

Heavy rains kill five in Mumbai

At least five people were killed as heavy monsoon rain deluged India's financial capital Mumbai, causing transport chaos and forcing schools and many offices to close yesterday. The coastal city of more than 20 million people is the latest to be hit by floods that have ravaged South Asia this monsoon season, affecting millions of people across India, Nepal and Bangladesh and killing over 1,200. Authorities in Mumbai said at least five people had died since the intense rainfall began on Tuesday, making roads impassable and briefly shutting the suburban rail network on which millions of commuters depend. "Five people have died in the Mumbai floods. Four of them including two children died due to wall collapse in the slums and another person died due to electric shock," Tanaji Kamble, a local government official, told AFP.

Concern over

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Shilpi Sangsad, they said that an indirect threat has also been issued to the legal and democratic government from the highest level of the judiciary. "This concerns us," said the statement signed by, among others, Dhaka University Vice-chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique, Prof Muntasar Mamun and Ramendu Majumdar. They said they were observing that an ill attempt was on to create an impasse by creating a division between the executive and the judiciary centring on the verdict. It seems that some political quarters are overenthusiastic about the issue. Apparently, an ill attempt is underway to create political crises in the country in a planned way, the statement reads. What is more concerning is that some people are adding fuel to this attempt to create crises by issuing statements. "Against this backdrop, we, the signatories, are tense and concerned," it said.

The statement came just two days after twenty-five eminent citizens on Sunday urged all quarters to refrain from making comments that demean the apex court. On August 1, the SC released the full text of its verdict that scrapped the 16th amendment to the constitution. The amendment had given parliament the power to remove the apex court's judges for misconduct and incapacity.

Several Awami League leaders, including its president and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, strongly criticised the verdict and Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha for his observations in the judgment. Some of them even demanded removal of the chief justice. On the other hand, the BNP welcomed the verdict and sharply criticised the government and AL leaders for rebuking the chief justice.

Other signatories of the statement are Dr Anupam Sen, Dr Harun-or-Rashid, Prof Abdul Mannan Chowdhury, Prof Dr Nim Chandra Bhowmik, Dr Pran Gopal Dutta, Prof Dr Syed Anwar Hossain, journalist Abed Khan, Dr Anwar Hossain, Dr Mijanur Rahman, journalist Rahat Khan, journalist Golam Sarwar, Ataur Rahman, Shahriar Kabir, former ambassador Muhammad Zamir, ex-ambassador Waliur Rahman, Prof Dr Durga Das Bhattacharya, Dr Atiur Rahman, Nasiruddin Yusuf Bachchu, artist Hashem Khan, artist Rafiqun Nabi, actor Faruk, actor MA Alamgir, Prof Niser Hossain, Prof Mesbah Uddin Ahmed, journalist Shafiqur Rahman, journalist Farida Yesmin, artist Md Moniruzzaman, Prof Panna Kaiser and cultural activist Golam Quddus.

Beyond Neel Doriya

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passed away yesterday. He was 79. The Shadhin Bangla Betar Kendra artiste, who had been suffering from liver, kidney and prostate complications for over a year, breathed his last around 8:00am at the capital's Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University and Hospital. His body was kept at the hospital mortuary. People from all walks of life would pay their last tributes to the legendary singer on the premises of Central Shaheed Minar from 11:00am today. Following the Zohr prayers, his namaz-e-janaza would be held at Central Mosque, University of Dhaka. Later, Jabbar would be laid to eternal rest either at Martyred Intellectual Graveyard in Mirpur or on the premises of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam's grave in Shahbagh. Born in Kushtia in 1938 and inspired by his mother, Jabbar plunged headlong into the world of music. In his teens, he played both football and cricket and entertained the spectators with his sonorous voice on the same ground after winning matches. Completing his SSC examination in 1956, Jabbar formally learned music from Ustad Osman Gani and Ustad Lutfel Haque. In 1958, he became an enlisted singer at Bangladesh Betar (radio) and did playback for Bangla films from 1962. In 1964 when Bangladesh Television (BTV) embarked on its journey, he was signed up as his fame had grown by leaps and bounds in the meantime. The very first song he sang and composed for Bangladesh Betar was "Hariye Elam Kothay Bolo Amar Shey Shathitirey", written by poet Azizur Rahman. Along with Ferdousi Rahman he played back in a duet "Tumi Achho Kachhey" for the film "Notun Shur", directed by Ehtesham and composed by Robin Ghosh. In the film "Etotuku Aasha", Jabbar played back for the popular song "Tumi Ki Dekhechho Kobhu", written and composed by Dr. Muniruzzaman and Satya Shaha respectively. That was also his debut song to air on BTV.

