

Five police camps to be set up in Kutupalong

Says Relief Minister Maya

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will set up five police camps in Kutupalong of Cox's Bazar to ensure security of Rohingya refugees.

Besides, the government will build two lakh shelters and 50,000 latrines for them by December, Disaster Management and Relief Minister Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya said yesterday.

He was briefing the press at the ministry following an inter-ministerial meeting on the displaced Myanmar nationals.

There are also plans to set up two fire service stations and install street lamps in Rohingya settlements, added Maya.

He noted that 3,05,000 Rohingyas have been brought under biometric registration so far. All the Rohingyas would be logged by mid-December.

BCL leader shot dead in Jessore

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A Jessore district unit BCL leader was shot dead by criminals at Golgolla More of Bejpara of the town late Saturday night.

The deceased was identified as Monwar Hossain Emon, 32, son of Anowar Hossain Imon, a former vice-president of Jessore District BCL.

Ajmol Huda, officer-in-charge of Jessore Kotwali Police Station, said Emon was with his friends who were playing a game of Ludo at Golgolla More around midnight when the shooting occurred. Two or three bike-riding criminals went past them firing bullets at Emon.

Locals rushed him to Jessore

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BNP leader Khaleda Zia's motorcade travelling from Chittagong Circuit House to Cox's Bazar Circuit House yesterday. The procession drew a large crowd of people. The photo was taken in Chittagong's Fishery Ghat.

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AL, BNP blame each other

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BNP itself.

"They staged the drama themselves with their Chhatra Dal and Juba Dal men and now they are putting the blame on Chhatra League and Juba League activists," he told reporters at the secretariat.

The BNP chairperson could have flown. But she decided to travel by road instead, perhaps to show the Awami League that she has public support. But when they realised that was not the case, they planned the attack.

Talking to The Daily Star, Rashed Khan Chowdhury, officer-in-charge of Feni Model Police Station, said they did not receive any complaint regarding the matter.

Asked about the attack on vehicles carrying journalists, he said, "Police

have started investigating the incident."

Asked, SM Moniruzzaman, DIG of police (Chittagong range), told The Daily Star that they are trying to find out what had actually happened.

Meanwhile, different professional bodies and political parties including Bokolpoldhara Bangladesh, Krishok Sramik Janata League, Gono Forum, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (Rob) and Nagarik Oikya yesterday slammed the ruling party for the attack.

KHALEDA REACHES COX'S BAZAR

Amid the heated debate between the two archrivals, the BNP chairperson yesterday reached Cox's Bazar from Chittagong to distribute relief goods

among Rohingyas.

She reached Cox's Bazar Circuit House around 8:30pm. Party leaders and activists accorded receptions at different points between Chittagong and Cox's Bazar.

It took her eight hours to travel 143km as thousands of BNP supporters stood by the sides of the highway to greet her.

Holding banners, placards and portraits of top leaders, the BNP activists chanted slogans as the motorcade inched forward.

People also stood on rooftops to wave at the vehicles.

Khaleda will return to Dhaka on Tuesday.

Shakib Khan

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individuals -- star Shakib Khan, "Rajni" film director Bulbul Biswas and producer Ashfaq Ahmad -- for using Ijazul's personal mobile phone number without permission.

In a scene during his latest movie, Rajni, Shakib gave away the seemingly non-existent phone number to his co-star, Apu Biswas.

Except the number existed and it was Ijazul's. Movie-goers began to try the number hoping to speak to the superstar.

And in the span of five days, Ijazul, a resident of Jatrapasa village in Baniachang upazila of Habiganj, saw his life fall apart.

The calls meant clients could not reach him.

His wife was annoyed at the number of calls. After observing him receive calls mostly from females, she began to suspect that he was having an affair.

It all came to a head when a maid from Khulna actually showed up at his house thinking she was about to meet Shakib Khan.

Eventually, Ijazul's wife left him to stay at a relative's house.

According to the prosecution, the movie Rajni is 2 hours 16 minutes and 11 seconds long. And 26 minutes and 12 seconds into the movie, the now infamous dialogue is exchanged and the number is revealed.

Ijazul Mia told this correspondent that the movie makers used his number without permission and it was circulated by different media.

Lawyer MA Majid told this correspondent that it was a fraudulent act to publicise a personal phone number without permission.

