



INT'L DAY OF THE VICTIMS OF ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCES TOMORROW

## ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCES Beyond any 'probe'

Investigations invariably 'see' no progress;  
allegations against law enforcers persist

SHARIFUL ISLAM and RAFIUL ISLAM

Young homeopath Moklesur Rahaman Johnny went out of his chamber to buy medicine for his father on August 4 night last year, but he never returned.

He did not just disappear, according to his wife Jesmin Nahar as she had seen him in the lockup of the Satkhira Sadar Police Station the next morning when she had gone there to ask police to find her husband.

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Moklesur Rahaman



Shamim Hossain



Shakib Al Hasan's five-wicket haul gave Bangladesh a crucial first-innings lead against Australia in Mirpur yesterday.

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### Tigers on top after more Shakib heroics

He enters elite club of 4

BISHWAJIT ROY

Bangladesh enjoyed a near perfect day to continue their stranglehold of the first Test against Australia after the second day's play in Mirpur, thanks to champion all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan

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Fleeing violence at home, Kala Miah, a Rohingya farmer, his daughter and three-year-old grandson wail in Jolpaitoli area of Bandarban's Naikhyangchhari after Border Guard Bangladesh members ordered them to go back to Myanmar yesterday morning. The family, however, managed to stay there as of last night.

### They will shoot us if we go back

Say Rohingyas

ANISUR RAHMAN, from Cox's Bazar

The beautiful sunny August morning in the beach town meant very little to the hundreds of starving men, women and children in worn-out clothes near the borders.

They have fled their homes in Myanmar as security forces set their homes on fire, drive them away or simply shoot at them. Crossing the border to Bangladesh, they now want to find food and shelter.

"We did not find shelter in Kutupalang or Balukhali camps," said a middle-aged man in a group of about a hundred dishevelled Rohingyas heading to Ukhia of Cox's Bazar yesterday.

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## In fear, in flight

Rohingyas keep coming; Dhaka again lodges protest with Myanmar, proposes joint military ops against militants

PINAKI ROY and MOHAMMED ALI JINNAT, from Naikhyangchhari, Bandarban

They are now on this side of the border. On the other side, they have homes, may be burnt down already. It's just several hundred metres away but they are too scared to go back.

They left their villages on Saturday, a day after violence erupted in Rakhine State of Myanmar, according to Dil Mohammed, one of the refugees, who is from Dekibunia of Maungdaw.

"We fled as we heard sounds of firing. We didn't think we were safe there," he said. His fear is not baseless as he is one of the Rohingya Muslims, often called the most persecuted minority in the world.

Previous military responses in Myanmar following insurgent attacks like Friday's were dogged

by allegations of rights abuses -- killing Rohingya men, torturing their women and burning houses.

Dil Mohammed, who came with his family members, including wife, sons, daughters-in-law and two grandsons, won't believe that this time there will be any exception.

They are now stranded in Jolpaitoli village of Ghumdum under Bandarban's Naikhyangchhari upazila along with around three hundred other Rohingyas, mostly from three villages of Dekibunia -- Miarpara, Fakirpara and Uttarpara.

The refugees set up temporary tents and toilets, and local representatives and NGOs were providing them with dry food and water.

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### Pope pulls for Rohingyas

To visit Bangladesh, Myanmar late this year

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Pope Francis will visit Bangladesh and Myanmar later this year, the Vatican announced yesterday.

The announcement comes barely a day after the pope voiced concern over the persecution of Rohingyas in Myanmar.

The Pope will be in Myanmar from November 27 to 30 and Bangladesh from November 30 to December 2, said Archbishop George Kocherry, Vatican

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