



ROHINGYAS IN BANGLADESH Myanmar proposes taking them back

Says foreign minister after talks with Suu Kyi's minister; joint working group to be formed; Dhaka for bilateral agreement to facilitate the process

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Myanmar yesterday formally proposed taking back the Rohingyas sheltered in Bangladesh but offered no specifics on how the repatriation of such a massive refugee population should take place.

Bangladesh, on the other hand, proposed a bilateral agreement to facilitate the repatriation process and handed over a draft of the proposed deal to a visiting minister of the neighbouring country.

The two sides also agreed to constitute a joint working group on the repatriation of Rohingyas but fixed no timeframe to complete its formation.

Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali told reporters about these developments after his over-an-hour talks at the state guest-house Padma with Kyaw Tint Swe, union minister for the Office of the State Counsellor of Myanmar.

"We are looking forward to a peaceful

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'We stand for mankind'

Says prime minister on Rohingya issue

BSS, Washington

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said people will eat one meal a day and share another with the distressed Rohingyas, if necessary.

"If we can feed 16 crore people, we would also be able to feed an additional five to seven lakh during their bad times," she said while exchanging views with Awami League leaders from different US states at the Ritz Carlton hotel on Sunday evening.

"After all we are human beings and we stand for mankind," she said.

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Chief justice goes on a month's leave

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha goes on a month's leave from today on health grounds.

"The chief justice will go on a month's leave from tomorrow [Tuesday] on health grounds... the chief justice usually approves his own leave and the ministry received a letter in this regard today [Monday]," Law Minister Anisul Huq told The Daily Star yesterday afternoon.

Mohammad Anisur Rahman, personal secretary to the CJ, said Justice Sinha has sent a letter to the president, seeking one month's leave from today due to physical ailments.

"He needs rest due to his physical condition," Anisur said, but declined to elaborate on the CJ's health.



SK Sinha

Attorney General Mahbubey Alam also confirmed that the letter has been sent.

Asked if there was any pressure on the CJ to go on leave, he said, "There is no question of putting pressure on him."

Meanwhile, the law ministry last night published a gazette, appointing Justice Md Abdul Wahhab Miah, the senior most judge of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, as the acting CJ, reports private TV station Channel 24.

Justice Sinha recently faced sharp criticism from some senior ministers and Awami League leaders over the 16th amendment verdict. Some of them even

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Rohingya children stand in a long queue to collect drinking water from a tank placed on a pick-up outside the Palankhali camp in Ukha yesterday morning. Tens of thousands of refugees, particularly children, continue to suffer from a crisis of pure drinking water in Cox's Bazar. PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Gunman kills 58 in US

Over 500 injured in worst mass shooting in US history; IS claims credit; attacker identified as 64-yr-old ex-accountant

AFP, Las Vegas

At least 58 people were killed and over 500 injured when a gunman opened fire from a 32nd floor hotel room on a country music concert in Las Vegas in an attack claimed by the Islamic State group.

Police identified the heavily armed gunman behind the Sunday night massacre on the Las Vegas Strip -- the deadliest mass shooting in modern US history -- as a 64-year-old Nevada resident named Stephen Craig Paddock.

Police said Paddock killed himself before a SWAT team breached his room in the Mandalay Bay hotel overlooking the concert venue.

President Donald Trump denounced what he called "an act of pure evil" and said he would visit Las Vegas on Wednesday.

Trump did not make any mention of the Islamic State claim that one of its "soldiers" who had "converted to Islam several months ago" was behind the shooting.



IS provided no evidence to back up the claim made by its propaganda outlet Amaq.

Concert-goers screamed and fled in panic as a steady stream of automatic gunfire rang out from the hotel shortly after 10 pm local time.

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Staring at a bleak future

WASIM BIN HABIB and MOHAMMAD ALI JINNAT from Cox's Bazar

Six-year-old Jashim sat, dressed in a grey T-shirt and trousers smeared with mud, amid piles of donated clothes strewn along the Cox's Bazar-Teknaf road. He suddenly started running after a slow moving car.

But before he could get hold of one of the packs of biscuits thrown out of the car windows, other children had grabbed them.

Jashim sat by the side of the road, panting. When offered some bread, he promptly asked, "Are you giving the cards?"

"Please give me one. I did not get any."

The boy was out looking for relief since morning. His father had gone to collect relief goods as well while his mother stayed back at their tent at Palankhali camp in Ukha, taking care of his ailing 10-month-old sister.

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Children hit hard by malnutrition

Unicef says 7,500 Rohingya kids suffer from acute malnutrition, launches appeal for \$76.1m

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An estimated 7,500 Rohingya children in the squalid camps in Cox's Bazar are suffering from severe acute malnutrition, said Unicef as it launched yesterday a \$76.1 million appeal for its emergency humanitarian response to the Rohingya crisis.

The Unicef said its appeal would cover the immediate needs of 720,000 children -- those who arrived newly as well as those who arrived before the recent influx, and children from vulnerable host communities in Cox's Bazar.

Up to 60 percent of the over 500,000-plus Rohingyas who have fled Myanmar since August 25 are estimated to be children. Most are now living in harsh and insanitary conditions in makeshift camps and settlements

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Tigers go down without a fight

SAKEB SUBHAN from Potchefstroom

The cricket from each side was pretty consistent over the four days and 83 minutes of the first Test between South Africa and Bangladesh. While South Africa played 'spotless' cricket as described by captain Faf du Plessis and kept putting their opposition under pressure, Bangladesh's performance was characterised by lack of fight and self-belief throughout, culminating in the abject surrender of the last seven wickets for just 41 runs and losing by 333 runs on



the fifth morning at Senwes Park in Potchefstroom.

There is now little time to turn the corner, and evidently little will, before the next Test starts in Bloemfontein from October 6.

In chase of an unlikely 424 to win or a more likely but still improbable 98 overs to bat out for a draw, Bangladesh capitulated for just 90 runs in less than an hour and a half since skipper Mushfiqur Rahim and Mahmudullah Riyad had resumed with the

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Girl found at roadside had been raped

Say doctors

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Doctors have confirmed that the college girl found in a critical condition beside a road in the capital's Mirpur-1 on Friday had been raped.

She underwent a medical test at the One Stop Crisis Centre of Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday.

"We have found primary evidence of rape. She was brutally tortured," Dr Bilkis Begum, coordinator of the centre, said, adding that the girl, 17, was not speaking much as she was still traumatised.

No case was filed over the incident till last night.

Contacted, Farukul Alam, inspector (investigation) of Darussalam Police Station, said they were waiting for the girl to speak up. "We'll definitely take action."

Lured by a fake promise of marriage, the victim, a first-year college student in

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