Jabbar is credited as a playback singer of the '60s and '70s. Among his recorded film tracks, "O Rey Neel Doriya" (Sareng Bou); "Pitch Dhala Ei Poth Ta Re" (Pitch Dhala Poth); "Khelaghar Barey Barey Keno Bhengey Jaay" (Chhadmabeshi); "E Prithibi Amar Proshno Shono" (Nacher Putul); "Dukkho Korona Bondhu Tomra" (Aalor Michhil); "Amon Korey Bolo Na Go Tumi" (duet with Runa

Laila in the film Iman) are immensely popular. Jabbar was also a freedom fighter. He inspired the singers of Shadhin Bangla Betar Kendra to such an extent that they ultimately depicted the freedom fighters as being symbolic of an epic struggle for liberty. In 1971, he met the legendary Indian singer Hemanto Mukhopadhyay in Mumbai (then Bombay) and worked tirelessly to raise public opinion in favour of the independence of Bangladesh. "My relationship with Bangabandhu was that of a son to a father," said Jabbar in a 2009 interview with The Daily Star. Jabbar sang the first song of Shadhin Bangla Betar Kendra, "Joy Bangla Bangla'r Joy", written and composed by Gazi Mazharul Anwar and Anwar Parvez respectively. The other patriotic songs rendered and composed by Jabbar during the pre and post-Liberation period were "Salam Salam Hajar Salam", "Mujib Baiya Jao Rey" and "Banglar Shadhinata Anlo Ke Mujib Mujib". Jabbar received many prestigious awards for his outstanding works. He won, among others, Bangabandhu Swarna Padak (1973), Ekushey Padak (1980), Shadhinata Padak (1996), Zahir Raihan Chalachitra Purashkar, BACHSAS Award and Mother Teresa Award.

Titled "Kothaye Amar Neel Doriya", Abdul Jabbar's lone album of original songs was released on April 13 this year under the label of Mom Music Centre. Of them, he often sang the song "Ekhaney Amar Padma Meghna" at live shows. "Abdul Jabbar wanted TV channels to air four of his recorded songs after his death -- 'O Rey Neel Doriya', 'Tumi Ki Dekhechho Kobhu', 'Tara Bhora Raat-e' and 'Amake Tomader Mon-e Na Thakleo Amar E Gaan Mon-e Thabkbe'," said Golam Sarwar, who composed and directed music for Jabbar's solo album. "Abdul Jabbar was a national treasure. He has left us, but the songs he left behind are the ones we can cherish and use for days to come. He was the kind of artiste that singers from the younger generation can take a lot of inspiration from. We won't ever find another vocalist with such a pure voice, and I feel we hadn't even explored his full potential. That was our shortcoming," said Azad Rahman, eminent composer and music director. The iconic singer has left behind his wife, two sons, a daughter and a host of relatives and fans.

Trips on with little hassle

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capital and its outskirts have always been a matter of concern for the holidaymakers before Eid as these points witness traffic chaos due to excessive flow of vehicles, haphazard parking and stoppage, and cattle markets close to the road. However, the traffic movement was quite smooth as of yesterday. During a visit to different bus terminals, comparatively fewer holidaymakers were seen yesterday. Many passengers said the situation was good so far as most of the buses left the counters almost on time.

"I'm very happy that our bus is leaving on time," said Nasir Rahman, a private firm official who was going to his village home in Satkhira with his family members, at Shyamoli bus counter. He added he took two days off before the official holiday just to avoid the huge rush of people. "Last year I suffered a lot and do not want to face it again," he said. Every year the holidaymakers face huge traffic jam at the ferry terminals due to lack of ferries against the rising

number of buses and their poor management. As of yesterday evening, traffic movement was quite smooth on both sides of the Padma. On Paturia side, only 30 to 40 buses were lined up to cross the river, reports our Manikganj correspondent. Ferry movement was halted for around six hours till 5:00am yesterday after a pontoon plate at ghat number-3 got displaced by strong current in the Padma. Hundreds of vehicles including more than 300 trucks carrying sacrificial animals were stuck in the snarl-up. Although ferry service resumed in the morning, traffic movement was slow and the tailback was likely to linger for a while. Meantime, most of the trains left Kamalapur Railway Station on time yesterday. As many as 30 trains departed from the station as of 3:00pm. Of them, only two were late, said Railway Minister Mujibul Haque while visiting the station.

