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RMG shine to stay

Over next 5 yrs, Bangladesh to remain top destination for int'l retailers, says a global survey

Figure in %
SOURCE: MCKINSEY & COMPANY SURVEY 2017

REFAYET ULLAH MIRDHA

Bangladesh will remain the apparel sourcing hotspot for international retailers and brands over the next five years because of competitive prices and China's declining market share in garment business, says a global survey.

McKinsey & Company, the world's most prestigious management consultancy firm, prepared the biennial survey based on interviews of chief purchasing officers (CPOs) of top 63 global garment retailers and brands that buy apparel items worth \$137 billion a year.

"Bangladesh retains the top spot, selected by nearly half of all respondents

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Rice price shows downward trend

Wholesale price of coarse rice falls by Tk 4 a kg; govt going for more import

REAZ AHMAD and REJAIL KARIM BYRON

Failing to import parboiled (Shiddha) rice from Myanmar due to high price, the government yesterday approved another deal to import 50,000 tonnes of rice through international tender.

A Thai-based company has agreed to provide Bangladesh with parboiled rice at \$4.8 per tonne, \$47 less than the asking price of Myanmar.

Meanwhile, a day after three ministers held a meeting with rice traders, millers and importers in the capital and fulfilled some of their demands, rice prices at wholesale markets started showing a downward trend.

Coarse rice prices, which shot up to Tk 47/48 a kg in the wholesale markets and up to Tk 44 a kg in the retail markets, came down by Tk 4 a kg at the wholesale level yesterday.

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PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

A mobile court formed by Chittagong deputy commissioner visits a rice storage facility in the city's Majhirhat area yesterday. The court raided several such facilities and fined one for hoarding longer than permitted.

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A Rohingya woman and her four-year-old daughter sit on the bed in a flooded shanty. The makeshift houses in Balukhali camp in Ukhaia have been inundated after the rain on Monday. The photo was taken on Tuesday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUHON

Suu Kyi denies 'going soft' on military

REUTERS, Yangon

Myanmar's leader Aung San Suu Kyi has rejected a suggestion she is soft on the military, which the United Nations has accused of ethnic cleansing, saying her relationship with the armed forces is 'normal' and her objective was national reconciliation.

Suu Kyi condemned on Tuesday rights abuses in Rakhine State, where conflict that began last month has forced 421,000 Rohingya Muslims to seek refuge in Bangladesh, and said violators would be punished.

However, in her first address to the Buddhist-majority nation on the crisis, she did not address UN accusations of ethnic cleansing by the security

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Unite, act now

PM urges OIC to resolve Rohingya crisis before it's too late; OIC asks Myanmar to take Rohingyas back



PM Sheikh Hasina and UN Secretary-General António Guterres in conversation at the UN headquarters on Tuesday. PHOTO: BSS

UN, New York

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has called upon the OIC member states to show unity for solving the Rohingya crisis before it is too late.

She put forward some proposals, including full implementation of the recommendations made by the Kofi Annan-led Rakhine advisory commission, in this regard.

She said Bangladesh was ready to join any initiative under plans from the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).

The PM was speaking at the Meeting of OIC Contact Group on Rohingya Muslim Minority at the UN Headquarters in New York on Tuesday with OIC Secretary General Yousef Al-Othaimeen in the chair.

Mentioning that the crisis has its roots in Myanmar and its solution has to be found there, Hasina said, "We want to see an end to the ethnic cleansing. The plights of our Muslim brothers and sisters need to be stopped as well."

The PM said all forms of atrocities against the Rohingya Muslims must be stopped immediately and "safe zones" may be created inside Myanmar to protect the innocent civilians, especially the women, children and elderly.

All the Rohingya displaced forcibly must be able to return to their homeland in Myanmar with safety, security and dignity, and the recommendations of the Rakhine Advisory Commission, led by former UN secretary-general Kofi Annan, will have to be fully implemented immediately and unconditionally, she added.

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Trump urges 'strong, swift' UN action

Calls for an end to Myanmar violence immediately

REUTERS, United Nations

US President Donald Trump has urged the UN Security Council to take "strong and swift action" to bring Myanmar's Rohingya crisis to an end, US Vice President Mike Pence said yesterday.

Speaking at a Security Council meeting on peacekeeping reform, Pence also called the violence there a threat to the region and beyond.

He accused the Myanmar military of responding to militant attacks on government outposts "with terrible savagery, burning villages, driving the Rohingya from their homes,"



need," Pence said.

His remarks were the strongest yet from the US government in response to the violence in Myanmar's western state of Rakhine that began

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Nobel laureate can learn from a taxi driver

SHAHTUB SIDDIQUE ANIK



U Ko Ni

An assassin shot him in the head at close range as he was about to leave Yangon airport in his family car. He fell to the ground, bleeding.

This was how U Ko Ni, a lawyer and member of the ruling National League for Democracy in Myanmar, was killed on January 29 this year.

"During the shooting, he

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Medical facilities stretched to limit

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

In Kutupalong camp 1, Nasima Khatun, nearly 70 years old, is being carried using a unique device fashioned out of a bamboo stick and a lungi. From a distance, only her leg is visible, poking out from the lungi.

Her son, Salimullah, and his nephew, Mahmud Rashid, are her stretcher-bearers.

Arriving from Shilkhali in Myanmar 10 days ago, the family recently made a camp here. Deteriorating health and with no stretchers in sight have compelled them to transport their mother using this apparatus.

"My mother is ill; she has high fever. We are now taking her to the medical facility in Shilkhali," Salimullah said.

The medical camp in question is located around a kilometer away, making it difficult for her to walk the whole way.

The rains have also resulted in devastating the muddy path, the only way to and from the camp. Now the unpaved roads have

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