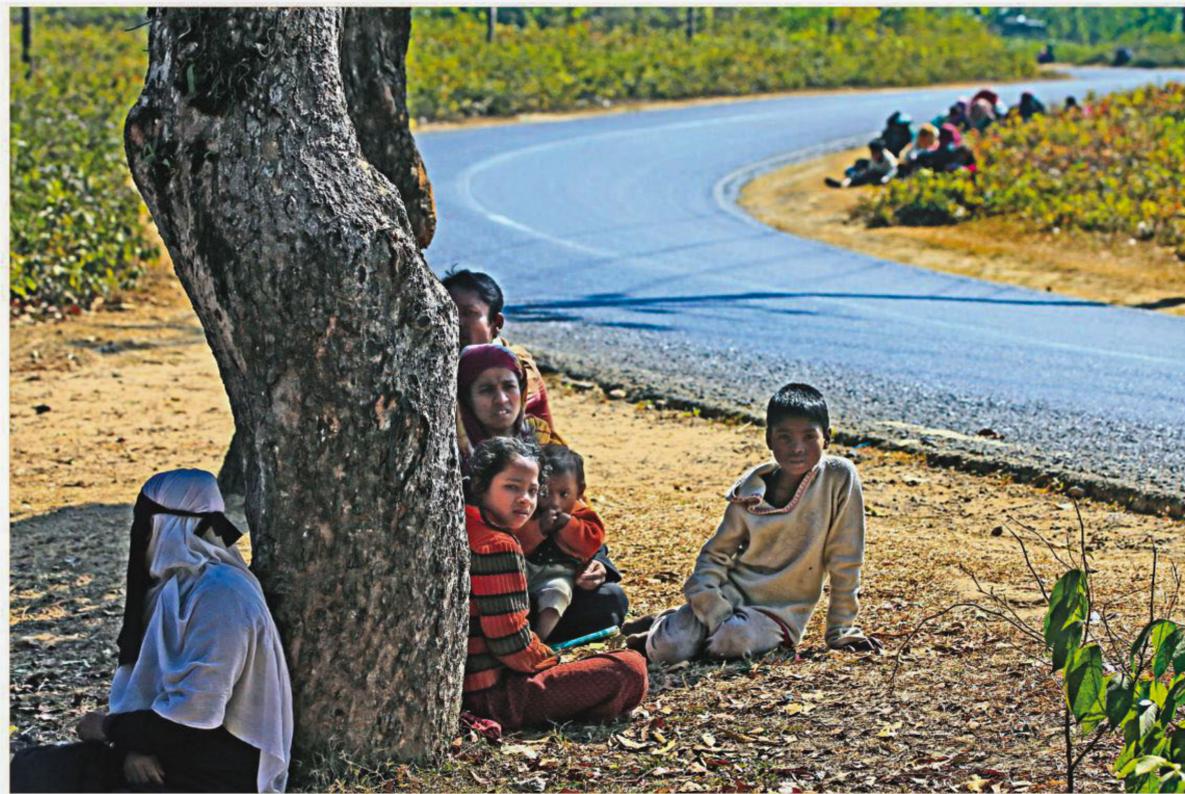
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Abused there, beggars here

Around 65,000 Rohingyas entered from Myanmar recently; home ministry asked to take action against 168 middlemen facilitating influx

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Every day, streams of Rohingya people, mostly women and children, dot a 15km stretch of the road from Ukhia to Teknaf in Cox's Bazar. They start flocking in small groups on the roadsides after daybreak, drawing attention of hundreds of holidaymakers who traverse the highway on their way to St Martin's Island via Teknaf from the seashore town of Cox's Bazar. Many of this "stateless" population, having been denied of their right to citizenship in Myanmar and with no official "refugee" status in Bangladesh, spend best parts of the day begging. Kind vacationers, aware of the recent atrocities unleashed on one of the world's most persecuted minorities on the other side of the fence triggering a fresh influx of Rohingyas, are often seen stopping by, offering help in cash or kind before heading for their destinations. This has become a daily routine for many desperate Rohingyas. On some counts, at least 1.5 lakh of them are



Rohingyas, who failed to get into refugee camps, sit beside the Teknaf-Cox's Bazar road in Ukhia hoping that travelers would stop and help them. The photo was taken recently.



