

11,933 hajj pilgrims return home

UNB, Dhaka

A total of 11,933 pilgrims returned home in 30 return flights in the last three days after performing hajj in Saudi Arabia.

According to a bulletin issued by the Ministry of Religious Affairs, the return flights started on September 6 and will continue until October 5.

Among the 30 flights, the Biman Bangladesh Airlines operated 13 flights while the Saudi Airlines flew the rest of the flights.

This year, 98 Bangladeshi hajj pilgrims, including 20 women, died in Saudi Arabia. Among them 73 died in Makkah, 16 in Mina, seven in Madina, and one in Jeddah.

The first return hajj flight with 420 hajj pilgrims arrived at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport on Wednesday night.



The inaugural ceremony of IDP's "Canada, UK, USA & New Zealand Education Event" held at a city hotel on Friday. Mosharrar Khan, country manager of IDP Bangladesh, inaugurated the programme. Academics and international officers of different institutions based in Canada, the UK, the USA and New Zealand were present.

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Families kept in wait, still

Today marks one year of Tampaco boiler explosion; 5 bodies yet to be identified

ABU BAKAR SIDDIQUE AKAND, Gazipur

For the last one year, all the five women had hope. They went on hoping that the remains of their beloved husbands, who lost their lives in a boiler explosion at Tampaco Foils Limited in Tongi on this day in 2016, would be identified soon.

But their wait seemed to have gone in vain as the remains of their dear ones -- the bones -- used for DNA tests to identify the bodies have apparently become useless.

The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) is conducting the DNA tests. They have asked for more bones from police for the profiling as some of those are badly burnt due to the explosion and almost impossible to conduct tests upon.

"How many more days do we have to wait?" questioned the bereaved family members.

The victims are Azim Uddin, Masum, Anisur Rahman, Jahirul Islam and Joyal Abedin.

On this day in 2016, 41 people were killed and 33 others injured as the packaging factory in BSCIC industrial area of Tongi in Gazipur city collapsed following a boiler explosion three days ahead of Eid-ul-Azha. The five are on the missing list.

The CID officials said some of the bones were badly burnt; it will be difficult to run the DNA tests. That is why

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Myanmar planted

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In one incident, on September 3, a woman in her 50s crossed the border from Bangladesh into Taung Pyo Let Wal and stepped on a landmine on the way back. She is being treated in a Bangladeshi hospital after her leg was blown off from the knee down.

Amnesty International verified the authenticity of graphic mobile phone images showing the woman's shredded legs immediately after the blast.

Medical experts concluded from the nature of the injury that it was caused by an explosive device that was powerful, directed upwards and located on the ground, all of which is consistent with a landmine.

Other villagers showed photos of at least one other landmine close to the same location, which Amnesty International has also verified to be genuine.

Four other suspected mine blasts have also taken place this week by a busy crossroads near another village further inside Myanmar in the border area. The blasts seriously injured two boys aged between 10 and 13 and reportedly killed one man, according to witnesses and local people.

One Rohingya man who was hiding near the crossroads, said he and others had found at least six other mines planted in the same area. He and other men had put their own lives at risk to dig up two of the mines to protect other villagers.

At least one of the mines appears to be the PMN-1 antipersonnel landmine, which is designed to maim and does so indiscriminately, based on analysis of images by AI weapons experts.

In a report in June this year, AI documented how both the Myanmar Army and ethnic armed groups in Kachin and Shan State planted antipersonnel landmines or improvised explosive devices that killed and maimed people, including children.

Myanmar, Suu Kyi keep drawing condemnations

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(BSPP) demonstrated in front of the press club.

Speaking at a separate human chain, Mahmudur Rahman, editor of the Amar Desh and convener of BSPP, demanded that world leaders take initiative to create a safe zone in the Rakhine State for saving the repressed Rohingyas.

Expressing solidarity, BNP Senior Joint Secretary General Ruhul Kabir Rizvi said Aung San Suu kyi received Nobel prize for peace but she had failed to ensure peace in her own country.

"They are killing innocent children and women," he said, suggesting that the Bangladesh government should strengthen the diplomatic effort to end the crisis.

At another programme organised by Bangladesh Civil Rights Society, Nagarik Oikya Convener Mahmudur Rahman Manna criticised the role of Bangladesh government.

He said Turkish First Lady Emine Erdogan came to Bangladesh to see the situation of Rohingyas, but the head of the government had not visited the area yet.

Sri Krishna Seba Sangha, a religious organisation, also formed a human chain on Rohingya issue.

Sujon Dey, member secretary of the organisation, criticised Aung San Suu Kyi for her silence in the face of a bloody military crackdown on the Rohingyas.

The National Front of Teachers and Employees (NFE) formed a human chain in front of the press club. Speakers urged the people across the board to raise their voice on the Rohingya issue and requested all political parties of the country to put a united effort to handle the crisis.

Bangladesh Islamic Party also organised a human chain at the same

venue.

