



Intervene now, take action

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 INTO stable people," they said in an open letter to the president and member states of the UNSC.
 The move comes at a time when around 3.7 lakh Rohingyas fled Myanmar Army's crackdown in Rakhine in the last two weeks and entered Bangladesh. More are expected to come in the next 48 hours, estimated to have died in boat capsizes on their way across the Bay of Bengal.

The signatories of the letter thanked the UNSC president and member states for holding the UNSC meeting on Rohingya crisis yesterday.
 They urged the UNSC to persuade Myanmar government to take immediate steps to implement the recommendations put forward by the Rakhine Advisory Commission that Myanmar itself established last year under the pressure of the international community.
 The Advisory Commission, comprised of mostly Myanmar citizens and chaired by Kofi Annan, recommended providing citizenship to the Rohingyas, ensuring freedom of movement, rights and equality before the law, ensuring communal representation, lack of which affects Muslims disproportionately, and facilitating UN assistance in ensuring safety and security of returning people.

"The fear became reality through the attack on Myanmar security forces by the militants. Unless, constructive effort to build lasting peace is taken, the situation will get worse which in turn may pose a serious security threat to the neighbouring countries."

To implement the recommendations, the signatories suggested reappointing the commission members immediately to continue an implementation strategy to oversee the implementation of the recommendations, taking immediate steps to stop the outflow of Rohingyas, inviting international observers on a regular basis to visit vulnerable areas, taking back the refugees and building camps within Myanmar to rehabilitate Rohingyas upon their return with UN financing and supervision.

Of the signatories, 10 Nobel peace laureates are: Myanmar's Aung Mye Thaw (2006), Betty Williams (1976), Oscar Arias Sánchez (1987), Shirin Ebadi (2003), Tawakkol Karman (2011), Máiread Maguire (1976), Archbishop

worse every day.
 "Some of us denounced the previous spate of violence late last year and wrote to you to intervene. However, the situation has not improved. We urge you to take decisive actions to stop the violence against innocent civilians and bring permanent peace in Rakhine state."

The arguments that the Myanmar government is using to deny Rohingyas their citizenship are ludicrous, to say the least. At independence of Burma from the British in 1948 and under successive governments, Burma recognized the people of all ethnicities within its border, including the Rohingyas, as full citizens, having representation in the parliament."

The military juntas in the 1980s had decided that Rohingyas were not Burmese. "Accordingly, they stripped the Rohingyas of their citizenship. They used military and political means to make sure that the Rohingyas leave the country. Systematic persecution aiming at ethnic and religious cleansing began."

The Nobel laureates and other luminaries joined the Secretary General of the United Nations in re-emphasizing that the Rohingyas have festered for far too long and are becoming an undeniable factor in regional destabilisation. The authorities in Myanmar must take determined action to put an end to this vicious cycle of violence and to provide security and assistance to all those in need."

"A bold change in approach is needed by United Nations and the international community if there is to be an end to the cycle of violence against the Rohingyas. The government of Myanmar needs to be told that international support and finance is conditional on a major change in policy towards the Rohingyas."

Propaganda and incitement of hatred and all violence, particularly state violence against Rohingyas, must stop, discriminatory laws and policies must end and the recommendations of Kofi Annan's commission must be implemented immediately, they emphasized.

The world is anxiously waiting to see when the UNSC is playing its role to bring an end to a humanitarian catastrophe and build peace in the region, they summed up.

CJ under fire at JS

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 "Therefore, the Supreme Court cannot talk against parliament. It will give explanation if anyone files any appeal with it. It cannot amend the constitution or enforce any law. The constitution has not improved. We urge you to scrap parliament's SC verdict scrapping parliament's power to impeach SC judges was not acceptable to anyone."

She noted that all must be held accountable for their work.
 "We are accountable to the people... The judiciary must have accountability to parliament."

The premier strongly criticised the CJ for what she said was questioning the role of Bangladesh during the 1971 Liberation War.
 "The court has declared martial law ordinances illegal. Then how the Supreme Judicial Council, formed through a martial law ordinance, can remain valid?" she questioned.

The SC on July 3 upheld the annulment of the 16th amendment to the constitution that had empowered parliament to impeach SC judges for misconduct or incapacity.

In May last year, the High Court Division of the apex court's judgment ruled that the 16th amendment was illegal and unconstitutional. It said the amendment went against the principles of the separation of powers and the independence of the judiciary.

In September 2014, parliament passed the amendment, which abolished the chief justice-led Supreme Judicial Council and restored the authority of parliament to remove SC judges.

