



Rohingyas fan out

Law enforcers struggle to stem the outflow; touts on the prowl to get women into trouble



PINAKI ROY and MOHAMMAD ALI JINNAT, from Cox's Bazar

Law enforcers are struggling to stop the spread of Rohingyas from registered as well as temporary camps as middlemen and locals are helping the refugees to settle outside the camps.

The middlemen are particularly targeting young Rohingya girls, trying to take them to Cox's Bazar town and Chittagong promising them jobs.

However, some Rohingya families are travelling to other parts of the country on their own as Ukhaia and Teknaf, the two upazilas where they are being sheltered, teem with some 400,000 refugees who have

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4,09,000 AND COUNTING

A Rohingya refugee boy looks on as he stands in a queue to receive relief supplies given by local people in Cox's Bazar yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Supplies stretched, challenges many

Aid workers overwhelmed by the extent of the crisis

OSAMA RAHMAN from Cox's Bazar

Amarpreet Singh and Jeevan Jyot Singh, two Indian volunteers with Khalsa Aid, stand looking at the long lines of refugees behind a truck laden with sacks of rice in Balukhali area of Ukhaia. They are a little taken aback at the sheer number of people.

"We didn't expect to see so many hungry people here," Amarpreet said as he looked at the crowds of Rohingyas yesterday.

As aid begins to flow in to Cox's Bazar from many corners of the world, aid workers like them are still grappling with the extent of the crises.

"One of the biggest requirements here is food. We want to set up community kitchens that can help feed the people. The people will be able to cook for themselves," he said.

His team has been assessing the situation since it arrived here on Wednesday.

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WATER, SANITATION CRISIS Roadside refugees suffer the brunt

PINAKI ROY and MOHAMMAD ALI JINNAT

Tens of thousands of Rohingyas, who are staying either in the open or in makeshift tents by the Cox's Bazar-Teknaf highway, hardly have any drinking water and sanitation facilities.

The refugees, mostly children and women, also can't take a bath as there is no arrangement for that. Also, there are only a handful of makeshift latrines. As a result, almost all of them need to go to nearby jungles to defecate.

In this situation, the Myanmar nationals, especially the children, are falling sick every day.

Visiting more than 20 of the makeshift tents which mushroom along the highway from Leda in Teknaf to Kutupalong in Ukhaia -- a 42-kilometre distance -- these correspondents saw at least one sick child in each tent. Some of them had more than one.

No one could exactly say how many of the refugees living in the tents are children and women. However, more than 400,000 Rohingyas have fled to Bangladesh since violence erupted in Rakhine on August 25 and the Unicef says over 80 percent of them are women and children.

According to the local administration, some 1.1 lakh Rohingyas were staying either in the open or in the roadside tents failing to get a place in the overcrowded Rohingya camps.

Among them, the mothers who are giving birth to babies and children who are suffering from various diseases are the worst sufferers.

Take the example of Zobaida Begum, a pregnant Rohingya woman who gave birth to a baby girl inside a 10-feet-by-10-feet tent on Thursday night.

As these correspondents went inside the tent, her

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One of the fastest growing crises: UN

There's now global understanding on need for Rakhine solutions, Bangladesh has set an example for the world, UK envoy says

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The humanitarian situation in parts of Bangladesh sheltering hundreds of thousands of Rohingya refugees continues to deteriorate, making it one of the fastest growing refugee crises of recent years, according to the United Nations.

"[The crisis is] creating enormous humanitarian needs in an area of Bangladesh already affected by earlier refugee influxes, recent floods and not equipped to cope with large numbers of new arrivals," Andrej Mahecic, a spokesperson for the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), told journalists at a media briefing in Geneva.

The International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC) has appealed for additional donor support for critical relief operation to address the needs of the Rohingya populations.

"I have no words to describe what I'm seeing out there," said International

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With a smart phone and an app, Tokyo homeowners can now manage their homes and lives remotely. The app has been developed by Data Soft Systems Bangladesh Limited.



"It's a revolution of sorts."

MUSTAFA JABBAR
PRESIDENT, BASIS



Graduation in AI

Bangladeshi IT company to create intelligent apartments in Japan

SYED ASHFAQUL HAQUE

Smart phone, smart watch, smart TV, smart fridge, smart washing machine, and so it goes. All gadgets are getting smart in the age of technological innovation.

Smart house is the next big thing to have in the developed world. And a leading Bangladeshi software company is set to be creating the new way of smart living in a large apartment complex away in Japan.

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Police move to maintain harmony

Focus on dists with Buddhist population

PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE

The Police Headquarters has instructed the law enforcers to form a committee in every district to maintain communal harmony across the country, especially in the Buddhist-populated areas.

The order came in the wake of a massive influx of Rohingya refugees into Bangladesh after August 25. They fled violence in Myanmar's Rakhine State.

In a letter sent to all district police superintendents on September 10, the headquarters said the committee would be formed with local influential people, representatives from all religious communities and community police.

"Police also advised Buddhists to move more carefully to avoid any unwarranted situation," said an official at the headquarters.

The letter asked the law enforcers to step up security in the Buddhist-populated areas to prevent violence and spread of rumour that could incite violence.

According to media reports, locals in Jessore's Benapole last week forced a Buddhist monk to speak against Myanmar on the Rohingya issue, filmed his statement and circulated it on social media.

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