Because the mobile number was widely circulated, the plaintiff spends most of his day receiving calls. The plaintiff was financially damaged, he added.

"Until we have settled the case, we have requested to stop the screening of the film," he added.

The court fixed December 18 for the next hearing.

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adding, the incident primarily looked like an accident.

After an autopsy, his body was handed over to his family members, said Md Kamrul Islam, OC of Kotwali police.

Reza Ali said he was asleep when the accident took place. Asgar used to wake up early in the morning and walk around his farm, he added.



A woman being turned away from Dhaka Medical College Hospital. She came all the way from Hazaribagh to seek treatment for her baby.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

No emergency service for 3hrs

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which usually serves over 1,200 patients a day.

The chaos at the country's largest public tertiary hospital with 2,600 beds began soon after the death of Nawshad Ahmed, 52, around 12:45pm.

The grocer from the capital's Lalbagh was admitted to the hospital on Saturday morning with complaints of chest pain.

But claiming that he died due to wrong treatment, a group of people, including his family members, beat up several doctors, nurses and Ansar men and damaged the medicine trolley of a ward, said Sub-inspector Bachchu Mia, also in-charge at the hospital's police outpost.

"Four doctors and three Ansar men were injured in the attack. The right hand of Dr Shamsur Rahman was fractured after he was hit with a chair," said DMCH Director Brig Gen AKM Nasiruddin.

The Daily Star has seen the X-ray of the doctor's hand, which clearly showed the fracture.

The hospital director also dismissed the allegation of wrong treatment.

claiming that they did everything they could for the patient's recovery.

Angered by the attack, doctors and hospital staff locked the gate of the emergency complex and stopped working, police said.

Treatment at other wards and units, however, continued as usual.

Four people were detained over the attack.

Patients and their attendants from different parts of the country condemned the assault on the doctors, but said the way some doctors reacted was unexpected.

"Attacking doctors is a terrible thing to do, but what the doctors did in response was not acceptable as it is a matter of people's life and death," said a relative of a patient who was denied treatment.

Doctors returned to work at the emergency around 5:00pm following a meeting with the hospital authorities, police officials and Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) President Mostafa Jalal Mohiuddin, who arrived at the hospital hearing the news.

At the meeting, the hospital authorities decided to file a case against the attackers and discussed steps to ensure

safety of the doctors and other staff, said the hospital director.

Azmer Ahmed, widow of Nawshad, told The Daily Star that her husband was brought to the hospital around 11:00am on Saturday.

"He died around 12:45pm [yesterday] after a nurse administered an injection on him. Hearing the news, my son thought he died because of wrong treatment," she said.

"He got angry and pushed the medicine trolley and a doctor."

In a press release, the BMA condemned the attack and demanded exemplary punishment of the attackers.

Attacks on doctors over deaths and alleged wrong treatments are not uncommon in Dhaka and elsewhere in the country, though yesterday's was one of the most violent.

Doctors and hospital staff have long been expressing concerns over their safety.

Contacted, Prof Abu Yousuf Fakir, president of DMC Teachers Association, said they often came under such attacks by outsiders.

"If the attackers are brought to book, no one will dare to attack doctors again," he told The Daily Star.

Graft leaves 2 pvt banks

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yesterday's meeting. But he couldn't since he is abroad, Razzak said.

The Daily Star couldn't reach the AL lawmaker over his mobile phone yesterday.

NRB Commercial Bank Chairman Farasath Ali, a businessman, was also absent from the meeting.

As the financial health of the two private banks continued to deteriorate, the BB appointed its senior officials as observers to the boards of directors of the banks in January and December last year.

At that time, the BB said the observers would help the banks restore credit discipline and internal control and compliance, and also strengthen corporate governance and credit risk management.

Between September and November in 2015, the BB conducted special inspections at Farmers Bank's three branches in the city's Gulshan, Motijheel and Shyampur, and found gross violation of banking rules in disbursing loans of around Tk 400 crore.

The inspection teams unearthed that the bank's Gulshan branch disbursed Tk 60 crore to Laila Bonospoti and Global Trading Corporation without taking the required mortgage.

In another instance, the bank's Motijheel branch sanctioned Tk 32.50 crore to Apollo Group in breach of the credit discipline, as its sister concern Apollo Multipurpose Agro Industries Ltd was a defaulter client of Janata Bank.