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Death of a dream

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"Of all my children, Rupa had been struggling to fulfil her father's dream. Now everything is shattered," a crying Hasna Hena said. Rupa's father died of cancer last year. The family lives in a worn-out tin-shed house. HOW IT HAPPENED Rupa went to Bogra on Friday to sit for a teachers' registration examination. After the test, she along with her college friend, Abdul Barik, from her hometown boarded the bus of Chhowa Paribahan in the evening. Barik got down from the bus at Eloga in Tangail around 9:00pm. As all passengers of the bus got down, helper Shamim took Rupa to the rear and tried to rape her. The victim then gave him Tk 5,000 and her mobile phone to Shamim and pleaded to be let go, police said. Shamim took the money and the phone and then raped her. Two other helpers Akram and Jahangir also raped her while Habib was driving and Gendu was sleeping, they added. Rupa's younger brother Uzzal Pramanik, a college student, said Rupa called him on the phone just before boarding the bus. "I had requested her not to take such a long journey at night and also requested her to return home," he said. "But she told me that she will have problem if she did not reach her workplace on time," he said. Rupa's sister Popy said her elder sister started contributing to the family after getting the job. She wanted to study abroad after becoming a lawyer. "But the killers took away my sister's life," Popy said. PROTESTS The incident triggered a firestorm in the social media. In the district's Tarash upazila, locals formed a human chain yesterday demanding exemplary punishment of the culprits. "Rupa was a struggling girl. She studied hard in school and college and got stipends," said Jafar Iqbal, principal of Tarash Degree College from where she completed higher secondary. He demanded fitting punishment for the perpetrators. The family members made similar demands. "We want maximum punishment of all the five culprits so that no one dares to commit such a crime in future," said Hafizur. ACCUSED SENT TO JAIL The bus driver and the supervisor were sent to jail yesterday after they gave confessional statements before a Tangail court, admitting their involvement in the dumping of the body, said Kaiyum Khan Siddique, who is investigating the case. Liton Miah, 25, who took a job in the bus two days after the incident and came to know about the crime, gave his statement as a witness before another court in Tangail, he said. Earlier, the three helpers of the bus were sent to jail on Tuesday evening.

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Digital piggy

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research firm on behalf of Credit Suisse, also found that most children in Switzerland not only receive pocket money but "are frugal with it". According to the research, Swiss parents have asked questions about how to teach children about money when it increasingly exists in digital form instead of coins and notes that can be stored in an old-fashioned piggy bank. Named Viva Kids, the piggy bank "provides a wide range of options for teaching kids in a simple way how cash and digital money work and how to use them," Credit Suisse said.

They come in thousands

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some even with livestock. Wet in the monsoon rain and mud on their clothes, they were walking towards the Cox's Bazar-Teknaf highway via a hilly road. Most of them were barefoot, exhausted and starving. "The Mog people are raping women and slaughtering youths. It is not safe at all to stay there. So we fled here ...," said Nurun Nahar, an elderly woman who entered Bangladesh with her three daughters. The Rezu Aamtali area borders with Myanmar on three sides and the Rohingyas were seen coming from all three directions, with kitchen utensils and clothes. Some had goats, chicken and cows but most came in empty handed. Abdul Gafur Mia, 70, came in with his four sons. "My two sons reached here but the other two are missing. So I am going to Myanmar again to look for them," he told The Daily Star correspondents. When asked whether they had faced any obstacles crossing the border, most of the refugees in Rezu Aamtali said they did not face any problems. The newly-arrived Rohingyas were heading towards either Kutupalong or Balukhali unregistered camps. Many Rohingyas of those camps went to Rezu Aamtali to receive them. Meanwhile, four Rohingyas died when an engine boat carrying refugees capsized in the Naf river at Shah Pori Dweep last night. A bullet-hit Rohingya man, who was carried into Bangladesh through Tambru border, died of his injuries on the way to hospital yesterday morning. Bangladesh Border Guard (BGB) sent the body back to Myanmar along with those who had brought him. Myanmar army men patrolled the border at Tambru in Ghumdhum yesterday, which panicked the Rohingyas now on the no-man's land there. 315 HELD, 75 PUSHED BACK The BGB apprehended 315 Rohingyas and would be sending them back to Myanmar soon, said SM Ariful Islam, director BGB 4 Battalion. They sent back 75 Rohingyas when they were coming into Teknaf crossing the Naf river on boats. About Rezu Aamtali border, Lt Col Monzurul Hasan Khan, commander of

