In desperate need

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for years, the local administration and international organisations are struggling to provide the new arrivals with food and shelter.

After visiting the bordering area, Md Ali Hossain, deputy commissioner of Cox's Bazar, told The Daily Star that the situation is getting worse as more and more Rohingya people are pouring into the country every day.

The registered and unregistered camps, including that in Leda, Kutupalong and Balukhali, have been filled as the rate of refugee inflow increased two days ago.

Hundreds of Rohingya families were seen yesterday pitching tents using bamboo and polythene sheets in hills and crop fields of Whykang.

And several hundred more families were coming towards Cox's Bazar town by trucks and three-wheelers after crossing the Naf River, which marks the border with Myanmar.

Talking to many refugees, it was learnt that they were not facing any obstacles on the border. But BGB was intercepting vehicles in Unchiprang of Teknaf and sending them towards Putibunia and Raikhyang.

Syed Karim, an elderly farmer from Nagpura in Maungdaw in Myanmar, reached Unchiprang last night. Two youths were carrying him in a plastic chair.

Asked, Karim said he fell down while fleeing atrocities by Myanmar army. Since then he cannot stand on his feet.

His son, one of the youths, said they were taking him to Cox's Bazar Sadar Hospital as he suspected that his father suffered a fracture in the waist.

Rangbahar Begum, 23, a mother of two minor children, arrived in Putibunia yesterday.

"My husband was with me. But I have lost him while coming here. Now I do not have a single penny with me. How would I feed my two children now?" said Rangbahar, weeping.

They had been starving for the last two days but nobody gave them any food at that newly established camp, she said.

Abdul Baset, a member of Whykang Union Parishad, said more than 30,000 Rohingyas took shelter in the two villages.

BGB men were providing them with medical treatment while the staff of International Organisation for Migration (IOM) were making a list of the newly arrived refugees.

In the last five days, locals and the administration have recovered 54 bodies of Rohingya people as three boats sank in the Naf.

Meanwhile, another camp was set up in a forest land along the Cox's Bazar-Teknaf highway in Taingkhali under Palongkhali union of Ukhia upazila.

Thousands of Rohingyas were seen felling trees planted under the social forestry programme of the forest department and putting up tents.

A number of refugees said initially they tried at the Kutupalong and Balukhali camps. But there was no room for them.

Mozaffar Ahmed, acting chairman of Palongkhali union, said nearly 40,000 people streamed into the Taingkhali camp in last three days. They are staying in tents.

A few thousand others are staying under the open sky in a vast area of forestland near the television relay centre in the upazila. They were yet to pitch any tent there.

Abu Siddique, president of management committee of the unregistered Rohingya camp in Kutupalong, said nearly one lakh Rohingyas have entered Bangladesh in the last few days as he found in a survey he was conducting.

Md Mainuddin, upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) Ukhia, said Rohingya people "grabbed" forest land in Taingkhali and set up a camp after plundering trees but the forest department did not take proper action.

A section of local people also encouraged the refugees to set up the camp without permission from the administration, he added.

SM Ariful Islam, director of BGB Battalion-2, said they did not open the border, and the border guards are active against illegal entrance of Rohingyas.

BGB is trying to gather all those who were able to cross the border and providing them with food and shelter. Steps will be taken regarding them based on the government decision, he added.

Road accidents claim 29 lives

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upazila -- were killed in two separate road accidents in Aturar Depot and Hamjarbagh areas of the city.

Around 1:30am yesterday, Kawsar, 25, of Narayanganj, died of his injuries while his nine friends were also injured when a covered van collided head-on with their Cox's Bazar-bound microbus on Dhaka-Chittagong Highway in Mostannagar area of Mirsarai.

They were on their way to a picnic.

Three people were killed and 15 others injured as another Cox's Bazar-bound picnic bus overturned on Chittagong-Cox's Bazar highway in Ramu upazila. The accident happened after the driver lost control of the steering around 6:00am yesterday.

The identities of the victims could not be known immediately.

