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24.4m not getting enough right food

A joint report by five UN bodies says about Bangladeshis, warns of rising global hunger

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Every seventh person in Bangladesh is an undernourished one who cannot acquire enough food to meet dietary energy requirements.

Currently, Bangladesh has got 24.4 million undernourished people, or in other words 15.1 percent of its population is not having enough to meet their minimum daily diets.

This is an increase of 0.7 million over the past decade as the number of undernourished people was 23.7 million back in 2006.

The statistics have been revealed in a report jointly released on Friday by five UN organisations. It cautioned against rising global hunger.

The report, The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2017, was jointly produced by the UN FAO, IFAD, UNICEF, WFP and WHO. It is the first UN global assessment on food security and nutrition following the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which aims to end hunger and all forms of malnutrition by 2030 as a top international policy priority.

The state of undernourishment means someone's inability, lasting for at least one year, to acquire enough food to meet dietary energy requirements.

According to the report, though the number of undernourished people increased in Bangladesh in past one decade, in terms of percentage of total population the hunger incidence lessened marginally. Currently 15.1 percent of the Bangladeshi population is undernourished, down from 16.6 percent in 2006.

Besides, the number of stunted children (under five-year of age) dropped from 7.7 million in 2006 to 5.5 million now. In terms of percentage, this drop (from 45.9 percent to 36.1 percent) is significant.

Some 2.2 million or 14.3 percent of under five-year children in Bangladesh are still wasted.

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina talks to Tofail Ahmed, Obaidul Quader, AMA Muhith and others who went to see her off at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport yesterday. Hasina left for New York to join the 72nd session of the United Nations General Assembly.

PHOTO: PMO

PM leaves for New York to attend UNGA

UNB

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina reached Abu Dhabi yesterday en route to New York to attend the 72nd Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).

Hasina would address the UNGA on the afternoon of September 21. On the same day, she would hold a bilateral meeting with UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres.

A VIP flight of Biman Bangladesh Airlines carrying the PM and her entourage landed at Abu Dhabi International Airport in the UAE at 4:40pm (local time), PM's Press Secretary Ihsanul Karim told UNB.

Bangladesh Ambassador to the UAE Muhammad Imran received her at the airport.

Earlier, the flight left Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport at 2:10pm (BST) for Abu Dhabi.

After making a stopover, Hasina would then leave Abu Dhabi for New York in an Etihad Airways flight at 10:15am (local time) today.

Finance Minister AMA Muhith, Deputy Leader of the House Sayeda Sajeda Chowdhury, Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed, Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader, Chief Whip ASM Firoz, PM's Media Adviser Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, State Minister

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N Korea seeks military 'equilibrium' with US

Kim Jong-Un vows to complete Pyongyang's nuclear programme as Washington warns of military options

AFP, Seoul

North Korea yesterday said it was seeking military "equilibrium" with the United States as leader Kim Jong-Un vowed to complete Pyongyang's nuclear programme.

North Korea successfully fired a Hwasong-12 intermediate-range ballistic missile over Japan on Friday, responding to a new round of UN sanctions over its sixth nuclear test with its furthest-ever missile flight.

"Our final goal is to establish the equilibrium of real force with the US and make the US rulers dare not

talk about military option for the DPRK," Kim said, according to the official Korean Central News Agency.

Kim said the country was close to the goal of completing its nuclear ambitions and should use all power at its disposal to finish the task, saying it had "nearly reached the terminal", KCNA reported.

The young leader said Friday's launch had increased the North's "combat power of the nuclear force".

"We should clearly show the big power chauvinists how our state attain the goal of completing its nuclear force despite their limitless sanctions and

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DEPORTING ROHINGYAS Indian rights commission to oppose

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

India's National Human Rights Commission has said it will oppose the move to deport Rohingya refugees staying illegally in the country when the Indian government submits its affidavit on the issue to the Supreme Court tomorrow.

"We will intervene in the matter on humanitarian grounds. We are a human rights body and if these persons [Rohingyas] are deported back to their country, we see it as a violation of human

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Men more likely to be online trolls

INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

In news that may come as no surprise to any woman who has ever used the internet, a study has found that men are more likely to be trolls and online bullies.

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This undated picture released from North Korea's official Korean Central News Agency yesterday shows North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un inspecting a launching drill of the medium-and-long range strategic ballistic rocket Hwasong-12 at an undisclosed location.

PHOTO: AFP

CPJ urges govt to release two Myanmar journalists

Cops say duo hid identity

STAR REPORT

The Committee to Protect Journalists yesterday asked Bangladesh to immediately release two Myanmar journalists arrested by police on September 7, and drop all charges against them.

The arrest of Minzayar Oo and Hkun Lat was made in Cox's Bazar when they were on an assignment for German magazine GEO, Juergen Schaefer, deputy editor-in-chief of GEO, told the CPJ, a New York-based non-profit, non-government organisation that works for press freedom.

The journalists travelled

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People turning to bows, arrows

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

People of remote chars in Fulchhari upazila are practicing shooting arrows in the wake of frequent attacks by robbers on villages along the Jamuna river basin.

Locals have hired a Santal man from Ghoraghat in Dinajpur for manufacturing bows and arrows and train them up.

The robbers have meanwhile threatened the locals along with public representatives with dire consequences if they take any measures against them.

The criminals usually arrive on high-speed country boats

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বর্তমান সরকারের "ভিশন-২০২১" বাস্তবায়ন ও রাজস্ব আহরণে গতিশীলতা অর্জনের লক্ষ্যে জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড জরিপ কার্যক্রম পরিচালনার মাধ্যমে করনেট সম্প্রসারণের উদ্যোগ গ্রহণ করেছে। এরই ধারাবাহিকতায় কর অঞ্চল-৭, ঢাকা এর বিশেষ অধিক্ষেত্রভুক্ত আবাসিক/অনাবাসিক হোটেলে, রেস্তোরাঁ, গেস্ট হাউজে, ফাস্ট ফুডশপ ও বিডিটি পার্লার ব্যবসায় নিয়োজিত প্রতিষ্ঠানের উপর চলমান জরিপ কার্যক্রম-২০১৬ এর আওতায় "বিশেষ আয়কর জরিপ কর্মসূচী ২০১৭" আগামী ১৭ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০১৭ হতে ৩০ অক্টোবর ২০১৭ পর্যন্ত পরিচালনা করা হবে। বিশেষ এ জরিপ কর্মসূচীর মূল লক্ষ্য হলো নতুন করদাতা সনাক্তকরণের মাধ্যমে করনেট সম্প্রসারণ ও বিশেষ অধিক্ষেত্র অবহিতকরণ।

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