



High-rise buildings as far as the eyes can see in Kathal Bagan in the capital and most of these structures are incapable of surviving a strong earthquake as they have not been retrofitted like the Tejaqon Fire Station, inset.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

## Top UN official in Myanmar recalled

Suu Kyi says her govt in talks with Dhaka for return of those 'now in Bangladesh'; no mention of Rohingya

### STAR REPORT

The UN has announced that its top official in Myanmar is being recalled to headquarters in New York amid allegations that she commissioned and then suppressed a report that was highly critical of UN's approach in Myanmar.

The development comes as UN Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs Jeffrey Feltman begins a five-day visit to Myanmar today.

Separately, the UN Security Council meets to hear from former UN chief Kofi Annan his experience on the plight of Rohingya today.

More than 5,20,000 Rohingya people have crossed into Bangladesh over the last one and a half months, fleeing a security crackdown that allegedly killed 3,000 Rohingyas and burned 284 villages of the Muslim minority.

Myanmar says its "clearance operations" began on August 25 in response to Rohingya insurgent attacks on security posts, but the UN says it started in early August.

A UN report on Wednesday said, "The brutal attacks against the Rohingyas in northern Rakhine state have been well-organised, coordinated and systematic, with the intent of not only driving the population out of Myanmar but preventing them from returning to their homes."

Meanwhile, Myanmar's de facto leader Aung San Suu Kyi



Renata Lok-Dessallean

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## Myanmar army doing no wrong!

### SHAKHAWAT LITON

The Myanmar army has not 'exaggerated' the number of Rohingya refugees fleeing its brutal crackdown for the last one and a half months.

The army commander-in-chief yesterday also denied accusations of ethnic cleansing by his force in the name of security operation since August 25 that forced more than 500,000 to flee to Bangladesh and many are still trying to escape the violence in Myanmar.

In a Facebook post on his official page, General Min Aung Hlaing, also the army chief, came up with the accusation against the media. He refuted the allegation of ethnic cleansing a day after the UN accused Myanmar of trying to purge its entire Rohingya population.

A new report released Wednesday by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) described the crackdown as well-organised, coordinated and

## INT'L DAY FOR DISASTER REDUCTION TODAY

# Homes heedless of tremor risk

Fire station, RMG buildings being retrofitted; homeowners not doing that due to lack of awareness, high costs

MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA

The Tejaqon Fire Station building in the capital has been retrofitted and six more fire station buildings will be retrofitted to become earthquake resistant.

At least 300 garment factory buildings across the country and many office buildings of international organisations in Dhaka also have undergone the seismic retrofitting.

But, when it comes to people's homes, the picture is still very grim. Lack of awareness and

high costs for the work are mainly to blame.

Earthquake retrofitting helps stiffening walls and it prevents buildings from collapsing during seismic activity. Bracing is accomplished by attaching structural-grade plywood tightly to the wall framing. The entire process costs up to 40 percent of the original spending for the building construction.

Actor, director Taquiur Ahmed is one of the few homeowners who had his house backfitted as part of earthquake preparedness.

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## Hospitals in grave peril

Finds fire dept survey on earthquake preparedness

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Two of the country's largest public health facilities - Dhaka Medical College Hospital and Mitford Hospital - might not be able to withstand an earthquake of seven magnitude on the Richter scale.

Dwellers of Dhaka, which according to experts is vulnerable in the event of an earthquake, might not have the facilities of these two hospitals available in such an eventuality.

Experts are worried who would cater to the city dwellers' healthcare and emergency services needs if both the hospitals came crashing down. But the problem is

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A child cries as its mother fell asleep while waiting for relief at Balukhali in Cox's Bazar's Ukha yesterday.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN



Some hijras force a bus passenger to disembark and pay them money. This form of extortion is quite common in many city areas. The government recognised hijras as a third-gender in 2013 but it has not brought many benefits, forcing many to turn to crime.

PHOTO: HANISH SHUMON

## 2 killed in 'gunfights' with Rab, police

### STAR REPORT

Two alleged criminals were killed in "shootouts" between their cohorts and law enforcers in Chittagong and Habiganj early yesterday.

In Chittagong, Didarul Alam Chowdhury Sohel was killed in a "gunfight" with Rapid Action Battalion in Mirsarai upazila, reports our staff correspondent from the district.

Rab-7 said Didar, 35 of Uttar Sonapar in the upazila, was a drug peddler.

However, his family members claimed that Didar was an innocent man and a driver by profession.

Mintanur Rahman, assistant director of the media wing at Rab-7, said a Rab team went to Durgapur beside Dhaka-Chittagong highway around 3:30am, acting on information that some criminals were carrying a consignment of phensidyl to Chittagong in microbuses from Dhaka.

