

Sue Myanmar at Int'l Criminal Court

Shahriar Kabir urges govt; assures of Nirmul Committee support

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ektatorer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee President Shahriar Kabir has urged the government to file a case with the International Criminal Court (ICC) against Myanmar government and its army for committing "war crimes and genocide" against the Rohingyas.

The eminent war crimes researcher assured that his organisation would provide support to the government by collecting evidence and providing documents for the trial.

If Bangladesh does so, many countries across the globe will stand by it, he said.

Bangladesh has no legal barrier to complain, he said while speaking at a discussion organised by the Nirmul Committee in the capital's Institution of Engineers Bangladesh (IEB) yesterday.

The programme was organised to find out the responsibilities of the government, civil society and the international community regarding the recent Rohingya crisis.

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Anisuzzaman opts out of writer, artist conference CITY DESK

Professor Emeritus Anisuzzaman of Dhaka University yesterday said he will not be serving as the convenor of All Bengal Writers and Artists Conference.

The conference is scheduled to be held in Dhaka in December this year under the auspices of Bengal Council for Literature and Culture.

"I was never consulted in the matter before or after the announcement was made. I would like to clearly state that I have no connection with this initiative," Prof Anisuzzaman said in a press release.

ROHINGYA CRISIS

Tokyo stands by Dhaka's efforts

Its foreign affairs vice minister says in exclusive interview with Star

REZAUL KARIM

Japan will continue to cooperate with Bangladesh closely and extend its full support in resolving the humanitarian crisis created over the displacement of hundreds of thousands of Rohingyas who fled into Bangladesh from Myanmar.

Japan's Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs Iwao Horii who arrived in Dhaka early yesterday on a brief visit, said this during an exclusive interview with The Daily Star.

The vice minister left Dhaka yesterday afternoon.

"The issue is of great concern for Japan and we have grave concerns about the human rights and humanitarian situation on the ground, the suspected killings of people, and the fact that 400,000 people are in reality displaced as refugees," said Iwao.

Expressing Japan's pledge to stand by Bangladesh, he also said, "We will of course continue to support Bangladesh's various efforts in tackling this issue."

He earlier visited Myanmar from September 21 to 23 and conveyed Japan's position to the Myanmar leadership over the restoration of security in a manner consistent with the rule of law and full respect for human rights; ensuring early

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Iwao Horii

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Three child factory workers burnt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three child workers were severely burnt in a fire at a belt manufacturing factory in Malitola of Old Dhaka yesterday.

Ranjit Das, 16, and Ekram Hossain, and Sanjay Das, both aged 15, suffered 50 percent, 45 percent and 20 percent burns respectively in the fire that originated on the sixth floor of the six-storey building due to an electric short circuit around 10.30pm.

Sahidur Rahman, officer-in-charge (OC) of Bangshal Police Station, said the victims got burnt when they tried to douse the fire in the one-room factory.

The injured are being treated at the burn unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH), said the OC.



As part of its campus activation programme, the export idea contest "Rise High Bangladesh" covered East West University in the capital yesterday. Puzzle winners pose on the campus. The campaign will be held in 15 universities all over the country.

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