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## FAMILY PLANNING

# Too important, yet ignored

Rohingya mothers, children in danger for lack of services

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| ▶ 1.2 lakh pregnant, lactating women need special care | ▶ Create awareness about family planning                  |
| ▶ 2.4 lakh children suffer from malnutrition           | ▶ Assess total requirement of contraceptives              |
| ▶ Family planning is not widely accepted               | ▶ Focus on long-acting methods                            |
| ▶ Child marriage widespread                            | ▶ Urge UN/international agencies to supply contraceptives |

**PORIMOL PALMA**

Shortage of family planning services may aggravate the health problems of Rohingya refugees, especially mothers and children suffering from malnutrition, say government officials and experts.

Contraceptives are unpopular among Rohingyas largely for lack of education and awareness about family planning. Every Rohingya couple has six to seven children on average, say NGO officials at the refugee camps in Cox's Bazar.

Besides, child marriage is pervasive in the community, which leads to poor health of mother and child. The situation has worsened at the camps due to dearth of drinking water, adequate food and sanitary latrines.

"Bigger the size of a family, more is the chance that it would not be able to afford enough food and meet other necessities. This would lead to malnutrition and poor immunity," said a specialist on child and mother health at an international NGO, seeking anonymity.

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Rohingya refugees wait to be taken to a refugee camp after crossing the Naf river at the Bangladesh-Myanmar border in Palongkhali near Cox's Bazar yesterday. *Inset*, A Rohingya man along with his baby walks in Palongkhali area.

PHOTO: REUTERS/AFP

## ROHINGYA CRISIS

# Dhaka clearly wants to see a solution

Says outgoing UN resident coordinator

**STAR REPORT**

In a fresh spike, around 5,000 Rohingya refugees entered Bangladesh in just one day.

"They crossed the Naf River and reached Palongkhali union in Cox's Bazar and took shelter at Anzumpara since Wednesday night, reports our Cox's Bazar correspondent.

Some 1,700 of them had been moved to the Balukhali temporary shelter until yesterday evening but many more remain at Anzumpara as of 7:00pm yesterday, border guard sources said.

According to an estimate, around 622,500 refugees arrived in Bangladesh since August 25 fleeing a brutal military crackdown in Myanmar's Rakhine State.

Meanwhile, outgoing UN Resident Coordinator in Bangladesh Robert Watkins said, "I think everyone knows Bangladesh more than any other country wants to see a solution to this problem because you

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## Hasina 30th most powerful woman on Forbes list

**UNB, Dhaka**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has been ranked 30th on this year's Forbes list of the World's 100 Most Powerful Women.

The magazine's another list of the World's 22 Most Powerful Women in Politics has put Hasina in the 9th place for her political achievements.

In stark contrast to Aung San Suu Kyi in Myanmar, the "lady of Dhaka" has promised aid to Rohingya refugees fleeing Myanmar, allocating 2,000 acres of land in Bangladesh for them, reported Forbes on Wednesday.

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## From crime den to a safe park

### Tangail police chief makes it a reality

**MIRZA SHAHIL, Tangail**

A dark, doomed slum area infested with drug peddlars and local hoodlums.

The expanse of land on the banks of the Louhajang River had long been an area of gambling and criminal bustle.

Adjacent to the Tangail district jail, the Hazra Ghat was mostly under the control of corrupt police officials who cut a share of illegal earnings from the makeshift shops and structures.

The stench from the waters engulfed the vicinity as shops, restaurants and houses nearby all dumped waste into the river.

As the sun set on the banks, locals did not dare walk past the slum for fear of mugging, while rickshaw pullers and auto drivers refused to haul passengers to the area.

It was the foresight and desire to make a positive change of Mahbub Alam, superintendent of police in Tangail, which transformed the place into the most beautiful park in the locality now.

The Tangail district administration conducted drives in September last year to remove the illegal structures from the six acres of government-owned lands on the banks of the Louhajang River. But soon after,



Children playing in the park set up in Tangail town's Hazraghat area, thanks to efforts by Superintendent of Police Mahbub Alam, above.

PHOTO: MIRZA SHAHIL

## JAIL KILLING DAY TODAY

# Wait for justice far from over



**ASHUTOSH SARKAR**

It has been 42 years after the killing of the four national leaders at the erstwhile Dhaka central jail, but the authorities are yet to bring any killers to book.

The government even could not trace nine who were convicted in the jail killing case although it made strong efforts through diplomatic channels, intelligence agencies and the Interpol to bring home the fugitive killers of the four leaders and Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

However, the government insists that bringing all the 11 fugitives back home is a top-priority issue for it and efforts are on in all possible ways.

Rashed Chowdhury and Noor Chowdhury are hiding in the USA and Canada.

Amid such a situation, the nation is observing the 42nd anniversary of the Jail Killing Day today to mourn the four leading figures of Liberation War - Syed Nazrul Islam, Tajuddin Ahmad, AHM Quamruzzaman and M Mansur Ali.

They were shot dead following repeated bayonet charges at the then Dhaka jail on this day in 1975. The leaders were put behind bars soon after the August 15, 1975 bloodbath that claimed the lives of Bangabandhu and most of his

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## 'Plot to keep me off polls'

**Khaleda tells court about cases filed against her**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday alleged that the government was framing her in politically-motivated cases as part of its conspiracy to keep her away from politics and elections.



"The ruling quarter is making a blueprint with a dishonest political motive to keep me away from politics and declare me disqualified in the election," she said.

Khaleda made the comment in her self-defence statement for the third day yesterday before a makeshift court in Dhaka in connection with the Zia Orphanage Trust corruption case.

"The activities and efforts of the government high-ups clearly prove that I will be denied justice. The people's perception of the matter is the same," she told the court in Bakhshbar.

Khaleda alleged that some ministers were openly saying that she would be sent to the Kashmir jail while other party leaders were threatening to eliminate her from politics.

"Such type of speeches and threats are tantamount to contempt of court," she said.

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## Double murder in city again

Father, daughter found dead in North Badda

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

A father and his daughter were killed in the capital's North Badda yesterday, barely 12 hours into the murder of a mother and her son in their Kakrail house.

Informed by locals, police rushed to the spot and recovered the bodies from the family's rented garage on the roof of a two-storey building.

Jamil Sheikh, 38, was a private car driver by profession. His daughter Nusrat Sheikh was 9, a class-III student of Badda International School.

After autopsy, a doctor at Dhaka Medical College morgue said Jamil's head was struck several times with something hard, causing severe wounds, while Nusrat was strangulated.

Morgue sources said they have collected high vaginal swab and DNA sample to determine whether the girl was

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ত্বকে নরম করে এবং ত্বকে মসৃণ করে রাখে

**FINE FRAGRANCE**  
স্বন্দর গন্ধ ত্বকে মসৃণ করে

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**BODY LOTION**

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