Myanmar risks credibility by denying abuse
UN rights envoy on Rohingya issue

UNB, Dhaka
UN Human Rights envoy to Myanmar Yanghee Lee has said Myanmar government will lose credibility if it continues to deny the reported human rights abuses against Rohingya Muslims. The United Nations has said around 65,000 Rohingya Muslim villagers from northern Rakhine have fled across the border into Bangladesh over the past three months. Speaking at a news briefing held in Yangon at the end of her 12-day visit to the country, Lee said the

SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR EC 'BNP suggested KM Hasan as member'
Claims Obaidul; Fakhrul denies, asks for comment withdrawal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader claimed that the BNP had proposed former chief justice KM Hasan for appointment to the search committee to form the next Election Commission. BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, however, claimed what Quader had said was baseless and urged



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Be cautious while recruiting for Rab

Narayanganj court asks authorities in full verdict of 7-murder case; death reference reaches the HC

A CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj
A Narayanganj court has asked the Rapid Action Battalion to stay alert so none of its members indulges in criminal activities being highly ambitious as some of them did in the 2014 seven-murder incident. Narayanganj District and Sessions Judge's Court, in its full verdict of the sensational seven-murder case, has also asked the authorities to be cautious while recruiting Rab members in future. "Several highly ambitious members of Rab, which is a disciplined force, in collusion with some general people committed the heinous killings where Nazrul was the only target but six more inno-

cent people became victim," said Public Prosecutor of the court Wazed Ali Khokon, quoting from the verdict. Judge Syed Enayet Hossain on January 16 handed down death penalty to 26 people and jailed nine other accused for various terms, from seven to 17 years. Of the convicts, 25 are from Rab. Sixteen of the 26 sentenced to death are former Rab members who include the then commanding officer of Rab-11 in Narayanganj Lt Col Tareque Sayeed Mohammad and the then company commanders of Rab-11 Maj Arif Hossain and Lt Commander Masud Rana. The three are sacked from

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RAILWAY-GATE SCANDAL Suranjit's aide jailed for 5yrs

COURT CORRESPONDENT
Omar Faruq Talukder, assistant personal secretary to former railway minister Suranjit Sengupta, was sentenced to five years in prison in a railway-gate case yesterday. A Dhaka court found him guilty of amassing Tk 32 lakh illegally and fined him Tk 1.23 crore as well, in default of which he would have to serve another two and a half years. The court also confiscated a flat he owns in Dhanmondi. On April 9, 2012, Bangladesh Railway microbus driver Ali Azam drove his vehicle to the BCB gate in Pilkhana and alerted the guards there that there was Tk 70 lakh stashed in the vehicle. Faruq and Yusuf Ali Mridha, the suspended general manager of Bangladesh Railway (eastern zone), and railway's



Omar Faruq

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Rain washes out third day

AL-AMIN from Christchurch
Rain washed out the third day's play of the second and final Test between Bangladesh and New Zealand at the Hagley Oval yesterday. It was a very frustrating day as rain poured in from the morning and did not stop when umpires Paul Reffel and Nigel Llong had the final inspection at 4:00pm and called off the

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Muslims pray for peace

Biswa Ijtema's 2nd phase ends
STAR REPORT

The second phase of Biswa Ijtema, the second largest Muslim congregation after the holy Hajj, concluded yesterday with Akheri Munajat on the bank of the Turag river. Renowned Islamic scholar Mawlana Muhammad Saad from India conducted the Akheri Munajat (final prayer) as Tongi and its adjoining areas resounded with 'Amin, Amin.' Hundreds of thousands of devotees of all ages spilled over to roads and adjoining areas around the Ijtema venue since early morning. Pin drop silence prevailed at the virtual human sea when the prayer was offered through loudspeakers. Many devotees broke down in tears during the prayer. During the 32-minute final prayer from 11:11am to 11:43am, Mawlana Saad sought divine intervention in protecting Islam and establishing its teachings in the hearts of all Muslims. He prayed for honest earning and staying in the path of honesty and also prayed for recovery of those suffering from diseases and for purification of souls of the Muslims at the Ijtema.

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Devotees during the Akheri Munajat on the bank of the Turag. This year's Biswa Ijtema concluded yesterday with the munajat seeking peace and prosperity.

SHOOTING OF A BOY IN GAIBANDHA PM blasts media for reports on MP Liton

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday slated the media for not telling the truth about last year's shooting of a minor boy allegedly by Awami League lawmaker Manzurul Islam Liton. "The media reported the incident in such a way that he [Liton] wanted to kill the child. The media didn't write the truth behind the incident," she said in parliament. The PM made the remark during a general discussion on the obituary reference on Liton, lawmaker from Gaibandha-1. Liton was killed by unknown assailants at his village home in Gaibandha on December 31 last year. Earlier on October 2, 10-year-old Sourav, son of Sazu Mia of Gopalcharan village in Sundarganj upazila, suffered wounds in both legs with bullets allegedly fired by Liton. A case was filed against the MP on the charge of attempted murder. The victim's family members alleged that the ALMP shot the boy for no reason. According to them, Sourav went out for a walk with his uncle Shahjahan Ali. At that time, the MP was returning to his Bamandanga house from Sundarganj, and stopped his car at the intersection where the two were strolling. The MP, however, had refuted the

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