Some observations in the SC verdict drew harsh criticism from leaders of the ruling Awami League. Some of them even called for resignation of the chief justice.

Participating in the marathon discussion yesterday, a number of lawmakers came down heavily on SK Sinha for some of his observations in the verdict. Terming him "corrupt"

some of them even launched personal attacks on him.
 Several MPs alleged that the CJ violated the constitution and breached his oath by making comments against parliament and lawmakers.

Another former claimed that the CJ was "engaged in anti-state activities" in a bid to bring "anti-democratic forces" to state power.

Citing examples of developed and democratic countries including the US, the UK, Australia, Canada and India, the lawmakers argued that it is better, more acceptable and democratic to empower parliament, instead of Supreme Judicial Council, to impeach SC judges.

The MPs also said the Supreme Judicial Council didn't take action against any judge on the charge of corruption or misconduct in the last 40 years.

In his speech, Law Minister Anis Hossain said the government was already working for expunction of "the unconstitutional, objectionable and irrelevant" observations.
 "I want to say that this judgment will not go without a final legal challenge," he said.

Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed said, "Even the president, the prime minister and the Speaker can be impeached by parliament. Then why the [SC] judges cannot be impeached by parliament?"

Criticising the CJ for "termining laws passed by parliament, which abolished the chief justice-led Supreme Judicial Council and restored the authority of parliament to remove SC judges were school-goers."

"Today they [judges] have become mature and we have become immature"

Pointing to the CJ's remarks on parliament and different government organisations, Tofail said, "Does he want to say that Bangladesh is a dysfunctional country? No, Bangladesh is heading towards development under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina."

Swedes use hand implant Accidents

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 But in a new interview with the BBC, it was revealed that an estimated 3,000 people are using the device.
 In a video, the Travel Show's Ade Adepitan said: "So far around 3,000 people in Sweden have a microchip."

Commuters with a microchip in their hand are able to have their ticket read directly on the device.
 The train conductor can then read the chip with a smartphone to confirm the passenger has paid for their journey.

SR Rail is not offering to microchip people itself, and passengers wanting to use the service can already have the futuristic technology.

Microchip implants are not new in Sweden, and an estimated 20,000 people already have them, using the devices to swipe in and out of the office, and pay for their groceries.

Speaking to the Sun Online, Stephen

Ray, press officer at SJ Rail, said that the idea was put forward by a technology start-up in Stockholm called Epiwatch, where many of the staff are already implanted with microchips.

While the scheme is currently only available in Sweden, the country's travel system uses the same Near Field Communication (NFC) as contactless bank cards, and London's oyster cards. According to it could be used further afield once it is approved.

The futuristic project has not been without its hiccups, and has also generated concerns over passenger privacy.

When it was launched in June, one flaw in the system meant that rail staff saw sometimes be shown a passenger's LinkedIn profile instead of their ticket information.

But Ray reassured that the problem was quickly resolved, saying: "That's why we call it a trial."

BNP's relief

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 "Several high-profile BNP leaders went there. Had we allowed them to distribute relief on their own, untoward incidents could have occurred. We did not allow them to do that because of their own security," the DC added.

Fakhru alleged the police also cordoned off the party office in Cox's Bazar.

The Awami League claimed that it was an "eye wash," said Fakhru.
 "The government could not have barred the BNP's relief team if the AL had actually stood by the Rohingyas."

He demanded that the local administration immediately allow the relief team to distribute relief materials among the Rohingyas.
 A BNP delegation, led by the party's standing committee member Mirza Abbas, had gone to Cox's Bazar to call on the government to provide medicines, food and other humanitarian aids to the Rohingya refugees, who entered Bangladesh fleeing an ongoing military offensive in Myanmar's Rakhine State.

Call for immediate

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 Pressure has been mounting on Myanmar to end the recent surge in violence, with the United States calling for protection of civilians and Bangladesh urging safe zones to enable refugees to go home.

Earlier in the day, Britain and Sweden had urged the UN Security Council to call for an end to Myanmar's military campaign in Rakhine State.

"We need to see an end to the violence. We need to see immediate and widespread access to humanitarian aid and relief for the people of Burma and the people of Rakhine," British Deputy UN Ambassador Jonathan Allan told reporters.

Swedish Ambassador Olof Skoog said he hoped for a "unified outcome" and "clear messages about what needs to happen now."

That message should be that "the military campaign that has been seen is stopped and that there is full respect for human rights and international

humanitarian law," said Skoog.
 Britain and Sweden requested the meeting, held two weeks after another closed session that did not yield any formal statement from the council on the crisis.