In Mymensingh, two people were killed when one of them lost control and their motorbike fell into a roadside ditch yesterday afternoon at Ulalbari area on Dhaka-Mymensingh highway in Trishal upazila.

In Sirajganj, three people were killed as a truck hit a three wheeler in Talgasi area of Shahzadpur upazila on Saturday.

Khaza Golam Kibria, OC of Shahzadpur police station, said cattle traders Siddique Hossain, 45, and Ibrahim Khalil, 50 were returning home in an auto rickshaw around 7:00am.

When they were crossing the Talgasi Bazar, a speeding truck hit the three-wheeler, killing them on the spot, along with the auto rickshaw driver Jamal Hossain, 42.

Meanwhile in another accident, a helper of a bus driver was killed and 27 passengers were injured as a Gaibandha-bound bus plunged into a roadside ditch on Dhaka-Bogra Highway in Dadpur area on Friday.

Police said the vehicle skidded off the road after one of its wheels got separated, leaving Moinul Hossain, 25, dead and the passengers injured.

In Laxmipur, three people, including a man and his son, were killed and three others injured in a road accident at Manadari Bazar on Laxmipur-Chowmuhani road in Sadar upazila on Saturday morning, reports UNB.

In Bagerhat, a battery-run auto-rickshaw driver was killed and another three people were injured when a truck hit the auto-rickshaw in front of Sagor Petrol Pump at Bargoalia area in Mollahat upazila around 4:30pm yesterday.

In another incident, an unidentified female pedestrian was killed after a goods-laden truck ran her over while she was crossing Khulna-Mawa highway in the same upazila around 8:30am on Sunday, reports UNB.

A police constable, Miraj Shikdar, 30, of Gimtekathi village in Bagerhat's Kachua upazila, died on the spot while one of his relatives was injured in Moghia when their two-wheeler hit a roadside tree around 8:30pm on Friday.

In Comilla, three people were killed and five others injured as a bus rammed a CNG-run auto-rickshaw on Dhaka-Chittagong highway in Daudkandi upazila around 7:45pm on Friday.

Police seized the bus while its driver and the helper managed to flee.

In Rangpur and Dinajpur, three people were killed and more 30 persons were injured in three separate road accidents.

Maria Akter, 15 of Badarganj upazila of Rangpur, was killed when her scurf got tangled with the rear wheels of a battery-run easy bike in Rangpur's Badarganj town on Sunday evening.

In Kushtia, two motorcyclists were killed and three others injured in a head-on collision between two motorcycles near Par House on Kushtia-Pabna highway in Bheramara upazila yesterday afternoon, reports UNB.

In Dhaka, a CNG-run auto-rickshaw carrying three passengers overturned on the road after colliding with a car in High Court Mazar area around 9:30am on Sunday.

In another incident, two people -- Aminul Islam, 45, a bus driver, and Abul Mister, 33, a bus helper -- were killed after being hit by a covered van when they were repairing the bus on the Dhaka-Mymensingh road in front of Uttara Bank in Uttara area on Friday.

Sabbir, Mushy keep Tigers fighting

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Lyon. And it needed a smart work from Aussie wicket-keeper Mathew Wade, who whipped the bails in a flash that ended the right-hander's solid knock of 66, his highest score, off 116 balls including six fours and a six.

Until Sabbir got out in a painful fashion, he played the role of aggressor with Mushfiqur providing solidity at the other end. The pair consolidated in the post tea session with a lot of maturity and patience with Sabbir refusing to compromise his natural game, latching on to the deliveries offered to hit. His first boundary of the innings against Lyon through extra cover was a treat to watch. He was also not afraid of taking the aerial route whenever width was offered.

Mushfiqur, who negotiated the last over safely, finished the day on an unbeaten 62, his 18th fifty that included five boundaries. Nasir Hossain was batting at the other end with 19.

However, apart from that sixth-wicket stand it was a Lyon show. Known for his accuracy, the off-spinner with his drifting deliveries that skidded on, accounted for the first four Tigers batsmen. Interestingly, all of them were adjudged leg-before while playing inside the line of the ball and missing it completely.

