

UN 'suppressed' Rakhine report

The document warned in May the global body was 'ill-prepared' to deal with impending Rohingya crisis, writes the Guardian

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The United Nations "suppressed" its own report that criticised its strategy in Myanmar and warned that the global body was ill-prepared to deal with the imminent Rohingya crisis, the Guardian reported yesterday.

The review, submitted by a consultant in May, offered a highly critical analysis of the UN's approach and said there should be "no silence on human rights".

The report, which was commissioned by the UN itself, predicted a "serious deterioration" in the six months following its submission and called on the UN to come up with "serious contingency planning," said the Guardian report headlined "Rohingya crisis: UN 'suppressed' report predicting its shortcomings in Myanmar".

"It is recommended that, as a matter of urgency, UN headquarters identifies ways to improve overall coherence in the UN's system approach," wrote Richard Horsey, an independent analyst who authored the report.

He also warned that the Myanmar secu-

"The UN is going to have to acknowledge their significant share of blame in letting this situation descend this far, this fast."

PHIL ROBERTSON,
deputy Asia director at Human Rights Watch,
to the Guardian

rity forces would be "heavy-handed and indiscriminate" in dealing with the Rohingya, a Muslim minority in the Buddhist-majority Myanmar.

The prediction proved true within three months, when Rohingya militants attacked dozens of security outposts on 25 August, prompting a massive military crackdown.

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A Rohingya woman walks with her baby on the shore of the Naf river in Teknaf after crossing the border yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP



1,000 acres more for refugees

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Struggling to cope with the massive influx of Rohingyas, the government has allocated 1,000 acres more at Kutupalong in Ukhaia of Cox's Bazar and said it will have all refugees from Myanmar in one area expanded to 3,000 acres until now.

"The new land will be allocated to bring all Rohingyas under one camp. If necessary, we will allocate more land," said Relief and Disaster Management Minister Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya at a press conference at the ministry yesterday.

The Rohingyas who entered Bangladesh since 1978 and have been staying in temporary camps will also be brought to the camp, he added.

The government last month allocated 2,000 acres of land in Cox's Bazar to give shelter to nearly 4 lakh Rohingyas who fled a military operation beginning on August 25 in

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Sufferings staggering

Rohingyas fleeing for life need immediate support, say senior UN officials ending visit

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Two senior United Nations officials, who wrapped up their mission in Bangladesh, have said the appalling situation for the hundreds of thousands of Rohingyas is not over yet as they are still fleeing their homes in Rakhine and taking shelter in Bangladesh.

"Unfortunately, this appalling situation is not over. People are still crossing from Myanmar into Bangladesh, fleeing for their lives and requiring immediate support," they said in a statement released by the UN in Dhaka yesterday.

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PROJECTS UNDER INDIAN LOAN DEAL Joint panel for fast execution

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REJAUL KARIM BYRON

Dhaka and New Delhi are going to take some fresh measures, including formation of a joint monitoring committee, to quickly implement the projects under India's Line of Credit (LoC).

A meeting between the finance ministers of two countries made the decision before signing of a fresh and the biggest yet Indian LoC worth \$4.5 billion on Wednesday.

A Bangladesh finance ministry official said the monitoring committee members would include representatives from Bangladesh's Economic Relations Division, ministries concerned and India's Exim Bank.

Officials from the Indian High Commission and other ministries of Bangladesh may also be included in it.

Apart from looking after the implementation of the projects, the official said, the committee would also identify

and recommend necessary actions if any complaints or allegation arises against the line ministry or the bidder.

Only Indian bidders can participate in projects implemented under Indian dollar credit and from now on, Exim Bank would send a list of 10 to 12 Indian bidders to Bangladesh and the competitive bidding will take place among them.

A list of relevant companies under various grades is already now with the Indian bank and India would send the list of qualified bidders to Bangladesh, said the official.

These moves are expected to speed up utilisation of Indian LoC as the previous record of Indian credit use in Bangladeshi development projects was poor.

Bangladesh has so far utilised \$576 million against \$3b Indian credit under two previous LoC committed over the past seven years.

Indian Finance Minister Arun Jaitley

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Beasts unleashed Rajshahi woman 'gang-raped after kidnap'; another in Noakhali 'raped and tortured by UP chairman'

STAR REPORT

She was raped by eight men for hours until Wednesday midnight while her husband was struggling to free his hands tied to a tree outside.

Released after the gang-rape at Kajupara village in Puthia upazila of Rajshahi, the couple went straight to Puthia police around 2:30am yesterday and described their horrific experience, Officer-in-Charge Sayedur Rahman said.



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CJ at home, taking rest

Says law minister; Justice Sinha visits Dhakeshwari Temple

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law Minister Anisul Huq yesterday assured acting chief justice Md Abdul Wahhab Miah of the government's full cooperation.

"I earlier paid courtesy calls on two chief justices after they had taken the charge. At that time I told them the law ministry is a bridge between the executive and the judiciary. I've said similar things today also. There will be no lack of cooperation from the government," he said.

The minister was talking to journalists after meeting Justice Wahhab Miah at his Supreme Court office.

Anisul later visited Chief Justice SK Sinha, who went on a month's leave on Tuesday on health grounds, at his residence.

Talking to this

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Tigers against the odds

SAKEB SUBHAN from Bloemfontein

Odds will be stacked firmly and formidably against Bangladesh when they take on South Africa at the Mangaung Oval in Bloemfontein at 2:00pm (Bangladesh time) today. If the promise of a tough tour was half fulfilled by South Africa's 333-run whipping of the Tigers in the first Test in Potchefstroom, it seems to have come to full fruition even before the second Test has started as Tamim Iqbal, Bangladesh's best batsman according to a judge no less than South Africa skipper Faf du Plessis, will be missing from a batting line-up already short of confidence and lacking the reassuring presence of Shakib Al Hasan.

Bangladesh skipper Mushfiqur Rahim tried to draw courage from the last and only time in their careers that Bangladesh's top two cricketers were not part of the side -- the 2013 Test against Sri Lanka in Galle where they achieved their highest Test total and Mushfiqur notched Bangladesh's first Test double-century.

Galle may not be a bad place to look at to draw another form of inspiration. Earlier this year, Bangladesh batted and bowled horrendously to stumble to a 259-run defeat in the first Test in Galle, but came roaring back to win the second Test, coincidentally the country's 100th, in Colombo by four wickets. It was a shining example of Bangladesh turning their performance around and showing great gumption in the toughest format of the game.

But South Africa are a team much better than the currently languishing Sri Lanka and most importantly, Bloemfontein is not the subcontinent. It is a venue where

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