Both groups have called on the Security Council to step up the pressure on Myanmar authorities and make clear the world is watching.

But the Swedish ambassador played down calls for a public meeting, saying: "I don't think the Rohingya people care whether our meetings are closed or open."

Human Rights Watch's Phil Robertson urged the Security Council to pass a "global arms embargo" on Myanmar's military but said any embargo of China to withdraw any weapons.

China, which competes with the United States for influence in the Southeast Asian nation, said on Tuesday it backed Myanmar's efforts to safeguard "development and stability."

The situation 'catastrophic'

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 to supply aid.
 I call on the Myanmar authorities to suspend the military action and recognise the right of return of all those who had to leave the country," Gutierrez said at a news conference.

Pressure has been mounting on Myanmar to end violence that has sent about 370,000 Rohingya Muslims fleeing to Bangladesh, with the United States calling for protection of civilians and Bangladesh urging safe zones to enable refugees to go home.
 Asked if the situation could be described as ethnic cleansing, Gutierrez

replied: "Well I would answer your question with another question: When the rest of the Rohingya population had to flee the country, could you find a better word to describe it?"

The secretary-general also said he has spoken to Aung San Suu Kyi, Myanmar's national leader, several times.
 "This is a dramatic tragedy. People are dying and suffering at horrible numbers and we need to stop it. That is my main concern," he said.

The UN's top human rights official said his well-known Myanmar for conducting a "cruel military operation" against the Rohingyas, branding it a "textbook example of ethnic cleansing."

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 139-140 Tejjagon Industrial Area, Dhaka-1208.
Invitation for International Tender.

Sl. No.	Tender Package No.	Item Name	Cost of Schedule (Non-Floating)	Tender Security (BDT/US\$/R/CBP)
1.	PD/PS/LC-05/2017/38	Appointment of Pre-supplier Inspection Agent	TK. 1,000.00	Taka 1,00,000/- or Equivalent foreign currency
2.	PD/BP/M/LC-05/2017/39	Automatic Butter Dosing & Packing line	TK. 2,500,000	Taka 7,50,000.00/- or Equivalent foreign currency
3.	PD/MPT/LC-13/2017/41	Milk Pasteurization Plant For TDP	TK. 2,000,000	Taka 10,00,000/- or Equivalent foreign currency
4.	PD/Condenser/LC-01/2017/41	Evaporative Condenser	TK. 2,000,000	Taka 2,00,000/- or Equivalent foreign currency
5.	PD/Generator/LC-02/2017/42	Generator	TK. 2,500,000	Taka 3,00,000/- or Equivalent foreign currency
Validity of tender offer 120 days from the date of submission of tender				
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Name & address of the office for selling the tender documents (a) Accounts Division, Head Office, 139-140, Tejjagon I/A, Dhaka (b) Security Section, Dhaka Dairy Plant, Mirpur Sec-7, Dhaka (c) Divisional Commissioner Office, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.				
Name & address of the office for receiving of the tender documents (a) Procurement Division, Head Office, 139-140, Tejjagon I/A, Dhaka (b) Security Section, Dhaka Dairy Plant (c) Divisional Commissioner Office, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.				
Starting date for selling tender documents 18.09.2017 at 11.00 am office hour.				
Date & Time of Pre-Tender meeting 11.10.2017 at 11.00 AM Head Office: Conference Room 139-140 Tejjagon I/A, Dhaka-1208.				
Tender closing date 08.11.2017 during office hour				
Tender last selling date, Date & Time (a) Procurement Division, Head Office, (b) Security Section, Dhaka Dairy Plant (c) Divisional Commissioner Office.				
Tender opening Place, Date and time Head Office: Conference Room 139-140 Tejjagon I/A, Dhaka-1208.				
Other Instruction All other terms & conditions mentioned in the tender schedule				
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I tender must be submitted to two envelopes and clearly marked as "Technical Offer" and "Financial Offer". Financial offer will contain Tender submission letter (Form PG-1), Price Schedule for Goods (PGs-38) and Price Schedule for related Services (Form PGs-3D). All price schedules are to be submitted in Tender Security and unpriced tender submission letter (PG-41) will be in the Technical Offer. If any financial Tender (price related) document found in the Technical Offer Tender will be outright rejected.				
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This tender will be conducted as per the Public Tendering Rules-2008 of Bangladesh.
 Signed:
 (Md. Mahabub Rahman)
 D/G General Manager (Procurement)
 On behalf of Managing Director
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