According to the central bank report, 13 counts of irregularities were found at the Farmers Bank, which include disbursement of loans to non-existent companies. The bank also gave loans to its own directors as well as those of other banks, violating the credit discipline.

Besides, the bank disbursed loans to defaulter clients against forged Credit Information Bureau reports, and took the burden of a number of bad loans from other banks, flouting the banking rules.

The Farmers Bank doesn't have the capacity to pay back the depositors' money and refund the credit taken from other banks, the BB report mentioned.

The bank has been facing an acute liquidity crunch over the last one year. It is now struggling to survive through mobilisation of funds from general people and other banks, offering interest rates higher than the market rate, the report noted.

The fourth generation bank continues to fail to maintain cash reserve ratio (CRR) with the central bank.

The BB has already slapped a penalty of Tk 18.49 crore on the bank because of its failure to keep the CRR between October last year and September this year.

For a few days between January and June, the bank also couldn't maintain statutory liquidity ratio (SLR) with the BB due to its liquidity crisis. It, however, has maintained an aggressive lending.

A bank has to keep 19 percent of its depositors' money in the form of SLR and CRR with the BB to protect the depositors' interest.

As the Farmers Bank continued to suffer liquidity crisis, the BB in January this year imposed some restrictions on the bank regarding disbursement of fresh loans and opening of new branches.

The central bank, however, relaxed the restrictions slightly following the bank's plea, but that move has gone in vain.

The BB also found that the directors of the NRB Commercial Bank were involved in massive irregularities -- from forging signatures of directors to sanctioning loans of more than Tk 700 crore in breach of rules.

The bank disbursed loans to former chairman of Mercantile Bank Shahidul Ahsan, violating the credit discipline.

Razzak said there was also a case of money laundering involving the bank's investors.

The money was first laundered to Dubai from Bangladesh, and later it was brought back in the form of paid-up capital for setting up the NRB Commercial Bank.

He, however, didn't mention the amount of the money or when it was laundered.

The BB has been asked to take strict measures after conducting a probe, he added.

BB inspections carried out between June and December last year found that the bank showed in its documents that four of its directors -- all non-resident Bangladeshis -- were present at its board meetings in 2013-2016 though they were actually abroad at that time, said the BB report.

Besides, financial scams pushed up the bank's defaulted loans to Tk 191.69 crore till June this year from 172.39 crore in December last year while its net profit fell to Tk 12.19 crore from Tk 86.14 crore.

On March 20, the central bank issued a letter to Chief Executive Officer of NRB Commercial Bank Dewan Mujibur Rahman, asking him to explain why he wouldn't be removed from the bank for "failing to ensure proper management and depositors' interest".

A BB standing committee grilled Mujibur at the central bank headquarters between October 16 and October 24.

Yesterday, the parliamentary body on the finance ministry also discussed Islami Bank's credit growth, as the bank recently stepped up its loan disbursement significantly. It asked the BB to inform at its next meeting about the sectors where the bank has

The great British cake off!

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almost four gallons of rum and the top tier will be given to the royal couple while the bottom three will be sent to pensioners at the Royal Hospital Chelsea and other charities and nursing homes.

The cake is layered in royal white icing and head patisserie chef Julie Walsh and her team at the leading London culinary school in Bloomsbury had to study old photographs to come up with the recipe.

She told the Sunday Express: "The project had its challenges due to the

sheer size and scale.

"Every detail had to be hand drawn to form a template because no original existed."

Her small team spent hundreds of hours making the masterpiece using specially-designed tins to support its structure.

They used an incredible 60lb of butter, 55lb of sugar, 75lb of flour, 660 eggs, 80 oranges and lemons, 300lb of dried nuts and fruits and three-and-a-half gallons of Navy rum as well as 150lb of marzipan and 110lb of icing sugar for the icing.

It will feature on ITV's A Very Royal Wedding, which celebrates the 70th anniversary of The Queen and Prince Philip's marriage in November 1947.

Presenter Alexander Armstrong discovers how a battered post-war Britain pulled off the wedding of the century against the odds.

This feature-length documentary includes contributions from Joan Collins and Sheila Hancock, sharing their memories of the wedding, as well as revealing insights from those who were part of the big day, such as page boy Prince Michael of Kent.