



## Hungry faces everywhere

Tens of thousands of Rohingyas wait for food; govt, aid agencies yet to start adequate relief distribution

PORIMOL PALMA and MOHAMMAD ALI JINNAT, from Cox's Bazar

Shafiq Begum was among the crowd chasing a minivan distributing food packets among starving Rohingyas near Tiyengkhali Rohingya camp.

Holding her eight-day-old daughter tightly to her chest, she tried her best to push through the thick throng. But before she could go near it, the van started to move back as it ran out of food.

Shafiq, 35, looked helpless. She abruptly stopped running and began to cry instead. By now, it was raining.

Touched by the scene, these correspondents stopped by and got Shafiq into a three-wheeler to save the infant from rain.

"I have no food, nothing. If I don't get to eat myself, how can I breastfeed my child?" she said.

Shafiq had her four children, aged between seven years and eight days, left her village, Lethai, in northern Maungdaw in Myanmar's Rakhine State, on August 29, a day after the baby was born.

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PHOTO: ANUJIBA RAHMAN

Two-and-a-half years old Mujibur Rahman eats from a pot lid at Tiyengkhali in Cox's Bazar's Ukhia around noon yesterday. His family arrived from Myanmar five days ago and has been half fed since then. A few kind-hearted locals yesterday gave them some food.

## Mount pressure on Myanmar PM urges int'l community

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday urged the international community to mount pressure on Myanmar to stop pushing its nationals into Bangladesh and take back its refugees staying here.

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## 1,23,000

ROHINGYAS ENTERED  
BANGLADESH IN LAST 13 DAYS

GOVT TO DEAL WITH ROHINGYA ISSUE  
FROM HUMANITARIAN ANGLE

DATABASE ON ROHINGYAS STAYING  
IN BANGLADESH WILL BE CREATED

## Govt to set up camp for new arrivals

PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE

The government has decided to set up a camp in Cox's Bazar to accommodate all newly arrived Rohingyas from Myanmar and also create a database on them soon.

It has also decided to deal with the Rohingya issue from a humanitarian perspective as Bangladesh witnesses a sudden influx of Rohingyas fleeing persecution in Myanmar's Rakhine State.

The new camp will be built at Tiyengkhali near the Balukhali camp, which houses around 84,000 Rohingyas who had crossed into Bangladesh following violence in Rakhine State in October last year.

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## Aus dominate Tigers



Australia opener David Warner scored a measured, unbeaten 88 as the visitors were 80 runs adrift of the hosts with eight first innings wickets remaining at the end of the second day of the second Test at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium in Chittagong yesterday.

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MAZHAR UDDIN from  
Chittagong



Stadium in Chittagong yesterday. They ended the day on 225 for two, trailing Bangladesh's first innings total of 305 by just 80 runs.

David Warner capitalised on being reprieved twice and displayed the patience and skill that the Bangladesh batsmen lacked. The left-handed opener was inching towards his 20th Test hundred and second of the series. He will resume the third day on

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ROHINGYA REFUGEES  
Jakarta offers  
to help Dhaka

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Offering to help Bangladesh on the Rohingya refugee issue, Indonesian Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi yesterday said the humanitarian crisis in Rakhine State of Myanmar must end.

"This humanitarian crisis will be ended," she said in a media statement after meeting Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at the Gono Bhaban in the evening.

Retno Marsudi, who flew to Bangladesh at 12 noon yesterday for a 10-hour trip following her talks with Myanmar

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## Interest rate on WB funds to double

Bangladesh set to graduate from 'IDA-only' status with its per capita income crossing \$1,165 mark

to be less than \$1,165.

In 2015, Bangladesh graduated to the lower middle-income bracket with per capita income of \$1,190, as per the WB criteria. The per capita income has been ascending since.

The IDA-only cut-off in 2015 was more than \$1,165 and so Bangladesh was still eligible for loans at concessionary interest rates.

If the country manages to stay above the cut-off of \$1,165 for two consecutive years, credits will become expensive; the rate of interest on WB loans will jump from 1.25 percent to 2.62 percent.

Bangladesh managed to do it in fiscal

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ROHINGYA CRISIS  
Yunus seeks  
UNSC's quick  
intervention

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nobel Peace laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus, chairman of Grameen Bank, yesterday called on the United Nations Security Council to immediately intervene to end the humanitarian crisis in Myanmar's Rakhine state.

In an open letter to the Security Council President and its members, the Bangladeshi economist said: "You are aware, the human tragedy and crimes against humanity has taken a dangerous turn in