Opener Tamim Iqbal, who batted brilliantly in both the innings of the first Test, failed to cash in on an early reprieve – he nicked Pat Cummins in the seventh over in the third slip but Glenn Maxwell dropped a sitter. He was the first of four Lyon victims after scoring nine – he was undone by a delivery that held its line.

Imrul Kayes (4) paid the penalty of playing a rash slog sweep. Umpire Nigel Llong however initially denied the leg before appeal but Steve Smith was sure enough to review that in favour of the Aussies as the Tigers were reduced to 21/2.

Soumya Sarkar (33) was playing confidently with Mominul Haque, who made it into the team as an additional batsman in place of pacer Shafiul Islam, before paying the price of playing on the back-foot at the stroke of the lunch. It ended a promising 49-run third wicket stand. Lyon also had Mominul immediately after lunch (31) in the same fashion to enter a unique record-book.

This was the first time in history where Bangladesh's top four batsmen were dismissed leg before in a Test match and the second time that happened for any country. It was also the first time the Tigers' top four batsmen were dismissed by spin, and the first time any nation's top four have been trapped leg before by the same bowler.

The 29-year-old, who eventually bagged his 11th five wicket haul to move into seventh on the list of Australia's greatest ever Test wicket-takers with 261 wickets, leapfrogging paceman Jason Gillespie, ended the day with figures of 5/77 from his 28 overs.

Left-arm spinner Ashton Agar took the other wicket – the prized scalp of the hero of the first Test Shakib Al Hasan (24), who injudiciously tried to cut a delivery too close to his stump.

The visitors, desperately seeking to avoid a series defeat, made two changes with all-rounder Hilton Cartwright and Steve O'Keefe returning to the eleven in place of Usman Khawaja and injured pace bowler Josh Hazlewood.

EX-BCL man beaten

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including local Jubo League activists Mollah Swapan, Madhu and Selim, called Mashu out of his home around 10:30pm and beat him up with iron rods and sticks, injuring him severely.

On information, police rescued Mashu and took him to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where doctors declared him dead, said Bachchu Mia, in-charge of DMCH police outpost.

Sources said both Mashu and Swapan were involved in drug dealing that led to a conflict between them. Men of Mashu and Swapan were often locked in clashes.

On August 3, a case was filed with Adabar Police Station against Mashu for attacking Swapan with a sharp weapon, they added.

However, refuting the allegation of his son's involvement in drug dealing, Mashu's father claimed that his son was involved with BCL, and Madhu and his associates killed his son as Mashu was trying to stop the drug dealing in Adabar area.

Hailing from Shariatpur, Mashu has recently completed his diploma from Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology, added Julhas.

Julhas yesterday lodged a case with Adabar Police Station against 16 people, mentioning Madhu and Swapan as the prime suspects of the murder, said police.

The Daily Star tried to communicate with Swapan over mobile, but his phone was switched off.

Although Swapan does not hold any post in Jubo League, he runs a club in the name of Jubo League at Shyamoli, said his elder brother Shahidul Islam Sobuj.

Sobuj also told this correspondent that his brother was trying to prevent drugtrade run by Mashu. For this reason, Mashu attacked his brother last month and a case was filed with Adabar Police Station in this connection, he said.

"My brother is not involved in the murder, and a false case has been filed against him," he added.

Biplob Kumar Sarker, deputy commissioner (Tejgaon) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, said in primary investigation, they came to know that Mashu was killed over previous enmity centring extortion, establishing supremacy and drug dealing in Adabar.

Among the accused, there are Jubo League and Jubo Dal activists, he said.

"We have already got details of the accused and are now conducting drives to arrest them," added Biplob.

Three-member

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the duty as a mayor in absence of Aminul while Mostafa would do that in absence of Osman and Aleya in absence of Mostofa, said DNCC Secretary Dulal Krishna Saha.

He said the DNCC received the relevant letter from the Local Government Division yesterday.