Meanwhile, Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad in a statement yesterday expressed grave concern over Rohingya issue.

He said it is really difficult to accommodate more than 10 lakh Rohingyas in Bangladesh. But he urged the Bangladesh government to give them shelter, service and medical treatment on humanitarian grounds.

In the statement, the JP chairman hoped that Myanmar government would take back the Rohingya refugees and rehabilitate them with proper compensation.

The Rohingya crisis is a blow to the country which has already been bearing the brunt of recent flood situation, he said.

Therefore, he called upon the UN and the world leaders to stay beside Bangladesh to deal with the crisis, the

Hefajat to besiege Myanmar embassy

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Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) on September 21.

The group also threatened to organise a long march towards the Rakhine state of Myanmar if the killing is not stopped.

He also urged the Bangladesh government to mount diplomatic pressure on the Myanmar government in this regard.

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Europe", organised by International Forum for Secular Bangladesh (IFSB) and the Nirmul Committee's Sweden Chapter in Stockholm on Friday, said a press release.

Speakers from Bangladesh and Europe said terrorism is a global threat and countries should work together to tackle it.

Bangladesh Ambassador to Sweden Nazmul Islam, Secretary General of Amnesty International in Stockholm Anna Lindfors, President of IFSB Akhtar M Zaman, General Secretary of Swedish Humanist Association Ulf Gustafsson and General Secretary of Swedish Pen Anna Livion Ingvarsson also spoke.

A documentary titled, "Ultimate Jihad" by Shahriar Kabir was screened at the seminar.

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Request for Expression of Interest on 'Economic Analysis of the Existing Services Rendered by the Public Health Service of Bangladesh' through BMRC for the year 2017-18

1.	Ministry	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW).		
2.	Agency	Bangladesh Medical Research Council (BMRC).		
3.	Procuring entity name	Director, Bangladesh Medical Research Council (BMRC).		
4.	Procuring entity code	5008.		
5.	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.		
6.	Expression of Interest (EOI) for Selection of Economic Analysis of the Existing Services Rendered by the Public Health Services of Bangladesh	Thematic area	Objective	Expected outcome
		Public Health Services	To acquire economic assessment of service utilization, integrated health service along with determinants, sustainable mechanism and evidence based public policies.	The public health service delivery will be developed in consideration of economic background among government health facilities (hospitals/clinical and diagnostic services) and create strong recommendations for policymakers for future action.
7.	EOI Ref. No.	Memo No. BMRC/Research/2017 Date: 07.09.2017		
8.	Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	10.09.2017		
KEY INFORMATION				
9.	Procurement method	Research organizations will be selected by Bangladesh Medical Research Council (BMRC) after anonymous review of the (Request for Proposal) RFP by PEC in accordance with the procedures set out in the Public Procurement Regulation 2008 of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (BG/PPA) and following QCBS method. Proposals must have the ethical approval of BMRC.		
FUNDING INFORMATION				
10.	Budget and source of fund	As per ADP Allocation (2017-2018): RPA and GoB.		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION				
11.	Project/programme code (if applicable)	PMR Code-5008		
12.	Project/programme name	Planning, Monitoring and Research (PMR), HPNSP, Bangladesh Medical Research Council (BMRC).		
13.	EOI closing date & time	05.10.2017; 5:00pm.		
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT				
14.	Brief description of assignment	Research activities will be undertaken to reveal cost effectiveness and efficiency to current strategies and to explore new one.		
15.	Experience, resources and delivery capacity required	The research organization or agencies should have the reputation recognizing its expertise in the field of health services delivery activities and must have minimum 3 years of experience in relevant research fields. The organizations will need to provide documentary evidence in this regard and a profile including a list of all relevant research activities for the past 5 years mentioning volume of fund and funding agencies. Interested research firms are invited to provide the following information: (a) Brochures submitted by the Applicants summarizing their facilities and areas of expertise; (b) Descriptions of similar assignments; (c) Experience in similar operating environments and conditions; (d) Availability of appropriate experience and professional qualifications among applicant's staff and adequate resources to carry out the assignment; and (e) Managerial strength and financial capacity. Shortlisted qualified firms will be formally invited to submit valid trade licence/registration, updated income tax certificate, certificate of VAT, bank solvency certificate and other relevant documents.		
16.	Association with foreign firms	N/A.		
17.	Name of official inviting EOI	Dr. Mahmood-uz-Jahan.		
18.	Designation of official inviting EOI	Director, Bangladesh Medical Research Council (BMRC).		
19.	Address of the official inviting EOI	Office of the Director (3rd Floor), Bangladesh Medical Research Council (BMRC), BMRC Bhaban, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.		
20.	Contact detail of the official inviting EOI	Director, Bangladesh Medical Research Council (BMRC), BMRC Bhaban, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212. Phone: +88 02 9848396, Fax: 88 02 9848820, email: info@bmrcbd.org, website: www.bmrcbd.org		

The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the EOIs.

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