Five to six criminals came out of two microbuses and opened fire on the Rab men after they were intercepted at a checkpoint, forcing them to return fire. Didar was hit by bullets, said Squadron Leader Safayat Jamil Fatim, company commander of Rab-7, who led the drive.

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**STAR WEEKEND**

**IN THE SHADOW OF VIOLENCE**

Approaching the persecution of the Rohingyas varies on various aspects, Star Weekend is bringing out its special 64-page magazine today with articles by renowned scholars from home and abroad.

We cover the crisis from historical, economic and political perspectives, as well as look at the gaps in the way we have dealt with Rohingya refugees this far and suggest ways forward.

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**NOTICE FOR ELECTRONIC BIDDING BY THE ELIGIBLE INVESTORS (EIs) TO DETERMINE THE CUT-OFF PRICE OF ORDINARY SHARES OF BASHUNDHARA PAPER MILLS LIMITED**

This is for the kind information of all concerned that Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has accorded consent vide letter no: BSEC/CIBBB-05/2016/495, dated September 13, 2017 for commencement of electronic bidding by the Eligible Investors (EIs) to determine the Cut-Off price of ordinary shares of Bashundhara Paper Mills Limited under the Book Building Method. Subsequently the Dhaka Stock Exchange Limited (DSE) has issued the letter no. DSE/Listing/UL/2017/6632 dated October 10, 2017 for commencement of bidding. All the Eligible Investors (EIs) are hereby requested to visit the website www.bbsbangladesh.com to participate in the bidding process through the electronic bidding system from 5.00 p.m. on October 16, 2017 and continue till 5.00 p.m. on October 19, 2017 (Round the Clock). The summary of the public offer for the EIs are as follows:

A. INITIAL PUBLIC OFFER SUMMARY FOR THE ELIGIBLE INVESTORS (EIs):		B. DETAILS OF BIDDING:	
Issuer Name	Bashundhara Paper Mills Limited	Deposit of bidding fees (BDT 5,000 and 20% of bidding amount)	Start from 10 a.m. on October 15, 2017 and continue till at 2:00 p.m. on October 19, 2017
Issuer Code	BPMIL	Commencement of Bidding	From 5:00 p.m. on October 16, 2017
Public offer size in amount	BDT 200,00,00,000/-	Closing of Bidding	At 5:00 p.m. on October 19, 2017
Face value	BDT 10/- each share	Duration of Bidding	72 Hours (round the clock)
Issue size in amount for EIs	BDT 125,00,00,000/-	Maximum No. of Bid can be placed by a bidder	1 (One)
Maximum amount to bid by a bidder (2% of total EIs Portion)	Not more than BDT 2,50,00,000/-	Bid Revision Limit	10% variation of first bid for once
Maximum amount for initial deposit for a bidder (20% of individual intended bidding size)	Not more than BDT 50,00,000/-	Mode of Payment	Pay Order/ Demand Draft/B/B Cheque/Cash
Lot Size	100 shares	Bidding website for bidding process	www.bbsbangladesh.com
Tick Size	1 (One)	Offer Period	Start from 10:30 a.m. on October 22, 2017 and continue till at 10:30 a.m. on October 23, 2017 (Round the Clock)
Lock-in Period for EIs	25% of the shares allotted to eligible investors, for 6 months and 25% of the shares allotted to them, for 9 months from the date of issuance of prospectus.	<b>C. BANK DETAIL FOR DEPOSITING BIDDING MONEY:</b>	
Manager to the Issue	AAA Finance & Investment Limited	Account Name	Dhaka Stock Exchange Limited
Registrar to the Issue	AFC Capital Limited	Account No.	6021360003343
		Routing No.	19227333
		Bank Name	Social Islami Bank Limited
		Branch	Any Branch

All the Eligible Investors (EIs) are requested to participate in accordance with Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (Public Issue) Rules 2015 (as amended on July 06, 2017) in the Electronic Bidding System of the Stock Exchange(s) for the ordinary shares of Bashundhara Paper Mills Limited.

Red-Herring Prospectus of Bashundhara Paper Mills Limited is available on the website(s) of the Issuer Company (www.bashundharpapermills.com), Manager to the Issue (www.aaafinancebd.com) and Dhaka Stock Exchange Limited (www.dse.org.bd).

**Special Instruction to participate in the Electronic Bidding Process:**

- EIs who will not participate in the bidding during the bidding period, will not be able to participate in the offer period;
- Collection and Deposit shall be made within the banking hours;
- It is mandatory for EIs bidding at or above the cut-off price to subscribe up to their intended quantity;
- The balance amount of subscription shall be paid by the EIs prior to the opening of public subscription;
- In case of failure to deposit the remaining amount by the EIs, advance bid money deposited by them shall be forfeited by the Commission.

For and on behalf of Bashundhara Paper Mills Limited

Sd/-  
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Company Secretary

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