Modi

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Singh and Sushma Swaraj respectively.

Meanwhile, former home secretary R K Singh, former diplomat Hardeep Singh Puri and former bureaucrats Alphons Kannanthanam and Satya Pal Singh were inducted as junior ministers.

Shiv Pratap Shukla, Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Virendra Kumar, A Hegde and Gajendra Singh Shekhawat were also sworn in as junior ministers by President Ram Nath Kovind at a ceremony in the colonial-era President's palace in central New Delhi.

"I congratulate all those who have taken oath today. Their experience and wisdom will add immense value to the council of ministers," Modi said before leaving for China to attend a summit of the Brics group of countries - Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, reported Reuters.

Modi is seeking to quicken policy implementation to create jobs, ease rural distress, boost trade and rejuvenate slowing growth to ensure victory in the next national election due in 2019. His ruling party also governs 18 of India's 29 states, either directly or in alliance with regional parties.

The economy recorded its slowest quarterly pace of growth in the April-to-June period since Modi came to power in 2014, making it harder for the government to create enough jobs for farmers fleeing plunging agricultural prices. The failures are stoking existing caste-based tensions.

Before the cabinet expansion, six ministers had tendered their resignations.

Underwater

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Very little has been recorded about the city because the citizens of Neapolis sided with Carthage rather than Rome during the Third Punic War in 149–146 BC, which ultimately destroyed the rival civilisation and brought its territory under Roman control.

There are so few records to Neapolis over an extended period of Roman literature it is thought the city was punished for its allegiances.

A joint Tunisian-Italian archaeological mission has been looking for evidence of Neapolis since 2010. Their work was finally rewarded after good weather conditions this summer allowed divers in Nabeul to glimpse the more than 20 hectares site for the first time in centuries.

"It's a major discovery," the mission's leader Mounir Fantar told AFP on Thursday, which confirms Marcellin's theory about the city's fate.

The team not only found streets and monuments showing the city's sophistication and wealth, but 100 tanks which were used to make garum, a fish-based fermented condiment which was a delicacy in the ancient Roman world, the AFP said.

"This discovery has allowed us to establish with certainty that Neapolis was a major centre for the manufacture of garum and salt fish, probably the largest centre in the Roman world," Fantar added.

"Probably the notables of Neapolis owed their fortune to garum."

Founded by the Phoenicians in the 9th Century BC in what is now modern Tunisia, the ancient civilisation of Carthage developed into a great trading empire. Over the course of the three Punic Wars with Rome, its power was eventually weakened and ultimately submitted to Roman control in the 2nd Century AD.

A second Roman Carthage was built over the ruins of the first.

Woman

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A medical examination of the victim was conducted on Saturday, the OC said.

In another separate incident, a 17-year-old-girl was allegedly gang-raped by three men in Savar's Bomka area on Thursday evening.

The girl along with a friend went to visit the area.

Shamsun Nahar, emergency medical officer of the hospital said, the victim was given primary treatment at a hospital in Savar and sent to the one-stop crisis centre (OCC) in Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Police arrested a suspect named Tanvir Mondal, said Mohshinul Kadir, officer-in-charge of Savar Model Police Station. The victim filed a case accusing Tanvir, Hamid Mondal and Pervez.

Indonesia FM

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urging her to stop repression of the Rohingyas by the security forces.

Dhaka has welcomed Indonesia's willingness to engage with Myanmar to find ways to contain the escalation of violence and find a solution to the protracted problem.

The diplomatic sources add the main focus of the Indonesian minister would be finding a sustainable solution to the Rohingya crisis.

Retno Marsudi, who visited Dhaka on December 20 last year after similar attacks on the Rohingyas, would hold a meeting with her Bangladesh counterpart AH Mahmood Ali. She would arrive around noon today and depart around 10:00pm.

Cambodian paper closes

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"This paper takes special pride in writing about some of the toughest issues," she told Reuters as journalists polished their final articles and office workers packed everything they could into cardboard boxes.

