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ROHINGYA REFUGEES

Govt plans big to ease plight

Decides to build 14,000 new shelters near Kutupalong within 10 days; armed forces to coordinate relief efforts

UNB, Dhaka

The government has taken a set of decisions, including one to set up 14,000 additional shelters on some 2,000 acres of land near Kutupalong in Cox's Bazar for Rohingya people who have fled to Bangladesh in the face of persecution by the Myanmar military forces in the Rakhine State.

Six displaced Rohingya families would be accommodated in each shelter. The Disaster Management and Relief Ministry will coordinate the matter with Armed Forces Division, Border Guard Bangladesh, Risk Reduction for Resilient Cities, deputy commissioner of Cox's Bazar, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, International Organization for Migration, World Food Programme and other agencies to construct these shelter centres within 10 days.

The decisions were taken in a special meeting on rehabilitation of the displaced Myanmar nationals and coordination of relief work held at the Prime Minister's Office on Thursday with PM's Principal Secretary Dr Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury in the chair.

PMO officials said the meeting was held to have better coordination among the government agencies, development partners and INGOs in relief and rehabilitation work.

The meeting decided that the WFP will construct 14 makeshift warehouses near the new shelters to preserve and store relief materials. The disaster management ministry and the local administration will coordinate necessary steps to ensure the safety and security of the warehouses.

It was decided that the Armed Forces Division will receive the relief materials to be arrived from abroad and they will transport those to the warehouses designated by the DC of Cox's Bazar. The law enforcement agencies will provide security during receiving, transporting and storing the relief materials.

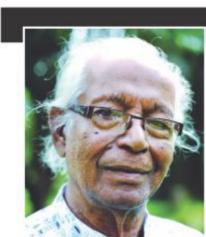
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4,00,000 AND COUNTING



A refugee woman drinks from a bottle of water given by locals after she arrives in Palongkhali of Ukhia, crossing over the Bangladesh-Myanmar border with a group of over 30 Rohingyas yesterday.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN



Dwijen Sharma no more

STAR REPORT

Eminent naturalist Prof Dwijen Sharma passed away at a city hospital yesterday. He was 88.

Prof Dwijen, who had long been suffering from various old-age complications, was admitted to the intensive care unit (ICU) of Birdem Hospital on August 30. On Thursday, he was moved to Square Hospital where he breathed his last around 3:50am yesterday.

The revered science

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SPECIAL POLICE, RAB UNITS

Home considers risk allowance

Police HQ sends the proposal to the ministry seeking special pay for SWAT and 2 bomb disposal teams of Rab, counter-terror unit

MOHAMMAD JAMIL KHAN

The Police Headquarters has sought a special allowance, equivalent to the monthly basic salary, for the members of SWAT team of Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime unit and bomb disposal units of Rab and CTTC, considering their risks they face during anti-militancy drives.

The headquarters sent a proposal to the home ministry in May. It said the special allowance would inspire the members of those units and help combat militancy.

The PHQ placed the proposal at a time when the bomb disposal unit of the CTTC under the Dhaka Metropolitan Police was finding it difficult to get skilled policemen.

A top official of the unit, requesting anonymity, told The Daily Star that the unit was now facing a manpower shortage as policemen were not interested in joining the unit.

"We are not even getting officers for sending them to training programmes," said the official. There was a training programme on bomb disposal in Jordan on September 2, but no officers showed interest in going there even after repeated circulars were issued in this regard, he added.

The programme was later postponed. Talking to this newspaper, several members of the bomb disposal unit claimed that they had to work round the clock during emergency situations.

Although the CTTC requires 50-56 members for its bomb disposal unit, there are only 18 members, said sources.

A high official working at the bomb disposal unit, seeking anonymity, told The Daily Star that if any officer was sent to the unit against his will, they would just pass time sitting idle.

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Solidarity pours in

6 more global citizens support the open letter by Nobel laureates, others to the UNSC

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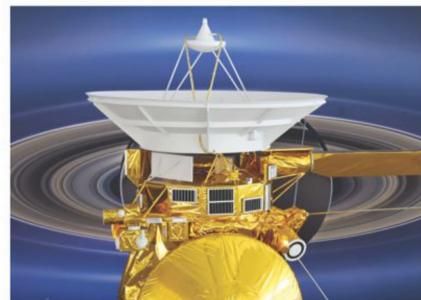
Six more eminent global citizens yesterday expressed solidarity with the open letter that 12 Nobel laureates and 15 global personalities sent to the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) calling for its immediate intervention to end the humanitarian crisis in Myanmar's Rakhine state.

They are --- Bono, a musician and founder of advocacy organisation ONE; Richard Curtis, a writer and activist; Javed Akhtar, a poet and lyricist; Salman Khan, an educationist and founder of Khan Academy; Shabana Azmi, an actor and activist; and Asma Jahangir, a human rights activist.

They sent their names to

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Cassini ends 13-yr Saturn odyssey



AFP, Tampa

Global astronomers bid farewell yesterday to Nasa's famed Cassini spacecraft, which launched 20 years ago to circle Saturn and transformed the way we think about life elsewhere in the solar system.

Cassini, an international project that cost \$3.9 billion and included scientists from 27 nations, has run out of rocket fuel as expected after a journey of some 4.9 billion miles (7.9 billion kilometers).

Its death plunge into the ringed gas giant -- the furthest planet visible from Earth with the naked eye -- is scheduled for shortly after the spacecraft's final contact with Earth at 7:55 am (11:55 GMT).

Cassini's well-planned demise is a way of preventing

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Woman hurt in acid attack by husband

Family says the man is 'drug addict'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A woman suffered burn injuries as her husband allegedly threw acid in the port city's Bahaddarhat on Thursday over family feuds.

Sadia Sultana Liza, 24, wife of Anwar Hossain from Anwara upazila, was admitted

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SIBL Foundation Hospital & Diagnostic Center

PRAYER TIMING SEPTEMBER 16

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha

AZAN 4-35 12-45 4-30 6-14 7-45

JAMAAT 5-10 1-15 4-45 6-17 8-15

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



IED blast on London tube

22 injured in a rush-hour train; police term it terror incident

REUTERS, London

A home-made bomb on a packed rush-hour commuter train in London engulfed a carriage in flames and injured 22 people yesterday in what police said was Britain's fifth terrorism incident this year, but apparently failed to fully explode.

Passengers on board a train heading into the capital fled in panic as the fire erupted at Parsons Green underground station in West London at 8:20 am.

Some suffered burns while others were injured in a stampede to escape. The National Health Service said 22 people had been taken to London hospitals, most believed to be suffering flash burns. None were thought to be in a serious condition, the ambulance service said.

"We now assess that this was a detonation of an improvised explosive device," Britain's top counter-terrorism officer Mark Rowley told reporters.

Police said officers were making urgent inquiries involving hundreds of detectives backed by the intelligence services to find out who was responsible.

Rowley declined to say if the suspected bomber had been on the train, saying it was a live investigation.

Pictures taken at the scene showed a slightly-charred white bucket with a supermarket freezer bag on the floor of one train carriage. The bucket, still intact, was in flames and there appeared to be wires coming out of the top.

PHOTO: REUTERS

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Clockwise from top left, personal belongings and a bucket with an item on fire inside it are seen on the floor of an underground train carriage at Parsons Green station in London. A woman reacts outside the station and emergency personnel attend to a person after a blast.