

Rohingyas being forced to bribe

Says TIB report on refugee crisis

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Despite a commendable effort by the government, mismanagement is apparent in distributing aid and providing shelter to the Rohingyas at different registered and makeshift camps, a Cox's Bazaraid Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) yesterday.

In an assessment report, the anti-graft watchdog alleged that some public representatives and politicians were taking bribe from Rohingya families for building makeshift shelters. It also alleged that many Rohingyas were in a confused state regarding biometric registration while some organisations were discouraging them from registering.

Findings of the report were disclosed at a press conference held at the TIB office in the capital's Dharmundi.

A survey in September-October at several registered and makeshift camps and other establishments in Kutupalong, Balukhali, Thaingdhali, Salongpur and Teknaf.

They talked with around 100 Rohingyas at different camps, took interviews of key informants, and collected data from various mediums including local people and related government and international organisations.

Speaking at the press conference, TIB Executive Director Iftekharuzzaman said the aim of the research was to find challenges in ensuring good governance and creating a baseline to help the government mitigate those.

He said the findings of the report were alarming and required, and urged the government to continue diplomatic efforts to repatriate the Rohingyas within a shortest possible time.

The TIB report mentioned that each Rohingya family has to pay Tk 2,000-5,000 to a local influential quarter to build

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Rickshaw-vans loaded with goods plying the wrong side of the busy Dhaka-Chittagong highway. Slow-moving and non-motorised vehicles take to the national highway with hardly any obstruction from law enforcers. As a result, fatal accidents often take place on the roads. The photo was taken from Signboard area in Narayanganj on Tuesday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

ATTACK ON MOTORCADE Countrywide protest by BNP today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP yesterday announced a two-day programme of protest attacks on party Chairperson Khaleda Zia's motorcade in Feni. The party will stage demonstrations in all the districts today and in Dhaka on Saturday.

"BNP does not want to go for a tough movement right now. We hope that the government's good sense will prevail," said Mdza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, party's secretary general.

Addressing a press conference at its Nayapatan headquarters, he said, "We did not want to be engaged in confrontation and that's why our leaders and activists were disciplined and called during the tour. It was Awami League men who were involved in the criminal activities."

At least 45 people were injured and some 30 cars, including media vehicles, were damaged as 40 to 50 youths with iron rods and

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Three to die for killing Gazipur student

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A Gazipur court yesterday sentenced three people to death for killing a student in 2002.

The convicts, Sohel, 35, Al Amin, 37, and Zakir, 40, were also fined Tk 10,000 each.

According to the case statement, Alamgir, 19, son of Abul Bokar, of Narsingdi, a student at the local Kalgani Somniki Degree College, used to provide tuition to one Sirajul Islam's son at Tumulia village, which the convicts envied.

On October 7, 2002, the trio forced Alamgir out of Sirajul's house and stabbed him to death out of jealousy.

These sorts of unfair and motivated investigation (s) must not be allowed to continue and the public servants, who are entrusted with such responsibilities, must be made accountable. If the judiciary cannot play its role to ensure justice by punishing the offenders and protecting innocent citizens, the rule of law will be at stake," the HC also said.

Bishwajit Das, a tailor shop employee, was hacked to death in broad daylight in Dhaka by a group of activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League, a front organisation of ruling Awami League, during a countrywide road blockade on December 9, 2012.

The HC bench of Justice Md Ruhul Quddus and Justice Bhishmadev Chakraborty in the full verdict said some youths

involved in organised criminal activities are stigmatising student politics.

In the verdict, it upheld death sentences of two BCL men, commuted that of four to life term imprisonment and acquitted two others. All of the eight were handed down capital punishments by a lower court on December 18, 2013.

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... the glorious student politics of this land, having long history of heroic struggle, is being seriously stigmatised because of some youths, who in the name of the student politics, actually are involved in organised criminal activities.

Sometimes they need to show their power and strength openly and notoriously to make their domination absolute in their area. Some so-called political leaders

patronise them for their own interests.

"We have also seen in newspapers that teachers are [being] beaten by them [youths] because of not being allowed to copy in public examinations. In many student dormitories, they take administration in their own hands and allot seats to general students on rental basis," observed the HC judges.

"They [youths] also compel

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general students to participate in their processions and meetings to

The condemned convicts at the court. PHOTO: STAR

Raise voice for climate fund BCAS seminar urges govt ahead of global conference

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh should highlight the need for financing and mitigation measures in the upcoming global climate conference, experts said at a seminar yesterday.

They said rising temperature would cause extreme events like flood, cyclone, and forest fire more frequently than ever and it was already seen in different parts of the world.

As one of the world's worst contributors of climate change, Bangladesh should play an important role in the 23rd Conference of the Parties (COP 23) they said in the 23rd Conference of the Parties (COP 23) yesterday.

The seminar was organised by Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies (BCAS) in association with Islamic Relief Bangladesh at The Daily Star Centre in the capital to identify the role of civil society on COP 23, which will be held in Germany on November 6-11.

Speaking on the occasion, environmental scientist A Atiq Rahaman warned that global temperature would rise by more than three degrees Celsius by the end of the century although most countries set the target to limit the rise to two degrees.

This rise is triggered by excessive carbon emissions, he said. The atmospheric carbon dioxide has reached 403 parts per million (ppm) this year from 400 ppm last year, which is alarming for the climate, said Atiq Rahaman, also

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BISHWAJIT MURDER FULL VERDICT RELEASES



"In many cases, the police and other investigating/inquiring agencies, doctors, experts come in the aid of the offenders by furnishing motivated and false report."

"They [national leaders] must not encourage the youth and students to take the law in hand for resisting opposition activities, even those are violent or anarchic and not approved by law."

OBSERVES HIGH COURT

KHALAF MURDER

SC upholds death penalty of one, life term of three

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday upheld the High Court verdict that gave death sentence to one person, life term to three others and acquitted another in Saudi embassy official Khalaf Al Ali murder case.

A three-judge bench of the Appellate Division of the SC headed by Justice Md Abdul Wahab Miah, who is now carrying out duties of the chief justice, dismissed the appeals filed by the government and a convict.

The condemned Alimicin Ahsanul Islam Mamun while lifers are Mohammad Amin, Rafiqul Islam Khokon and Akbar Ali Lalu. They are all behind bars.

The jail authorities can start the process for execution after getting the certified copy of the SC verdict if the condemned convict does not file a review petition with the SC against the verdict or seeks presidential clemency, Attorney General Mabahub Alam told The Daily Star.

Saudi embassy official Khalaf Al Ali, 45, was shot dead some 30 yards off his house in the city's Gulshan area on March 06, 2012.

On December 30, 2012, a Dhaka court had sentenced all the five accused of the case to death.



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