The paper printed only a few thousand copies a day but had a reputation for breaking news about sensitive topics such as corruption, waste, environmental issues and land rights.

Hun Sen defended the deadline given to the paper, saying it had to pay tax like any other business.

"When they didn't pay and we asked them to leave the country, they said we are a dictatorship," he said.

Cambodia's tax department said the paper's general manager, American Douglas Steele, would not be allowed to leave the country until the tax was paid. He declined to comment.

ELECTION WORRIES

Independent media, opposition politicians and rights activists have been among casualties of a widening crackdown in the run-up to an election next year in which Hun Sen could face his toughest challenge of more than three decades in power.

During his rule Cambodia has been transformed from a failed state after the genocide of the Khmer Rouge, in which he was once a soldier. But disaffection has grown and the opposition increased its share of the vote in June local elections.

Until recently, Cambodia has had relatively free media compared with neighbours such as communist Vietnam and army-ruled Thailand.

"When The Cambodia Daily is shut down, it means press freedom in Cambodia is finished," said Chhorn Chansy, a 35-year-old Cambodian who is news editor on the paper. It employed more than 30 journalists, about half of whom were foreigners.

The last edition sold out quickly.

Myanmar faces

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Muslims in Myanmar," Pakistani activist Yousafzai said in a statement on Twitter.

"Over the last several years I have repeatedly condemned this tragic and shameful treatment. I am still waiting for my fellow Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi to do the same," she added.

Malaysian Foreign Minister Anifah Aman also questioned Suu Kyi's silence.

"Very frankly, I am dissatisfied with Aung San Suu Kyi," Anifah told AFP.

"(Previously) she stood up for the principles of human rights. Now it seems she is doing nothing."

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan last week accused Myanmar of "genocide" against the Rohingya.

On Monday he said: "Unfortunately large massacres have taken place in Myanmar. Humanity has remained silent..." He added that Turkish aid organisations were giving help and that he would take the issue to the UN General Assembly later this month.

AFP reported that the growing crisis threatens Myanmar's diplomatic relations, particularly with Muslim-majority countries in Southeast Asia such as Malaysia and Indonesia where there is profound public anger over the treatment of the Rohingya.

The Maldives announced on Monday that it was severing all trade ties with the country "until the government of Myanmar takes measures to prevent the atrocities being committed against Rohingya Muslims", the foreign ministry said in a statement.

Indonesia's Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi met Suu Kyi as well as Myanmar's army chief General Min Aung Hlaing in Naypyidaw on Monday in a bid to pressure the government to do more to alleviate the crisis.

"Once again, violence, this humanitarian crisis has to stop immediately," Indonesian President Joko Widodo told reporters on Sunday as he announced Retno's mission.

Pakistan's foreign ministry said it was "deeply concerned over reports of growing number of deaths and forced displacement of Rohingya Muslims" and urged Myanmar to investigate reports of atrocities against the community.

Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif added in a recent tweet: "Global silence on continuing violence against #Rohingya Muslims. Int'l action crucial to prevent further ethnic cleansing - UN must rally."

Thousands gathered in Russia's Chechnya region Monday for an officially staged rally over the plight of the Rohingya.

"THE SITUATION IS DIRE"

Last week, Fortify Rights, a Bangkok-based rights body said Myanmar state security forces and armed locals committed mass killing of Rohingyas, including children and women, and burned down their villages in northern Rakhine state.

Survivors and witnesses described horrific scenes of beheading children, burning Rohingyas alive, setting fire on villages by Myanmar Army, police, "security guards", riot police, and local armed-civilians, forcing tens of thousands to flee to Bangladesh.

"The situation is dire," said Matthew Smith, Chief Executive Officer of Fortify Rights in a statement on September 1.

Fortify Rights interviewed 24 survivors and eyewitnesses of attacks in the last week from 17 villages in three townships of northern Rakhine State—Maungdaw, Buthidaung and Rathedaung.