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BGB 34 Battalion, said that in no way the border was open. He said it was not possible for the BGB to have equal levels of vigilance at every point of the border with Myanmar. He said they had captured 50 Rohingya refugees of unregistered camps who had gone to the Rezu Aamtali border so that they could claim to be newly arrived refugees and get ration benefits at the camp. BGB members were active at border, he said. Meanwhile, Rohingya refugee Md Zafar Alam of Nayapara unregistered camp in Teknaf was arrested from a bus heading towards Cox's Bazar yesterday. He was carrying 25 shotguns shells, said a BGB official. IOM STATEMENT The International Organisation of Migration (IOM) yesterday said as per their estimates, 18,000 Rohingyas arrived in Bangladesh until Tuesday. Sangjukta Sahani, head of IOM sub office in Cox's Bazar, told journalists yesterday that thousands of distressed Rohingyas were staying at the border of the two countries. The Rohingya issue was not a mere problem of two neighbouring countries, it has become an important international issue, she said. COWS FOR PRICE OF GOATS As Rohingya people were bringing in some cows through the Rezu Aamtali border, local influential people seized the opportunity and were buying Burmese cows for the price of goats here. Local leaders of Bangladesh Chhatra League and Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) were seen roaming the Rezu Aamtali border area and their associates haggling with the refugees. One local bought six cows for Tk 1 lakh while another bought four cows for Tk 80,000. A local journalist said the Rohingyas have no option but to sell their livestock as they desperately need the money and locals do not allow them to sell cattle in the market. The BGB apprehend 132 cows at Rezu Aamtali and sold them in an auction. The Daily Star correspondents heard loudspeaker announcements in Rajapalanga area requesting people to bid in the auction.

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Put pressure on Myanmar

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by the departing UN Resident Coordinator in Bangladesh, Robert D Watkinson, said a foreign ministry press release. On Tuesday, Human Rights Watch said it found satellite images capturing fire burning in at least 10 areas in Rakhine State. ESCALATION IN CONFLICT International Crisis Group, an independent political think tank, said the latest violence represents a very serious escalation in the conflict. Following attacks by insurgents in October last year, Myanmar troops conducted a heavy-handed operation. As a result, some 87,000 Rohingyas fled to Bangladesh. Early this year, a UN investigation concluded that there had been grave and widespread abuses by the military that "very likely" amounted to crimes against humanity. Yousef bin Ahmad Al-Othaimeen, secretary general of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), yesterday wrote letters to UN Secretary General António Guterres and Myanmar State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi to address the violence affect-

ing the Rohingya Muslims. In a statement, he called upon Myanmar to immediately restore the displaced people to their homes and allow humanitarian aid agencies to assist the affected people. The OIC secretary general said, "The current crisis has the potential of destabilising the entire region unless the core issues of inequality, justice and citizenship are resolved." Al-Othaimeen also urged the UN Security Council to address the issue. The UK on Tuesday called upon the UN Security Council to convene to discuss reports of mass civilian casualties after raids by Myanmar security forces against "Rohingya fighters". The Arakan Rohingya National Organisation urged Bangladesh to take immediate steps to lobby the international community for establishing UN safe areas in Arakan State. In a statement, it claimed Myanmar unleashed a campaign of unprecedented terror and brutality that resulted in the deaths of "hundreds of civilians, including countless children and women whose only crime was they were born in Rohingya families".

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Hajj begins

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pilgrims. Now, for example, the tents are air-conditioned." Wearing the simple garb of the pilgrim, the faithful waited at dawn with their suitcases for buses to take them to Mina five kilometres (three miles) to the east. There, hundreds of thousands will gather today before setting off at dawn to climb Mount Arafat, the pinnacle of the hajj. First, however, they must perform a ritual walk known as the tawaf seven times around the Kaaba, a black masonry cube wrapped in a heavy silk cloth embroidered in gold with Koranic verses at the centre of Makkah's Grand Mosque. The shrine is the point towards which Muslims around the world pray. "I still have to finish the tawaf!" said a breathless Nour, 30, from Saudi Arabia as she rushed past without stopping.