



## Violence, food crisis set off fresh exodus

14 dead as Rohingya boat sinks

MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA and MOHAMMAD ALI JINNAT, from Cox's Bazar

An estimated 12,000 Rohingyas crossed into Bangladesh yesterday as a severe food crisis and violence in Myanmar have triggered a fresh exodus.

Besides setting fire to Rohingya homes in Rakhine State, the Myanmar army and local Buddhists are burning down shops, markets and even crop fields, claimed the newly arrived refugees.

As misfortune would not leave the persecuted minority group even on the way while fleeing, at least 14 of them drowned after their boat capsized in the Naf River on Sunday night.



Teknaf Police Station Officer-in-Charge Md Mainuddin Khan told The Daily Star that the bodies were of 11 children, a 70-year-old man, a 60-year-old woman and a girl of 20.

The boat, which sank near Golachar point of Shah Porir Dwip, was reportedly carrying 60 to 100 people. Border guards pulled 13 survivors, but the fate of the others remains unknown.

A total of 143 Rohingyas, fleeing to Bangladesh from Rakhine, died in several incidents of boat sinking so far, OC Mainuddin told this newspaper.

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5,20,000  
AND COUNTING

A Rohingya refugee breaks down in tears while holding his dead son in Whaikhyang after crossing the Naf river from Myanmar into Bangladesh yesterday.

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AFP

## 1992 criteria not realistic now

Says foreign minister about Myanmar's proposal on Rohingya repatriation

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

One week after a meeting with a senior minister from Myanmar, Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali yesterday said Dhaka has not agreed to Naypyidaw's proposal of following the principle and criteria of the 1992 deal to take back the forcibly displaced Myanmar national's population.

He said the 1992 criteria is not "realistic" and the "situation of 1992 and current situation are entirely different."

In a diplomatic briefing yesterday, Mahmood said that on October 2, the Union Minister Kyaw Tint Swe expressed Myanmar's willingness to

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## UN needs reform

PM's adviser for effective UN actions for global peace

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

UN General Assembly should have the power to overrule the resolutions of the Security Council as it is failing to take actions necessary for global peace, Prime Minister's International Affairs Adviser Gowher Rizvi said yesterday.

"The United Nations has to retain its legitimacy. For this to happen, the UN General Assembly should be given the

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## GULSHAN ATTACK 'Arms supplier' left den 2 days before raid

Marzan's sister surrenders

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Hadisur Rahman Sagor, one of the most wanted suspects in last year's Gulshan café attack, left a militant den in Ghop Nawapara area of Jessore just two days before police busted it yesterday.

Law enforcers, however, managed to capture his wife Khadija Akter after she along with her three kids came out of the den at one stage of the around 15-hour raid, said Ikramul Habib, additional deputy inspector general (Khulna range) of police.

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## Jamaat ameer, 8 other leaders detained in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detectives detained Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer Maqbul Ahmad and eight other leaders of the party in the capital's Uttara last night, said police.

Jamaat's Secretary General Shafiqur Rahman and Nayeb-e-Ameer Mia Golam Parwar, also a former MP from Khulna-5, were among the detainees.

The Detective Branch of Dhaka Metropolitan Police detained them from a house near Labaid hospital around 8:30pm, DB's Deputy Commissioner (North) Sheikh Nazmul Alam, told The Daily Star.

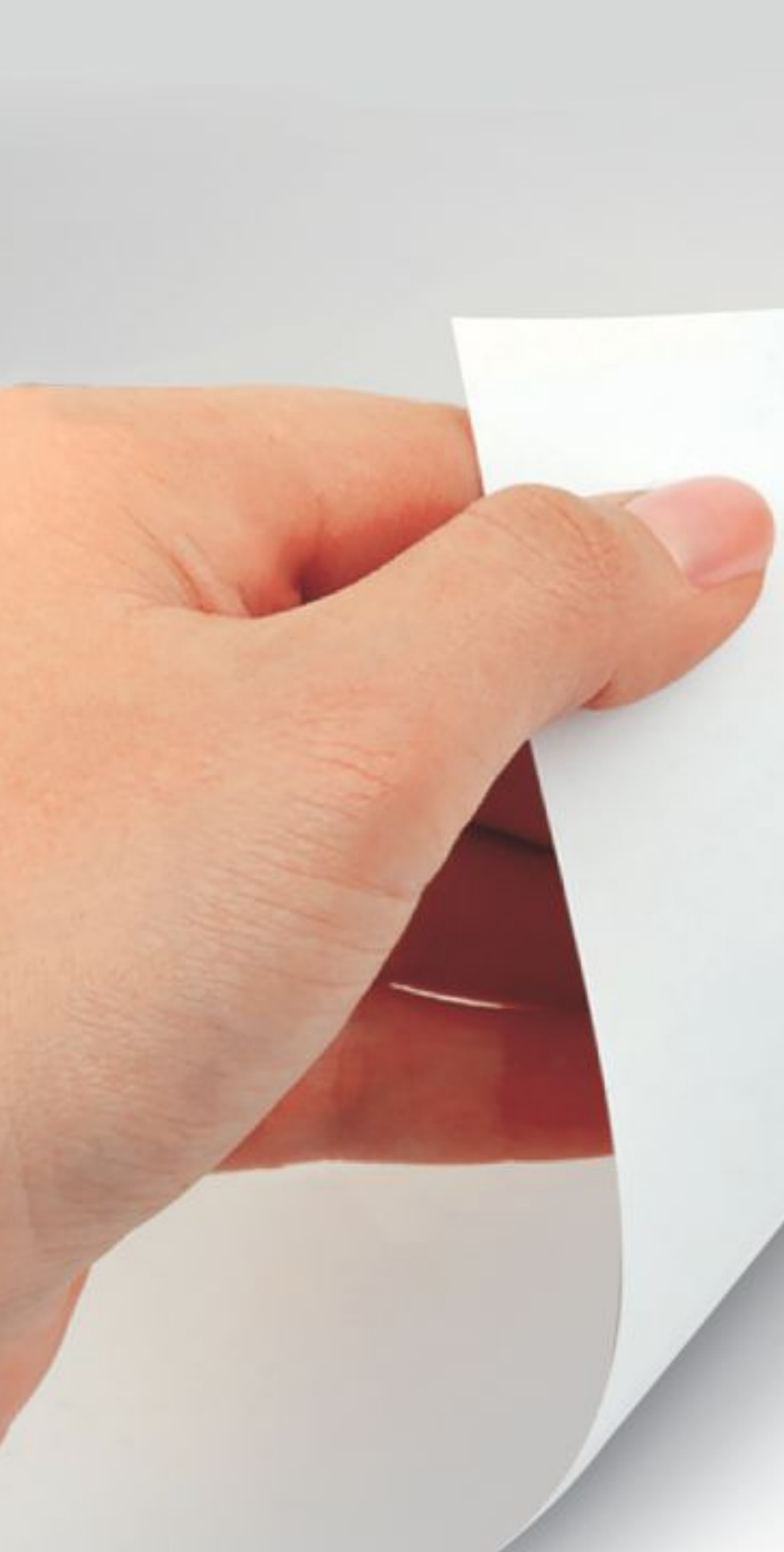
"They were holding a secret meeting there to carry out subversive activities," he said.


Law enforcers took the Jamaat leaders to the DB office on Minto Road in the capital around 10:15pm.

Details of the other detainees could not be known immediately.

Meanwhile, another Jamaat nayeib-e-ameer,

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