Abdul Rahman, a 41-year-old survivor of the attacks on Chut Pyin village of Rathedaung, said, "My brother was killed—[Myanmar Army soldiers] burned him with the group. We found [my other family members] in the fields."

"My two nephews, their heads were off. One was six-years old and the other was nine-years old. My sister-in-law was shot with a gun."

Witnesses and survivors said armed residents from a nearby village and Myanmar Army entered Chut Pyin village around 2 pm on August 27, shooting and killing several residents and, in some cases, beheading Rohingya residents, including children.

Soldiers reportedly arrested a large group of Rohingya men, marched them into a nearby bamboo hut, and set it on fire, burning them to death, witnesses told Fortify Rights.

Survivors from Chut Pyin said soldiers and armed residents burned every house in the village.

After the army and local armed-residents left the village, Rohingya survivors returned to the village to assess damage, at great personal risk, and to count the dead. Survivors estimated the death toll to be more than 200.

The killing spree lasted for approximately five hours—from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm on August 27, they said.

Fortify Rights fears a "massive influx" of tens of thousands of other Rohingyas into Bangladesh in the next several days. It urged Bangladesh to open the border to the refugees and coordinate with humanitarian organisations.

Fortify Rights also documented how militants with the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA) are also accused of killing civilians—suspected government "informants"—in recent days and months as well as preventing men and boys from fleeing Maungdaw.

A Rohingya man from Kha Maung Seik village in northern Maungdaw Township told Fortify Rights that Rohingya militants stopped him and a large group of displaced civilians for two hours. He told Fortify Rights: "They didn't beat us but they beat our guide who was showing us the way. They said we all had to go back and fight against the government."

Members of ARSA must respect the rights of the civilian population, including the right to freedom of movement, Fortify Rights said.

"We can't stress enough the urgency of the situation. The Myanmar authorities are failing to protect civilians and save lives," said Matthew Smith, referring to Myanmar blocking access to affected areas in Maungdaw, Buthidaung, and Rathedaung townships.

UN AID AGENCIES BLOCKED

Myanmar has blocked all UN aid agencies from delivering vital supplies of food, water and medicine to thousands of desperate civilians at the centre of a bloody military campaign in Myanmar's Rakhine state.

The Office of the UN Resident Coordinator in Myanmar told The Guardian that deliveries were suspended "because the security situation and government field-visit restrictions rendered us unable to distribute assistance", suggesting authorities were not providing permission to operate.

Staff from the UN refugee agency (UNHCR), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), didn't conduct any field work in northern Rakhine for more than a week, a dangerous halt to life-saving relief that will affect poor Buddhist residents as well as Rohingyas.

The UN World Food Programme (WFP) said it also had to suspend distributions to other parts of the state, leaving a quarter of a million people without regular access to food, The Guardian reported yesterday.

Sixteen major non-government aid organisations, including Oxfam and Save the Children, have also complained that the government has restricted access to the conflict area.

Humanitarian organisations are "deeply concerned about the fate of thousands of people affected by the ongoing violence" in northern Rakhine, said Pierre Peron, spokesman for the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) in Myanmar.

In a statement yesterday, the UNHCR warned of "true crisis" as Rohingyas seek safety in already strained Bangladesh refugee camps.

Meanwhile, the UN's special rapporteur on human rights in Myanmar criticised the country's de facto leader, Aung San Suu Kyi, for failing to protect the Rohingya Muslim minority.

Yanghee Lee said the situation in Rakhine was "really grave" and it was time for Ms Suu Kyi to "step in", reports BBC.

In a separate development, Myanmar government approved the military's request to designate the entire Maungdaw district in northern Rakhine State as an operational area, President's Office spokesperson U Zaw Htay confirmed to news portal The Irrawaddy yesterday.

According to Police Major Ko Ko Soe of the border guard police headquarters in Maungdaw's Kyee Kan Pyin, five areas in northern Rakhine -- Buthidaung, Maungdaw, Rathedaung townships, and Taungpyoletwe and Myinlut sub-townships -- have been designated as operational areas as of August 25.