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## Urgent need for fund, aid

**UN seeks world response to meet Rohingya's life-saving needs; new satellite images show 288 Rakhine villages destroyed**

**DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT**  
 Amid fresh waves of Rohingya influx, the UN has urged the international community to come together to support the October 23 pledging conference to meet the life-saving needs of the displaced Myanmar nationals and to promote their safe return home.  
 Three UN-led aid bodies have appealed for \$434 million over six months (Sept 2017 to Feb 2018) to help up to 1.2 million people, including some 400,000 Rohingyas already in Bangladesh before the latest crisis began in late August.  
 But to date, available funding and uncommitted pledges amount to roughly \$100 million, according to a document of the pledging conference.  
 Two neighbouring countries – India and China who are among Myanmar's closest allies – are not in the list of financial contributors.  
 Diplomatic sources in Dhaka told The Daily Star yesterday the UN needed to prepare a "massive" funding request to manage the Rohingya refugees sheltered in Bangladesh as the number was rising every day and there was no sign of any repatriation in near future.  
 The UN yesterday reported that an estimated 582,000 Rohingyas had crossed the border since late August.

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**ROHINGYA INFLUX 5,82,000 AND COUNTING**



A sick Rohingya refugee woman is carried by two men after crossing the Naf River near the no man's land on the Bangladesh side of the border with Myanmar. Border guards told them they were not allowed to leave the area and reach the refugee camps near Ukhaia of Cox's Bazar yesterday. Over half a million Rohingya refugees have fled Myanmar for Bangladesh since late August, the UN said, warning that thousands more were still stranded at the border.

## UN shelved hunger report on Rohingyas

*It did so at request of Myanmar*

**STAR REPORT**  
 The UN World Food Programme withdrew a critical report revealing desperate hunger that the persecuted Rohingyas population had been living with in Rakhine State of Myanmar, as its government demanded it be taken down.  
 The report on an assessment conducted in July by the WFP warned that more than 80,000 children under the age of five in majority-Muslim areas in Rakhine were "starving" – a potentially fatal condition of rapid weight loss, reported The Guardian newspaper yesterday.  
 The six-page document has been replaced by a statement saying Myanmar and the WFP were "collaborating on a revised version". That process would involve "representatives from various ministries, and will respond to the need for a common approach" that was in line with "WFP's future cooperation with the government".  
 The report should not be cited in any way, reads the statement.

## Rich become richer, poor get poorer

**REAZ AHMAD AND REJAUH KARIM BYRON**  
 The poor's share in the national income eroded further in the past six years, with the richer segment of the population having bigger stakes.  
 A government survey report, released yesterday, shows that the rich-poor inequality in terms of wealth accumulation has been widening in the country.  
 The poorest five percent had 0.78 percent of the national income in their possession back in 2010, and now their share is only 0.23 percent.  
 In contrast, the richest five percent, who had 24.61 percent of the national income six years back, now has a higher share – 27.89 percent to be precise.  
 "It shows the extent of concentration of household income by the higher household income group," noted the report titled "Household

Income inequality widens  
 Poverty reduction rate slows down  
 Experts call for pro-poor growth  
 Policies required for creating jobs  
 Steps needed to accelerate growth in farm sector

Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES) 2016 published by Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS).  
 With a big sample size, HIES is the most exhaustive nationwide survey carried out by the BBS usually once in five years.  
 The HIES 2016 also captured income shares of the bottom half (on economic scale) of the population to show that they used to command 20.33 percent of the national income in 2010 but it has now fallen further to 19.24 percent.

In other words, income of the people on higher economic scale has increased over the past six years since the last HIES was conducted in 2010.  
 Particularly, the top 10 percent of the population (in terms of economic standing) is now having more income share (38.16 percent) compared to what they had (35.84 percent) in 2010.  
 On the contrary, the lower echelon (bottom 10 percent of the population) now has half (1.01 percent) the income share it had (2 percent) in 2010.  
 According to the HIES 2016, the number of people in poverty has dropped to 24.3 percent from 31.5 percent in 2010, while the proportion of ultra poor also fell to 12.9 percent from 17.6 percent in six years.  
 However, the rate of poverty reduction (1.2 percent a year) actually slowed down in 2010-16 compared to

## TIGERS IN S AFRICA

**Second ODI today**  
**SPORTS REPORTER from Paarl**  
 The action on a punishing tour of South Africa shifts to Paarl as Bangladesh try to avoid another embarrassment after a record 10-wicket thrashing in the first ODI in Kimberley on Sunday. The second ODI is scheduled to begin today at 2:00pm (Bangladesh time) at the Boland Park, but with the heavy rain lashing the mountainous region over the last two days, it is doubtful whether the match will start on time or, in the case of further rainfall, if it will get underway at all.  
 Bangladesh opener Tamim Iqbal, when walking off the field yesterday, seemed to mutter 'Abahani

## AL won't budge on polls under incumbents

**May place 11 proposals to EC today**  
**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
 During its dialogue with the Election Commission today, the ruling Awami League is going to place an 11-point proposal, including following the constitutional provision under which the incumbent prime minister would remain the head of the polls-time government.  
 The AL would also propose to keep Army as a striking force during the elections, update the voter list and not allow any private or NGO official to get appointed as presiding officer, said party insiders.  
 Most of the 11 proposals are going to be totally opposite from those by the party's arch-rival BNP, they said.  
 During its dialogue with the commission on Sunday, the BNP placed a set of proposals, including dissolution of parliament and a polls-time 'supportive government' to oversee the next parliamentary election.

## BNP plans big for Khaleda's return today

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
 The BNP is planning a large gathering to receive party chief Khaleda Zia today at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport.  
 The former premier is scheduled to return home today at 5:40pm by an Emirates Airlines flight after her visit to London for around three months, said BNP's Senior Joint Secretary General Babul Kabir Bivai.  
 Party leaders and activists would welcome Khaleda at the airport on arrival like in previous times, he said.

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## Probe finds Raudha was not murdered

*Father asks court not to accept final report*

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi**  
 Maldivian model Raudha Athif took her own life out of frustration over her breakup with her boyfriend, found an investigation by the Criminal Investigation Department.  
 The CID yesterday filed the final report in the murder case of the medical student with the court of Rajshahi Metropolitan Magistrate Mahbubur Rahman.  
 CID Inspector Asmaul Haque, investigating officer of the case, in the report said the model's father, Mohamed Athif, accused

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