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Suu Kyi wants to take back all refugees
Says UK minister

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

A visiting British minister has said Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi is willing to take back all the Rohingyas.

"She [Suu Kyi] assured me she wants all refugees to return to Myanmar," Mark Field, minister of state for Asia and the Pacific at the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office, said at a press briefing in Dhaka yesterday evening.

The minister, who earlier visited Myanmar and held talks with top government leaders, including Suu Kyi, said the country's de facto leader was "in a very difficult situation" and "trying to find the 'fine line' between international pressure and domestic compulsion".

Expressing UK's full support to Dhaka over the Rohingyas crisis, he said the British government would

Myanmar govt cancels first UN trip to Rakhine

No explanation given

STAR REPORT

Myanmar authorities have cancelled the planned visit of UN representatives to Rakhine State that has seen wide-spread violence forcing over 500,000 Rohingyas to flee to Bangladesh.

This would have been the first UN visit to the area after the violence broke out on August 25.

The United Nations has been demanding access to Rakhine since UN humanitarian organisations were forced to pull out of the Myanmar state.

BBC quoted a UN spokesman in Yangon as saying that the visit had been cancelled, but no reason was provided for the decision.

UN spokesman Stephane Dujarric had earlier said the trip organised by the Myanmar government possibly for Thursday had been scheduled, AFP reported.

"We hope above all that it is a first step towards much freer and wider access to the area," he had said at his daily news briefing. He also had said the chiefs of UN agencies would take part in the trip.

The cancellation of the visit comes despite the global outcry against Myanmar's security forces' atrocities against the Rohingyas, while the UN termed it "textbook example of ethnic cleansing".



A Rohingya refugee girl at a camp in Cox's Bazar yesterday. The UN said more than half a million refugees have crossed into Bangladesh from Myanmar since August 25.



Maha Ashtami celebrated

UNR, Dhaka

The Hindu devotees yesterday celebrated Maha Ashtami across the country.

The main attraction of Maha Ashtami is Kumari Puja in which a pre-pubescent girl is worshipped as "Mother Goddess".

Thousands of Hindu devotees were flocking to Puja mandaps throughout the country to celebrate Kumari Puja. The celebrations mark the triumph of good over evil.

The rituals began around 11:00am when girls were worshipped as the goddess



PHOTO: KONGKON KARMAKER
Tahrima Akter Jimi, made UNO for a day in Khansama of Dinajpur, meeting a few locals at the office.

UNO at 17!

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

From the tender age of 11, Tahrima Akter Jimi, a farmer's daughter and resident of Khansama upazila in Dinajpur, took part in numerous youth organisations dealing with sanitation and child marriage issues.

In a part of a country where child marriages have become all too frequent, Tahrima always placed herself at the forefront of preventing it.

Six years later, the now-HSC 1st year student was rewarded for her

Hard to catch influentials

Not easy to get files to prove their corruption, says ACC chairman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission cannot bring influential people to book for graft as they retain documents while holding posts. ACC Chairman Iqbal Mahmood said yesterday.

"When an influential person commits a corruption, he retains the documents. No matter how many reports are run, it's not so easy to have those files. The files are found later [when his tenure is over]," he said.

He was responding to questions from journalists why the commission could not probe corruption allegations against ministers, lawmakers and government high-ups and whether the government interfered in ACC investigations.

The graft watchdog organised a views-exchange meeting at its Segunbagicha headquarters, under the banner "Organising Activities in light of Anti-Corruption Commission's five-year Strategy Plan".

About the corruption allegations against a judge, Iqbal said the ACC did not stop the investigation into the complaints.

The ACC chief pledged to ensure protection of journalists in case they were threatened over running corruption reports.

"For God's sake, I'll defend you at any cost if anyone tells you anything after publication of a report [on corruption]. You'll write to me about those who've threatened you. I'll ensure your protection because you're a witness. Please don't worry. We have the witness protection act... For God's sake, I'll make sure the state ensures your security. Don't get scared," he said.



Iqbal Mahmood

Sharishabari mayor still 'traumatised'

Wife claims six men picked him up

STAR REPORT

Sharishabari Municipality Mayor Rokonzaman Rokon, who was found in a tea estate in Sreemangal on Wednesday two days after he had gone missing, is still traumatised and weak, says his family.

"He cannot speak properly as he is sick. We will talk to the media after his recovery," the mayor's elder brother Saiful Islam Tukan told The Daily Star yesterday.

Sudden gas crunch hits Ctg households

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Ctg

Tapati Rudra could not even start cooking before 11:00pm on Wednesday night. Her two children went to sleep empty stomach.

In fact, the cooking routine of the resident of Chawk Bazar had gone haywire since Wednesday morning as she was getting very low pressure gas supply, that too

only for a few hours in the afternoon and late at night.

Homes across the port city have been suffering prolonged gas supply cuts after Company Limited in Ashuganj broke on Wednesday morning due to what officials say was a lightning strike.

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DU probes plagiarism

DUI CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University has formed two committees to probe into allegations of plagiarism brought against five of its teachers.

The decision to launch the investigation was made at a meeting of the university's syndicate on Wednesday.

The editor of the Chicago Journal alleged that an associate professor of mass communication and journalism department and a lecturer of criminology department copied from the journal's articles without proper citations.

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Tanim iqbal Profile



When it comes to Bangladesh batsmen, one name comes up above most: Tanim Iqbal. He is the top run-scorer for Bangladesh in Tests and ODIs, and all six runs behind Shakib Al Hasan at the top of the T20I charts.

He boasts eight Test centuries, by far the highest by a Bangladesh batsman. Interestingly, his career trajectory has closely coincided with Bangladesh's performance arc.

Tanim's career can be seen as having two halves. The first half, from his ODI debut in February 2007 against Zimbabwe and his Test debut against New Zealand in January 2008 to mid-2014 was of a batsman who had a world of talent but was not quite able to harness it.

He served an early notice of that talent with a memorable, aggressive half-century in the seminal 2007 World Cup versus India. Further evidence was provided when he slapped Sehwag, esque back-to-back hundreds on the tour of England in 2010. But his lack of fitness and mental discipline saw him score just four Test tons in the first six years of his Test career.

Tanim 2.0 started emerging in late 2014, a leaner model more aware of the demands on an opening batsman. He can now bat long periods and has reeled off four Test centuries in the last four years.

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